

Minutes of a meeting of Marine DP Committee held on 24 February 2026 from 11:00 hrs UTC via videoconference

DP Committee

Graeme Lorensen (GLO)	Subsea 7 (Chair)	
Joey Fisher (JFI)	M3 Marine (Vice Chair)	
Zack Clark (ZCL)	Kongsberg	
Sjors Robertz (SRO)	Boskalis	
Wassim Kennou (WKE)	Bourbon	
Odd Tollefsen (OTO)	Altera	
Aleks Karlsen (ALA)	DNV	
Moreno Colombero (MCO)	Saipem	
Camilla Costa (CCO)	TechnipFMC	
XXXXX	Tidewater	
Kevin Murphy (KMU)	Valaris	
Cinthya Lopes (CLO)	SimWave	
Mike Hensley (MHE)	ABS	
Craig Styles (CST)	BV Consulting	
Jorma Koponen (JKO)	ABB	IMCA
Ben Hukins (BHU)	Global Maritime	Richard Purser (RPU)
Alessio Lombardi (ALO)	ABL	Jennifer Evans (JEV)
Peter Griffin (PGR)	Transocean	Argiro Bell (ABE)
Renata Cotes (RCO)	CBO	

1 Competition Law Compliance Policy

The IMCA Competition Law Compliance Policy was acknowledged by attendees.

2 Welcome and Attendance & Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes from the September meeting were approved without objections and will be signed by the Chair.

Table 1 – Record of Attendance

Name	Company	22 April 25	5 June 25	9 Sept 25	4 Dec 25	24 Feb 26
Graeme Lorensen (Chair) (GLO)	Subsea7	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Joey Fisher (V Chair)(JFO)	M3 Marine	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Sjors Robertz(SRO)	Boskalis	Apologies	Attended	Attended	Apologies	Attended
Wassim Kennou(WKE)	Bourbon	Attended	Attended	Attended	Apologies	Attended
Odd Tollefsen(OTO)	Altera	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Apologies
Aleks Karlsen(AKL)	DNV	Attended	Attended	Apologies	Attended	Attended
Zack Clark(ZCL)	Kongsberg	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Moreno Colombero(MCO)	Saipem				Attended	Attended
Camilla Costa(CCO)	TechnipFMC	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
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Alessio Lombardi(ALO)	ABL	Attended	Attended	Attended	Apologies	Attended
Renata Cortes(RCO)	CBO	Apologies	Attended	Apologies	Attended	Attended
Peter Griffin(PGI)	Transocean	Attended	Apologies	Attended	Attended	Apologies

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.

3 Work Programme

3.1 Documentation

3.1.1 M103

ZCL presented a significant restructuring of M103. Key points:

- Creation of a new “All Vessels” section covering fundamental design considerations.
- Removal of redundant operational content.
- Reduction in document length from over 200 pages to approximately 120 pages.
- Proposal to split the document into:
 - Part A – Design
 - Part B – Operations
- Retention of the existing M103 title to avoid confusion in contracts and industry references.

The committee agreed in principle to adopt a two-part structure (Design and Operations within the same document).

Discussion took place regarding the relocation of operational guidance. Options considered included M220 and MSF 182. The committee agreed to retain operational guidance within M103 as Part B rather than migrating content to other documents.

Draft documents have been uploaded to the SharePoint folder (Doc Review 2026). Members were requested to focus on content rather than formatting, with particular attention to the new “All Vessels” section.

Action: ZCL/Committee

3.1.2 M119

A poll was conducted (approx. 80 recipients) regarding retention of IMCA 119 (Fire on DP Vessels). 70% supported retaining the document.

RPU confirmed he has rewritten the document and will reissue it for final comment prior to publication.

Action: RPU

3.1.3 M217

Final reminder issued for review. One additional week granted for comments before progressing.

Action: IMCA/Committee

3.1.4 M247, 250 & 206

- 247: Feedback received; requires further review.
- 250 (Hybrid Systems): Discussion held on potential merger with 206 (DP Electrical Power and Control Systems).
- Committee agreed it would be beneficial to review both documents with the intention of streamlining and potentially incorporating hybrid guidance into 206.

Action: Committee

3.1.5 M257

Currently under review by the MASS Committee. To be shared with DP Committee once draft stabilised.

Action: RPU

3.2 DP Event Reporting Scheme

JEV presented the 2025 annual statistics:

- 260 reports received
- 177 vessels reporting
- 20% increase compared with previous year
- Average 1.5 reports per vessel
- 20% of reports submitted by non-member companies
- Highest number from a single vessel: 9 reports

External factors increased significantly:

- Rise from 1% to 7% of secondary failures

- Now second highest contributing factor (21% of incidents)
- Majority attributed to spoofing, DGPS issues and scintillation

The 2025 Annual Report is complete and pending COO sign-off prior to release.

3.2.1 Online Reporting Portal

The online reporting system is now live.

