

A TWO DAY COURSE PROVIDING:

- * An introduction to the elements of marine life classification
- * Identification of the major groups of British marine life
- * An overview of the marine ecology
- Details of marine conservation and the Marine Conservation Society

Aim: The SAA Marine Life Identification course provides candidates with little or no knowledge or experience of marine life with instruction in the identification of British marine life.

Prerequisites:

Current SAA membership
Elementary Diver qualification
Current medical

Awarded Qualification:

SAA Marine Life Identification Qualification Record Book certificate

DAY ONE

Time: 0930 to 1830hrs

Syllabus:

Introduction and registration

Marine algae and seaweed

Sessile fauna-

Cnidaria

Sponges

Annelid and worms

Bryozoa

Tunicates and sea squirts

Marine ecology - habitats and communities

Dive to collect specimens

Practical identification of specimens

DAY TWO

Time: 0900 to 1600hrs

Syllabus:

Mobile fauna

Molluscs

Crustacea

Echinoderms

Fish

Marine conservation

The Marine Conservation Society

Recap and quiz

Optional dive to observe marine life.

GENERAL

Equipment required by candidate:

Full diving equipment with cylinders suitably full for the diving
Marine identification books
Dive slate

Equipment provided:

Collection bags
Optical magnification equipment
Slides

Materials supplied for the course:

Marine identification books

Safety requirements:

A suitable classroom environment for the dry sections of the course

Appropriate safety requirements should be applied to the diving elements of the course and the necessary safety equipment should be available

Diving need only be shallow and from the shore

Qualification of Instructors:

Instructors should hold a degree in Marine Biology or have an in depth knowledge of British marine life