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**Minutes** of a meeting of Marine DP Committee held on 22 April 2025 from 11:00hrs UTC via videoconference

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## DP Committee

Graeme Lorenson	Subsea 7 (Chair)
Zack Clark	Kongsberg
Sjors Robertz	Boskalis
Wassim Kennou	Bourbon
Odd Tollefsen	Altera
Aleks Karlsen	DNV
Joey Fisher	M <sub>3</sub> Marine
John de Hartog	Saipem
Camilla Costa	TechnipFMC
James Fortnum	Tidewater
Lars Skov Engdam	Maersk Training
Kevin Murphy	Valaris
Cinthya Lopes	SimWave
Mike Hensley	ABS
Craig Styles	BV Consulting
Jorma Koponen	ABB
Ben Hukins	Global Maritime
Alessio Lombardi	ABL
Peter Griffin	Transocean

## IMCA

Richard Purser  
Jennifer Evans  
Andy Goldsmith

## 1 Competition law compliance policy

The IMCA Competition Law Compliance Policy was acknowledged by attendees.

## 2 Welcome and attendance & Minutes of the previous meeting

- **New members welcomed:**
  - Peter Griffin (Transocean)

The **minutes from the February meeting were approved** without objections and will be signed by the Chair

Table 1 – Record of Attendance

Name	Company	23 April 24	21 Aug 24	18 Dec 24	25 Feb 25	This
Graeme Lorensen	Subsea 7 (Chair)	Attended	Attended	Attended	Apologies	Attended
Joey Fisher	M <sub>3</sub> Marine	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Sjors Robertz	Boskalis	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Apologies
Wassim Kennou	Bourbon	Apologies	Attended	Apologies	Attended	Attended
Odd Tollefsen	Altera	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Aleks Karlsen	DNV	Attended	Attended	Attended	Apologies	Attended
Zack Clark	Kongsberg	Attended	Attended	Attended	Apologies	Attended
John de Hartog	Saipem	Apologies	Attended	Attended	Apologies	Attended
Camilla Costa	TechnipFMC		Attended	Apologies	Attended	Attended
James Fortnum	Tidewater	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Klaus Movesen	Maersk Training		Apologies	Attended	Apologies	Apologies
Kevin Murphy	Valaris	Attended	Apologies	Attended	Attended	Attended
Cinthya Lopes	SimWave	Attended	Apologies	Attended	Apologies	Attended
Mike Hensley	ABS	Attended	Attended	Apologies	Attended	Attended
Craig Styles	BV Consulting	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Jorma Koponen	ABB		Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Ben Hukins	Global Maritime				Attended	Attended
Alessio Lombardi	ABL				Attended	Attended
Renata Cortes	CBO				-	Apologies
Peter Griffin	Transocean				-	Attended

The actions from the previous DP Committee meetings were reviewed and discussed. The minutes from the previous meeting held in August were approved and will be signed off.

## 2.1 Attendance review

The attendance tracking process was discussed and corrections noted. It was agreed to standardize the designation as “apologies” moving forward for simplicity.

## 3 Work Program

### 3.1 Documentation

- M103: Identified as top priority. A reminder will be sent to finalize updates.
- M252: Also prioritised; contains recent feedback to address.
- M217 (High Voltage): Requires further review.
- M250 (Batteries & Hybrid Systems): Requires major updates due to evolving technology. A work group will be proposed. Terms of reference will be drafted and submitted for CEO approval.
- Joint Emergency Preparedness Document: Will be cross-departmental. Focus on accurate DP section content.
- DP1 and M140 Documents: Feedback is limited; likely accepted. Consider enhancing M140 with data plots related to footprint.

