

Meeting Report  
ICOMIA Technical Committee meeting  
Dusseldorf, Germany  
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Summary and Highlights of the ICOMIA Technical Committee Meeting.

### **ICOMIA Technical Committee meeting**

#### 1. Previous TC Action Items

- Webinar on Fuel Consumption - TBD
- Biofuel compatibility – Still pending
- ABYC distributed power standard – Due in July 2012
- CAT C boats 12m-24m – Work with EBI on the approach
- RCD FAQ – Due this summer.
- RCD non-compliance penalties – EBI working with Market Surveillance Authorities (ADCO) on this issue
- WG19 navigation lights – cancelled at the ISO stage. Wanted to reinstate at the next plenary meeting this summer.
- Fire protection standard – To start project again; Uli Heinemann is the convener; to begin work here at Dusseldorf
- Stability standard guidance document – Almost complete
- GRP proposal – Sweboat document for a NWI for GRP repairs
- Graphical symbols – To begin work here at Dusseldorf
- New Technology workshop – Request for Topics

#### 2. EU Update

- Revised RCD – The new RCD has left the revision stage and in the reading stage in the EU Parliament, in April. Some parts of the document need to be redrafted: i.e., private importers. Timeline still has the new RCD voted in June 2012. Member countries in the EU have two years to adopt the new legislation and then one year for products to comply. This still needs clarification through RSG requirements. Also need to work with ADCO on a revised declaration of conformity. Need to clarify procedure where a non-harmonized standard is involved.
- Presumption of Conformity following changes to harmonized standards – The new RCD is looking to accept a transition period for a new (or revised) harmonized standard of six months unless the standard is complex and then up to 3 years will be allowed. The Commission asked ICOMIA to draft a document that highlights all the issues of the New Approach transition. The draft document is available for review. I suggested that all the ISO standards be bunched and published once a year, similar to ABYC standards, so that builders don't need to adopt new standards as they are published at various times throughout the year, but only once a year. This idea seems to be too difficult for the Europeans to implement. ACTION: Review the ICOMIA standards transition document.
- RCD non-compliance – ADCO is looking again at MICs publication in each country. This problem is very diverse. There are no set rules among the countries on what to do with a non-compliant boat. ACTION: EBI will receive and summarize questions on non-compliance and later present to ADCO.
- EMC Compliance – EMC directive is mandatory! Requires test of individual products which is not affordable. Generally, currently tested boats comply with radiation level limits. ICOMIA has drafted a document that recommends EMC compliance with just component compliance. Is immunity compliance also required? If so, then we will need two sets of tests. Final report due June 19.

#### 3. Queensland accepts CE for Commercial vessels

- Australia uses Module B+F.

4. IMO NOx Tier III
  - WG met after METS in Amsterdam. Reviewed all IMO documents and submitted comments. Dealing with exhaust catalyst requirements.
  
5. Standards updates
  - TC 188 Update
    - Plenary meeting in Joure, the Netherlands, 25-29 June. ISO week at METS in Amsterdam. Ongoing discussions on meetings schedule. Most complaints come from the French.
    - Latest ISO publications: CO Detectors, Field of Vision from the Helm, Inflatable boats,
    - ISO Publications coming: ISO 12215-9, Sailing appendages, ISO 12217-1-3, Stability
    - New ISO SubCommittee 3, Underwater acoustics. TC 188 wants to establish a liaison with this group. Need a vote.
    - Implementing the process of accepting the simplified scantlings software.
  - NWI GRP repairs – From Sweboat; proposal for a two-part standard, repair of hulls and then facility requirements and certification. Committee was split on this project and asked for more information.
  - Non-destructive GRP testing – UCINA proposal for a standard on interpretation of NDT results. Includes repairer qualifications. Committee discussed a recent talk given at IBEX on this topic. The committee was not interested in supporting this project.
  - Fire protection – ISO 9094 parts 1 and 2 was combined into one standard and was discontinued last year since it was radically changed. IMCI took over chair and revised the two parts into a single pre Paris standard. The WG will be meeting here at Dusseldorf.
  - Fuel hoses – New hose test will be using a new fuel that is 10% ethanol (E10). The standard is at ISO Secretariat. The next meeting of this WG is scheduled for June. ISO wants the DIS completed this summer.
  - ICOMIA standards
    - Graphical symbols – The ISO Graphical symbols group is handicapped by the onerous requirements of submitting a new graphical symbol. It is almost impossible to do so in ISO. This has driven ICOMIA to ask if there should be an ICOMIA Graphical Symbols standard. First meeting of this WG is in Dusseldorf. NMMA is the convener of this project.
  - Standards Harmonization – No work done in this area since METS.
  
6. Technical Committee Business
  - Boat building/construction standard contract – Germany has developed a model template of a builder/client contract that covers all German requirements. The TC discussed if this model can be extended to all ICOMIA members. Is the ICOMIA TARA committee a better place for this? The TC will begin this project by data gathering and briefing the Secr General; need direction on this project.
  - MIA Cooperation on technical seminars – The TC still needs more MIA representation on the TC.
  - New Technology Workshop 2012 – Looking for new topics for next METS in November 2012. Will not have a main theme but stay very general.
  - NMMA gave the committee a PowerPoint presentation on the NMMA certification program.
  - Finland reported that an imported boat with a PCA originally rejected by the ADCO in Finland was appealed to a higher Finish authority and the rejection was overturned.
  
7. The next meeting of the ICOMIA Technical Committee will be held in April 2012, at the ICOMIA Congress in Capetown, South Africa.

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