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Recently issued or revised guidance

Reference	Other Categories	Title	Grade	Pages	Version (Rev.)	Latest Issue Date	Latest Technical Revision
IMCA M217	HSS031	Offshore electrical distribution system safety	RP	24	2	Jun 2026	Jun 2026
IMCA D018		Code of practice for the initial and periodic examination, testing and certification of diving plant and equipment	CoP	94	3	Jun 2026	Jun 2026
IMCA D023		Diving Equipment Systems Inspection Guidance Note (DESIGN) for surface orientated (air) diving systems	RP	88	3	Jun 2026	Jun 2026
IMCA D024		DESIGN for saturation (bell) diving systems	RP	145	4	Jun 2026	Jun 2026
IMCA D037		DESIGN for surface supplied mixed gas diving systems	RP	83	1	Jun 2026	Jun 2026
IMCA D040		DESIGN for mobile/portable surface supplied systems	RP	47	2	Jun 2026	Jun 2026
IMCA D041		Use of battery-operated equipment in hyperbaric conditions	RP	27	1.1	Jun 2026	Jun 2026
IMCA D053		DESIGN for the hyperbaric reception facility (HRF) forming part of a hyperbaric evacuation system (HES)	RP	56	1	Jun 2026	Jun 2026
IMCA D063		DESIGN for hyperbaric rescue unit (HRU) life support packages (LSPs)	RP	39	1	Jun 2026	Jun 2026
IMCA D084	G012	IMCA assessment procedure for diving contractor membership	IG	76	1.1	Jun 2026	Jun 2026
IMCA R019		Understanding biodegradable lubricants: An introduction to Environmentally Acceptable Hydraulic Fluids (EAHFs) in hydraulic systems offshore	IG	18	2	May 2026	May 2026
IMCA D033		Limitations in the use of SCUBA	RP	9	2.2	May 2026	May 2026
IMCA D090		Guidance on diving operations in support of subsea decommissioning and dismantlement projects	RP	44	IP	Apr 2026	Apr 2026
IMCA HSS050		Health, safety & security definitions & acronyms	IG	23	IP	Apr 2026	Apr 2026
IMCA M119	HSS046	Managing fire risks on DP vessels – prevention, detection, containment, and response	IG	35	4	Apr 2026	Apr 2026
IMCA D084	G012	IMCA assessment procedure for diving contractor membership	IG	78	1	Mar 2026	Mar 2026
IMCA R009		ROV mobilisation	RP	16	3	Mar 2026	Mar 2026
IMCA M274	DPSI036	Dynamic Positioning Station Keeping Review – Incidents and Events Reported for 2025	IG	29	IP	Mar 2026	Mar 2026
IMCA M249		DP practitioner accreditation scheme handbook	IG	24	1	Mar 2026	Mar 2026
IMCA S025	R022	Guidelines for the shared use of sensors for ROV and survey purposes	IG	20	0.2	Feb 2026	Feb 2026
IMCA D088		Diving certification and verification	RP	7	0.2	Feb 2026	Feb 2026
IMCA S023	M235	Guidelines on the shared use of sensors for survey and positioning purposes	RP	32	0.3	Feb 2026	Feb 2026
IMCA C017		Guidance on competence assurance and assessment: Marine roles for small workboats	RP	46	0.3	Feb 2026	Feb 2026
IMCA D048		Guidance on surface supplied diving operations using nitrox	RP	21	0.3	Feb 2026	Feb 2026

1 Competence & training (C)

Reference	Other categories	Title	Grade	Pages	Version (Rev.)	Latest issue date	Latest technical revision
IMCA C001		Guidance on competence assurance, assessment and verification	RP	15	3.2	May 2024	May 2024
IMCA C002		Guidance on competence assurance and assessment: Marine Division	RP	96	3.2	Sep 2025	Sep 2025
IMCA C003		Guidance on competence assurance and assessment: Diving Division	RP	90	3.3	Sep 2025	Sep 2025
IMCA C004		Guidance on competence assurance and assessment: Offshore Survey Division	RP	71	3.4	Sep 2025	Sep 2025
IMCA C005		Guidance on competence assurance and assessment: Remote Systems & ROV Division	RP	44	3.6	Sep 2025	Sep 2025
IMCA C010		High voltage training: A syllabus for training offshore workers involved with high voltage equipment	RP	12	0.2	Apr 2024	Jul 2006
IMCA C011		Outline syllabus for training of personnel in supervisory positions	RP	7	1.1	Apr 2024	Dec 2008
IMCA C013	HSS047	First response and other emergency drills	IG	43	1.1	Apr 2024	Aug 2021
IMCA C014		Guidance on the use of simulators	IG	51	4.2	Apr 2024	Mar 2015
IMCA C017		Guidance on competence assurance and assessment: Marine roles for small workboats	RP	49	0.3	Feb 2026	Feb 2026
IMCA C018		Basic safety training requirements for vessel personnel employed in the offshore renewable energy sector	RP	10	0.1	Apr 2024	Nov 2020
IMCA C019		Principles for data platforms for work and skills (digital logbooks)	RP	9	0.1	Sep 2025	Sep 2025
IMCA C021		Competence assurance and assessment: Subsea Inspection	RP	36	0.1	Oct 2025	Oct 2025

