

MINUTES OF THE EUROPEAN BOATING ASSOCIATION
SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HELD AT
TRYPP BELVER HOTEL, PALMA

19 - 20 APRIL 2013

There were present:

Nielsen	Peer Bent	DK	DS	President
Gerström	Carl	DK	DS	Vice President
Haendel	Dieter	D	DMYV	Vice President
Olimbo	Giancarlo	I	FIV	Vice President
Baggioni	Roberto	I	FIV	
Bazile	Michel	F	FFV	
Damsgaard	Boris	DK	DFU	
Darder	Jaime	E	ANAVRE	
Dekker	Willem	NL	KNWV	
Dorner	Manfred	A	ÖHV	
Gärde	Bengt	S	SBU	
Groch	Juraj	CZ	ČSJ	
Hansen	Julian	UK	RYA	
Hermon	Harry	IE	ISA	
Hongelin	Lars	FI	SPV	
Jahnke	Uwe	D	DSV	
Kjelsrud	Reidar	N	KNBF	
Latek	Stanislaw	PL	PZZ	
Lux	Hans	A	MSVÖ	
Murrell	Di		DBA	
Nalbantoglu	Gunduz	T	TCS	
Nielsen	Leif	DK	DT	
Schifferli	Beat	CH	CCS	
Schøne	Kai	N	KNBF	
Sluijter	Dick	NL	KNMC	

In Attendance:

Lewis	Gus	UK	Regulatory Secretary (and acting Secretary)
Paddison	Carol	UK	
Price	Caroline	UK	Environmental Secretary

Apologies for absence:

Bauer	Karel	CZ	ČSJ	
Carruthers	Stuart	UK		General Secretary
Clarke	Michael	BE	LBWB	
David	Robert	USA	NBF	
Green	Alan	UK	RYA	
Jakobsen	Poul Erik	DK	DT	
Larsen	Peter	N	NSF	
Olson	Sten	S	SBU	
Roesch	Marc	CH	CCS	
de Cordoba	Ignacio	E	ANAVRE	
		A	ÖSV	

1. Welcome, introduction, apologies

The President opened meeting and welcomed those present back to Palma. Round the table introductions were made for the benefit of the new delegate from the FFV.

Apologies where received were noted and recorded.

2. Confirmation of the Agenda.

The agenda was confirmed there being no proposed additions.

3. Constitutional Amendments

The Secretary outlined the proposed amendments to Articles 8.4, 12.1 & 21.5 of the Constitution, which had been proposed at the Special General Assembly in Bodrum. The amendments to Paragraphs 8.4, 12.1 and 21.5 were agreed.

The Secretary then explained that the amendment to Article 21.1 which would allow a President to take a 3rd term was intended to provide flexibility that the current wording did not allow. The current wording could cause the EBA to have no President in the absence of a successor when the President had served 2 terms.

Following extensive discussion the Secretary proposed a modification to the wording set out in the notice convening the Special General Assembly as follows:

“although in exceptional circumstances the Full Members in General Assembly may invite a person to serve as President for an additional period of time (up to a maximum of four additional years).”

This was accepted and agreed as an amendment to article 21.1.

 Link to [revised EBA Constitution](#) on EBA web-site

4. EBA Housekeeping

a. Administration.

• Meeting time tables in accordance with the Constitution

The President introduced the timetable of critical dates which had been produced by the Secretariat to make it the constitutional deadlines for each meeting clearer.

The President requested that Members submit their proposals for agenda items in a timely manner in accordance with the deadlines and in a formal format, such as a letter [which could be sent by email].

• Update contact details, email list

The current list of contact details was circulated and members were asked to mark up any corrections to the information on the list.

The President noted that the Treasurer had experienced problems when sending the 2013 subscriptions invoices. Members were asked to note that, due to the email containing images, email systems sometimes incorrectly classified it as spam. Members were advised that in the

future two emails would be sent. The first containing the invoice and the second advising that the invoice had been sent and asking Members that had not received it to check the spam folder.

