

INTRODUCTION TO COMMERCIAL FISHING COURSE



25 SEPTEMBER to 13 OCTOBER 2017

Taster session Wednesday 13 September

TRAINING



The Seafish three-week **Introduction to Commercial Fishing** course is for new entrants to the fishing industry. The course consists of two weeks shore-based training (covering safety, gear and catch handling, net mending, rope work and navigation) and one week of mandatory safety courses (Sea Survival, Fire Fighting, First Aid, Health and Safety) and the Seafish Basic Fishing Vessel Stability course.

This induction course will suit both young people looking for a career at sea in the fishing industry and older candidates who are looking for a career change and interested in commercial fishing as an occupation. Based in Newlyn, Cornwall.

Meet the instructors and find out about the course at a taster session .

Cost: The course is **free** to new entrants into the industry but each candidate must be at least 16 years old to be eligible.

Course Aim and Objectives

The aim of this three week course is to provide new entrants with the basic skills to begin working at sea in a safe and useful manner. More specifically the course objectives are:

- To reduce accidents amongst new entrants and better prepare them for work at sea.
- Give a better understanding of operational practices in every day fishing operations, including mechanical handling (such as winches), to create a safer workplace.
- To equip new entrants with the basic skills needed to enable them to positively contribute to the daily work routines and tasks associated with working as part of a team on the deck of a fishing vessel.
- To acquire work experience on board suitable local vessels.

Course Content

This course is essentially a collection of short courses and comprises of the units listed below:

Introduction and Overview of the Course

On Board Procedures

Introduction to Ropes, Knots and Fishing Gear

Net mending and Gear construction

Introduction to Watch Keeping and Navigation

Introduction to Basic Engineering

Intermediate knots and Splicing

Basic Care of the Catch

Intro Food Hygiene in the Seafood Industry

Basic Sea Survival

Basic Health & Safety

Basic First Aid

Basic Fire Fighting

Basic Fishing Vessel Stability

Course Review and Forward Plan



At the end of the course, there will be a placement with local skippers or fishing industry associations to allow candidates the opportunity to undertake between 1 and 5 day's on-board experience.

"Great course, all instructors appeared knowledgeable, patient and very approachable" *2016 trainee*



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