2 Diving (D)

Reference	Other categories	Title	Grade	Pages	Version (Rev.)	Latest issue date	Latest technical revision
IMCA D001		Dive technician competence and training	RP	6	2.3	May 2024	Jun 2023
IMCA D002		Battery packs in pressure housings	RP	4	1.1	Feb 2024	Mar 2021
IMCA D003		Guidelines for oxy-arc cutting	RP	38	2.1	May 2024	Sep 2023
IMCA D006		Guidance on diving operations in the vicinity of pipelines	RP	11	2.3	May 2024	Aug 2023
IMCA D007		Overboard scaffolding operations and their effect on diving safety	RP	6	1.1	Feb 2024	Mar 2021
IMCA D008		Testing of through-water communications	RP	5	0.1	Feb 2024	Jul 2016
IMCA D009		Protective guarding of gas cylinder transport containers (quads)	RP	16	1.1	May 2024	Jun 2023
IMCA D010		Diving operations from vessels operating in dynamically positioned mode	RP	29	4.1	Dec 2023	Dec 2023
IMCA D011		Guidance on auditing of diving systems	RP	27	3	Jan 2026	Jan 2026
IMCA D012		Guidance on stainless steel in oxygen systems	RP	7	1.1	Feb 2024	Oct 2016
IMCA D013		IMCA offshore diving supervisor and life support technician certification schemes	IG	49	5	Jun 2024	Jun 2024
IMCA D014		IMCA international code of practice for offshore diving	CoP	93	3.3	Mar 2025	Mar 2025
IMCA D015		Mobile/portable/daughtercraft surface supplied systems	RP	18	1.1	Apr 2024	Jul 2015
IMCA D016	LR007	Guidance on open parachute type underwater air lift bags	RP	33	5.1	Nov 2023	Jan 2022
IMCA D017		Lost bell survival	RP	12	0.3	Apr 2024	Aug 2023
IMCA D018		Code of practice for the initial and periodic examination, testing and certification of diving plant and equipment	CoP	94	3	Jun 2026	Jun 2026
IMCA D019		Diving operations in support of intervention on wellheads and subsea facilities	RP	7	0.2	Dec 2023	Jun 2020
IMCA D020		Requirements for IMCA-approved diver medic training courses	RP	24	1.3	Sep 2024	Sep 2024
IMCA D021		Diving in contaminated waters	RP	29	2.1	Nov 2023	Oct 2021
IMCA D022		Guidance for diving supervisors	RP	295	2.1	Nov 2025	Nov 2025
IMCA D023		Diving Equipment Systems Inspection Guidance Note (DESIGN) for surface orientated (air) diving systems	RP	88	3	Jun 2026	Jun 2026
IMCA D024		DESIGN for saturation (bell) diving systems	RP	145	4	Jun 2026	Jun 2026
IMCA D025		Guidance on installation based diving operations and the evacuation of divers from installations	RP	12	1.2	Feb 2024	Jul 2016
IMCA D027		Marking of hyperbaric rescue systems designed to float in water	RP	5	0.1	Feb 2024	Apr 2002
IMCA D028	LR005	Recommended practice on the use of chain lever hoists in the offshore subsea environment	RP	17	3.1	May 2024	Jun 2023
IMCA D029		Experience and employment profile of diving personnel: Profile for 2000	IG	47	0.2	Mar 2024	Mar 2024
IMCA D030		Surface supplied mixed gas diving operations	RP	11	1.1	Mar 2024	Aug 2005

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IMCA D031		Cleaning for oxygen service: Setting up facilities and procedures	RP	13	0.1	Apr 2024	Apr 2024
IMCA D032		Cross-hauling of bells	RP	15	0.1	Mar 2024	Jul 2003
IMCA D033		Limitations in the use of SCUBA offshore	RP	9	2.2	May 2026	May 2026
IMCA D035		Guidance on the selection of vessels of opportunity for diving operations	RP	16	0.2	Aug 2024	Aug 2024
IMCA D036		Neurological assessment of a diver	RP	7	1.1	Feb 2024	Apr 2016
IMCA D037		DESIGN for surface supplied mixed gas diving systems	RP	83	1	Jun 2026	Jun 2026
IMCA D038		Experience and employment profile of North Sea diving personnel: Profile for the years 2000 to 2003	IG	42	0.2	Dec 2023	Jun 2021
IMCA D039		FME(C)A guide for diving systems	RP	55	1.1	Mar 2024	Mar 2024
IMCA D040		DESIGN for mobile/portable surface supplied systems	RP	47	2	Jun 2026	Jun 2026
IMCA D041		Use of battery-operated equipment in hyperbaric conditions	RP	27	1.1	Jun 2026	Jun 2026
IMCA D042	LR003, R016	Diver and ROV based concrete mattress handling, deployment, installation, repositioning and decommissioning	RP	36	2	Feb 2024	Feb 2024
IMCA D043		Marking and colour coding of gas cylinders, quads and banks for diving applications	RP	11	0.1	Feb 2024	Nov 2007
IMCA D044		Guidelines for isolation and intervention: Diver access to subsea systems	RP	113	0.1	Mar 2025	Oct 2009
IMCA D045	R015	Code of practice for the safe use of electricity under water	CoP	73	1.1	May 2024	Aug 2023
IMCA D046	LR013, M205	Guidance on operational communications	RP	59	1.1	Nov 2023	Jun 2021
IMCA D047		Acrylic plastic viewports	RP	5	0.1	Apr 2024	Jan 2012
IMCA D048		Guidance on surface supplied diving operations using nitrox	RP	21	0.3	Feb 2026	Feb 2026
IMCA D049		Recommended practice for the use of high pressure jetting equipment by divers	RP	30	1.2	May 2024	Oct 2021
IMCA D050		Minimum quantities of gas required offshore	RP	52	1.1	Dec 2023	Mar 2021
IMCA D051		Hyperbaric evacuation systems (HES) interface requirement	RP	30	1.2	May 2024	May 2021
IMCA D052		Guidance on hyperbaric evacuation systems	RP	80	0.2	May 2024	Aug 2018
IMCA D053		DESIGN for the hyperbaric reception facility (HRF) forming part of a hyperbaric evacuation system (HES)	RP	56	1	Jun 2026	Jun 2026
IMCA D054	R020	Remotely operated vehicle intervention during diving operations	RP	25	0.3	Dec 2023	Apr 2021
IMCA D055		Prevention of explosions during battery charging in relation to diving systems	RP	13	1.1	Apr 2024	Jan 2021
IMCA D056		Oil lubricated compressors	RP	9	0.2	Mar 2024	Jun 2021
IMCA D057		ADCI/IOGP/IMCA diving terms	IG	27	1.2	Nov 2023	Aug 2021
IMCA D058		Diver attachment to structures by means of a weak link	RP	11	1.1	Dec 2023	Jul 2021
IMCA D059		Diver emergency heating report	RP	20	0.1	May 2024	Mar 2017
IMCA D060	HSS019, LR006, M187	Guidelines for lifting operations	RP	88	2.1	Jun 2023	Aug 2022