- **Web site update (new look, menus and smart phone view)**

Carol Paddison explained that changes had been made to the web-site, in response to feedback she had received at the General Assembly in Bodrum, to provide new menus which would function correctly on touch screen devices and a specific layout for smart phone. Members were invited to provide feedback on the web-site and were asked to continue to inform the Secretariat of any technical issues they experienced.

Members requested that announcements were made by email to highlight critical dates and new information on the web-site. It was agreed that members would be notified by email when a new item of news was added to the web-site and it was noted that the Secretariat email announcements were recorded in the members' area of the web-site for reference.

In response to Dieter Haendel the Secretary confirmed that a new EBA flier was being produced for Members to use at exhibitions and other events.

b. Finance

- **Account status**

The Treasurer presented the 2012 Accounts. The subscription income was slightly less than had been budgeted, due to it being dependent on the number of EBA Members and the members' declared membership numbers. The Secretariat payment was confirmed to have been in accordance with the budget.

The treasurer noted that five member organisations had not yet paid their 2013 subscription. Payment at the earliest opportunity was requested.

- **Appointment of auditors**

The President advised that the auditors in 2012 were Marc Roesch (CCS) and Eric Michel (ÖSV). Eric Michel was however no longer an active member of the ÖSV and thus a new auditor was required for the coming financial year. The Executive Committee proposed that Reidar Kjelsrud (KNBF) should be appointed to replace Eric Michel.

The General Assembly duly appointed Marc Roesch and Reidar Kjelsrud to be the EBA's auditors for the 2013 financial year.

c. Membership

- **New applications (none received to date)**

The secretary confirmed that no new applications for membership had been received by the Secretariat.

- **Membership numbers and Full Member fees**

The President reminded Members that they must keep their organisations' membership numbers up to date with the EBA as and when they change. The number should include all members of the organisation regardless of their level of activity or their interest in the work of the EBA.

5. Minutes of the last General Assembly

a. Approval of the minutes

The [minutes of the EBA meeting held in Bodrum in October 2012 \(v2.0\)](#) were agreed to be a true record of the meeting and were approved.

b. Matters arising from the minutes

• Actions Arising from Bodrum 2012 Meeting

1. *Secretariat to Call Palma 2013 Assembly as a Special General Assembly*
Complete
2. *Secretariat to send out sheet of questions from RRG to try to encourage information to be sent in. No need to do it all at once.*
The Secretariat noted that there had been a disappointing number of responses to the last RRG questionnaires on inland waterways and waste water. The President requested that all the Members respond to requests for information as the RRG was useless without input from the members.
3. *Application by Austrian ÖHV approved by the Assembly. Treasurer to raise invoice for subscriptions and Secretariat to include on database*
Complete
4. *Juraj Groch and Jamie Darder to progress a charter standard with Slovak authorities*
An update was to be given under agenda item 7a
5. *Stanislaw Latek to work to produce an interactive map – Complete*
See: <http://goo.gl/maps/RvBpl> Stanislaw Latek was asked to review the data that had been included on the map and advise the Secretariat where there were gaps, so that the information could be obtained from the relevant members.

Action 1: Stanislaw Latek
6. *Secretariat to follow Commission proposals on Coastal Tourism*
The Secretary noted that the EBA would be taking a stand at the European Maritime Day exhibition in Malta with a view to making contact with people in the EU Commission dealing with coastal and maritime tourism and to raise awareness of the EBA as a whole.
7. *All members to send comments on wind farm paper to the secretary by 22 March 2013*
This was to be discussed under item 10
8. *Dieter Haendel to attend second CCNR AIS workshop in Strasbourg*
This was to be discussed under item 11
9. *All interested members to let Roberto Baggioni know if they wish to take part in the ELB WG*
Complete
10. *All members to lobby own administrations on simplifying PCA procedure*
This was to be discussed under item 13b
11. *Discuss short guidance note on Invasive Aquatic Species in Palma (Dieter Haendel)*
This was to be discussed under item 12e
12. *All members to send comments on plastics questionnaire to be sent to Caroline Price*
Complete

6. Use of the EBA Logo

a. EBA Custodianship Deed

There was produced to the General Assembly a document entitled “Deed of Appointment of Custodian for the Trademarks of the European Boating Association” (the “Deed”).

