

Minutes of a meeting of the Association’s MASS Committee held on 28 May 2025 from 1400hrs UTC +1 via videoconference

Committee Members	
Name	Company
Gary Sanders (C)	Ocean Infinity
Dan Stoye (VC)	BP
Graeme Russell	TechnipFMC
Lucas Marino	Petrobras
Torsten Marten	Utec
Raimund Bjordal	Equinor
Nicolas Chasiotis	Allseas
Gary Saunders	Ocean Infinity
Kristian Breidfjord	Reach Subsea
Shepard Smith	XOcean
Mohammad Saslia	Safeen Subsea
Peter Solvang	DP Marine
Richard Purser	IMCA
Jennifer Evans	IMCA
Dustin Varnell	IMCA

1 Competition law compliance policy

The IMCA Competition Law Compliance Policy, which had been circulated with the meeting agenda, was drawn to the attention of all present.

2 Welcome and apologies for absence and Minutes of the previous meeting

The chair welcomed members to the meeting. Apologies for absence were recorded, with the latest meeting attendance now as follows:

Name	Company	Committee Meeting Attendance			
		Feb 2024	July 2024	February 2025	May 2025
Gary Sanders (C)	Ocean Infinity	S Substitute	Absent	Attended	Attended
Dan Stoye (VC)	BP	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Graeme Russell	TechnipFMC	Attended	Absent	Attended	Absent
Lucas Marino	Petrobras	Absent	Absent	Absent	Attended
Torsten Marten	Utec	Absent	Absent	Attended	Attended
Raimund Bjordal	Equinor	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Nicolas Chasiotis	Allseas	Attended	Absent	Attended	Attended
Gary Saunders	Ocean Infinity	S Substitute	Absent	Attended	Attended
Kristian Breidfjord	Reach Subsea	Attended	Absent	Attended	Attended
Shepard Smith	XOcean	Attended	Attended	Absent	Absent
Mohammad Saslia	Safeen Subsea			Attended	Attended
Peter Solvang	DP Marine			Attended	Attended

2.1 Apologies for absence

Cinthya Lopes	Simwave BV Has now resigned from Committee
Graeme Russel	TechnipFMC
Margaret Fitzgerald	IMCA

2.2 Approval of the minutes

The minutes from the meeting held in February were agreed and will be duly signed as an accurate record by the Chair.

Review of Actions from Previous Meeting

- **DP Feasibility** – Noted as a low-priority item at present.
- **USV Inspection Feedback Document** – Trevor has progressed this significantly. Gary is reviewing final comments. Publication targeted for **1st June 2025**.
- **MASS Event Planning** – Cancelled for this year due to internal capacity issues. Reconsideration for 2026 with possible cross-discipline collaboration.
- **In-Person Meeting** – Still targeted for year-end.
- **Amsterdam Event** – Too costly for general attendance. Richard to attend and report back

3 Updates from IMO

- IMCA co-sponsored document MSC 110/13/3 on remote operator training.
- Focus is aligning the MASS Code with STCW training and certification for remote operators.
- Chapters 1, 3, and 8 of the MASS Code are finalised; Chapters 4, 5, and 15 are partially completed.
- Peter raised concerns about defining roles for partially autonomous vessels.

4 Objectives

Discussion deferred; existing objectives to be reviewed post-Sea Works event and in the next meeting

5 Work Program

5.1 Update of USV working group

- High-priority task. Trevor finalising feedback.
- Aim is to publish before 1st August No additional review rounds anticipated.

Action: USV Work Group

5.2 Review of M257

- Scheduled for post-summer focus (September meeting)

5.3 IMCA MASS Event 2026

- It was noted that there could be a possibility for IMCA to host or co-host a MASS event in 2026

6 Collaborations

- IMCA has a 1-hour slot at Sea-Works in Southampton June 10th.
- Planned presentations and Q&A panel to address USV operations, risk appetite, and benefits for operators/oil majors

Action: IMCA

7 Any other business

7.1 DP Classification Debate

- Peter Solvang raised the issue of defining DP capability versus classification.
- General agreement that clearer industry standards are required, especially for vessels <24m not classed as DP2 but with DP-like features

Action: IMCA/Committee

7.2 Regional Practices

- Kristian and Mohamad shared regional practices from Norway and the UAE, respectively
- Mohamad shared that ADNOC was developing a draft document detailing operator training requirements and operational guidelines. Document is under review; he will seek permission from ADNOC to share it formally

8 Summary of action items

Action	Responsible	Target
Finalize and publish USV Inspection Feedback Document	IMCA	1 August 2025
Attend and present at Sea-Works event	Richard / Gary	10 June 2025
M257 to be reviewed	IMCA/Committee	December 2025
Begin exploration for a 2026 IMCA MASS Event	Committee	September 2025
Define USV DP classification standards (initial draft/discussion)	Committee	September 2025

9 Date and location of next meetings

September 1400hrs UTC +1

G.Sanders	Gary Sanders	02/03/2026
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Signed as a true record

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Date

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