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DON'T LEAVE SURVIVAL TO CHANCE ...



Organise a Safety Awareness Course with Ocean Safety customised for your crew or family.

Ocean Safety is to introduce a new and unique series of marine safety courses for Spring 2009, ahead of next season. The aim is to provide crews and families with vital instruction on how to use their safety equipment and how best to work as a team, in the event of an emergency at sea.

Based on one of the standard formats, each course can be tailored for each individual crew or family's needs, power or sail, racing or cruising. Clear instructions on the use of life saving and survival equipment, are combined with a practical side, so everyone on the course is actively involved.

The courses are designed to cover topics such as liferaft and lifejacket selection, EPIRB use, man overboard recovery systems and use of fire extinguishers. Deployment of life saving appliances is a key element, as well as the different types of pyrotechnics (flares) and their use. Delegates on the courses are also invited to bring along their own safety equipment and take advantage of a pool session, where they can familiarise themselves with their own boat's equipment. Working together as a team in an emergency situation is a key to survival and the crew will be shown how best to look after themselves and each other once the decision has been made to 'abandon ship'.

Further information on Ocean Safety Crew or Family Training Courses can be obtained by telephoning Chris Waterman on 023 8072 0800 or email training@oceansafety.com



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Note to Editors:

“As a former SAR helicopter pilot and regular professional yachtsman, one thing in common amongst all casualties is that of shock and surprise. Ocean Safety are providing an excellent service with this new Training Division to all water users whether professional or leisure – I cannot endorse this educational marine safety programme enough.”

Mike Broughton – Professional Navigator and weather router

Ocean Safety Trained Volvo Crews in Sea Survival.

Ocean Safety provided compulsory Sea Survival courses for each of the teams, before the start of the Volvo Ocean Race. The courses followed the ISAF Sea Survival course syllabus and were specifically tailored to focus on training each crew member to use the actual safety equipment on board. The crews were put through their paces over a 2 day course using live flares, fighting real fires and being put into a ‘3 hour survival environment’ in a liferaft, with a five foot swell and 20 knot winds, including sound effects and simulated rain in an unheated pool. The teams were taught how to protect themselves and their colleagues, as well as sharing the teaching with other teams, to ensure that they would be well equipped to provide assistance to another yacht in the fleet, which could be in distress.

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