The merits of the proposed Deed were carefully considered and it was agreed that executing the Deed was in the interests of the EBA.

It was accordingly resolved that the Deed produced to the General Assembly should be executed as a deed and that the President was and is duly authorised to execute the Deed on behalf of the members of the EBA.

b. Use of the EBA logo

It was proposed that EBA Members should have a member logo (the standard EBA Logo with “Member” in a red square beneath it, the EBA Member Logo) which – subject to the terms and conditions detailed in the [agenda paper](#) – Members would be free to use without consultation with the Executive Committee.

The President confirmed that any stocks of hard copy stationary such as membership cards which had already been printed could continue to be used on the condition that the logo would be changed the next time a re-print was necessary. The logo should however be changed on websites and other soft media material with immediate effect.

The Secretary advised that it was his intention to have the conditions of use of EBA Member Logo document translated into Spanish, French and German to assist members.

The meeting agreed the [conditions of use of EBA Member Logo](#) document.

It was further agreed that the Executive Committee should draw up a paper setting out how the Executive Committee would consider requests to use the EBA Logo.

7. Working Group Progress Reports

a. Yacht Charter Working Group

Following an extended discussion on the Yacht Charter Working Group’s direction, Juraj Groch proposed that the Yacht Charter Working Group Questionnaire should be re-worked and re-circulated to collect further information from EBA Members, with a view to developing an EBA Guide to Chartering which would highlight the pitfalls for charterers in different European countries.

It was agreed that Juraj Groch would provide the Secretariat with a new questionnaire for circulation to the Members within a week of the meeting. Members would be given 1 month to provide the required information. The responses would be collated by Jaime Darder and presented to the Autumn Yacht Charter Working Group meeting.

Juraj Groch further noted that the Turkish Chamber of Shipping was working on a standard for bareboat charter and this would be circulated to the EBA.

Action 2: Juraj Groch

b. Harbour Safety Working Group

In Bodrum a Finnish paper had been proposed as the basis of future work, but it was only available in Finnish. The document was translated and was then circulated to all Members by the Secretariat. Dieter Haendel had produced an alternative paper based on the work he had monitored on the ISO Standard and the working group had discussed the two documents. The working group had agreed that it should focus purely on safety and installations for the safety of harbour users and should not additionally look at the environmental aspects covered in the Finnish paper. The working group had also decided that the recommendations should be addressed to the managers of club harbours for safety of their users and their users' guests.

The group decided to use the paper which followed the ISO structure. This document would be developed into a finished draft by Autumn 2013 with detailed recommendations. The Finnish paper would be used to develop the ideas.

The working group recommended and the General Assembly agreed that the Suomen Purjehdus ja Veneily ry (SPV) should have the €500 cost of the translation of the paper from Finnish into English refunded to them by the EBA.

Action 3: Treasurer

Supporting Documents published after the meeting:

 [HSWG Meeting report](#)

 [HSWG Revised draft recommendations](#)

Please send any comments on these two documents to Dieter Haendel by 15th June 2013.

Action 4: All members of the HSWG

c. End of Life Boats Working Group

Giancarlo Olimbo presented the work of the WG to date and thanks were recorded to Mr Stefano Pagani of UCINA for supporting and guiding the working group.

Michel Bazile noted that in France the responsibility lay with the producers although they did not yet have a legal liability.

Di Murrell asked whether the working group was looking at the disposal of all unwanted boats or whether it was merely looking at specific materials that could be recycled. It was clarified that the work was looking at the requirements of the EU directive, but that there was a focus on FRP which is not easily recycled.

