

Minutes of a meeting of the Association's Marine Committee held on 17 December 2024 from 14:00hrs UTC via Teams

Marine Committee

Harry Jarvis	Subsea 7 Chair (Chair)	F2F
Sujit Viswanathan	DNV, V Chair (V. Chair)	Absent
Vicky Gren	TechnipFMC	F2F
Sytske de Groot	Allseas Group	F2F
Bart Vanden Eynde	DEME Group	Absent
Renata Cotes	CBO Brazil, SA	F2F
Mike Meade	M3 Marine, AP	Absent
Gaby Steentjes	Boskalis Offshore	Absent
David Manning	Hornbeck	Absent
Matthew Gagnebin	Noble Drilling, NA	F2F
Charlotte Hjort	Maersk Oil	Via Teams

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Richard Purser
Margaret Fitzgerald
Mark Ford
Rhys Jones

1 Competition law compliance policy

The IMCA Competition Law Compliance Policy was reiterated. Members were reminded of the importance of adhering to competition laws across jurisdictions. Special emphasis was placed on avoiding "pens down" discussions and ensuring all communications remain transparent and recorded.

- Key Point: Discussions are to focus strictly on safety-related matters and technical guidance, avoiding commercial topics.
- Updates to the competition law compliance policy will be finalized and circulated in the new year.

2 Welcome and attendance & Minutes of the previous meeting

The chair welcomed members to the meeting.

- **Apologies for Absence:**
 - David Manning (Hornbeck)
 - Sytske de Groot (Allseas)
 - Charlotte Hjort (Maersk)
 - Sujit Viswanathan (DNV)

Table 1 Attendance Table

Name	Company	5 March 24	05 April 24	24 May 24	17 Dec 24
Harry Jarvis	Subsea 7 Chair	Apologies	Attended	Attended	Attended
Sujit Viswanathan	DNV, V Chair	Attended	Attended	Attended	Apologies
Vicky Gren	TechnipFMC	Attended	Apologies	Attended	Attended
Sytske de Groot	Allseas Group	Attended	Apologies	Attended	Apologies
Bart Vanden Eynde	DEME Group	Apologies	Attended	Attended	Attended
Renata Cotes	CBO Brazil, SA	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Mike Meade	M3 Marine, AP	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Gaby Steentjes	Boskalis Offshore	Attended	Apologies	Attended	Attended
David Manning	Hornbeck	Apologies	Apologies	Apologies	Apologies
Matthew Gagnebin	Noble Drilling, NA	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Charlotte Hjort	Maersk Oil	Apologies	Apologies	Attended	Apologies

The minutes of the previous meeting (Joint DP & Marine May 23, 2024) were reviewed and approved.

3 Committee Business

3.1 Objectives

Key objectives for 2024 were discussed:

- Increased collaboration between the Marine and MPRA Committees.
- Improvements to attendance through proposed adjustments to the meeting frequency.
- Enhanced focus on IMCA-accredited DP company authorities and adherence to updated regulatory guidelines.

Action: IMCA

4 IMCA Update

Updates included progress on ongoing training and accreditation programs.

Documents to be approved for Publication by the DP Committee:

- M220 – Update
- M140 – Re-write
- DP1 – New document

Action: Committee

5 Work Program

1. Underwater Radiated Noise (URN)

- The committee reviewed recent IMO guidelines and discussed the importance of assessing underwater noise. Members highlighted a lack of current measures by most organizations.
- Notable updates included the IMO's new guidelines on underwater noise, driven by Canadian advocacy.

Action: IMCA/Committee

2. STCW Update

- Discussion focused on revisions addressing emerging technologies, mental health, and bullying/harassment prevention (SASH). Topics including mental health, gender sensitisation, and bullying prevention were emphasized. Ongoing revisions to the STCW Convention were noted as critical.
- Noted US Coast Guard's push for mandatory DP certification under STCW Part A

Action: IMCA/Committee.

3. Ballast Water Quality

- Updates on the Ballast Water Management Convention were discussed. Challenges with existing technologies and reporting were noted.
- Marine Committee's role emphasised in providing feedback on practical implementation issues.

Action: IMCA/Committee.

4. NOx Tech Code

- Anticipated amendments were outlined, with a focus on aligning guidance with upcoming changes.

Action: IMCA/Committee

5. Low and Zero Carbon Fuels

- A discussion highlighted industry challenges in adopting low/zero carbon fuels due to supply chain issues.
- Action: Strengthen collaboration with fuel suppliers and document progress

Action: IMCA/Committee

6 Any Other Business

- Margaret Fitzgerald provided insights on the revised U.S. Coast Guard requirements for video and audio surveillance (SASH initiative). The committee resolved to seek clarity on the implications for non-U.S. flag vessels operating in U.S. waters.

Action: IMCA

- Agreement on closer integration of MDMC technical insights with MPRA policy initiatives

- Joint F2F meeting with the MPRA Committee 16th September 2025

7 Summary of action items

Action	Responsible	Target
4.0 M220, M140 & DP1 Recommended Practice to be published	IMCA	31 January 2025
5.1 URN - A survey will be distributed to understand members' current approaches to noise mitigation.	Committee/IMCA	01 July 2025
5.2 STCW - Monitor updates on DPO certification and propose strategies for compliance	Committee/IMCA	Ongoing
5.3 Ballast Water - Collaborate with the MPRA Committee for joint guidance	Committee/IMCA	Ongoing
5.4 NOx - Review emissions guidance for updates in alignment with IMO regulations	Committee/IMCA	September 2024

5.5 Fuels - Strengthen collaboration with fuel suppliers and document progress	Committee/IMCA	September 2024
6.0 Seek clarity from USCG on SASH initiative for FF vessels	IMCA	31 January 2025
6.0 Plan F2F with MPRA Committee	IMCA	September 2025

8 Date and location of next meetings

Dates to be set for 27th March

Provisional dates for future meetings:

- 05 June, joint meeting with DP Committee Istanbul
- 16 September, joint meeting with MPRA Committee F2F (Location TBC)
- 16 December

Marine Committee Chair

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Signed as a true record

Name

Date