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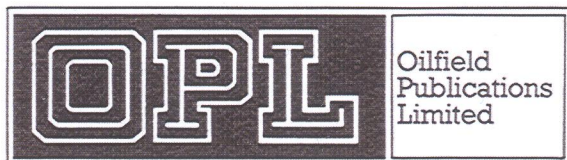
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NATIONAL HYPERBARIC CENTRE

The National Hyperbaric Centre is an independent, privately owned, test, R&D, training and engineering establishment located in Aberdeen.

The Centre offers its services to industry within the following fields:

EMERGENCY SERVICES:

- Provision of emergency services to health authorities including treatment of injured divers or other personnel requiring therapeutic oxygen treatment.
- Operation of Transfer Under Pressure (TUP) equipment on behalf of a group of operators.
- Provision of receipt facilities for Hyperbaric Lifeboats (HLB).

TESTING:

- Pressure and function testing of underwater equipment in wet or dry conditions down to the equivalent of 1,000 metres of seawater.
- Testing of aerospace equipment up to an altitude equivalent to 50,000 metres.

PROCEDURE VERIFICATION:

- Verification of welding and NDT procedures.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (R&D):

- Management of R&D activities.
- Development of manned or unmanned intervention techniques including equipment and robotics.

ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION SERVICES:

- Development of inspection programmes including provision of inspection personnel.
- Safety (FMEA and HAZOP) studies.

TRAINING:

Diver First Aid Training

On 29th April 1991, the Diving Operations at Work (Amendment) Regulations 1990 (SI996) will come into force, introducing, among other things, a revision of First Aid requirements for divers. It requires that all HSE approved divers must hold an HSE approved First Aid qualification by 29th April 1993.

To meet these requirements the NHCL and RGIT have combined to offer a full range of diver First Aid and diver medic qualification and refresher courses.

Mixed Gas Diver Training

In the late Autumn of this year, NHCL will run this course in conjunction with The Underwater Training Centre. The 21 day course will be run primarily on a modern DSV with some classwork to be conducted in Aberdeen.

AODC Supervisor Courses

These two training courses, Assistant Air Supervisor and Assistant Bell Supervisor, are designed as a basic course for new entrants to the AODC Supervisors Scheme and as a refresher for experienced Supervisors. The courses are run in strict adherence to the guidelines laid down by the AODC.

Assistant LST Course

This training course is designed as a basic course for new entrants to the AODC Life Support Technician Scheme.

CSWIP 3.2U

(From late 1991)
Training of diving personnel to CSWIP 3.2U standard.

CSWIP 3.4U

This course is run in conjunction with MOM and was the first course to gain the all important CSWIP approval. Over one hundred inspection controllers have now successfully completed the course.

Diving Familiarisation Course

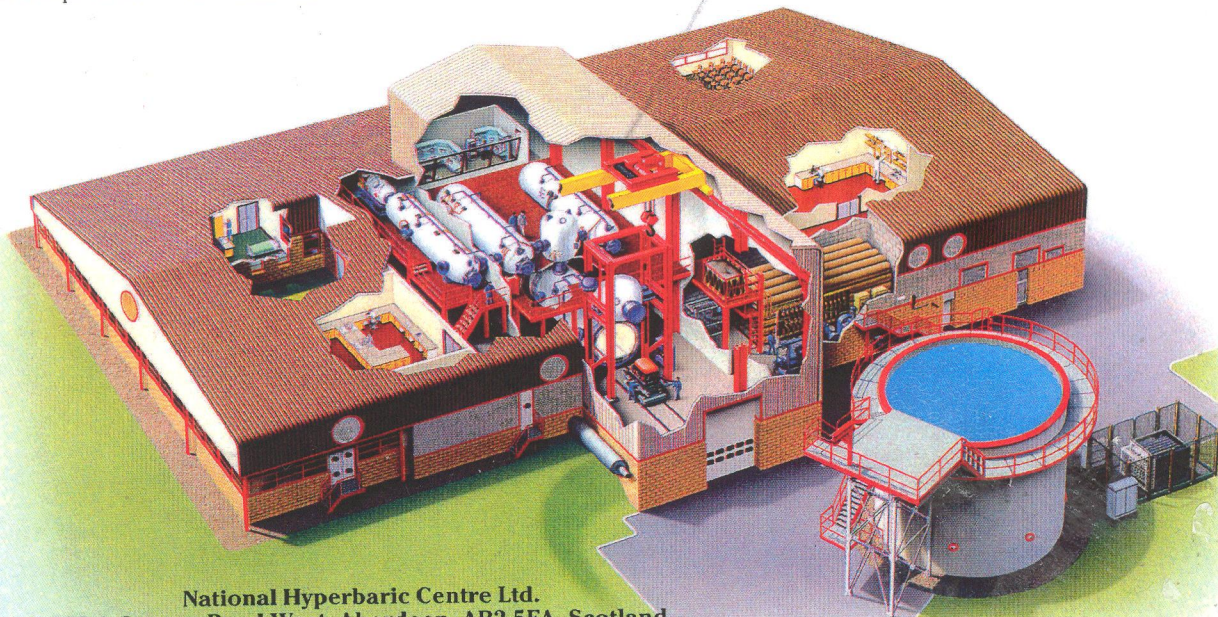
A 2 day course designed to provide an insight into diving operational techniques. This course is aimed at company representatives, and non-diving personnel in general.

ROV Pilot/Technician Course

This is an introductory training course for new ROV Pilot/Technicians which has been produced to provide a thorough background in general offshore and ROV operations, safety procedures, repair and maintenance etc.

OTHER COURSES:

NHCL can at short notice tailor-make courses taking account of the student's background and the requirements.



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