Supporting Documents published after the meeting:

 [Presentation on ELBWG activity to date](#)

8. EBA Position Statement on ICC

The General Assembly agreed the revised position paper on the ICC and it was noted that this updated document would be published on the EBA web-site.

In response to Stanislaw Latek the Secretary confirmed that the EBA could – upon request from an EBA Member - write to the Member's Government in support of the Member's work to get the ICC adopted.

 Link to the revised [ICC Position Statement](#) on the EBA web-site

9. Yacht Tourism

The draft position paper on Yacht Tourism was discussed and the potential benefits to the recreational boaters of the EU Commission wishing to capitalise on Marine and Coastal Tourism such as improving the quality of harbours and marinas around the coast were noted.

Uwe Jahnke and Dieter Haendel noted that the German delegation was unable to support the paper in its current form as they felt it was focusing on matters that should be dealt with by the industry bodies rather than the interests of the users.

The President reminded the meeting that the paper was a draft document for discussion and that members now had the opportunity to comment on its content.

Noting that the EBA's general stance on this subject was needed prior the European Maritime Day conference and exhibition in Malta (21-22 May), the Secretary asked the Members to provide written input on the position paper by 15 May 2013, after which the document would be revised as appropriate.

Action 5: All Members

10. Discussion on EBA Position Statement on Wind Farms

Members were invited to submit comments on the draft wind farms paper presented to the Bodrum meeting by the middle of March 2013.

The DSV had indicated that they felt that the draft paper gave wind farm developers tools they could use to ban small craft from navigating in wind farms and it wanted to see the paper simply focus on ensuring that small craft were allowed to navigate through wind farms.

A revised paper was presented to the meeting by the Secretary and it was agreed that this paper, would be adopted by the EBA.

The Secretary indicated to Willem Dekker, who had supported the original paper, that the Secretariat would provide support to the KNWV and would assist with their negotiations with the Dutch National Coastguard and the Ministry of Transport in the Netherlands to try to address the issue of relaxing the 500m exclusion zone around wind turbines in the existing wind farms.

 Link to the [Wind Farms Position Statement](#) on the EBA web-site

11. Inland Waterways Matters

a. Report on the Waterways Forward Final Conference held on the 7/8 November 2012 in Paris

Di Murrell gave a report on the conference, which she had attended on behalf of the EBA as a guest of the Voies navigables de France (VNF). The conference had highlighted the work of the 17 partners in their respective countries on constructive inland waterways projects, emphasising the work that was being done to improve connectivity and leisure boaters' knowledge of the waterways available to them.

The meeting agreed that Di Murrell should represent the EBA at both the World Canal Conference in France in September and the next meeting of Waterways forward. The President requested that the agenda for the meeting was forwarded, when received, to allow the EBA to provide a brief on its views where necessary prior to the meeting.

Action 6: Di Murrell

b. Fuel use

Di Murrell reported that the correct type of diesel that should be used for propulsion and for heating, lighting and power varies from country to country across Europe. This was a cause of difficulty for boaters crossing national border frontiers as it was impossible to know the rules for every country and in some cases it would be necessary to change the fuel in the tanks when crossing a border – a practical impossibility.

It was agreed that Di Murrell would provide suitable questions to the Secretariat for circulation to the Members and the responses would be collated in the RRG.

Action 7: Di Murrell

c. Infrastructure

Brief reports were given by Dieter Haendel on the holdups currently being experienced in Germany due to changes in the working structure of the relevant government department and by Stanislaw Latek on the current situation in Poland as detailed in the agenda paper he had submitted.

d. Navigation

• RAINWAT Membership (update)

Stuart Carruthers had been trying for some time to gain observer status for the EBA at RAINWAT. A response had been received to a letter written by Dieter Haendel acknowledging the request and it advised that this would be included on the agenda for the next RAINWAT meeting. It was agreed that Dieter Haendel should continue to pursue this and report to the next EBA meeting.

