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SubseaTraining - Case Study

Having joined the Royal Navy in 1985, I completed Weapon Engineering Mechanic training in HMS COLLINGWOOD. My career took me to HMS CLEOPATRA, HMS BLACKWATER, back to COLLINGWOOD, then HMS BROADSWORD where I was selected for Artificer training and returned to HMS COLLINGWOOD for 3 ½ years. My career in the SEAWOLF field then gave me my first sea draft as a maintainer with my own section on HMS BRAVE.

I then spent 5 months in Australia as part of exercise LONGLOOK before joining the SEAWOLF Support team in Devonport. Next was HMS CHATHAM as the Senior SEAWOLF Maintainer for 4 years. I then moved to the Devonport IT section where I was able to attend training courses culminating in a Microsoft MCSA. For my final sea going draft I was once again part of the SEAWOLF world onboard HMS NORTUMBERLAND.

My thoughts then moved towards improving my employability after the Royal Navy. After spending many years in the forces I was looking for a change. I was recently married and in the process of immigrating to Vancouver Island, Canada. A career as an ROV / Tech Pilot would still allow me to travel and work in a challenging field on modern, unique equipment, whilst the nature of offshore life would allow me the flexibility of maintaining a home with a regular work / life balance. I researched numerous training opportunities for ROV / Tech pilots over a 12 month period and it soon became clear to me that Global Marine Systems were very highly regarded throughout the industry. I spoke to the school numerous times and they always answered my queries regarding the course, and the industry, with clear insight and evident extensive knowledge.

After 24 years as a mechanic and Artificer I had ample experience and theoretical knowledge of the technical aspects of the course, however, the facilities at the training school were simply outstanding and although I possessed a wide skill base, the staff proved sublime in directing me in areas that I lacked: hands on piloting, physically working on genuine ROV's (including work class vehicles), ROV Operations, offshore operations and fibre optics to name a few. After the course, I was fortunate to obtain employment with SEAMOR Marine, a locally based company, and I am now the field service technician, lead trainer and pilot.

Having been in the industry for a little over a year, I am more convinced than ever that Global Marine Systems was the right choice. They are very highly regarded by every company I have dealt with and I consider myself very lucky to have had the opportunity to train with them. Thank you very much Global Marine Systems!

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