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STA Launches Two New Level 2 Teaching Swimming Qualifications

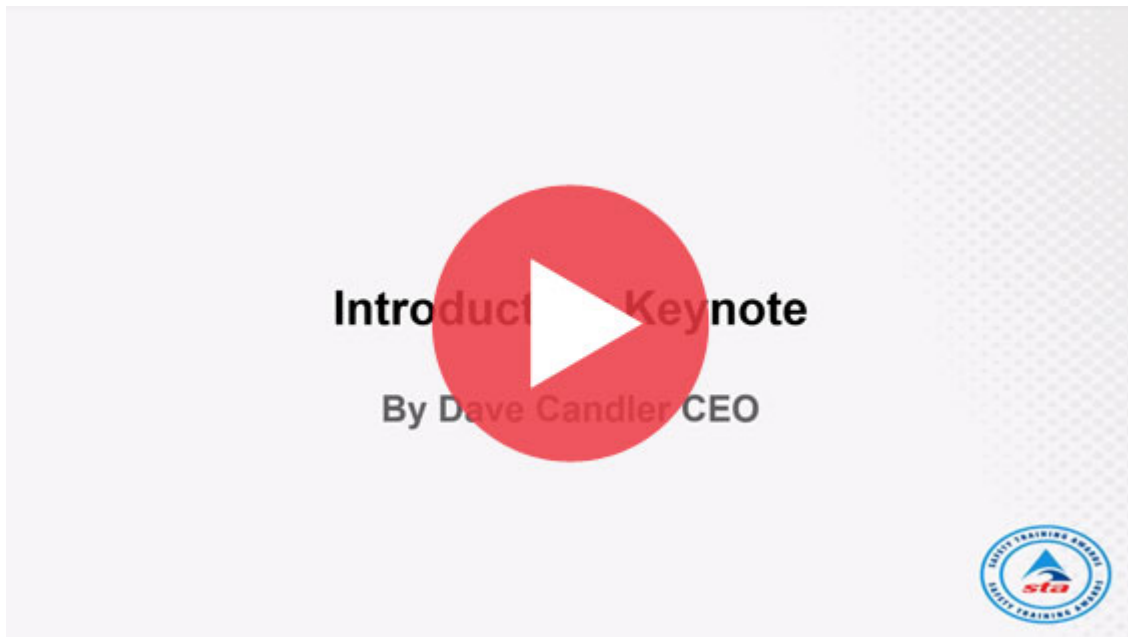
Earlier this month, STA's awarding organisation, Safety Training Awards, launched two new Level 2 teaching swimming qualifications. This includes a new Level 2 Certificate which has received endorsement against CIMSPA's new employer-led Swimming Teacher Professional Standard.

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Halo Partners with STA

Halo, who manages 22 facilities across Herefordshire, Bridgend County Borough, Shropshire and Wiltshire, has signed a new partnership agreement with STA. This will see the charity and social enterprise start to embed STA's swimming teaching programmes across its leisure sites from May 2018.

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ATC Webinar—Watch Again

On Monday 23rd April, the Safety Training Awards team organised a free webinar to help tutors, assessors and course organisers' understand more about the ATC (Approved Training Centre) application process.

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Interview with Dave Candler, STA CEO

The last two years have flown by with Dave Candler at the helm of STA, so we've taken this chance to look back and hear from Dave about his plans for the future in an exclusive interview.

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Time to Sound the Octo Alert!

STA is thrilled to announce its Octonauts branded swimming awards programme has been shortlisted for a prestigious international licensing award, alongside Coca-Cola, Mattel, Twentieth Century Fox and Paramount Pictures.

STA Roadshow Update

After successful roadshows in Northern Ireland and Nottingham, the STA team are heading to Glasgow next on 22nd May. This is then followed by Bournemouth on 18th June and Portsmouth on 19th June.

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New Learner Survey for 2018

This month, we've launched a new learner survey and we need your help. If you are involved in running learn to swim programmes here in the UK, please take 5 mins to complete our survey. As an extra incentive, all participants will be entered into a prize draw and could win a £50 voucher for use on the STA Swim-Shop!

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Safeguarding Update

There have been some significant developments within the world of safeguarding and protecting children and vulnerable adults in recent months; all of which may have a potential impact upon STA members.

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STA Appointed to Manage Free Swimming in Arun

STA is working on a new three-year community project within the Arun district after successfully bidding to manage £150,000 funding donated by Arun Culture, Art and Sport Ltd. to promote the benefits of swimming.

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Show Your Support for Team STA

STA's Ian Prosser and Luke Griffiths have begun their open water swimming journey **in preparation for The Great North Swim** in June. The dynamic duo are busily preparing to step outside of their comfort zone and swap their STA uniform for a swim cap, goggles and wetsuit, all in the hope of spreading an important message about water safety. Find out more here and please show your support!

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2018 International Learn to Swim Week

With less than a month to go until International Learn to Swim Week, the STA team are busily finalising all of the campaign resources ready to send out to the hundreds of swim schools taking part! If you've not registered yet, there is still time - but be quick!

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And Finally...

A while back STA was contacted by Adams Aquatic about a lady called Dr Maddie Brasier who had been invited to take part in **an amazing all-female leadership expedition to Antarctica**—and they asked if Maddie could take STANley along as a travelling companion!

To mark International Day of the Seal on 22nd March, Maddie sent us these photos of STANley in the Antarctica alongside his real life seal companions!



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