Action 8: Dieter Haendel

• RIS/ATIS/AIS issues

The CCNR workshop, reported in Bodrum to be taking place in February 2013, was cancelled as the anticipated decision on the compulsory carriage of AIS by vessels over 20m in length had not been made. This was due to Germany and the Netherlands having differing views on the Inland ECTIS.

The equipping of pleasure vessels with AIS was discussed.

The status as of April 2013 is that nearly all vessels in Western Europe over 20 meters in length are equipped with Inland AIS system A and vessels less than 20 meters (pleasure craft) are allowed to be equipped with AIS. It is anticipated that it will become compulsory for vessels to be equipped with Inland AIS A and its use will be made mandatory on river Rhine for all vessels longer than 20m.

It was suggested that recommendations for recreational boaters might include:

- Boaters sailing on the main inland waterways with vessels less than 20m in length should equip their boat with AIS B. The information provided by this system should be used to aid navigation.
- AIS provides advanced information on the nearby traffic meaning that VHF contact can be initiated if required. To avoid an overload of information recreational boaters should voluntarily set their AIS equipment to receive only.

12. Environmental Matters

a. Water Framework Directive

Caroline Price gave a presentation on current concerns surrounding WFD implementation including the definition of water services and the current proceedings in the European Court of Justice against Germany.

The EU Commission had taken the position that water services are wider than drinking water supply and the treatment and/or disposal of waste water and considered that water services included inter alia the impoundment and storage of surface water for navigation purposes. 'Cost Recovery' could therefore be sought from all users of water systems in the EU including boaters navigating on the rivers, lakes, estuaries and coastal waters.

The WFD Navigation Task Group had made representation to the EU Commission that navigation does not remove water from the system therefore it should be classed as a 'water use' rather than a 'water service'.

It was noted that the outcome of the case against Germany would determine the future definition of Water Services. The EBA Secretariat would continue to monitor the situation at EU level. EBA Members were asked to assist the Secretariat by informing it of any action being taken by their Government on the interpretation of water services.

b. HELCOM

The President explained that HELCOM dealt with environmental issues in the Baltic including the rivers and the surrounding catchment land. There had been changes in the HELCOM Secretariat including the Maritime Secretary. The President had met with the new Maritime Secretary in Autumn 2012 and had made a proposal (as detailed in the agenda paper) which discussed at the HELCOM Maritime Meeting. It was progressed in January and the next stage will be the ministerial meeting in Autumn 2013 for which a short proposal will be prepared. The project (assuming it received agreement) would then commence in 2014 / early 2015.

c. OSPAR

Caroline Price advised that much of OSPAR's time had been focused on the implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD). EBA had recently been asked to join a working group on the environmental impacts of human activities. Unfortunately the meeting clashed with the General Assembly so Caroline had been unable to attend on this occasion.

d. Holding Tanks

Caroline Price noted that only five responses had been received to the waste water questionnaire for the RRG. The subject had been of interest as the regulators in the UK had started to connect spikes in poor water quality with large sailing regattas. Members that had not already done so were requested to send their response to the questionnaire to the Secretariat at the earliest opportunity for inclusion within the RRG.

Action 9: All Members by 30 June 2013

Beat Schifferli noted that CCS had made enquiries with two different manufacturers to ask about having a grey water tank fitted in a new build boat. Neither manufacture had been willing to even discuss the idea as a possibility. The manufacturers' total disinterest was cause for concern and it was agreed that this should be communicated to the EBI.

Action 10: Secretariat

e. Invasive Aquatic Species

Giancarlo Olimbo gave a presentation on Invasive Aquatic Species.

It was noted by the President that best practice amongst boaters should be encouraged, to prevent the spread of invasive aquatic species by recreational craft and show that legislation was not required to control the recreational boating sectors activities.

Carl Gerstroem noted that IMO had exempted small boats from recent legislation and assisted by ISAF had and provided recommendations for small boats. These recommendations needed to be promulgated quickly and acted upon to demonstrate to IMO that that the leisure sector was capable of self-regulation. Dieter Haendel emphasised that whilst most of the best practice guidance was nothing new, in Germany the concept of cleaning the boat when you took it out of the water, prior to moving it to another location, was new. This was the key point that needed to be communicated.