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IMCA D061		Guidance on health, fitness and medical issues in diving operations	RP	63	0.1	May 2024	Oct 2018
IMCA D062		Pressure gauges and other forms of pressure monitoring equipment used in conjunction with diving operations	RP	12	0.1	Mar 2024	Jan 2021
IMCA D063		DESIGN for hyperbaric rescue unit (HRU) life support packages (LSPs)	RP	39	1	Jun 2026	Jun 2026
IMCA D064		Guidance on diving cylinder and valve thread compatibility	RP	16	0.1	May 2024	May 2020
IMCA D065		Guidance on the use of whip checks (hose restraints)	RP	18	0.1	Oct 2023	Jul 2020
IMCA D066		Guidance on surface swimmers	RP	7	0.1	Feb 2024	Apr 2021
IMCA D067		The effects of underwater current on diver performance and safety	RP	15	0.1	Dec 2023	Jun 2021
IMCA D069		Guidance on the systematic assessment of control systems in automated diving plant and equipment	RP	10	0.1	Mar 2024	Dec 2021
IMCA D070		Guidance on the use of inert gases	RP	10	0.1	Feb 2024	Jul 2022
IMCA D071		Requirements for IMCA-approved trainee air diving supervisor training courses	RP	17	0.3	Sep 2024	Sep 2024
IMCA D072		Requirements for IMCA-approved trainee bell diving supervisor training courses	RP	17	0.3	Sep 2024	Sep 2024
IMCA D073		Requirements for IMCA-approved assistant life support technician training courses	RP	18	0.3	Sep 2024	Sep 2024
IMCA D074		Guidance on underwater excavation works involving divers	RP	17	0.1	Apr 2024	Jan 2023
IMCA D075		Guidance on the provision, acceptance and handling of breathing gases for diving	RP	23	0.1	Apr 2024	Jan 2023
IMCA D076		Protection of water intake points for diver safety	RP	10	0.1	Apr 2024	May 2023
IMCA D077		Guidance on prevention and mitigation of lost bell emergencies	RP	40	1	Jan 2026	Jan 2026
IMCA D078		Guidance on diving umbilical management	RP	81	0.2	Jan 2024	Jan 2024
IMCA D079		Subsea power cables	RP	16	0.1	Apr 2024	Aug 2023
IMCA D080		Requirements for IMCA-approved trainee dive system inspector training courses	RP	15	0.1	May 2024	Sep 2023
IMCA D081		IMCA accredited diving system inspector scheme	RP	27	0.1	May 2024	Sep 2023
IMCA D082	HSS048, M265	Guidance on diving operations in support of underwater ship husbandry	RP	77	IP	Jan 2024	Jan 2024
IMCA D083	G013	IMCA procedure for audits with cause on existing diving contractor Members	RP	35	IP	Aug 2024	Aug 2024
IMCA D084	G012	IMCA assessment procedure for diving contractor membership	IG	76	1.1	Jun 2026	Jun 2026
IMCA D085		Guidance on deck decompression chamber (DDC) operations for the therapeutic treatment of divers	RP	24	IP	Feb 2025	Feb 2025
IMCA D086		Catalogue of national diving regulations	IG	21	0.3	Jan 2026	Jan 2026
IMCA D087		Diver training schools: Assessment procedure for IMCA recognition of in-water diver training qualifications	IG	30	0.1	Jun 2025	Jun 2025
IMCA D088		Diving certification and verification	RP	7	0.2	Feb 2026	Feb 2026
IMCA D089		Experienced Diver Competency Assessment (EDCA) of Surface Supplied and Closed Bell / Saturation Divers and Life Support Technicians	RP	44	IP	Jan 2026	Jan 2026

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IMCA D090		Guidance on diving operations in support of subsea decommissioning and dismantlement projects	RP	44	IP	Apr 2026	Apr 2026

3 Environmental sustainability (ES)

Reference	Other categories	Title	Grade	Pages	Version (Rev.)	Latest issue date	Latest technical revision
IMCA ES001		IMCA Code of practice on environmental sustainability	CoP	46	1	Mar 2024	Mar 2024
IMCA ES002		Guidance on mitigation of marine invasive species: Biofouling and ballast water	IG	31	IP	Dec 2023	Dec 2023
IMCA ES003		Practical guidance to implement the circular economy principles	IG	51	IP	Dec 2023	Dec 2023
IMCA ES004		Informative guidance on estimating supply chain scope 3 emissions	IG	45	IP	Dec 2024	Dec 2024
IMCA ES005		Guidance on mitigation of underwater noise	IG	72	IP	Feb 2025	Feb 2025
IMCA ES006		The role of marine contractors in biodiversity impact and nature-positive developments	IG	27	0.1	Jan 2026	Jan 2026