Members were guided through access steps via the IMCA website. Some navigation and downloadable form issues remain; Camilla Costa and Victor are addressing corrections.

Email submission will remain available during the transition period.

3.3 Practitioner Accreditation

Current statistics:

- 123 accredited DP Practitioners
- 59 Company Authorities
- Pass rate approx. 65–70%

3.3.1 Exam Question Review

Concerns raised that questions may not reflect latest document revisions and may use overly complex English.

Due to exam integrity requirements, full question sets cannot be broadly shared.

Proposal agreed:

- Establish a controlled work group of accredited practitioners to refresh and update questions.
- Maintain question security via segmented review process.
- Ensure clarity of language and alignment with current IMCA documents.
- Ensure alignment of questions with latest IMCA publications.

Action: RPU.

3.3.2 Barriers to Entry

Feedback received that the requirement for prior DP trial participation is perceived as restrictive.

The committee reaffirmed that:

- The scheme is experience-based.

- It is not a training certification.
- Companies are responsible for developing practitioners.
- The scheme is intended to prevent inexperienced individuals operating independently.

No structural changes agreed at this stage.

3.3.3 Revalidation and CPD

Concerns raised regarding:

- CPD percentage split requirements.
- Accessibility of conference-based CPD for practitioners without company support.
- Remote location limitations.

Discussion included:

- Potential recognition of online events.
- Clarification of acceptable CPD activities.
- Review of proportional weighting between operational and CPD-based points.

No structural changes agreed at this stage, but the workgroup will review the entry and revalidation criteria.

Action: RPU

3.4 DPO CPD

Argiro confirmed:

- Successful migration of 10,000+ users to IMCA Skills platform.
- Six CPD modules currently live.
- New annual subscription/payment structure implemented.
- Users must download certificates or QR codes for Nautical Institute revalidation evidence.

3.5 Work with Other Organisations

- Coordination with MTS continues, particularly around:
 - TechOPs for AC and DC verification/validation.
 - Ensuring DP documents published by both bodies remain aligned.
 - Committee interested in early visibility of MTS drafts to avoid duplication and ensure consistency.

- OCIMF – There is a greater relationship building with OCIMF since the turnover of staff due to their secondment policy every 2-3 years. Several joint workstreams are being discussed.
- DP Asia – Set for 21 and 22 May 2026 with a DP Middle East proposed for September.
- NI- STCW, IMCA remains neutral on the inclusion of DPO Certification into Part A (Mandatory) of the STCW Code.

Action: IMCA/JKO

4 Committee Objectives – 2026

Discussions included:

- Continued work on closed bus operations and integrating GHG-reduction considerations
- Coordination with MTS on hybrid power systems and validation/testing guidance
- Improve communications with the DP community
- DP Trials Eradicating bad actors regarding digital trials evidence.

Action: IMCA/Committee

5 Technical Discussion – DP3 Power Supply and Redundancy

Discussion focused on:

- DP3 vessel trial where both DP UPS units were supplied from same redundancy group.
- Class rule evolution toward stricter separation.
- Distinction between control system redundancy and power system redundancy.
- Independent joystick power supply requirements in M103.
- Potential inconsistencies with other standards.

Committee agreed that clarification may be required within M103 and related guidance.

Action: GLO

6 DP Conference

Themes discussed for upcoming DP Conference:

- Relevance and evolution of FMEAs
- Incorporation of JDP guidance
- Autonomy and remote operations
- Impact of emerging technologies
- Shore-based DP operations

- Industry shift toward unmanned vessels

Action: RPU

7 Any Other Business

7.1 F2F Committee Meeting in Singapore (DP Asia)

The committee discussed holding a face-to-face meeting in Singapore during DP Asia. Due to changes in the conference schedule, holding the meeting after the event would fall into the weekend and was considered impractical. It was therefore proposed to hold the meeting on Wednesday, 20 May (afternoon), prior to the conference.

Members agreed in principle, subject to availability. A poll will be circulated to confirm attendance numbers. Local venue options will be arranged in Singapore once participation is confirmed..

Action: RPU/Committee


8 Summary of Action Items

Action	Responsible	Target
Continue development of M103 Part B	ZAB	Ongoing
Review draft M103 (focus on "All Vessels" section)	Committee	Next meeting
Circulate IMCA 119 for final comment	RPU	March 2026
Submit final comments on 217	Committee	March 2026
Review and assess merger of 206 & 250	Committee	Next meeting
Establish accreditation exam work group	RPU	Q2 2026
Review revalidation & CPD criteria	RPU	Q2 2026
Draft DP Conference agenda	RPU	Next meeting
Review M103 power supply guidance	GLO	Next meeting

9 Date and Location of Next Meetings

To be scheduled for 20th May 2026 Singapore

DP Committee Chair



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05/06/2026

Signed as a true record

Name

Date






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Final Audit Report

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