CEN/BT Working Group 69

In attendance were representatives from Finland, Germany, France, England, ICOMIA, the EU Commission, the SIS Secretariat, the HAS Consultant, and TC 188.

BT/WG 69 meets to monitor the activities associated with the European Union Recreational craft Directive. Another task is to monitor the transition periods of newly published ISO standards. The scope of the group may be changed to include oversight of technical aspects of the RCD.

1. TC 188 Update

All conveners are asked to review their WG email list to assure the lists are up-to-date and to encourage WG experts to officially register with their national standards agency. The conveners were also sent an email prior to their meetings discussing the ISO Code of Conduct, reviewing the requirements of the RCD, writing Annex ZA, determining transition periods, and submittal of terms to the Glossary.

The next meeting of TC 188, along with standards week, will be in Toronto, 24-28 June 2019.

ISO 9094, Fire protection, will be opened for review along with a side-by-side review of ISO 12133, CO detection systems.

WG2 deals with inflatables and will be looking to streamline the series based on design, performance, testing and materials.

The scope of TC188 needs to be clarified (See item 3 in the HAS report)

Nominations are out for a new chair and vice chair for TC 188 (Russ Wombwell, BMF, and Craig Scholten, ABYC, have been nominated as the new chair and vice chair).

ISO 11591, Field of vision from the helm, is in FDIS ballot that will close February 2, 2019.

ISO 14945, Builders plate, was submitted as a DIS and received a number of comments to be addressed at the WG meeting at boot. A new propeller symbol has been created and submitted to ISO to replace the fan symbol on the builder’s plate.

ISO 15085, Man overboard prevention and recovery, was amended to comply with the RCD requirement of “shall be accessible to or deployable by a person in the water unaided”.


ISO 12215-7, Scantlings, Multihulls, draft being prepared for submittal of FDIS vote.
ISO 12215-5, Scantlings, Design pressures, approved FDIS with 100% of the vote but with 169 comments! (FDIS should have a yes or no vote only). Any changes in Part 5 may affect Parts 7 and 10.

ISO 12215-10, Scantlings, Rig loads, DIS ballot closed and comments will be address at the WG meeting at boot.

2. European Union Commission Report

The EU Commission wants to increase the quality of harmonized standards.

The EU Commission is in charge of EN standards and will now conduct an internal investigation before approval and publishing. Thirty standards are in the review process and the only change was a corrected Annex ZA.

ISO 16147, Engine mounted fuel and electrical components. This standard contains other referenced standards that are under review and might be either different or may no longer have a presumption of conformity. Therefore, the referenced standards should be dated. The HAS consultant believes TC188 is correctly dating the references: reference standards are dated when a specific clause is used and the standard is not dated when the entire standard is applicable.

(Later) New guidance from CEN: All standards used in normative references shall be dated. If an undated standard is used then justification must be submitted to the Commission (by letter, such as, an updated standard will be published within a year). **Action:** Email from the HAS Consultant and TC188 to conveners and project leaders to implement the new Commission policy. **Action:** ICOMIA to contact Commission on scope of the letter.

ISO 8666, Principal data, is in the group of 30 standards in the queue to be published. This standard was submitted in 2016 and has suffered a number of setbacks, all within the ISO bureaucracy.

3. The HAS Consultant update

New problem: Many new Annex ZA’s are just citing the old Annex text and this is likely incorrect. The HAS Consultant will be assisting the WG conveners with their new duty of writing the Annex ZA.

Definitions: The HAS Consultant is seeing standards with newly created definitions and then not using this new definition within the standard. Same with references. **Action:** Reminders will be sent to the conveners to review definitions and references to assure they are used in the standard.

TC188 Standards Scope and Small craft definition: Should the TC188 standards’ scope say “craft up to 24m” or “craft between 2.5-24m”. The RCD defines craft as between 2.5-24m. This will be clarified in Annex ZA.

The HAS consultants will be assessing all normative references listed in the standard during their indicative assessments.
HAS consultant attendance at WG meetings is a problem because of delays in Commission Services and the Commission’s legal contractor (Ernst & Young) – money is the issue.

4. CEN/TC Proposal

Is the CEN/BT 69 WG correctly administered as a standalone group sponsored by the Commission? It currently does not have the communication links available from Livelink since it is not an ISO Technical Committee. The group proposed that CEN/BT 69 become a CEN/TC group as an official CEN committee with the benefits associated with this change. The convener of CEN/BT 69 will become the chair of CEN/TCxx. Patrick Hemp, ICOMIA, was appointed to be the new chair. CEN/TC members must be nominated by their national standards agency.

5. ISO Transition Period Determinations

The default transition period for a standard from publication to taking effect is 6 months. The group will soon see a request to extend that period to 24 months for ISO 11591, Field of Vision from the Steering Position. A template for a document to be used for an extension of transition period is to be developed by ICOMIA and TC188. (Note: the ISO secretariat has already developed such a document.)

6. Next meeting of the CEN/BT WG 69 (or under new title) will be at the call of the chair, probably January 2020.

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