

EMFF funding for PLB’s

Safety at Sea remains one of SWFPA’s primary concerns. Amended regulations now require vessels under 10 metres In length to carry Personal Locator Beacons (PLBs) which will allow them to meet MCA vessel survey criteria.

An initiative by SWFPA to supply PLBs’ for its vessels led to an application for funding from the European Monetary Fisheries Fund (EMFF). The funding application was successful, and 1080 units were distributed to member vessels across a broad range of vessel sizes and type of fishery.

There is no doubt that the provision of these units, made available through the grant, will save a number of lives in the coming years. Commercial fishing still remains one of the most dangerous professions in the UK and it is incumbent on us all to ensure that fishermen feel secure in the working environment.