

Minutes of a meeting of the Association's Lifting & Rigging Management Committee held on 19 March 2025 from 12:30 GMT via videoconference

Members present or joining via videoconference are recorded in section 2, with the following also attending:

Mark C Ford	IMCA
Jennifer Evans	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, introductions and attendance

The chair welcomed members to the meeting.

Apologies for absence were recorded, with the latest meeting attendance now as follows:

Name	Company	Jun-24	Sept-24	Dec-24	Mar - 25
Laura Lombardi (Chair)	Usha Martin Italia	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Tom McCallum (Vice-Chair)(Alan Rennie)	TechnipFMC	Attended	Apologies	Apologies	Substitute
Henk-Jan Bakkenes (Paul Geene)	Heerema	Attended	Attended	Substitute	Substitute
Maarten Loman	Van Oord	Attended	Apologies	Absent	Apologies
Arjo van Putten	NOV	N/A	Apologies	Attended	Attended
Robin van Nieuwkerk	Huisman	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Richard Knight	McDermott	Apologies	Absent	Attended	Attended
Robert Askins	Global Maritime	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Sara Fletcher	Subsea 7	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Søren Møllgaard (Jesper Halberg)	Cadeler	Apologies	Apologies	Attended	Attended
Tom Dillerop	Heerema (Asia Pacific)	Attended	Apologies	Attended	Attended
Marco Pedroso	SBM (South America)	Attended	Attended	Apologies	Apologies
Peter Wolf (Steven Griffiths)	Siemens Gamesa	Apologies	Attended	Apologies	Substitute
Michael Roberts	DNV (North America)	Apologies	Attended	Attended	Attended
Jack Spaan	Boskalis	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended

Legend:

 Attended	 Part-Time	 Substitute	 Apologies	 Absent	 N/A
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3 Minutes of the previous meeting

3.1 Approval of the minutes

The minutes from the last meeting were agreed upon and would be duly signed by the chair as an accurate record.

A review of the actions taken during the previous meeting took place, and actions carried forward to this meeting were discussed and noted.

3.2 Matters arising from the minutes not covered by the agenda

None

4 Lessons learnt – Safety related

The committee were offered the opportunity to share safety-related material and incidents involving lifting and rigging. Mark marked the importance of sharing but the committee confirmed there have been no incidents or near misses since the last meeting.

5 Work Programme

5.1 Committee 2025 Objectives

1. Complete the revision to IMCA LR-008 – Guidance on the manufacture and safe use of cable-laid slings and grommets by August 2025 – **On target**

Michael Roberts (DNV) confirmed the correct angle of 20°. Mark to update the relevant section.

Action: Mark

2. Complete the revision to IMCA LR-002 – Crane specification document by June 2025 – **On target**
3. Plan and hold a successful lifting and rigging seminar – September, London – **On target**
4. Working Group to develop a new guidance document on pulling eyes – TBD – **Not yet started**
5. Working Group to revise LR 006 – Guidelines for Lifting Operations – April 2025- **Not yet started**

5.2 Lifting Seminar 2025

David Cannell, the Chair of the Lifting and Rigging Seminar Workgroup, joined the LRMC meeting to present an update on this year's seminar, which will be held on 9th October in London, UK.

An update was provided on the new location which has been decided as the Victory Services Club, which is approx. 15mins walk from Paddington Station / Tube and 6 min from Marble Arch Tube.

This year's seminar topics for consideration are:

- Offshore Ropes Fundamentals Technical Workshop – Bringing offshore rope experts and developing experts together
 - Crushing, Twisting, Ageing – High-Value Offshore Rope Use, Inspection and Maintenance

David has requested volunteers for presentation slots and to identify and suggest potential speakers

Action: All

5.3 Document revision status

The committee were shown the status of the up-to-date documents and planned revisions on the LRMC document planner. The document revision status can be seen below and can be found in the meeting slides.