4 Health, safety & security (HSS)

Reference	Other categories	Title	Grade	Pages	Version (Rev.)	Latest issue date	Latest technical revision
IMCA HSS001		Guidelines for management of change	RP	23	1.2	May 2024	Jul 2020
IMCA HSS003		Guidance for the initial and refresher familiarisation of vessel crews	RP	14	1.2	May 2024	Jun 2020
IMCA HSS007		Basic safety training and vessel induction for non-marine personnel working offshore	RP	11	3.2	Jun 2025	Jun 2025
IMCA HSS014		Guidance on travel security	IG	24	1.3	Apr 2024	Aug 2023
IMCA HSS016		Guidance on the investigation and reporting of incidents	IG	57	1.2	Mar 2024	Oct 2016
IMCA HSS018	M236	Guidance on security threat risk assessment procedures	RP	16	1.2	Dec 2023	Dec 2016
IMCA HSS019	D060, LR006, M187	Guidelines for lifting operations	RP	88	2.1	Jun 2023	Aug 2022
IMCA HSS022	LR001, M194	Recommended practice on wire rope integrity management for vessels in the offshore industry	RP	43	4	Oct 2023	Oct 2023
IMCA HSS023	LR004, M197	Guidance on examination of steel wire rope through magnetic rope testing (MRT)	RP	30	2	Jul 2024	Jul 2024
IMCA HSS024		Guidance on handling naturally occurring radioactive materials	RP	19	1.1	Dec 2023	Sep 2009
IMCA HSS025	LR012, M202	Guidance on the transfer of personnel to and from offshore vessels and structures	RP	43	2.2	Mar 2024	May 2019
IMCA HSS028		Anti-piracy and hostage situation awareness (video)	IG		IP	May 2012	May 2012
IMCA HSS029	M214	Mooring practice safety guidance for offshore vessels when alongside in ports and harbours	RP	12	1.1	Dec 2023	Apr 2021
IMCA HSS031	M217	Offshore vessel high voltage safety	RP	13	1	May 2016	May 2016
IMCA HSS032	M221	Guidance on safety in shipyards	RP	33	2	Aug 2025	Aug 2025
IMCA HSS033		Guidance on occupational health	RP	23	3	Nov 2024	Nov 2024
IMCA HSS036		In the line of fire (video)	IG		IP	Nov 2014	Nov 2014
IMCA HSS037	M226	Security measures and emergency response guidance	RP	30	1.1	Dec 2023	Feb 2015
IMCA HSS038		Mooring incidents (video)	IG		IP	May 2015	May 2015
IMCA HSS040		Guidance on drug and alcohol policies and testing	IG	39	0.2	Apr 2024	Jan 2021
IMCA HSS041	M232	Standardised boat landing research report	RP	66	1.1	Mar 2024	Jan 2021
IMCA HSS042		Saipem DROPS – choice not chance (video)	IG		IP	Aug 2018	Aug 2018
IMCA HSS043		Subsea 7 DROPS (video)	IG		IP	Mar 2019	Mar 2019
IMCA HSS044		TechnipFMC – Hot work and fire watch (video)	IG		IP	Dec 2019	Dec 2019
IMCA HSS045		TechnipFMC – Safe hands lifting (video)	IG		IP	Sep 2020	Sep 2020
IMCA HSS046	M119	Managing fire risks on DP vessels – prevention, detection, containment, and response	IG	35	4	Apr 2026	Apr 2026
IMCA HSS047	C013	First response and other emergency drills	IG	43	1.1	Apr 2024	Aug 2021

Reference	Other categories	Title	Grade	Pages	Version (Rev.)	Latest issue date	Latest technical revision
IMCA HSS048	D082, M265	Guidance on diving operations in support of underwater ship husbandry	RP	77	IP	Jan 2024	Jan 2024
IMCA HSS049		Guidance on short service employees	RP	16	IP	Nov 2024	Nov 2024
IMCA HSS050		Health, safety & security definitions & acronyms	IG	23	IP	Apr 2026	Apr 2026

