

RLSS UK OPEN WATER ASSESSOR COURSE

When: Saturday 8 May 2010; 2-6pm

Venue: St James' Swimming Pool, St James' Street, Taunton, TA1 1JH

Course Organiser

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Outcomes

By the end of this Module, course members will:

- be able to describe the implications of assessing open water;
- be able to prepare for open water assessments;
- be able to organise the running of an open water assessment;
- have demonstrated the ability to set elements of the open water awards
- have demonstrated the ability to set questions appropriate to an open water location

Module Units

- Introduction
- Preparation and Site Assessment
- Safety Guidelines
- Basic Waveology and moving water
- Weather Indicators
- Organisation
- Theory sessions
- Award criteria
- Appointment procedures (you will be required to subsequently conduct an open water examination)

Pre-requisites

(these are subject to Accredited Prior Learning – please contact Liz for further advice)

- RLSS UK TA status for a minimum of 1 year
- Evidence of training and assessing higher lifesaving and life support awards during the previous 2 years
- Hold or have held an open water Bronze or Silver Cross, National Beach Lifeguard Qualification or Emergency Response Aquatic Supervisors Award.
- Current RLSS UK Membership

Equipment Required by Candidates

Pen, paper, swimwear and if you have any suitable rescue aids for open water I could do with a couple of torpedo buoys to use on the day!

Suggested Reading

Syllabi and reference materials for Bronze and Silver Cross, Emergency Response Aquatic Supervisors Award, Assistant Beach Lifeguard Award.

Cost

RLSS Somerset Branch is subsidising Somerset Branch Members at £10.
Other RLSS UK Members £20.

On Completion of the Course

Since the course was written in 1998, lifesaving awards have changed. On completion of the Module you will have to complete at least one shadow open water assessment (see awards in suggested reading) and hold the Emergency Response Aquatic Supervisor Award, before applying for assessment from the Branch Lifesaving Co-ordinator (that's me in Somerset!).

Booking on the Course

I am on holiday from 28 March – 8 April so I am unable to deal with specific queries until 9 April.

To reserve your place, please complete and return the application form to me along with the course fee.

If you want to discuss your attendance and need to apply for Accredited Prior Learning please drop me an email – eam@eamapstone.freeseve.co.uk or phone me after 8 April on 01934 741980 / 07765 245325.

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