

**Minutes** of a meeting of the Association’s Remote Operations & ROV Committee held on 9 September 2025 from 13:00 via videoconference.

## 1 Welcome and attendance

RM welcomed members to the meeting. The latest meeting attendance was as follows:

First	Last		Company	Position	12/12/2024	25/02/2025	27/05/2025	09/09/2025
Rene	Van Der Starre	RVDS	Subsea 7	Chair	☑ Attended	☑ Attended	☑ Attended	☑ Attended
Darren	Shannon	DS	Oceaneering	V/Chair	☑ Attended	☒ Apologies	☑ Attended	☑ Attended
Craig	Campbell	CC	Fugro		☒ Apologies	☑ Attended	☒ Apologies	☒ Apologies
Doug	Middleton	DM	ROVOP		☑ Attended	☒ Apologies	☑ Attended	☒ Apologies
Graeme	Russell	GR	TechnipFMC		☑ Attended	☑ Attended	☑ Attended	☑ Attended
Kevin	Porter	KP	DOF Subsea	APAC	☑ Attended	☑ Attended	☑ Attended	☒ Apologies
Mahesh	Govindan	MG	IKM Subsea Singapore	ME&I	☑ Attended	☒ Apologies	☑ Attended	☑ Attended
Malcolm	Rennie	MR	Mermaid		☑ Attended	☒ Apologies	☑ Attended	☑ Attended
Mike	Leijerzapf	ML	Allseas		☑ Attended	☑ Attended	☑ Attended	☑ Attended
Paul	Watson	PW	McDermott	NA Rep	☑ Attended	☒ Apologies	☑ Attended	☒ Apologies
Sabine	Smith	SS	Boskalis		☒ Apologies	☑ Attended	☑ Attended	☑ Attended
Tom	Baguet	TB	Jan De Nul		☑ Attended	☒ Apologies	☑ Attended	☑ Attended
Tommy	Adebayo	TA	Total Marine Technology		☑ Attended	☒ Apologies	☑ Attended	☑ Attended
Roger	Moore	RM	IMCA	Technical Adviser	☑ Attended	☑ Attended	☑ Attended	☑ Attended
Sara	McQuillan	SMQ	IMCA	Assistant Technical Adviser		☑ Attended	☑ Attended	☑ Attended
Jim	Cullen	JC	IMCA	Technical Director	☑ Attended	☑ Attended	☑ Attended	☑ Attended

## 2 Competition law compliance policy

The IMCA Competition Law Compliance Policy was drawn to the attention of all present.

## 3 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes from the Remote Systems and ROV Committee meeting held on May 27<sup>th</sup> 2025 were approved for use.

## 4 MRT Inspection and Discard Criteria for Umbilical’s – Guest Speaker

Maciej Martyna from LRM-NDE Laboratory presented detailed research on Magnetic Rope Testing (MRT) for umbilicals. The committee undertook in an in-depth discussion on test results, discard criteria, and the potential for industry standardisation, including Q&A on technical aspects and operational implementation.

## 5 IMCA Key Updates

### 5.1 Membership

RM provided an update on the current membership statistics noting that the ROV Division now sits at 291 members.

## 5.2 IMCA Publications

RM provided updates on various IMCA publications including new Guidance and new Information Notes.

## 5.3 Core Committees

JC discussed the future plans for the IMCA Operations Committee to streamline the workflow of the committee.

SMQ explained that the Environmental Sustainability Committee is seeking members to join their Supply Chain Workgroup. Contact details were provided to the committee to submit members for the workgroup.

## 5.4 Technical Committees

SMQ discussed the new Marine Division documents to support the inspection of USV's within the IMCA eCMID Platform (IMCA M272, M271 and IN 1714)

## 5.5 IMCA Events

Upcoming IMCA events were shown to the committee included the IMCA Global Summit. SMQ Highlighted the IMCA Awards which has an extended deadline of 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025. Members were encouraged to submit their nomination for award via the IMCA Website.

## 6 Remote Systems and ROV Committee – Non Workgroup Activity

### 6.1 Actions from the previous meeting

Four actions were highlighted from the Q2 2025 meeting. The completed actions included informing the committee of the publishing of R006 (SMQ), volunteers requested for R019 (Workgroup has been created) and volunteers requested for R023 (Workgroup has been created). One action remains outstanding and was noted by the committee chair.