5 Legal, contracts, insurance and compliance (LCIC)

Reference	Other categories	Title	Grade	Pages	Version (Rev.)	Latest issue date	Latest technical revision
IMCA LCIC001	G015	IMCA competition law compliance policy	CoP	26	1	Jan 2026	Jan 2026
IMCA LCIC002		IMCA general contracting principles	IG	25	4.1	Jun 2024	Feb 2017
IMCA LCIC003		IMCA marine construction contract	IG	84	3.1	Jun 2024	Feb 2017
IMCA LCIC004	R007	IMCA ROV services contracting principles	IG	26	3.1	Jun 2024	Feb 2017
IMCA LCIC005	S001	IMCA survey work contracting principles	IG	24	3.1	Jun 2024	Feb 2017
IMCA LCIC006	S007	Terms and conditions for survey support services	IG	17	1.1	Jun 2024	Feb 2017
IMCA LCIC007		IMCA decommissioning contracting principles	IG	18	2.1	Jun 2024	Feb 2017
IMCA LCIC008		IMCA FPSO contracting principles	IG	18	0.1	Jun 2024	Mar 2017
IMCA LCIC009	R008	Terms and conditions for ROV support services	IG	19	1.1	Jun 2024	Jul 2017
IMCA LCIC011		Identifying and assessing risk in construction contracts	IG	22	2.1	Jun 2024	Mar 2017
IMCA LCIC012	R013	Contract for the provision of ROV, support vessel and associated work (based on BIMCO Supplytime 89)	IG	30	2.1	Jun 2024	Jan 2017
IMCA LCIC013	R017	Contract for the provision of ROV, support vessel and associated work (based on BIMCO Supplytime 2005)	IG	33	1.1	Jun 2024	Mar 2017
IMCA LCIC014		IMCA renewables contracting principles	IG	52	3.1	Jun 2024	Dec 2022
IMCA LCIC015		IMCA's decommissioning principles in relation to DISMANTLECON	IG	9	0.1	Jun 2024	Dec 2020
IMCA LCIC016		IMCA marine transport and installation renewables contract	IG	73	1	May 2025	May 2025
IMCA LCIC017		Supplementary insurance guidance on IMCA's general contracting principles	IG	7	IP	Jun 2025	Jun 2025
IMCA LCIC018		Supplementary insurance guidance on IMCA's renewables contracting principles	IG	7	IP	Jun 2025	Jun 2025

6 Lifting & rigging (LR)

Reference	Other categories	Title	Grade	Pages	Version (Rev.)	Latest issue date	Latest technical revision
IMCA LR001	HSS022, M194	Recommended practice on wire rope integrity management for vessels in the offshore industry	RP	43	4	Oct 2023	Oct 2023
IMCA LR002	M171	Crane specification document	IG	48	3	Nov 2025	Nov 2025
IMCA LR003	D042, R016	Diver and ROV based concrete mattress handling, deployment, installation, repositioning and decommissioning	RP	36	2	Feb 2024	Feb 2024
IMCA LR004	HSS023, M197	Recommended practice for the examination of steel wire rope through magnetic rope testing (MRT)	RP	30	2	Jul 2024	Jul 2024
IMCA LR005	D028	Recommended practice on the use of chain lever hoists in the offshore subsea environment	RP	17	3.1	May 2024	Jun 2023
IMCA LR006	D060, HSS019, M187	Guidelines for lifting operations	RP	88	2.1	Jun 2023	Aug 2022
IMCA LR007	D016	Guidance on open parachute type underwater air lift bags	RP	33	5.1	Nov 2023	Jan 2022
IMCA LR008	M179	Code of practice on the manufacture and safe use of cable-laid slings and grommets	CoP	40	2	Apr 2025	Apr 2025
IMCA LR009	M237	Guidance on the selection, safe use and inspection of high performance fibre slings used for engineered lifts	RP	41	1.1	Feb 2024	Aug 2020
IMCA LR010	R021	Recommended practice for remotely operated vehicle load testing and inspection	RP	21	1.3	Aug 2024	Feb 2019
IMCA LR011	R011	The initial and periodic examination, testing and certification of ROV launch and recovery systems	RP	20	2.1	Nov 2023	Sep 2021
IMCA LR012	HSS025, M202	Guidance on the transfer of personnel to and from offshore vessels and structures	RP	43	2.2	Mar 2024	May 2019
IMCA LR013	D046, M205	Guidance on operational communications	RP	59	1.1	Nov 2023	Jun 2021

7 Marine (M)

Reference	Other categories	Title	Grade	Pages	Version (Rev.)	Latest issue date	Latest technical revision
IMCA M103		Guidelines for the design and operation of dynamically positioned vessels	RP	157	5.2	Apr 2024	Aug 2022
IMCA M109		A guide to DP-related documentation for DP vessels	RP	27	4	Dec 2023	Dec 2023
113 IMO		Guidelines for vessels with dynamic positioning systems (MSC Circular 645)	RP	22	IP	Jun 1994	Jun 1994
IMCA M117		Code of practice for the training and experience of key DP personnel	CoP	50	3.3	Oct 2025	Oct 2025
IMCA M119	HSS046	Managing fire risks on DP vessels – prevention, detection, containment, and response	IG	35	4	Apr 2024	Apr 2024
IMCA M125		Safety interface document for a DP vessel working near an offshore structure	RP	18	2.1	Dec 2023	Sep 2021
IMCA M134		A comparison of moored and dynamically positioned diving support vessels	RP	33	0.2	Mar 2024	Aug 1997
IMCA M140		Specification and use of DP capability plots	RP	18	2	Jan 2025	Jan 2025
IMCA M149		eCMID Vessel Inspection (≥500gt)	RP	135	Issue 14	Feb 2025	Feb 2025
IMCA M159		Guidance on thruster-assisted station keeping by FPSOs and similar turret-moored vessels	RP	14	2.1	Mar 2024	Oct 2016
IMCA M163		Guidelines for the quality assurance and quality control of software	RP	41	1.1	Feb 2024	Oct 2019
IMCA M165	DPSI11	Station keeping incidents reported for 2000	IG	104	0.1	Apr 2024	Dec 2001
IMCA M166		Code of practice on failure modes and effects analysis (FMEA)	CoP	158	3	May 2024	May 2024
IMCA M167		Guidance on the IMCA eCMID system	IG	25	5.0	Feb 2025	Feb 2025
IMCA M169	DPSI12	Station keeping incidents reported for 2001	IG	115	0.1	Jun 2024	Feb 2003
IMCA M171	LR002	Crane specification document	IG	30	2	Mar 2019	Mar 2019
IMCA M173	DPSI13	Station keeping incidents reported for 2002	IG	77	0.1	Jun 2024	Mar 2004
IMCA M177	DPSI14	Station keeping incidents reported for 2003	IG	68	0.1	Jun 2024	Mar 2005
IMCA M179	LR008	Code of practice on the manufacture and safe use of cable-laid slings and grommets	CoP	40	2	Apr 2025	Apr 2025
IMCA M181		Analysis of station keeping incident data 1994-2003	IG	62	0.1	Mar 2024	Jan 2006
182 MSF		International guidelines for the safe operation of dynamically positioned offshore supply vessels	RP	68	4	May 2022	May 2022
IMCA M183	DPSI15	Station keeping incidents reported for 2004	IG	50	0.1	Jun 2024	Mar 2006
IMCA M186	DPSI16	Station keeping incidents reported for 2005	IG	50	0.1	Apr 2024	Mar 2008
IMCA M187	D060, HSS019, LR006	Guidelines for lifting operations	RP	88	2.1	Jun 2023	Aug 2022
IMCA M189		eCMID small vessel inspection (<500gt)	RP	80	Issue 7.1	Jul 2025	Jul 2025
IMCA M190		Code of practice for developing and conducting DP annual trials programmes	CoP	84	3.2	May 2024	Aug 2023
IMCA M191		Code of practice for DP annual trials for mobile offshore drilling units	CoP	12	1.1	Apr 2024	Jul 2023

