

RSG Subgroup meetings Eynatten, Belgium

17-18 October 2007

This was a meeting of the Recreational Craft Sectoral Subgroups. The subgroups consist of the Notified Bodies (NB) for the Recreational Craft Directive, and representatives of industry. NMMA is a member of these subgroups. The main objective of the meeting was to deal with issues concerning the applicability of the Amended Recreational Craft Directive.

PFE – Proposal for Inquiry

IDG – Internet Discussion Document

N/B – Notified Body

CEN – European Committee for Standardization

WG – ISO Work Group

PCA – Post Construction Assessment

RSG Conformity Assessment Procedures (CAP) Subgroup meeting

RSG Guidelines

- Added “construction and attachment” of various hull parts (keel, chain plate, rudders, etc.) to the RSG list of Essential Safety Requirements.
- Added that the principle data measurement standard is a mandatory standard for CE certification (along with noise, exhaust, power measurement and stability (if applicable)).
- Warranty requirements in the owners manual are not addressed by the RSG for PCAs.
- Notified Bodies registration number shall be listed on builder’s plates for Modules D, E F, G, H, and PCA.
- The Commission recommended that the RSG develop a standard report for PCAs. A draft template will be created in time to discuss at the next RSG meeting in January. IMCI already has and uses a template Certification Certificate for PCAs that can be used as an example by the Subgroup. The RSG Guidelines will include all items to be included on the PCA Certification Certificate.
- The Subgroup looked at two versions of Guidelines updates. The RSG had wanted to cut down the size of the Guidelines which has grown to 170 pages. Much of the information in the current Guidelines is redundant to the information in the RCD and the CC Paper. Discussion evolved into expanding the Guidelines to include both the RCD and the CC Paper into one document. It would appear that this concept would increase the volume of the Guidelines, not decrease it. A mini version will be presented to the RSG at the next meeting for evaluation.
- The Guidelines for 2008 will soon be available for review and comment before the next meeting.

PFE’s

- #206 – Should EC documents be limited by validity (time)? As this is a legal question, this PFE was forwarded to the Commission for direction.
- #212 – Can the tolerances of ISO 8666 be applicable to the 12m length? These tolerances are given as +/- 1%. The Subgroup determined that the boat’s length shall be determined by the builder in the builder’s drawings for assessment purposes. This is length that shall determine the type of assessment. (Example, a 12m boat is found to be 12.12m and can still be assessed as a 12m boat). The Subgroup also recommended that all ISO WGs review and determine tolerances in their requirements and that the Commission review the tolerances in the Directives.
- #213 – Is PCA applicable for PWC? This needs clarification from the Commission since PCAs in the Directive applies to only recreational craft and the RSG includes PWC in PCAs.
- #214 – ISO 13590 for PWC requires the same floatation test for both Category C and D. The manufacturer should choose the correct design category.

Issues of the CAP Subgroup

- In Module B, the same product cannot be sent to two different N/Bs by the builder for assessment at the same time. The subgroup will apply this concept to all modules. The builder must terminate the contract with one N/B before applying the same product to another N/B.
- ADCO invited RSG to participate in the revision of the New Approach documents. An RSG Task Force will review the documents and meet prior to the next RSG meeting in Düsseldorf. Documents will be distributed.

RSG Design and Construction Subgroup meeting

PFEs

- #203 – Should inflatables over 8m be assessed like all other boats for stability until ISO 6185-4 is approved? Yes, until Part 4 of the ISO 6185 is available. The inflatables WG has made very slow progress in development of this part of the standard.
- #210 – Should quick-draining recesses with free surface be accounted for in stability calculations? Refer this to WG 22 at their next meeting at METS 2007. (ISO 12217-1:2002, Clause 6.3.1)
- #211 – Can the word GAS be used on the fuel (petrol) fill? No, it does not comply with ISO 10088.

RSG Exhaust Subgroup meeting

- No action.

RSG - ASBL Corporation Report

- Question asked at last RSG Corp. meeting: what is the benefit to continue the RSG Non-profit organization?
- Ideas: Sponsor travel of RSG chair to ADCO meetings, training seminars, etc. A business plan was requested from the secretary of this group.
- Corporation rules were updated and the draft rules require review.
- Looking at membership in a European Marine Industry organization (ECNI). No further action.

The next meeting of the RSG is tentatively scheduled for April 24-25, 2008 in Brussels. The next meeting of the subgroups was tentatively scheduled for January 28-29, 2008 in Düsseldorf.

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