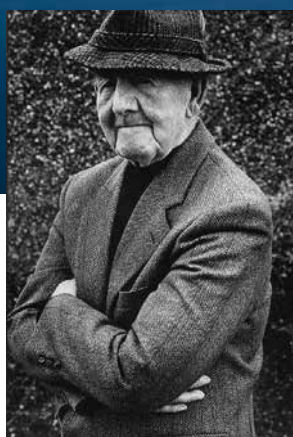




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Sea Fish Industry Training Association

The Sea Fish Industry Training Association (SFITA), established in 1985, was set up to provide safety training to fishermen. It is a not for profit organisation run by a Board of voluntary members and set up by fishermen, for fishermen.



The organisation is based in The John Warnock Centre, adjacent to Portavogie Harbour, and named after one of the founding members of the organisation and former Portavogie fisherman Mr John Warnock (1909 to 1996). John had a passion for improving the lives of fishermen and their safety at sea and was awarded an MBE for services to fishing in 1994.

John Warnock (pictured left)



Putting to sea poses great dangers, even for experienced fishermen, with mortality rates in the UK around 115 times the industry average. The SFITA is one of a network of Seafish-Approved Training Providers (ATPs) throughout the UK who provide a range of safety training courses primarily aimed at fishermen. The training courses are delivered by Seafish-approved instructors. The work of the ATPs and their instructors save lives every day.

For anyone wishing to work on a UK-registered commercial fishing vessel, mandatory training in four basic courses must be completed.

These courses are:

- Survival at sea
- Firefighting and prevention
- First aid
- Health and safety

For more information about the Sea Fish Industry Training Association and the courses they offer:

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This safety training for new entrants to the industry, refresher training for experienced fishermen and advanced qualifications for those aiming for specialist roles in the industry ensure crews skills are kept fresh, and their knowledge up-to-date.

Courses to meet all these needs are delivered through SFITA who aim to help fishing communities and fishing businesses respond to the challenges facing the industry through the provision of accessible, flexible and cost-effective training.

Recent developments within SFITA have meant they can now provide training opportunities and customised training solutions right across the seafood supply chain from catchers to processors, friers and fishmongers. Seagoing training can also be delivered to other maritime sectors like sailing clubs, tour and charter vessel operators.

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