

**Minutes** of a meeting of the Association’s Security Committee held on 9 July 2024 from 0900 CEST at the offices of Van Oord, Schaaardijk 211, 3063 NH Rotterdam, Netherlands

## 1 Competition law compliance policy

The IMCA Competition Law Compliance Policy, which had been circulated with the meeting agenda, was drawn to the attention of all present.

## 2 Welcome and attendance

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting. Apologies for absence were recorded, with the latest meeting attendance now as follows:

Name	Company	Oct 2023	Jan 2024	Apr 2024	Jul 2024
Nicolas Krmic	Subsea 7	Attended	Attended	Attended	Substitute
Rolinda van Zanten	Van Oord Offshore	Attended	Attended	Apologies	Attended
Anton van Heiningen	Heerema Marine Contractors	Apologies	Apologies	Attended	Apologies
Chris Darville	Helix Energy Solutions Group, Inc.	Absent	Apologies	Absent	Apologies
Diane Khatun	IOGP	Apologies	Apologies	Attended	Attended
Russell Pegg	OCIMF	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Ben Neal	P&O Maritime Logistics	Attended	Apologies	Apologies	Attended
Bernard Rouault	Saipem	Apologies	Attended	Attended	Attended
Gaelle Serquin-Peyraud	SBM Offshore	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Dag Snemyr	Siem Offshore	N/A	N/A	Attended	Apologies
Bjorn Holstad	Solstad Shipping	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Gary Ritchie	Subsea 7	Attended	Attended	Apologies	Apologies
Alister Lockhart	TechnipFMC	Apologies	Apologies	Apologies	Apologies

Legend: ✔ Attended ✔ Part-Time S Substitute ✉ Apologies Absent N/A

Also present or joining via videoconference were:

Olivier de Gestas	Subsea 7	For Nic Krmic
Denis Dumoulin	Subsea 7	For Nic Krmic
Martin Groot Enzerink	Van Oord	Guest
Nick Hough	IMCA	

## 3 Minutes of the previous meeting

### 3.1 Approval of the minutes

The minutes were agreed and would be duly signed as an accurate record by the Vice-Chair, as the Chair had sent apologies.

Nick Hough reported that the HSS Core Committee had held an election, recently completed. He noted that the security committee is an appointed committee, not elected, and is a sub-committee of the HSS committee.

#### **4 Joint Industry Security Group – update**

Russell Pegg gave a short update on the Joint Industry Security Group of industry trade associations (OCIMF, BIMCO, Intercargo, Intertanko, ICS, IMCA and CLIA).

- A mechanism for delivering maritime security threat advisories was moving ahead. It would tie in with the ongoing revision of BMP5 (Best Management Practices to Deter Piracy and Enhance Maritime Security in the Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, Indian Ocean and Arabian Sea);
- A draft revised version of BMP5 would be circulated today. The intent was to deliver this in an interactive PDF format and move away, so far as was practical, from paper copies. This would enable faster and more timely update and better version control;
- A meeting of maritime security stakeholders, called by the Secretary-General of the IMO, had been held the previous week. IMCA's Margaret Fitzgerald had been in attendance amongst others. The IMO's intent was to facilitate better communication and improved messaging relating to maritime security.

#### **5 Maritime Security issues**

##### **5.1 Red Sea and Gulf of Aden**

Members discussed the current threat level in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden.

- Some seafarers were notably nervous about Red Sea transits and had declined to be on vessels going through the Red Sea;
- What influence might Egypt have on the geopolitical situation in the Red Sea, given the collapse in revenue as a result of far fewer Suez Canal transits in recent times?
- There was no short term resolution or fix foreseen to the threat posed by the Houthi;
- It was reported that a US-flagged container vessel had been attacked that morning, 100 nautical miles SE of Salala in the Gulf of Aden;
- There would be a SHADE Indian Ocean security meeting in Bahrain 16-17 October.

##### **5.2 Ukraine and Black Sea**

There was a discussion on the threat of sea mines in the Black Sea, which some members were encountering. There was also evidence of AIS spoofing occurring.

##### **5.3 Venezuela and south America**

Members noted the possibility of threats to maritime security arising in Venezuelan waters, off the Orinoco river.

##### **5.4 African waters: Mozambique, Gulf of Guinea**

The GoG SHADE organisation remained very active although there was no special focus on security in this area at present.

There was an increase in work occurring in Mozambique. There remained a security threat in the area but this was lessened from what it was in 2021. The security threat increased as one moved north from Pemba.

## 6 Ensuring safe crew changes

Members discussed this, noting that in the context of crew change travel, crews and other corporate travellers were less likely today to openly display corporate logos.

## 7 Activism

Members noted a possible threat from environmentalist activists in Aberdeen shortly. This was related to “climate camp Scotland” between 10 and 15 July.

## 8 Cybersecurity

It was not clear which committee within IMCA was responsible for this. Clarification was sought as to the level of priority apportioned to cybersecurity, and how it ought to be dealt with. The following points were noted:

- IOGP don't involve themselves with cybersecurity;
- IMCA's involvement ought to be limited to the extent to which cybersecurity affected marine contracting. The subject was too big to deal with in its own right;
- Should we only “roadmap” our members to the other great resources in this area, or ought we as IMCA have a position ourselves?
- A draft revised version of the industry document *Guidelines On Cyber Security Onboard Ships* would soon be available;
- A decision on where cybersecurity ought to fall, was asked for.

**Action: Nick Hough, Jim Cullen**

## 9 Recent events and news update

- There would be a UK Royal Navy/Chamber of Shipping Maritime Security Engagement day 26 September, London – Nick Hough will be attending;
- The Singapore “Information Fusion Centre” have recently corresponded with IMCA's business development professional in Asia Pacific, and we would hope they will be able to speak at a future Asia Pacific Regional event;
- IMCA Global Summit – 3-4 December, Utrecht, Netherlands - *Delivering a new offshore energy mix*

## 10 Un-minuted discussion of recent safety-related incidents

There was an un-minuted discussion.

## 11 Any other business

### 11.1 Crew welfare

ISWAN – the International Seafarers' Welfare and Assistance Network – was receiving a very large volume of calls on their “hotline” regarding crew welfare, particularly relating to welfare in the context of security concerns. These calls were largely coming from cargo vessels rather than from IMCA members' vessels. Could there be developed a checklist for vessels with information on crew welfare? This issue would be flagged up to the HSS Core Committee.

**Action: Nick Hough**

### 11.2 Virtual kidnapping

A member gave a short and interesting update on the practice of “virtual kidnapping”, which was occurring more frequently in Latin American countries and in Spain. The threat actor collects detailed personal information about a victim, and then communicates with their family to direct harassment and ransom demand.

### 12 Date and location of next meetings

Wednesday 23 October 2024, meeting in the morning (this is a change from the previous date of 23/10).

It was suggested that we see if the HSS Core Committee and the Security Committee can be held on successive days, in order to facilitate actual attendance at both by persons on both committees. This would be investigated. It would realistically be Q1 or even Q2 2025.

**Action: Nick Hough**

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