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IMCA M192	DPSI17	Station keeping incidents reported for 2006	IG	70	0.1	Apr 2024	Mar 2008
IMCA M194	HSS022, LR001	Recommended practice on wire rope integrity management for vessels in the offshore industry	RP	43	4	Oct 2023	Oct 2023
IMCA M197	HSS023, LR004	Guidance on examination of steel wire rope through magnetic rope testing (MRT)	RP	30	2	Jul 2024	Jul 2024
IMCA M198	DPSI18	Station keeping incidents reported for 2007	IG	79	0.1	Apr 2024	Aug 2009
IMCA M200	S013	Deep water acoustic positioning	IG	88	2.1	Feb 2024	Jan 2017
IMCA M202	HSS025, LR012	Guidance on the transfer of personnel to and from offshore vessels and structures	RP	43	2.2	Mar 2024	May 2019
IMCA M203		Guidance on simultaneous operations (SimOps)	RP	14	0.3	Dec 2023	Jan 20210
IMCA M204		Vessel assurance	RP	21	1	Feb 2024	Feb 2024
IMCA M205	D046, LR013	Guidance on operational communications	RP	59	1.1	Nov 2023	Jun 2021
IMCA M206		A guide to DP electrical power and control systems	RP	211	2.1	Nov 2023	Oct 2020
IMCA M207	DPSI19	Station keeping incidents reported for 2008	IG	114	0.1	Apr 2024	Nov 2010
IMCA M211	DPSI20	Station keeping incidents reported for 2009	IG	84	0.1	Apr 2024	Aug 2011
IMCA M214	HSS029	Mooring practice safety guidance for offshore vessels when alongside in ports and harbours	RP	12	1.1	Dec 2023	Apr 2021
IMCA M216		Thruster integrity management guidance	RP	39	1.1	Feb 2024	Feb 2019
IMCA M217	HSS031	Offshore electrical distribution system safety	RP	24	2	Jun 2026	Jun 2026
IMCA M218	DPSI21	Station keeping incidents reported for 2010	IG	66	0.1	Apr 2024	Oct 2012
IMCA M220		Guidance on operational activity planning	RP	22	3	Jan 2025	Jan 2025
IMCA M221	HSS032	Guidance on safety in shipyards	RP	33	2	Aug 2025	Aug 2025
IMCA M223		Guidance for the positioning of dynamically positioned (DP) jack-up vessels on and off the seabed	RP	13	0.3	May 2024	Aug 2023
IMCA M225		Example redundancy concept and annual DP trials for vessels of IMO DP class 2 & 3	RP	130	1.1	Dec 2023	Nov 2021
IMCA M226	HSS037	Security measures and emergency response guidance	RP	30	1.1	Dec 2023	Aug 2021
IMCA M227	DPSI22	Station keeping incidents reported for 2011	IG	64	0.1	Apr 2024	Mar 2015
IMCA M228	DPSI23	Station keeping incidents reported for 2012	IG	73	0.1	Apr 2024	Sep 2015
IMCA M230	DPSI24	Station keeping incidents reported for 2013	IG	73	0.1	Apr 2024	Feb 2015
IMCA M231	DPSI25	Station keeping incidents reported for 2014	IG	80	0.1	Mar 2024	Jun 2016
IMCA M232	HSS041	Standardised boat landing research report	RP	66	1.1	Mar 2024	Jan 2021
IMCA M233	DPSI26	Station keeping incidents reported for 2015	IG	91	0.1	Mar 2024	Sep 2016
IMCA M234		Research on autonomous maritime radio devices	RP	17	1.1	Nov 2024	Nov 2024
IMCA M235	S023	Guidelines on the shared use of sensors for survey and positioning purposes	RP	32	0.3	Feb 2026	Feb 2026