Name	Guidance Refs	Latest Revision	Latest Update	Latest Version	Status Reason
Crane specification document	IMCA LR002, IMCA M171	25/03/2019	25/03/2019	2.0	Revision Underway
Guidance on open parachute type underwater air lift bags	IMCA D016, IMCA LR007	31/01/2022	30/11/2023	5.1	Current
Guidance on the manufacture and safe use of cable-laid slings and grommets	IMCA LR008, IMCA M179	30/09/2016	23/05/2019	1.1	Revision Underway
Guidance on the selection, safe use and inspection of high performance fibre slings used for engineered lifts	IMCA LR009, IMCA M237	31/08/2020	26/02/2024	1.1	Current
Guidelines for lifting operations	IMCA D060, IMCA HSSE019, IMCA LR006, IMCA M187	31/08/2022	20/06/2023	2.1	Revision Needed
Recommended practice for remotely operated vehicle load testing and inspection	IMCA LR010, IMCA R021	31/08/2024	15/08/2024	1.3	ROV reviewing
Recommended practice for the examination of steel wire rope through magnetic rope testing (MRT)	IMCA HSS023, IMCA LR004, IMCA M197	29/02/2024	30/07/2024	2.0	Current
Recommended practice on the use of chain lever hoists in the offshore subsea environment	IMCA D028, IMCA LR005	30/06/2023	30/05/2024	3.1	Current
Recommended practice on wire rope integrity management for vessels in the offshore industry	IMCA HSS022, IMCA LR001, IMCA M194	01/10/2023	04/10/2023	4.0	Current
The initial and periodic examination, testing and certification of ROV launch and recovery systems	IMCA LR011, IMCA R011	30/09/2021	30/11/2023	2.1	Current
Guidance on pulling eyes	IMCA LRXXX				New

The group to review *LR 006 – Guidelines for lifting operations*, would be established when another workgroup had completed their work.

It was noted that Mark had made a start on *LR 006* by updating the lifting terminology – The committee were encouraged to look at the document and comment in the committee document folder.

Action: Jennifer Evans, LRMC Members

It was noted that all the above documents were available on the Committee Teams site.

5.4 LRMC document downloads

Mark apologised that the new downloads figures were not available at present, since the new IMCA website went live. IT is aware and will have this rectified for the Q2 meeting.

The full table can be found in the meeting slide pack, with the previous numbers shown.

6 General discussion & new technology

The committee were provided with the opportunity to share technology in development and in use.

Robin discussed how they've launched the performance insights dashboards for their clients, where they can see the usage of the Huisman equipment if they'd like, by taking out a subscription. On the dashboards, they can see the number of lifts, and the amount of energy consumed per system, and the goal is to have better-planned maintenance and improve operational insight.

7 Involvement with other organisations

7.1 BSI/ISO/EN matters

The committee were updated as follows:

- 13852-1:2023 - Cranes — Offshore cranes — Part 1: General-purpose offshore cranes
 - Document currently under final approval – Anticipate publication April 2025
- *13852-2:2023 - Cranes — Offshore cranes — Part 2: Floating cranes*
 - Draft version for comment is in the document review folder.
- EN 12385-5:2025 – Steel wire ropes – Safety – Part 5: Stranded ropes for lifts
 - Document approved and is awaiting publication
- BS 7121-2-4:2024 Safe use of cranes – Part 2-4: Inspection, maintenance and thorough examination of load cranes – Code of practice
 - Approval to launch public consultation. Closing date 18 April 2025.

7.2 LEEA

An MOU has been agreed upon between LEEA and IMC just to recognise and promote each other's events. The MOU is just awaiting signing from the IMCA CEO and LEEA MD.

7.3 OMHEC

It was noted that the last OMHEC meeting was on Thursday, 7th November 2024, via Teams.

[OMHEC Minutes](#) from the meeting are in the meeting papers.

The next OMHEC meeting will be held on Monday 7 April 2025 (10.00 am) at Havtil office in Stavanger and via Teams. Mark will attend via Teams and the committee members were asked if they had any points to raise with OMHEC then to forward them to Mark.

