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Speciality Welds Newsletter

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Belated seasons greetings to all. We hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and happy New Year. 2006 has been an exceptional year for us, and certainly the busiest to date. We shipped out twenty thousand electrodes in December alone..... happy welding, or what! We apologise for this late winter 2006 newsletter, which we had hoped to send you before Christmas, but hope you enjoy reading now. One bit of late news for you is our very own David Keats (shown right of photo below) has been appointed as a **Zurich** welding surveyor and can now offer you 'class-authority' approved welding procedures/qualifications, so if you have any welding related issues; we hope to hear from you in 2007.

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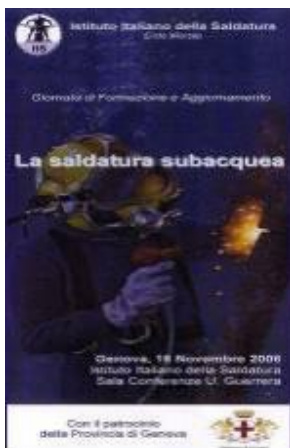
How's your Norwegian? Better than ours I'm sure, so in English then! Well, in simple terms it stands for **Norwegian commercial diving school**. Following an invitation from the schools Managing Director and owner, Dag, David Keats set out to discuss our WeldCraft-Pro underwater welder training course. It is hoped welder training will commence early in 2007. Our **WeldCraft-Pro** training course is the most respected welder training course available anywhere in the world and is the accomplishment of many years experience. The training follows the EWF guidelines and is also available here in the UK.

AWS Class Welds for Dive Technologies

We were pleased to have been of service to **Dive Technologies** recently, after they were awarded a contract from DML, for welding repairs to Yonderberry pier; a ship refuelling station used by the MoD, off Plymouth Sound. We were asked to provide a range of expertise, including technical advice, welding procedures, training and qualification testing and are pleased to report all has gone well and although Dive Tech did get off to slow start, due to exceptionally poor weather, the job is at last going well and is due for completion early in 2007.



Invitation from Italian Welding Institute



Genoa in Italy was the venue for a recent technical presentation and discussions on formal training and qualification of underwater welding, to the new international standards. These discussions were based on the International Institute of Welding (**IIW**) and European Welding Federation (**EWF**) system of qualifications, against the published document 507-01. This European Standard is the foundation/basis for our own underwater welder training course; **The WeldCraft-Pro**, which has been running successfully for a number of years and is a highly respected, internationally, industry accepted method for training diver welders. Following these discussions, we hope the programme will become available in Italy in the very near future, as Italy is keen to introduce and implement the highest possible standards for welder training. If you have any

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F.J. Marine gets Wet Welding



Following a recent visit to Fred McNally's base in Birkenhead, to undertake training and qualification testing, we are pleased to have been of service and are delighted to confirm the formal qualification of divers in a number of underwater wet welding qualifications. **F.J. Marine**, whose particular specialism is the highly specialised world of habitat welding and repairs to ships propellers etc, using his own patented habit design, asked us to assist with a number of wet welding issues. Training was conducted using their own facilities on Dock Road in early December, and formal approval accredited the following week.

Welding Procedures Approved for RBG

Following a request from Aberdeen based **RBG** to write welding procedures for a Transocean welding project, we attended the **National Hyperbaric Centre** in Aberdeen to conduct in water procedures, using their outdoor 12M test tank. Welding was conducted using our Barracuda Gold welding electrodes, under the watchful eye of the DNV surveyor. **RBG**, formally Core technical Services, are expected to carry out welding in the New Year. If you have formal requirements for welding procedural or welder qualifications please contact our senior engineer David Keats, who is a qualified senior welding inspector/accredited **Zurich** surveyor and can write and approve welding procedures and welder qualifications, etc.



Welders Re-Approved for Another Year



Morrison's supermarkets, who manage, maintain and run a fleet of hundreds of HGV's from their own specialist vehicle maintenance unit (VMU) based in Wakefield, carry out repairs on a daily basis and have re-approved their welder for another year. Other companies for whom we are pleased to have been of service include aluminium specialists, **Planet Platforms**, whose customers include Rolls Royce, BNFL and AgustaWestland helicopters. **ACE** Engineers, who are also aluminium specialist fabricators. **JBC Industrial Services**, who specialise in industrial boiler repairs, **Stratton**, **BCD Group** and **MoorPark** Engineering who all provide general engineering services.

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