

Speciality Welds have been involved with a wide range of activities this year, from technical welding group meetings on new standards, processes and equipment to a wide range of welding, training and qualifications services, etc.

### Investment in Training Pays Off



Morrison supermarkets ask us to implement training and qualification regimes for its vehicle maintenance unit (VMU) personnel at Kettering. We have been working with Morrison's for many years now and are pleased to extend training for Kettering personnel. The VMU department are responsible for a wide range of repairs to all their HGV fleet and fork-lift trucks.

Welding qualifications have been issued to the following companies; **JFD Contractors, Haigh & Ellis, SS Fabtech,** and **Roscom,** as well as many self-employed welders, all using our test centre. A Site visit to **Grain d'ors'** factory in Wembley sees service engineers trained in maintenance welding methods for TIG, MIG and MMA on stainless & aluminium alloys. Next time you tuck into croissants for breakfast just think of these boys; still hungry?



Highland fish farm divers **Fish-Dive** invest in wet welding training and

have been rewarded with class II welder qualifications, well done boys.



**Aluminium Problems Sorted** Portland based Dive Technologies request assistance for an aluminium welding project, using **synergic** pulsed MIG welding, to weld MoD troop carriers.



**More Spot Welding Gets Thumbs Up.** Diving contractors **ABCO** purchase a **Hammerhead** system and a diesel generator for welding project fitting anodes and have confirmed work is completed on time and on budget, despite nil visibility conditions.

**Dive School Goes From Strength To Strength.** 100 mark nearly reached. Yes nearly 100 divers trained and tested with **CDA** in Jacksonville, FL who have now been running our **WeldCraft-Pro** training course for almost two years. Congratulations on a job well done.

**Barracuda Gold Meets Quality Demands** Capt. R. Black of **Blacksmith Marine** completes underwater welding project in Israel using Barracuda Gold. This project involved welding a collar on to an existing pipeline in 30M of water. We were asked to produce suitable welding procedures and of course supply **Barracuda Gold** electrodes.



**New Customers.** We are pleased to have received orders from new distributors in Sweden, Turkey and Denmark as well as many other new diving customers from here in good old Blighty to Greece, Estonia, Italy, USA, Ireland, Belgium and Holland. A big **thank you** to all our new and existing customers.

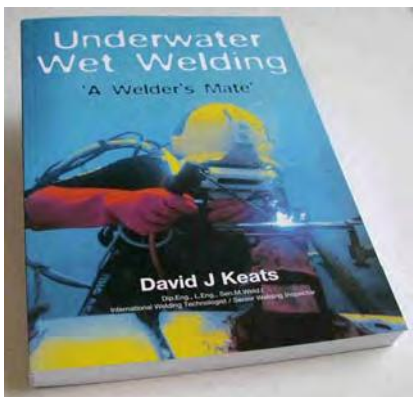


## RWUC (Rowen Welding & Underwater Construction Ltd)



undertakes massive welding project in Ireland for **Trench Construction**, involving 7KM of welding plates and sealing welds for various piling works, and currently hold over 200 reels of flux-cored innershield welding wire, which is probably the total quantity available in England; Greedy or what? **RWUC**, who are on-site welding specialists provide a range of welding services and are experienced at using Lincoln's innershield wires, including 211, 232 and 233 recently asked us to qualify their welders.

**Book Sales Going Well.** Our publication 'A Welder's Mate' nears its **1000<sup>th</sup>** copy, with the last



few copies remaining from the first print run. But don't worry if you haven't had a copy, were running a second print run later this year. We are pleased to announce another diver training school **The National Polytechnic College of Oceaneering** in California, were impressed enough to offer this book as part of their teaching.

**WeldCraft-Pro - More Divers Qualify.** Another successful training course conducted at **PDA's** facilities in Dunoon, under the close eye of David Keats and new senior instructor **Donald Gabel** sees another group of divers successfully meet National welding standards. David Keats, author of the UK's first national training course in wet welding, endorsed by **M&ETA**, has worked for many years to bring about improved welding standards and training methods. As members of **AWFTE** (Association for Welding



and Fabrication Training and Education) David says "it's taken many years but we now see standards for wet welding that only a few years ago would not have been possible, but what's more important is divers recognise the benefits to have good welding skills; **welding skills mean work**".

**RCH** purchase **150** of our underwater welding **stingers** for the **French Navy**. If you're not familiar with our stinger, as shown

one page 1, you may be interested in some of its unique features. The first of which is the ability to adjust for wear and tear. This feature is available by simply revolving the main cable connector and with each revolution moving the connector 1.0mm up the handle. A slot is provided which allows for over 10.0mm of wear to take place and if that's not enough the wear plug, which fits in the top handle can also be screwed out and replaced and of course spares are readily available.

**Piranha Junior Receives Safety Improvements.** We have also supplied 7 new improved **Piranha** juniors to **RCH**, again for the **French Navy**, which now have a red indicator lamp, fitted, to show when the switch is live. The **Junior models**, as shown, are a low cost safety switch option, but has no amp or volt meters are fitted it is possible that the switch may inadvertently be left hot. The indicator lamp, which lights up when the switch is made live stays illuminated until the switch is made safe, and in that way there is no mistake as to whether the switch is hot or cold.

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