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IMCA M236	HSS018	Guidance on security threat risk assessment procedures	RP	16	1.2	Dec 2023	Dec 2016
IMCA M237	LR009	Guidance on the selection, safe use and inspection of high performance fibre slings used for engineered lifts	RP	41	1.1	Feb 2024	Aug 2020
IMCA M238	REG001	Introduction to international marine regulation	IG	33	0.1	Jun 2024	Dec 2016
IMCA M239	REG002	Introduction to marine emissions	IG	33	1.1	Feb 2024	Jun 2018
IMCA M240	REG003	Introduction to ballast water management	IG	36	1.1	Mar 2024	Jul 2018
IMCA M241	REG004	Guidance for port state inspections under the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006	IG	29	1.1	Jun 2024	Dec 2016
IMCA M242	S024	Guidance on satellite-based positioning systems for offshore applications	IG	37	0.2	Apr 2024	Jan 2017
IMCA M243	DPSI27	Station keeping incidents reported for 2016	IG	31	0.1	Mar 2024	Feb 2017
IMCA M244	S017	Guidance on vessel USBL systems for use in offshore survey, positioning and DP operations	RP	25	1.1	Apr 2024	Mar 2017
245 IMO		Guidelines for vessels and units with dynamic positioning (DP) systems (MSC.1/Circ. 1580)	RP	22	IP	Aug 2017	Aug 2017
IMCA M246	DPSI28	Station keeping incidents reported for 2017	IG	35	0.1	Mar 2024	Jan 2018
IMCA M247		Guidance to identify DP system components and their failure modes	RP	76	0.1	Feb 2024	Nov 2018
IMCA M248	DPSI29	Station Keeping Incidents Reported for 2018	IG	39	0.1	Mar 2024	Jan 2019
IMCA M249		DP practitioner accreditation scheme handbook	IG	24	1	Mar 2026	Mar 2026
IMCA M250		Introduction to hybrid battery systems for DP vessels	IG	18	0.2	Apr 2024	Sep 2020
IMCA M251	DPSI30	Station keeping incidents reported for 2019	IG	40	0.1	Mar 2024	Jan 2020
IMCA M252		Guidance on position reference systems and sensors for DP operations	RP	44	0.3	Apr 2024	Feb 2022
IMCA M253		IMCA code of practice for offshore pipeline and umbilical installation systems	CoP	55	1.1	Apr 2024	Aug 2022
IMCA M254		Guidelines for walk to work operations	RP	61	1	Aug 2025	Aug 2025
IMCA M256	DPSI31	Dynamic positioning station keeping review – incidents and events reported for 2020	IG	31	0.1	Mar 2024	Feb 2021
IMCA M257		Safe and efficient use of an uncrewed surface vessel (USV)	IG	25	0.1	Mar 2024	Mar 2022
IMCA M258	DPSI32	Dynamic positioning station keeping review – incidents and events reported for 2021	IG	21	0.1	Mar 2024	Mar 2022
IMCA M259		Guidelines for the management of DP system network storms	RP	50	0.1	Feb 2024	Sep 2022
IMCA M260		The hazards of using hold-back vessels during DP operations	RP	15	0.1	Feb 2024	Dec 2022
IMCA M261	DPSI33	Dynamic positioning station keeping review – incidents and events reported for 2022	IG	22	0.1	May 2024	Mar 2023
IMCA M262		IMCA eCMID system annual report 2022/23 inspection findings and report quality assurance	IG	24	0.1	May 2024	May 2023
IMCA M263		Recommended practice for shallow water DP operations	RP	20	IP	Oct 2023	Oct 2023
IMCA M264		IMCA code of practice for offshore cable laying in the renewable energy industry	CoP	53	0.1	Nov 2023	Nov 2023
IMCA M265	D082, HSS048	Guidance on diving operations in support of underwater ship husbandry	RP	77	IP	Jan 2024	Jan 2024

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IMCA M266	DPSI34	Dynamic positioning station keeping review – incidents and events reported for 2023	IG	28	IP	Jan 2024	Jan 2024
IMCA M267		IMCA eCMID system annual report 2023/24 inspection findings and report quality assurance	IG	53	IP	Apr 2024	Apr 2024
IMCA M268		Recommended practice for the operation of Class 1 DP vessels	RP	22	0.1	Dec 2025	Dec 2025
IMCA M269	DPSI35	Dynamic positioning station keeping review – incidents and events reported for 2024	IG	30	IP	Feb 2025	Feb 2025
IMCA M270		IMCA eCMID system annua l report 2024/25: Inspection findings & quality assurance	IG	66	IP	Jul 2025	Jul 2025
IMCA M271		Uncrewed Surface Vessel Inspection	RP	45	IP	Sep 2025	Sep 2025
IMCA M272		USV Remote Operation Centre Inspection	RP	44	IP	Sep 2025	Sep 2025
IMCA M273		A guide to conducting DP drills and ensuring preparedness for DP failures	IG	34	IP	Jan 2026	Jan 2026
IMCA M274	DPSI036	Dynamic Positioning Station Keeping Review – Incidents and Events Reported for 2025	IG	29	IP	Mar 2026	Mar 2026

8 Marine policy & regulatory affairs (REG)

Reference	Other categories	Title	Grade	Pages	Version (Rev.)	Latest issue date	Latest technical revision
IMCA REG001	M238	Introduction to international marine regulation	IG	33	0.1	Jun 2024	Dec 2016
IMCA REG002	M239	Introduction to marine emissions	IG	33	0.1	Feb 2024	Dec 2016
IMCA REG003	M240	Introduction to ballast water management	IG	36	1.1	Mar 2024	Jul 2018
IMCA REG004	M241	Guidance for port state inspections under the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006	IG	29	0.1	Jun 2024	Dec 2016
IMCA REG005		Guidance on the industrial personnel (IP) code	IG	21	0.1	Jun 2024	Dec 2022