### 3.2 Handbook and Question Review

- The DP Practitioner Accreditation Handbook will be added to the review list.
- Several members emphasized the need for better guidance for seafarers transitioning to shore-based roles.
- It was agreed to review the accreditation exam questions for clarity, especially for non-native English speakers

**Action: IMCA**

### 3.3 Practitioner Accreditation and CPD

- Accreditation Numbers:
  - Accredited Practitioners: 92 currently listed.
  - The committee discussed the need for a clearer onboarding path and better support for individuals transitioning into the practitioner role.
  - The possibility of listing accredited practitioners publicly on the IMCA website is being reviewed with consideration for data protection.
- CPD Program:
  - The DPO CPD app now has 8,675 registered users, with an average of 2,000 active users per month.
  - Revalidation process updates:
    - Year 1 candidates may complete Modules 1 & 2 consecutively.
    - A mandatory 4-month gap must be observed before starting Year 2 modules

### 3.4 Work with Other Organizations

- Joint Document on Single Fault Tolerance: In final review with Christopher Holland at OCIMF. Awaiting streamlining by a technical writer. Ongoing efforts noted with expected document publication shortly.
- See item 7.0 below for discussion following DP Asia with regards Data Centric Evidence.
- Overview of IMO ongoing.

**Action: IMCA/Committee**

## 4 Objectives for 2025

The committee discussed objectives, the below were shown to the committee:

- Information Notes
- DP Committee members must ensure IMCA accreditation
- DP Committee members to submit 5 reports.
- Conduct DP Conference - React to the outcomes from the DP Conference
- Update/review – of documents as per yearly cycle
- Joint Emergency Preparedness.

Suggested updates to the DP Practitioners Accreditation handbook and exam questions added to 2025 objectives. Discussion included improving industry uptake and relevance of accreditation, especially in Norway and major operators.

**Action: IMCA/Committee**

## 5 Mechanical/Electrical Failures

- Increase noted due to aging fleets, supply chain issues, and vessel reactivations.
- Noted problem with both hardware and skilled labour shortages impacting upon quality of deliverables.
- Contractual constraints undermining Planned Maintenance programs.

Discussions on how the DP Committee can tackle this issue, further thought is required. This will be a subject of a presentation at the 2025 IMCA DP Conference.

## 6 DP Conference & Upcoming Events

- DP Asia Conference – April 2-3, 2025
  - Topics: Competence, Training, DP Incidents, Digital Decision Support Tools, and ASOG Implementation.
  - IMCA Representatives: Richard Purser, Jennifer Evans, and Rhys Jones.
  - Industry presenters: Kongsberg, MTS, ABB, DNV, and more.
  - 2026 DP Asia will be held in June
- 2025 DP Conference Planning – Istanbul 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> June:
  - Topics:
    - Emission Reduction Strategies (Closed Bus Ties, Alternative Fuels)
    - Safety Implications of New Technologies
    - Operational Challenges in Hybrid DP Systems

**Action: Committee**

## 7 Any other business

### 7.1 Discussion on Data-Centric Evidence for DP Trials

- Key Issue: The committee discussed the need to define what constitutes acceptable data-centric evidence for DP trials.
- Current Challenge: There is confusion and inconsistency in understanding what qualifies as valid evidence, particularly in trial documentation and performance verification.
- Proposed Actions:
  - Define Clear Criteria: A formal definition of “data-centric evidence” should be developed to standardize expectations.
  - Provide Examples: It was agreed that concrete examples would be helpful to illustrate acceptable formats and types of data.
  - Avoid Ambiguity: Standardizing this aspect would help reduce misinterpretation and improve the consistency of DP trials across the industry.

**Action: IMCA/Committee**

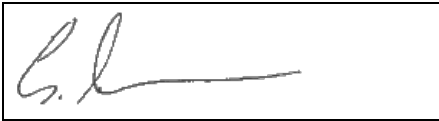
8 Summary of action items

Action	Responsible	Target
Finalise M103 for publication	Committee/IMCA	June 2025
Complete M217, M247, M250, and M252 reviews	Committee/IMCA	December 2025
Publish Joint Emergency Preparedness Document	Committee/IMCA	December 2025
Draft ToR and seek CEO approval for Document 250 workgroup	IMCA	June 5 <sup>th</sup>
Add Accreditation Handbook to document review list	IMCA	December 2025
Review accreditation exam questions	IMCA	Continuous
Draft info note on position reference drift	GL	September 2025
Clarify data-centric evidence and provide examples – Mail Committee members for volunteers.	Committee/ IMCA	September 2025
Explore public listing of accredited practitioners	IMCA	Soonest – Dec 2025

9 Date and location of next meetings

To be scheduled for Istanbul 5<sup>th</sup> June F2F & videoconference

DP Committee Chair

	G Lorensen	Aug 6, 2025
Signed as a true record	Name	Date






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