

STA Swim & Save e-Zine - January 2014

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## Welcome to the Swim & Save e-Zine

### Industry Standards for the Level 2 Certificate in Teaching Aquatics

From **January 2014**, it will become industry standard for those entering the swimming teaching profession to achieve a Level 1 award **or higher** in order to progress to the new RAPs approved **Level 2 Certificate in Teaching Aquatics (QCF)** qualification.

This is welcome news for STA and its members, because our entry **STA Level 2 Award in Swimming Teaching (QCF)** already covers and surpasses this basic Level 1 quality criterion. **Read more**

### Leading Industry Experts Discuss Pool Water Management

STA recently invited *The Leisure Review* to host a round table discussion to explore the implications of cryptosporidium for the management of swimming facilities. Around the table discussing this important subject was Dr Sarah Jones, Andy Page, Kevin Williamson and STA's Richard Lamburn and Robbie Phillips. Read the frank report **here**.

### Vote STA in the 2014 UK Pool & Spa Awards 'Best Product' Category

STAAdmin.co.uk's innovative **Pool Plant programme** has been short-listed in the 2014 UK Pool & Spa Awards 'Best Product' category, and we now need your votes! Please click **here** to cast your vote.

### Important Information for Centres Accessing Publicly Funded STA Courses

Centres that are accessing publicly funded STA courses are required to use the Unique Learner Number (ULN) on exam entries so STA can upload and log the achievement data to the Personal Learning Record (PLR). This is very important because it will help to maintain funded status for STA qualifications as well as benefiting the learner and learning providers.

Centres can also use the ULN and PLR as evidence to the Apprenticeship Certification Authority (FISSS) when 'claiming' their apprenticeships. Further guidance for centres can be found **here**.

### Calls for Pool Plant Management To Be Made a Priority

As the lead awarding body for swimming pool and spa plant training, STA's pool plant experts will be at **SPATEX 2014** raising awareness about the importance of pool plant management in order to protect public health from infections such as cryptosporidium – and the reputation of the industry. **Read**



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### New STAAdmin.co.uk Programmes for 2014

STA has added two new programmes to its software portfolio, which will be offered for **free** to all STAAdmin.co.uk customers.

**Incident Reporter** and **Customer Feedback** are programmes designed to log, track and report any incident, from accidents to instances of abuse, and all types of Customer Feedback. These completely customisable programmes are simple to use and provide a clear and manageable framework for reporting. [Read more](#)



### Teaching Competitive Turns

STA's Aquatic Technical team discuss the importance of Starts and Turns, which are a vital part of any competition but are often areas that are neglected during training as emphasis is placed upon attaining effective stroke technique. [Read more](#)

### Course Fees

STA has published its new 2014 course price list [here](#). STA's seminar fees will also be slightly increased to £10.00.

### PTLLS Reminder for Tutors

From **1st February 2014**, any STA Tutor or STA National Tutor who does not hold the appropriate PTLLS qualification or acceptable equivalent will not be able to Tutor STA courses.

For Tutors that currently do not hold a PTLLS Qualification, there is the opportunity to RPL across this month (**by 31st January 2014**) through **STA Online** for just £10 due to STA moving over to the new Level 3 Award in Education and Training.

To be eligible, a Tutors' qualifications and STA Membership must be in date and they must be active - having Tutored courses within the last three years.

### STA Online's New Tutor Search Facility

STA Course Organisers can now easily find Tutors, Examiners, Moderators and Nationals in their area and by qualification via **STA Online's** new search map facility.

### Sir Henry Pike Award 2013-2014

As announced in the last e-Zine, **Teresa Griffin** has been honoured with STA's 2013 Sir Henry Pike Memorial Award, which was recently presented to her by John Holden, Regional Organiser for East Anglia at a special presentation at Arch Bishop Sancroft High School in Harleston. [Read more](#)

Pictured here at the ceremony are John Holden, Teresa, Carole



Garrett Chair of Worlingworth Parish Council, David Robinson Suffolk ASA President and Jackie Carter representing Arch Bishop Sancroft School where the presentation took place.

### Seventh STA Academy Opens in South Staffordshire

The latest STA Academy, the seventh that STA has launched in England, opened its doors this month. The new **STA South Staffordshire Swim Academy** officially started on January 6 at Penkridge, Cheslyn Hay, Wombourne and Codsall Leisure Centres, all of which are run by **South Staffordshire Council**. To mark the launch, an open day for parents and children was held on 4th January; look out for the pictures in next month's e-Zine.

### Taking Professional Responsibility for Children's Physical Activity

The December 2013 report from the *British Journal of Sport Medicine* suggesting that child health in the UK lags behind most European counterparts, and accusing the government of a form of mass child neglect by the lack of a national childhood exercise policy, has been met with concern from **Capre**, the Children's Activity Professionals Register. Read the full statement [here](#).

### Open Water Thank You!

STA HQ recently received this email, which we'd like to share...

*Please can you pass on my thanks to David Candler. On Sunday, I attended a Level 1 Pool to Open Water course run by Rick Kiddle of NOWCA and thought that both the course in terms of structure and content along with Rick's professionalism, was worth an email to you and everyone at the STA who have supported this. Once again, many thanks and I look forward to taking my Level 2 next year.*

For details of all STA's upcoming Open Water Courses, please visit [www.sta.co.uk](http://www.sta.co.uk) and search by postcode on the map.

### Well Done to Puddle Ducks

In October Puddle Ducks all over the country jumped into swimming pools in their pyjama's to learn vital personal survival skills, have loads of fun and raise **£23,327.96** for The Children's Trust. Well Done!



### New Year's Honours

As we go to press, we hear the fantastic news that Mrs Josephine Randolph, a long serving member of STA and former Trustee, has been honoured with an MBE for services to swimming and to the community. Congratulations Jo on being awarded an MBE, it is richly deserved.

### And Finally,

A question asking people's motivations for outdoor swimming on a Facebook forum that went viral led to the sale of T-shirts that's raising thousands of pounds to help stop children drowning. See more [here](#).

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