### 6.2 Committee Member Resignation

SMQ informed the committee of the resignation of Ewan Emslie from the committee. EVDS thanked Ewan for his dedication and valuable contributions throughout his tenure, acknowledging the positive impact they made within the committee. RVDS will contact the company to query a replacement for the committee. If the company does not wish to put someone forward, at the next committee a discussion will be had as to whether the committee will seek further members.

### 6.3 MRT for Umbilical's

RVDS discussed the information presented by the guest speaker. The group discussed whether to form a work group to explore moving from destructive testing of umbilicals to MRT, noting the pros and cons, industry trends, and the potential for their committee to set a new standard. They agreed the whole committee should give input before taking further action. SMQ will create a poll to determine if this is something the committee will explore.

**Action: SMQ to poll the committee on interest in reviewing ROV umbilical testing recommendations**

### 6.4 R006: ROV System Inspection – Suitability for Legacy Systems

RM highlighted comments raised by committee members on the suitability of the latest revision of R006 for older ROV systems – specifically around certification requirements. MR explained the reasoning behind the comments that were raised and offered to put these in writing to the committee for future consideration.

**Action: MR to provide further information on R006 ROV System Inspection for Legacy Systems**

## **7 Remote Systems and ROV Committee – Workgroup Activity**

### **7.1 R006 : ROV System Inspection and e-R006 eCMID**

RM noted that this guidance document has been published. A further review may be required on launch of the eCMID system.

RM discussed that the eCMID platform development is ongoing with test RSI's in place. Development of the Trainee RSI (ROV System Inspect

### **7.2 R009: ROV Mobilisation**

DS provided an update on the document noting that it is almost ready to be sent to SMQ for review and then onto the committee for review.

**Action: DS to send R009 to SMQ for review**

### **7.3 R023/S011: AUV System Inspection**

RM noted that the workgroup for this document has been formed and undertaken it's first meeting. The next meeting will be on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

### **7.4 R019 I Biodegradable Lubricants**

A new workgroup chairperson was requested due to the resignation of the previous chair. Darren Shannon agreed to chair the workgroup.

## **8 AOB**

### **8.1 New IMCA Guidance – Equipment hire/purchase guidelines**

ML proposed developing guidance that outlines guidelines for the hire or purchase of ROV-related equipment, including ROV systems, launch and recovery systems, and umbilicals. This will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

**Action: SMQ to add new guidance for equipment hire/purchase to agenda for Q4 Meeting**

### **8.2 Joint operations between ROV's and Divers**

GR raised a discussion that was held via email between the committee on the use of ROV's by Divers. He discussed his experience of divers seeking clearer guidance on this subject and the existence of a diver propulsion unit. SS discussed the potential benefit of a joint committee between ROV and Diving to create clearer guidance on the use of ROV's by Divers. This will be further discussed at the next committee meeting. RM will review with Diving Committee, and a SharePoint folder has been set up for these documents.

**Action: RM to add a discussion point on joint guidance between the ROV and Diving division for Q4 Meeting**

### **8.3 ROV Umbilical Failure and Potting**

DS and RM discussed ROV Umbilical failure and potting and the use of a Wire separator device to assist when carrying out correct potting procedure. DS offered to present on the topic at the next committee meeting.

**Action: DS to arrange a presentation on Umbilical Failure and Potting for the Q4 Meeting**

## **9 Unminuted Safety Discussion**


The transcript was paused while the committee undertook a safety discussion.

**10 Summary of action items**

Action	Responsible	Target
Poll the committee on interest in reviewing ROV umbilical testing recommendations	SMQ	11/12/2025
Provide further information on R006 ROV System Inspection for Legacy Systems	MR	11/12/2025
Send R009 to SMQ for review	DS	11/12/2025
Add new guidance for equipment hire/purchase to agenda for Q4 Meeting	SMQ	11/12/2025
Add a discussion point on joint guidance between the ROV and Diving division for Q4 Meeting	RM	11/12/2025
Arrange a presentation on Umbilical Failure and Potting for the Q4 Meeting	DS	11/12/2025

**11 Date and location of next meetings**

2025 Q4: December 11<sup>th</sup> 13:00-14:00 UK - Online

 <a href="#">rene.VanDerStarre (Dec 15, 2025 09:43:55 GMT)</a>	Rene Van Der Starre	15/12/25
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Signed as a true record

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Date






# Remote Operations & ROV Committee Meeting Q3 2025

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