

Meeting Report
ICOMIA Super Yacht Meetings
Amsterdam, The Netherlands
November 13-14, 2007

Highlights of the Super Yacht Division meeting

1. ICOMIA Environment Executive
 - Funded by ICOMIA and International Paint
 - Works as a consultant for EU shipyards
2. VOC Issues
 - International Paint products and new painting techniques
3. Super Yacht Builders Association (SYBAss)
 - SYBAss was created for marketing purposes for super yachts. ICOMIA offers environmental and technical service.
 - What is the relationship of ICOMIA and SYBAss? Technical? Marketing? MCA Code representative? TBD.
 - How can ICOMIA become a representative of the Super Yacht industry?
 - Does the industry even need an association?
 - ICOMIA will continue with this initiative.
4. Super Yacht Division Objectives – Status report
 - Intelligence – Nothing done.
 - Technical – Very active
 - IMO – Nothing done.
 - Environmental – Active
 - SYBAss – Very little activity
 - Statistics – Beginning this year
5. The next meeting of the ICOMIA Super Yacht division will be in Düsseldorf in January 2008.

Highlights of the Industry Large Yacht Group meeting

1. Standards production
 - Only standards essential to the industry should be developed and this development should have industry input.
 - The super yacht market is growing; smaller boat shows now have a super yacht pavilion.
 - Standard requirements are to come from industry, i.e., from ICOMIA or SYBAss, or from national needs. The MCA Code must be recognized in this standard development.
 - Some industry representatives in attendance felt that the newly drafted windows and portlights standard is not needed in the industry. We need to note that international standards help prevent barriers to trade.
 - I gave a report of the status of the draft Paint Appearance standard. Work is progressing in the development of the Paint Appearance standard with its first work group meeting held last month in Milan. Two standards have been drafted that deal with super yacht windows. A third set of standards is for cranes and gangways but that WG is not yet active.
 - ICOMIA needs industry input to develop new, needed requirements which may lead to standards.
 - Discussion on whether these standards will be mandatory or voluntary. Many industry attendees believe that standards are mandatory. Currently in the Codes and Class Societies there is no reference to mandatory standards.
 - One new idea was proposed; Standards for fire fighting equipment for FRP yachts.

2. The next meeting of the Large Yacht Group will be held at METS 2008.

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