

Meeting Report
ICOMIA Technical Committee Meeting
Gdansk, Poland
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Summary and Highlights of the ICOMIA Technical Committee Meeting

ICOMIA Technical Committee (TC) Meeting

Ulrich Heinemann, IMCI was reelected as the chair of the TC, Stefano Pagani, UCINA, and Thomas Marhevko, NMMA, were reelected as vice chairs.

1. Previous TC Action Items

- Stability Standards User Guidance – TBD (On hold - Need resources for accomplishment)
- Boatbuilding Construction Contract Guidelines document has been published and is available on the ICOMIA website

2. EU Update

- RCD Working Group – Met last week in Brussels.
 - CIN and MIC allocation - Implementing Act draft is now available; tries to clarify differences between RCD and industry practices. Cannot change the RCD. The large problem is the issuance of MIC codes. Non EU manufacturers must now apply to an EU country for a new MIC. This will lead to multiple MICs in the EU since the country code is not associated with the MIC. The EU needs a central source for MICs but that doesn't seem like it will happen. There is no solution right now! This will be implemented after January 18, 2016 (New RCD is in effect). ICOMIA solution: Link the country code with the MIC. Also look for a way to correct the RCD. ICOMIA action.
 - Water treatment requirements will be addressed by this group. ISO 8099 will contain holding tank requirements. Problems in the Baltic Sea driving this project.
 - CEN has published a list of notification times for new standard implementation. For instance, stability standards will be given a 24 month implementation period and exhaust emissions standards will have a 36 month implementation period.
 - Notified Bodies were reminded that they have to be renotified for the new directive.
 - The writing of the CC Guide (Application Guide) has slowed due to lack of resources. The Blue Guide 2014, which is an implementation guide for the RCD, is being updated.
- The RCD guide 2.0 and mobile app from the European Boating Industry (EBI) is now available. Cost is \$3.99US. A PDF version is also available in different languages.
- Template DOCs were revised (again) and presented to the surveillance authorities (AdCo) for a "courtesy stamp". The DOCs are now available. The ICOMIA DOC Instruction document was rejected by AdCo.
- Italy presented a problem where the ISO Standard is above or different from the essential safety requirements of the RCD. The manufacturer still has to prove that they fulfill the requirements of the RCD.
- Recent RSG meeting hosted by Belgium.
 - A Notified Body product database is being set up for Module B boats. Will also include Annex 2 components, engines and PCA certificates.
 - Revised all current RFUs. A very interesting exercise since many are old and outdated.
 - Only 3 NBs are in the renotification process to the new RCD (so far).
 - Next AGM will be held April 19-20, 2016 in Belgium.

3. Country Reports

- US -

- E15 is becoming more prevalent. NMMA continues to fight it. Working on Butanol as an alternative to ethanol.
- Outboard engine catalysts may be coming in next few years.
- New ABYC standard in the NMMA program: P-27, Electric/electronic steering control systems.
- NMMA is working on a fuel additive test program.
- A new super label that consolidates many required labels is being distributed to the industry.
- Norway –
 - Trying to pick up derelict boats. Need a model for identifying scrap contained in boats in this program.
 - Masts should be inspected every 3 years.
- Australia –
 - Still has builders plate but it doesn't work well; will look at ABYC and ISO standards.
 - Will look at engine emissions requirements. Commercial boats are using ISO standards.
 - End of Life requirements becoming more important.
- Sweden –
 - Recycling project will be launched in September; 24 collection locations.
 - Antifouling requirements coming – listing of approved and not approved products.
- UK – Recreational boats used as rental boats are becoming popular, need to follow commercial standards.
- Germany –
 - All marine companies are in a joint lobbying group.
 - PCA are more prevalent.
- Finland –
 - New government is taxing boats now. About 30/40 euros.
 - Manufacturers are reminded about the pending new RCD.
- Turkey – Importations of used boats illegal in Turkey.
- South Africa – Exports are doing well.

4. Standards Updates

- TC 188
 - 2014 Plenary meeting in Baltimore.
 - SC1 handles personal safety equipment.
 - New SC2 proposed to handle the 23 engine-oriented standards. Combines 4 work groups.
 - ISO standards published or in review:
 - ISO 10240 – AdCo and the Commission are against electronic owners manuals even though the DIS amendment was approved by the P members.
- ICOMIA has prioritized the top standards review for 2015 and 2016:
 - ISO 8099, Toilet waste retention systems
 - ISO 11812, Watertight cockpits and quick-draining cockpits
 - ISO 12216, Windows, portlights, hatches, deadlights and doors
- Next TC 188 Plenary meeting will be held in Gothenburg, 22-26 June 2015. Will be discussing design categories used in various standards.
- TC recommends that the scope of TC 188 eliminate the 24m limit for standards, as long as 24m length is covered in the standards so they can be used for compliance with the RCD. The TC is also recommending that the standards in TC 188 be evaluated whether the 24m limit can be removed. Look at 500 GT as the upper limit.
- ICOMIA published the third edition of the Small Craft Standards Bulletin. The fourth edition will be published after the Gothenburg meetings.

- ICOMIA Graphical Symbols Guideline has been published and distributed to the MIA. MIAs are asked to submit symbols used by industry for review. NMMA action.
- The CEN consultant contract has not yet been renewed. This means that any new ISO standards are not reviewed for compliance to the RCD, and therefore publication of new standards is being held up.
- TC 8/SC12 – Ad hoc group met in Milan in September to discuss potential new standards. UNI (Italy) is the secretariat. The classification societies seemed to be opposed to any new ISO projects for large yachts. New work ideas include lifts, interior assessments, end-of-life, rigging, polar code, and helipads.
- Global Conformity Guidelines - Five areas were updated in 2014; four to be completed in 2015.

5. Technical Committee Business

- The TC will continue to review accident safety bulletins.
- MAIB (Marine Accident Investigation Board/UK) determined that mandatory use of CO detectors was not needed even after a recent double CO poisoning death. Instead, operator education was stressed.
- Call for speakers for the Innovation Stage at METS. Maybe IBEX speakers. End-of-Life, Recycling, 3D printers, etc.

6. The TC Chair reported about the RSG meeting with the EU Commission with regards to the TTIP. The Chair continues to push for the boating industry to be removed from the TTIP.

7. The next meeting of the ICOMIA Technical Committee will be held at METS 2015. The next summer meeting will be tentatively held on June 12, 2016, at the ICOMIA Congress in Italy. The 2017 Congress meeting will be in Australia.

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