

STA Swim & Save e-Zine - July 2013

Welcome to the Swim & Save e-Zine

LIW Update

Since announcing the official partnership with **Leisure Industry Week 2013**, STA's marketing team have been busily working behind the scenes with the organisers to progress plans for the **STA Swim Zone** and the seminar programme, as well as working on a number of exciting new projects which will be officially launched at the show – watch this space! To register for LIW [click here](#).

Course Spot Checks Introduced

As part of STA's continuous commitment to raising standards, a spot check system has been introduced for courses running in the UK. [Read more](#)

STA's Strict Policy on Qualification Extensions

STA operates a strict policy on qualification revalidations and extensions. Therefore as a reminder, an extension to a qualification will only be given consideration in exceptional circumstances, where a member for example can prove he/she has pre-arranged and booked a revalidation, and then cannot attend this date because of medical reasons.

Only in these circumstances and where a written request together with detailed supporting evidence has been submitted to the STA Chief Executive, will an extension for a maximum of 28 days be considered.

This advice follows a number of unsubstantiated requests that STA has received of late, which have all been declined in line with the Association's extensions policy. Revalidation dates are clearly highlighted on all certificates, and it is the individual member's responsibility to arrange and book revalidations well in advance of the expiry date to ensure their qualification remains valid.

Details of all STA policies can be found [here](#).

Teaching Water Safety in Swimming Lessons

With the summer holidays nearly upon us, STA's Aquatic Technical Team have put together some useful teaching tips for incorporating water safety within swimming lessons – this also includes guidance on how to teach learners the importance of respecting the water and the survival skills needed. [Download here](#)

Upcoming Tutor Courses

An STA **Pool Plant Tutor Course** is being held on 15th – 16th August 2013 in London, and at the same venue, the Sylvestrian Leisure Centre, STA will be running an **Aquatic Tutor Course Including PTTLS Level 3** on 26th - 29th



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Manual 'Pepped Up' By STA

The response to STA's 'new-look' manuals for Pool Plant, Baby & Pre-School and Open Water Swimming has been very positive, and the technical teams are now in the process of systemically transforming all the manuals into this same easy-to-use colourful design. The latest is the **Pool Emergency Procedures (PEP)** manual, which is currently in production and available to order. The manual also includes updated content, supported with user-friendly colour images, diagrams and the popular new 'tip' box features.

Members News

Congratulations to **Lucy and Margaret Cawley** from AET Swim School for raising more than **£1200** in aid of Breast Cancer. The latest fundraising event (pictured here with a few familiar faces from Anchor House) was a sponsored Aquacise session, which was held at Belgrave Pool in Tamworth on 14th June 2013.



Search for STA Courses

The new search facility at www.sta.co.uk enables you to search and easily find details of all the QCF and SQA accredited swimming teaching and lifesaving courses (and more) being organised by STA Course Organisers over the coming months across the United Kingdom.



Final Call for STA Swim Star Summer School

STA's **Swim Star Summer School** opens its doors in Walsall on **5th August**, and for two weeks will be running courses that include the STA Award, and Certificate, in Swimming Teaching, Baby & Pre-School, People with Disabilities and Pool Emergency Procedures, as well as CPD seminars on Synchro and Aquatic Games. This is your last chance to reserve a place - for more information, please contact **Claire Lowbridge** on 01922 645 097 or email claire@sta.co.uk

And Finally...

Add the **26th October 2013** to your diary - this year's date for the **STA Conference**, which will be held at The Village Hotel in Walsall. **Attendance is mandatory for all STA National Tutors.** [Click here](#) to download the booking form.

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