

Meeting Report
ICOMIA Technical Committee meeting
Amsterdam, The Netherlands
November 17, 2010

Summary and Highlights of the Meeting of the ICOMIA Technical Committee (TC).

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1. Previous TC Action Items

- Circulated a reminder to submit all channel assignments for VHF radios to be listed on the ICOMIA website. Sweden, Finland and the US has already submitted this information
- Monitor the development of fuel tank standards.
- Asked Queensland, Australia to use IEC standards vice developing their own. The TC sent a letter to Standards Australia on this request. Since each Australian state has their own boating regulations, our request is being held by our representative, Nik Parker. Compounding this problem is the apparent demise of the national safety organization in Australia, NMSC.
- Developed a Rules of Procedure document
- The ICOMIA environment representative has develop an overview of all environmental regulations in all ICOMIA member states. This document is available on the ICOMIA website.
- Sweden and Finland requires owners manuals in their national language which is above the requirement of the RCD. The question is whether a member state can require documentation above that required by the RCD.
- ICOMIA was updated on Brunswick's anti-dumping case
- ICOMIA contacted MIAs for experts to ISO Standards Work Groups.
- The list of standards no longer needed by the industry was presented to TC 188 with no further action.
- The development of the ICOMIA fuel efficiency standard is underway. A webinar was held and a draft standard was created for further revision.
- ICOMIA will provide a report for members on the difference between the EU CIN and the US HIN programs.

2. Fuel Efficiency Project

- Greenhouse gasses are generally directly proportional to the amount of fuel burned.
- ICOMIA and IMEC initiated a standard for standardizing fuel consumption measurements.
- This document will first will be published as an ICOMIA standard. Comments to be received and reviewed by the TC at the Dusseldorf meeting in 2011. **Action:** NMMA to distribute for comment.

3. EU Update

- ICOMIA distributed a document of changes from the old to new RCD. The new RCD may be adopted by the EU commission in early 2011 and will be required by 2013.
 - The new RCD deletes the requirement to ventilate a fuel tank compartment.
 - Evaporative emissions will be reduced by 900% and HC emissions will be reduced by 100%
 - Sound emissions requirements may be revised.
- The last RSG meeting was held in Egham, UK, in October 2010. The group discussed an error in date of adoption of the amended ISO 12217 which allowed for a period of non-conformity. All MIAs were directed to inform their members of this issue.
- E7 and E10 petrol will be available in the EU next year and will expect the usual E problems.
- Discussed the details of post construction assessment. A PCA conducted on a boat cannot use a previously completed CE assessment of the same boat model conducted when the model was new. Each PCA requires an individual assessment.
- The EMC directive covers recreational craft and must be complied. Testing is a problem on a large boat. If components are tested and comply, does this compliance carry over to the boat? No,

- though that is the practical solution. The group will research how the shipbuilding industry complies with their EMC requirements.
- Lake Constance is a special issue with old exhaust emissions rules. It is a potable watershed for 3 countries. Its rules almost prohibit petrol inboard engines due to its tough emissions requirements.
 - Lake Balaton in Hungary has banned powerboats except in emergencies.
 - Italy and Spain wants to ban all lifejackets placed on the market certified under the old series of EN/ISO standards for lifejackets. The EU commission determined that both the old and the new series of ISO standards may be used for lifejacket certification. Italy seems to want the TC to help fight this ruling. I offered that this was beyond the scope of the TC.
 - The TC received a report on anti-dumping measures of Chinese fiberglass. This product now has a 46% levy, to the detriment of the boat building industry. The EU states will soon determine whether to continue this levy for the next 5 years.
 - The RTT directive which covers VHF radios in boats is currently under revision. SOLAS requirements are being reviewed for adoption.
4. US Update
 - E-diesel will probably not be available in the US markets.
 5. Reports of the Marine Industry Associations
 - NMMA gave an update of the following 7 projects: E15 labels on petrol pumps, Workers compensation, Ban on lead in fishing tackle, Vehicles for boat towing, Wakeboard ban, Compliance seminars, and Additional standards in the NMMA certification program.
 - Finland reported that they have projects for an aluminum repairs standard and a stability standard for 6.5m powerboats (due to an accident on a small bowrider).
 - UK reported that they initiated a regulation ceiling, and that no new regulation can be enacted without one being pulled.
 - Sweden reported that they are looking at black water requirements.
 - France reported that their main concern is grey water.
 - Canada reported that TP 1332 has been revised.
 6. Standards updates
 - TC 188 has 94 published standards. WG meetings have been held in Genoa and Amsterdam in 2010 and in Düsseldorf and Paris in 2011. The plenary meeting will be June 27-July 1, 2011.
 - Ten 2011 systematic reviews have started already.
 - The WGs still need new members.
 - Issues include: navigation light standards, revision of the RCD, and Distributed power. Scantlings and Stability reviews are underway, and simplified versions of these two standards will be requested. It was requested that ICOMIA develop guidance documents for the industry when using Scantlings and Stability standards. IMCI will contribute to these projects.
 - The standards harmonization group met yesterday and finished fuel systems, man overboard and the super label. Next meeting of the group is in December in Nashville.
 7. Technical Committee Rules of Procedure
 - The Rules of Procedures for TC, originally created by NMMA, was accepted by the committee and will be presented to the Executive Committee for approval.
 8. New Business
 - ICOMIA requested new technology topics for the METS Technology Forum in 2011.
 - NMMA created an outline for an approval and maintenance policy of ICOMIA standards. NMMA was given the ok to move forward with this document and will team with ABYC on its creation.
 - IMO NOx emissions limits (Tier II) will be significantly lower beginning January 2011.
 9. The next meeting of the ICOMIA Technical Committee will be held in January 2011 at Boot Düsseldorf.

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