



Whitby Fishing School – National Finalists – Going for Gold!

Whitby & District Fishing Industry Training School is in line to receive a major National Management and Leadership Award.

The school has received notification from the Chartered Management Institute that they are a finalist in the prestigious “Outstanding Training Provider of the Year Award”.

Each finalist organisation will attend a black tie ceremony in London on 4th October. The school will be judged in their category against four other companies.

“We understand that scores of companies were nominated for this award”, said Anne Hornigold, Chief Executive of the Whitby Fishing School, “to achieve the position of national finalist is tremendous – it’s like getting Silver in the Olympics for us! Now we’re going for Gold!”

The school received notification from the Chartered Management Institute late last Friday afternoon.

“We were so excited – I rang everyone I could think of and just floated home on a cloud” said Anne, “The success of the school can be put down to our dedicated team of staff, the skippers who train them, and the landladies and landlords who take our trainees into their homes and look after them like their own”, said Anne, “The skippers have supported the school excellently. They have taken on apprentices year after year – the apprenticeship couldn’t run without them”.

From a ‘standing start’ in 2002, the school has continued to achieve national recognition for its innovative high quality training methods, and over the past ten years with the support of the Sea Fish Industry Authority have received several other awards - initially, the Whitby Gazette’s “Pride of Whitby Business Award” in 2006, and later achieved the “Evolution Technical Award” for the delivery of training via our 3D software system. The school was ranked top in the U.K. after a quality audit completed by the Sea Fish Industry Authority, and has also maintained the quality mark Customer First over the last six years.

Arnold Locker, Chair said “Anne is an exceptionally hard working CEO. She combines vision and an ability to plan strategically with the day to day practical skills to ‘get the job done. Her interpersonal and management skills are of the highest order and she sets and expects high standards from those who work alongside her. She enjoys the support and trust of the Board, all staff and tutors, the trainees and members of the industry with whom she comes into contact. From humble beginnings ten years ago the school has made steady progress and we now consider we are a centre of excellence”.

The fishing school is unique in that it is the only training centre in the U.K. to deliver the Level 2 Apprenticeship – Maritime Studies Sea Fishing and the only centre who have managed to sustain the delivery of extremely difficult to achieve training .

The school is currently accepting applications for the next enrolment.

Application forms are available by contacting the school by telephone, calling in, or by printing the application from the website at www.whitbyfishingschool.co.uk