Caroline Price advised the meeting that there would be an EU Directive on Invasive alien species, which was likely to be published by the end of 2013. It had been being drafted for some time and would be structured not by user sectors, but by the pathways – different routes – by which alien species can move around. Whilst it had been indicated that it was unlikely there would be any significant implications for boat users as a result of the directive, it would be timely to start spreading best practice advice.

The meeting was reminded that the UK environmental initiative The Green Blue had a range of resources on this and other subjects which could be downloaded from http://www.thegreenblue.org.uk/leaflets_resources.aspx and used free of charge.

Members were asked to actively promulgate information on how to reduce the spread of Invasive Aquatic Species in their country.

Action 11: All Members

[Afternote: [a link to the IMO/ISAF document is provided in the environmental section of the EBA web-site](#)].

13. Miscellaneous Regulatory Matters

a. ISAF Matters

The ISAF 4 yearly elections had taken place in Ireland in Nov 2012. Stuart Carruthers was appointed as chair of the International Regulations Commission, as a full member of the offshore and oceanic committee and ex-officio to the Offshore Special Regulations committee. The new committees had yet to formally meet and to confirm their work streams. It was unlikely that this would become clear before the next ISAF meeting in Muscat in Nov 2013.

The ISAF piracy guidelines had been published at the beginning of the year following a meeting with the naval authorities responsible for security in the Gulf of Aden and the Somali basin. The risk to small sailing craft was still judged to be unacceptable and the advice to blue water sailors remained that they should not transit the area.

b. EU Roadworthiness Package (Trailer Regulations)

The EU Commission had proposed the introduction of a series of measures to ensure that a road worthiness test was required for all vehicles in all EU countries. They had additionally extended this to require that all trailers, no matter how small, were also tested and had a registration to allow this testing to be monitored. A number of national Governments had objected to the proposal on

the basis that it was unnecessarily bureaucratic, especially as the majority of issues were with the towing vehicle rather than the towed trailer. Although the EU Commission had intended that this would be a regulation (unlike Directives, national Governments cannot modify Regulations in their own legislation) and had indicated that it would not accept any amendments to its proposals, national Governments had objected and it was likely that small trailers will be excluded from the legislation which would be a Directive as opposed to the intended Regulation.

c. IMO Matters

It was noted that the EBA was represented at International Maritime Organisation (IMO) through ISAF which had NGO status. The current notable items were GMDSS developments and AIS enabled Aids to Navigation, both of which were progressing very slowly.

d. Matters of concern to cruising yachtsmen

Carol Paddison gave presentations on the implication for cruising yachtsmen of Croatia's accession to the EU and issues surrounding equipment and paperwork checks in Portugal to ensure that all EBA members were informed about these subjects. Members were asked to feed any evidence they received (reports from boaters) on these subjects to the Secretariat.

e. [Regulatory Reference Guide \(RRG\)](#)

• The RRG going forward

The Secretary reminded the meeting that the RRG was only as good as the information the members provided. In order for the document to be retained it needed to be accurate and therefore members needed to research the information and supply it to the Secretariat for inclusion. The meeting agreed that the RRG was of value and should continue and members were requested to keep it up to date.

Action 12: All Members

• Proposal for a working group: foreign regulations

Leif Nielsen noted that Danske Tursejlere (DT) received a lot of requests for information from its members who were looking to take their boat overseas and whilst DT made recommendations on what the members should take, they were unable to confirm what was essential and what just a nice to have. The RRG provided information on the rules in each of the countries represented with the EBA, but information on the regulations for visitors had to date not been collected.

The meeting agreed that it would be useful to create a working group which could develop a questionnaire for members to complete and the President asked Leif Nielsen to set up the working group with some willing volunteers and progress the subject.