9 Offshore survey (S)

Reference	Other categories	Title	Grade	Pages	Version (Rev.)	Latest issue date	Latest technical revision
IMCA S001	LCIC005	IMCA survey work contracting principles	IG	24	3.1	Jun 2024	Feb 2017
IMCA S003		Guidelines for the use of multibeam echosounders for offshore surveys	IG	60	2.1	May 2024	Jul 2015
IMCA S006		Inter-vessel survey data standard telemetry protocol	RP	12	2.2	Mar 2024	Feb 2014
IMCA S007	LCIC006	Terms and conditions for survey support services	IG	17	1.1	Jun 2024	Feb 2017
IMCA S013	M200	Deep water acoustic positioning	IG	88	2.1	Feb 2024	Jan 2017
IMCA S015		Guidelines for GNSS positioning in the oil and gas industry	RP	89	1.1	Jun 2024	Feb 2021
IMCA S016		Guidance on mobilisation requirements for offshore survey operations	RP	17	2.1	Feb 2024	Mar 2021
IMCA S017	M244	Guidance on vessel USBL systems for use in offshore survey, positioning and DP operations	RP	25	1.1	Apr 2024	Mar 2017
IMCA S019		Guidance on subsea spoolpiece metrology	IG	88	2.0	Oct 2025	Oct 2025
IMCA S020		Guidelines on the management of survey and inspection data	IG	18	1	Nov 2023	Sep 2020
IMCA S021		Guidelines for the management of peripheral survey sensors	IG	32	1.2	Dec 2023	Jun 2020
IMCA S022		An introduction to inertial navigation systems	IG	35	0.1	Apr 2024	Apr 2015
IMCA S023	M235	Guidelines on the shared use of sensors for survey and positioning purposes	RP	32	0.3	Feb 2026	Feb 2026
IMCA S024	M242	Guidance on satellite-based positioning systems for offshore applications	IG	37	0.2	Apr 2024	Jan 2017
IMCA S025	R022	Guidelines for the shared use of sensors for ROV and survey purposes	IG	20	0.2	Feb 2026	Feb 2026
IMCA S026		Guidelines on out of straightness survey	IG	34	0.1	Mar 2024	Nov 2019
IMCA S027		Guidance on the use of GNSS for tide calculations	IG	17	0.1	Mar 2024	Apr 2021
IMCA S028	R023	AUV audit guidance document	RP	30	0.1	May 2024	Jul 2021
IMCA S029		Guidelines for the measurement of depth of burial	IG	71	0.1	Mar 2024	Jul 2022

10 Remote systems & ROV (R)

Reference	Other categories	Title	Grade	Pages	Version (Rev.)	Latest issue date	Latest technical revision
IMCA R001		Plastic spherical air-filled fishing buoys	IG	3	1.2	Feb 2024	Jul 2014
IMCA R002		Requirements for IMCA-approved ROV introductory training course	RP	30	5	Aug 2025	Aug 2025
IMCA R004		The safe and efficient operation of remotely operated vehicles	RP	42	6	Feb 2024	Feb 2024
IMCA R005		Guidance on safety procedures for isolation of ROV high voltage equipment (above 1 kV)	RP	18	2.2	Dec 2023	Mar 2020
IMCA R006		ROV system inspection	RP	44	2.1	Jul 2025	Jul 2025
IMCA R007	LCIC004	IMCA ROV services contracting principles	IG	26	3.1	Jun 2024	Feb 2017
IMCA R008	LCIC009	Terms and conditions for ROV support services	IG	19	1.1	Jun 2024	Jul 2017
IMCA R009		ROV mobilisation	RP	16	3	Mar 2026	Mar 2026
IMCA R010		Guidance on module outlines for ROV-related training courses	RP	25	1.2	Dec 2023	Jun 2020
IMCA R011	LR011	The initial and periodic examination, testing and certification of ROV launch and recovery systems	RP	20	2.1	Nov 2023	Sep 2021
IMCA R013	LCIC012	Contract for the provision of ROV, support vessel and associated work (based on BIMCO Supplytime 89)	IG	30	2.1	Jun 2024	Jan 2017
IMCA R015	D045	Code of practice for the safe use of electricity under water	CoP	73	1.1	May 2024	Aug 2023
IMCA R016	D042, LR003	Diver and ROV-based concrete mattress handling, deployment, installation, repositioning and decommissioning	RP	36	2	Feb 2024	Feb 2024
IMCA R017	LCIC013	Contract for the provision of ROV, support vessel and associated work (based on BIMCO Supplytime 2005)	IG	33	1.1	Jun 2024	Mar 2017
IMCA R019		Understanding biodegradable lubricants: An introduction to Environmentally Acceptable Hydraulic Fluids (EAHFs) in hydraulic systems offshore	IG	18	2	May 2026	May 2026
IMCA R020	D054	Remotely operated vehicle intervention during diving operations	RP	25	0.3	Dec 2023	Apr 2021
IMCA R021	LR010	Recommended practice for remotely operated vehicle load testing and inspection	RP	21	1.3	Aug 2024	Aug 2024
IMCA R022	S025	Guidelines for the shared use of sensors for ROV and survey purposes	IG	20	0.2	Feb 2026	Feb 2026
IMCA R023	S028	AUV audit guidance document	RP	30	0.1	May 2024	Jul 2021
IMCA R024		Guidance on armoured umbilical life cycle management	IG	24	1.1	Apr 2024	Apr 2024
IMCA R025		Requirements for IMCA-approved remote pilot ROV introductory training courses	RP	29	0.1	Aug 2025	Aug 2025