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# Weldcraft Pro

## Underwater Welder Training

Speciality Welds Ltd (an IDSA Affiliate Member) are pleased to announce the underwater welder training course 'WeldCraft-Pro'® is now fully accredited through EAL/SEMATA Awards. This training course is based on an 80 hour syllabus, split over two phases (dry and wet). The course is open to non-welders and welders alike and follows the International Institute of Welding (IIW) syllabus 570-01 for fillet welder - plate.

The WeldCraft-Pro® already has an excellent track record, with training established since 1990. However, we can now, for the first time offer diver training schools a fully accredited '**self-teach**' programme, through our accreditation under EAL (part of SEMTA) - Sector Skills Council for Science, Engineering and Manufacturing Technologies; the leading awarding-body for engineering qualifications. This accreditation provides independent quality assured, audited recognition. Thus, making this course the only externally awarded underwater wet welding programme to issue internationally recognised qualifications, anywhere in the world.



The WeldCraft-Pro® uses a well proven, documented methodology to teach, utilising our professional materials, expertise and accreditation, but using the dive schools own staff and facilities. Thus, allowing schools to deliver a recognised verified welding programme, using our approved centre status, to issue internationally recognised welding certification. David Keats the author of the course has been involved with the world of underwater welding for over 25 years and is both an accomplished author and an accepted industry expert in this field. David says; "the first underwater welding course I ran was back in 1990 and was cutting edge, but had only a very limited market in those days. However, wet welding has seen an explosion in demand since these early days and we have continued to develop and provide specialist sub-sea welding services to the diving industry, ever since".

As accredited UKAS/SAFed welding surveyors, Speciality Welds can also offer insurance authority approved welding certificates for both above and below the waterline.

David Keats says: "I am very excited about this new '**self-teach**' package, as it marks a fresh new step in welder training; allowing established diver training schools to adopted a training package that fits in with their own expertise and course calendar, but offers qualifications through a recognised engineering awarding-body". As a result, we hope to see fewer and fewer schools running 'add-hock' welder training and instead, opt for this cost effective approach. This will provide all their divers with the highest possible range of welding skills; equipping them for an exciting new career in a world of underwater welding. We welcome all enquiries from any dive school wanting to adopt this system.

Applications for enrolment are available for our website at: :

<http://www.specialwelds.com/services/underwater-welder-training.htm>

More information about EAL and SEMTA can be found at their website at:

[http://www.semta.org.uk/about\\_us/semta\\_group.aspx](http://www.semta.org.uk/about_us/semta_group.aspx)



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