Action 13: Lief Nielsen

f. Unmarked fishing gear in Spanish waters

Jaime Darder reported the issues experienced by boaters in Spanish waters and requested support from EBA Members to assist ANAVRE in collecting information from boaters that had had accidents or incidents in Spanish waters involving unmarked or discarded fishing gear. Additionally ANAVRE was interested in establishing whether this issue was limited to Spanish waters or was of wider concern.

The meeting agreed that the Secretariat would distribute a questionnaire prepared by ANAVRE to EBA Members and ask the Members to assist with the collection of the data.

Action 14: Jaime Darder

g. Property Tax on Floating Stages in Norway

Reidar Kjelsrud presented the issue relating to the taxation of pontoons (floating stages) in Norway. Work was being done to try to change the legislation and to assist this work, information was sought from EBA Members to establish if this was an issue elsewhere in Europe or isolated to Norway. EBA Members were asked to provide the following information to Reidar Kjelsrud.

1. Do any EBA Members have the same problem?
2. Are marinas and pontoons (floating stages), quays, jetties etc subject to taxation, or is it just the marina's income that is subject to taxation?

Action 15: All Members

h. Maritime Labour Convention 2006

Gus Lewis gave a presentation outlining that the origin of the Maritime Labour Convention 2006 was the International Labour Convention (ILC), the purpose of which was to improve the working conditions for professional seafarers. In 2009 the EU directed that all EU member states needed to enact the convention in their national legislation. The legislation was directed at commercial shipping, and although it was not designed to deal with small craft of 24m, the directive was being applied to such vessels including sailing school work.

Members were requested to provide information to the Secretariat on how their Government was detail with this legislation for small commercial craft.

Action 16: All Members

Supporting Documents published after the meeting:

 [Presentation on Maritime Labour Convention 2006](#)

14. Technical Matters

a. ISO TC188

The Secretary reminded the meeting that the EBA had completely rewritten the draft standard ISO 16180 : fitting and placement of Navigation lights, advising that the standard had now been approved for publication.

A New ISO Standard for the performance and testing of LED light sources had been circulated by TC188 for adoption as a new work item. The EBA had played a significant role in drafting this standard and the technical aspects were to the satisfaction of a number of leading experts on LED performance both from Europe and the USA. Once accepted, it was expected that this standard would make rapid progress.

All 3 parts of the standard ISO 12217 : stability had now been approved for publication. Part 2 was noted to be of significance to the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations and RCD design categories.

b. RCD

The RCD revision was being driven forward by the Irish Presidency and it was hoped that there would be Commission / Council / Parliament agreement on the proposal before the end of the Irish Presidency. If this happened then the date of application would be 2015.

Members were reminded that the EBA had been involved in a number of suggestions through the RCD Expert Group and more recently had made representations on the design categories and Post construction Assessment (PCA).

In addressing the first of these the EBA and the EBI had written jointly to all Member States in support of the European Parliament's Internal Market and Consumer Protection committee proposed amendment which maintained the existing design categories (A, B, C, D) but removed the names (Ocean, Offshore, Coastal, Sheltered waters) which provided a misleading link between the design category and the geographical location of intended use. With this small change, the directive's text would become technically accurate and would come into line with the harmonised standard EN ISO 12217 which had been in use for over 10 years.

On the second point, it was noted that the Irish presidency full understood and agreed with the EBA that the PCA process in the new proposal was overly complex and penalised private importers. It was anticipated that the Irish presidency would attempt to amend this at the RCD Administrative Co-operation Committee meeting in Dublin in June 2013.

15. Reports from members and observers

The President recorded his thanks to the NBF for its report.

