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FIRE FIGHTING, SWIMMING OUT OF SUBMERGED HELICOPTERS AND BEING WINCHED OUT OF WATER...

- is there no limit to Program Framework's dedication to deliver?

When one of Program Framework's petroleum clients asked for training for its oil rig personnel, the company immediately agreed. Even when the company realised that getting the oil rig workers to come onshore and be trained in Aberdeen would be too impractical, Program Framework was unfazed by the necessity of sending their trainers to the North Sea, even though this would involve serious safety training.

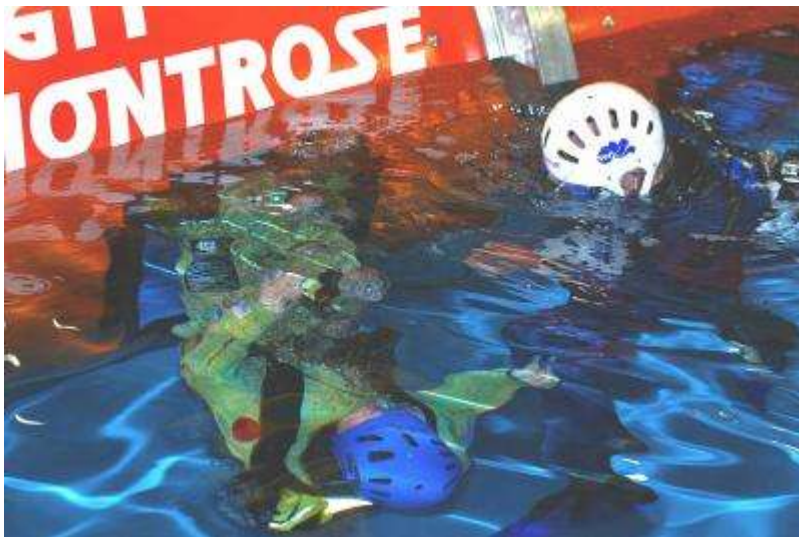
A 3 day course of Petrofac Oil Rig Safety Induction training was required, to cover Safety, Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting, First Aid and Hypothermia, Helicopter Safety and Escape and Survival at Sea. When Program Framework found out what was involved, they asked chief trainer Maureen Parker if she was up for the challenge with 16 men and no other women – and, she was certainly ready to take it on.

Her first challenge was fire fighting. Whilst Maureen did have a gas mask and protective clothing to keep her from smoke, she still had to learn how to walk through a smoke-filled room. This involved keeping to the sides, feeling for door handles, shuffling her feet to avoid obstacles and not panicking when she felt she was suffocating.

Next she had to become confident in the water before learning to escape from a capsized helicopter! Again, she had a dry suit, shoes, life jacket and hat, but this time she had to climb out of the water into a life raft - to be rescued by a helicopter rope and winched up. Despite being a good swimmer, she had to struggle to manoeuvre in the waterlogged protective clothing then pull herself out of the water via a plastic rope ladder, fighting weak muscles and exhaustion.

Her training culminated in a climb down a pole to stay underwater, to use the emergency breathing system, while wearing the same protective clothing. After several exercises she reached the grand finale – sitting in a simulation helicopter shell whilst it was lowered into the water with three others, using the emergency breathing apparatus. The helicopter submerged, rotated 180 degrees before the trainees were allowed to release their seat belts, open the window and exit to the surface and freedom! Maureen’s delight in this achievement especially due to the hurdles she had had to surmount, shows the depths Program Framework’s team goes to do the job.

The following week she flew to the oil rigs where she stayed for 4 days to deliver her Microsoft Project EPM training.





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Established in 2005, Program Framework draws on its directors' many years of corporate experience in managing complex business changes with multiple projects, stakeholders and resources, in a "joined up", accessible way. This enables the team to bring a unique business-driven focus to solution deployment in addition to the more traditional project management and technical skills. Using its exclusive Rapid Implementation Methodology, Program Framework's fast growing team of London-based consultants enables clients to consistently deliver the right projects on schedule and to cost.

Program Framework is a key Microsoft Certified Partner and focuses solely on EPM, consequently it is the fastest growing pure EPM consultancy in the UK.