7.4 API and COS feedback

It was noted that there were no new updates from API. The API committee would not meet again until after the New Year.

Post-meeting update supplied by Matt McLean as follows: COS next meeting is April 10th. They are looking to hold a free safe-lifting forum in September; once more details are received, they will be shared with the Committee.

API's main focus remains on API 2CIM, which is Integrity Management. The meeting scheduled for March 26 has been postponed to 28 May.

7.5 Centre of Offshore Safety (COS) Lifting Subcommittee

There were no new updates from CoS.

7.6 DNV update

Mike Roberts provided the following update to the committee.

DNV-ST-N001: Marine operations and marine warranty. Mike is awaiting feedback from the person who made the updates. Mike said he would follow up soon to see how he was coming along with the replies.

DNV-ST-E271 2.7-1 Offshore Containers. The standard was updated in December 2024 with some amendments, but nothing significant.

DNV-ST-E273 2.7-3 Portable offshore units. This was presently undergoing a general update with a focus on materials, alignment with other DNV standards and an update of references. This was expected to go to an external hearing in Q4 of 2024 but had been delayed.

DNV-ST-E281 Transportation and installation aids. No further updates.

DNV-RP-N202 Motion compensating systems. This was issued in June 2024. Mike had been informed that there would be a roundtable with the JIP participants involved in the development of the RP, with this held at the end of January 2025. The author would like to know if there was any feedback to the RP from IMCA members – technical comments or how it has been received.

Please can the members review N202 and send your comments to Mike and he'll pass them on.

Action: All

DNV-OS-E303 Offshore Fibre Ropes. No update so far.

7.7 G+ Renewables

Mark provided a G+ update as follows:

The G+ working group had completed the [G+ Lifting Governance](#) document and the final draft had been placed in the meeting paper folder for people to view. Please beware that the content is final, but it is yet to be formatted for publication.

The document will be co-branded with IMCA and the G+.

7.8 ABS

It was mentioned that ABS had just released its new [Guide for Certification of Lifting Appliances](#).

Of particular interest was Chapter 2 – Guide for Certification of Cranes.

The document can be found in the Committee 'Reference' folder and the meeting papers.

7.9 Other organisations

Step Change

It was mentioned that there had been no change in any lifting-related matters since the publication of their Lifting and Mechanical Handling Guidelines in November 2022

International Association of Oil & Gas Producers (IOGP)

IOGP took part in the G+ lifting governance document, no further updates

8 Any other business

Arjo asked about the forthcoming LR002 Crane Specification meetings, Jennifer agreed to send him the meeting invitation again.

Action: Jennifer

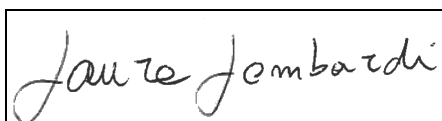
9 Summary of action items

	Actions stemming from this meeting	Responsible	Target
1	Volunteers for presentation slots and identify and suggest potential speakers	LRMC Members	June 2025
2	The committee were encouraged to look at LR 006 and comment in the committee document folder.	Jennifer Evans, LRMC Members	June 2025
3	Share new terminology for LR006	Sara Fletcher	June 2025
4	Establish a working group to revise LR006	Jennifer Evans	Awaiting availability
5	Send information on how pulling eyes are made to Mark Ford	Paul Geene	June 2025
6	Establish a working group to produce a new guidance document on pulling eyes	Jennifer Evans	Awaiting availability
7	13852-2:2023 Floating Crane – Please review and comment	LRMC Members	June 2025
8	Produce a guide to joining Sharepoint	IMCA Comms	June 2025

10 Date and location of the next meetings in 2025

The proposed dates for the next LRMC meetings were as follows:

- Q2 Wednesday 11th June – Teams
- Q3 Wednesday 8th October – Face to Face, IMCA offices followed by LRMC Evening dinner
Thursday 9th October – L&R Seminar, Victory Services Club, London
- Q4 Wednesday 10th December – Teams



Laura Lombardi

12/06/2025

Signed as a true record

Name

Date






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