16. EBA Vice President Reports

a. Carl Gerstroem

Carl Gerstroem noted that the Baltic Sea Network would meet in Copenhagen in the Autumn when the progress of the biocide directive would be discussed.

b. Dieter Haendel

Dieter Haendel noted that he had been invited to the European Evening of Sport as representative of both the DMYYV and EBA, but that the work of the EBA had been their primary interest. Dieter Haendel sought permission to share the EBA minutes with the European Office of the Olympic Committee. The General Assembly decided that it was not appropriate to share the EBA minutes with other organisations, but that a report summarising points of specific interest could be given to them. An on-going invitation to the event had been promised.

d. Giancarlo Olimbo

Giancarlo Olimbo noted that he was working to recruit further EBA members in southern Europe.

17. Any Other Business

Jaime Darder noted that the Balearic government had just advised that the previously free use of the mooring buoys installed to protect areas of sea grass, would shortly become chargeable. This would be managed by the Balearic government not by private companies.

18. Forthcoming meeting dates and locations

The location for April 2014 was discussed and the FIV explained that they were unable to host a meeting in Italy on the agreed dates. It was therefore proposed that the April 2014 meeting would take place at the Trypp Bellver Hotel Palma, Majorca arranged by the Secretariat.

The future meeting dates and locations were agreed as:

- 18 – 20 October 2013 Aarhus, Denmark (information to follow in May).
- 25 - 27 April 2014 Trypp Bellver Hotel Palma, Mallorca arranged by the Secretariat
- 17 – 19 October 2014 Channel Islands arranged by the Royal Yachting Association

Roberto Baggioni advised that the FIV were proposing that the April 2015 meeting should be held in Italy. Two possible dates were proposed 10 -12 April 2015 (preferred) or 17 – 19 April 2015. It was agreed that the dates and location would be finalised at the meeting in Aarhus once an official offer had been made by the FIV.

Action 17: Roberto Baggioni

Any members willing to host the October 2015 or April 2016 meetings were asked to make their offer known to the Secretariat.

Action 18: All Members

Summary of Action Points

Action	Agenda Item	Relevant to	Detail
1.	5b.	Stanislaw Latek	Review the data that was included on the GWG map and advise the Secretariat of any the gaps in the information
2.	7a.	Juraj Groch	Provide the Secretariat with a new YCWG questionnaire for circulation to the Members within a week of the meeting and provide the secretariat with a copy of the draft Turkish Chamber of Shipping standard for bareboat charter for circulation to the Members.
3.	7b.	Treasurer	Arrange refund of €500 to SPV
4.	7b.	All members of the HSWG	Send comments on the HSWG Meeting report and HSWG Revised draft recommendations to Dieter Haendel by 15 June 2013.
5.	9.	All Members	Send comments on the draft Yacht Tourism Position Paper to the Secretariat by 15 May 2013
6.	11a.	Di Murrell	Forward the agenda for the next Waterways Forward meeting to the Secretariat when received.
7.	11b.	Di Murrell	Provide the Secretariat with the necessary questions to allow information on fuel to be collected from Members and added to the RRG
8.	11d.	Dieter Haendel	Pursue observer status for the EBA at RAINWAT and report to the next EBA meeting
9.	12d.	All Members	Respond to the Waste Water questionnaire where this has not already been done. Deadline 30 June 2013
10.	12d.	Secretariat	Communicate concerns regarding grey water holding tanks to EBI
11.	12e.	All Members	Promulgate information on how to reduce the spread of Invasive Aquatic Species
12.	13e.	All Members	Provide updates to the RRG as and when changes occur
13.	13e.	Leif Nielsen	Set up Foreign Regulations Working Group: recruit members and develop questionnaire for the Secretariat to distribute to the members
14.	13f.	Jaime Darder	Provide Secretariat with questionnaire on unmarked fishing gear for distribution to the Members
15.	13g.	All Members	Provide requested information to Reidar Kjelsrud
16.	13h.	All Members	Inform the Secretariat on how Governments are dealing with the Maritime Labour Convention for small commercial craft
17.	18.	Roberto Baggioni	Forward a formal proposal to host the April 2015 meeting in Italy to the Secretariat prior to the meeting in Aarhus
18.	18.	All Members	Make any offers to host the October 2015 or April 2016 meetings known to the Secretariat in writing