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Congresses

Congress 2003

- A very enjoyable 2003 Congress was held in Washington DC at the Omni Shoreham Hotel. NMMA was a gracious host and a most imaginative programme was laid on for the delegates. A full and productive series of meetings was held and the AGM was both well attended and lively.
- The Minutes of the AGM and Committee meetings are available on the relevant pages of the ICOMIA website.

Congress 2004

- Congress 2004 is now being held from 2-6 June in Dubrovnik.
We are most grateful to CBIA for changing the dates to accommodate attendance by some members at the Sanctuary Cove Boat Show.

Congress 2005

- Congress 2005 will be held in Hamburg, hosted by DBSV.

European Union Recreational Marine Industry Group

- Following the decision at Congress to establish a committee for EU members, an inaugural meeting was held in Brussels on Thursday, 26 June.
- The committee decided to name itself the European Union Recreational Marine Industry Group and Mr Jürgen Tracht agreed to be the initial Chairman with BMF providing the secretariat.

- The minutes of this meeting and the committee's Rules of Procedure are available on that committee's web page on the ICOMIA website.
- Discussion has begun on the committee's work programme and the next meeting will be held in Brussels on Friday, 17 October when a permanent Chairman and Deputy Chairman will be selected.

New Law For the Italian Nautical Sector

- With its 15 articles, the new law for the nautical sector represents an important starting point for the development of nautical tourism in Italy, as well as final recognition of the nautical industry as a production sector that is of fundamental and strategic importance to the Italian economy.
- Among the principle aims of this new law – which can be summarised as aligning the Italian standard to the Community standard, simplifying administrative procedures, and lightening the fiscal burden – the legislator has seen fit to introduce some innovative elements that make the Italian nautical system competitive in overall terms compared to other countries, laying the groundwork for long-term development of the domestic market. In this regard the register for Super Yachts, the discipline of hiring of pleasure boats and the creation of a Single Code for pleasure boating, are particularly significant.

- Among the many new items in the law taking immediate effect, it provides for the definitive abolition of mooring tax, sim-

plification of bureaucratic procedures related to the registration of boats, the revision of registration procedures for boats, with the limit for new craft being raised to 10 metres, and a clear marking out of marine parks with adequate indications. Other provisions include: the abolition of registration for trailers (the motor vehicle's or towing vehicle's licence plate will be used), the abolition of VHF testing and approval, and a reduction in administrative fines.

- In the longer term: a single code for pleasure boating will be drawn up - this step will mark the final separation of the nautical discipline from the navigation code; hiring of pleasure boats will be controlled, paving the way to professional growth of this sector, with increased safety margins and the institution of ad hoc professional qualifications and an innovative register will be set up for charter yachts, laying down internationally valid safety requirements and introducing new professional boating qualifications.

EU Directive 2003/44 (Emissions' Directive for Recreational Craft)

- It is anticipated that this Directive will be published in the official journal of the European Union in August. Meanwhile the ICOMIA Secretariat is completing a





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guide which will be available to all MIAs by the end of August. (It is planned that this is the first of a number of guides produced by the Secretariat which aims to reduce the duplication of work among MIAs).

- It is believed that no notified bodies have yet been registered with any national authorities. MIAs are asked to encourage notified bodies to register for this new directive and begin work as soon as possible.

PWC Sound Tests

- IMEC will carry out sound tests on 4-stroke PWC on 1-3 September at Jetski Village, south east of Paris.

ISO Issues

- The last ISO TC 188 Plenary meeting was held in Genoa on 10 April 2003. It was conducted on one day and not as during previous Plenary meetings over a two day period. This reflects the reduced workload as many of the standards in ISO TC 188 are completed.
- WG 18 (Scantlings) is progressing under its new convenor, Mr Grégoire Dolto. The next meeting of WG 18 will be in Southampton on 15/16 September 03 with a further meeting on 17/18 November 03 in Amsterdam. The validation work of Part 5 has started already but should intensify after the September meeting. Work has also begun on Part 8, Scantlings on Rudders, which should be a CD at the end of the year and on ISO 21847, Permanently installed petrol and diesel fuel tanks, which was moved from WG 5 to WG 18.
- WG 28 (Sound) meets next on 2 October 03 in Munich. The main topic of the meeting will be the revision of EN ISO14509 Part 1, which aims to improve the environmental condition of the test procedure. The work on the amendment to ISO 14509, which covers the inclusion of stern drive engines with integral exhaust into the standard boat procedure, is moving forward very smoothly. It is currently circu-

lated for FDIS voting. Part 2 of ISO 14509, which covers the Reference Boat Concept, is currently circulated for DIS voting. Validation work for the Reference Boat Parameters will be the main issue of future work.

- WG 9 (Hull identification coding system) was accepted for revision as a new work item proposal. It was requested to revise the standard as the present wording led to possible misinterpretations when several companies are involved in the manufacturer of the craft. The Emissions Amendment to the Recreational Craft Directive 2003/44/EC, was changed accordingly. As ISO 10087 is mandated under the EU Directive, the standard needs to be revised. The next meeting of the Working Group will be during METS Amsterdam.

ICOMIA Statistics



Preparation of the Statistics Book 2002 is proceeding apace with intended publication in early September.

- A co-ordinated marketing campaign will accompany its publication.

METS 2003

- The following meetings will be held during METS 2003
 - WGs 9 and 18
 - Inland Waterways Committee
 - PR Committee
 - Statistics Committee Task Force
 - Environment Committee
 - Technical Committee
 - TARA Committee
 - Combined MIA Meeting
- METS 2003 is already fully booked and we understand there is a waiting list.
- Following concerns over transport at the end of each

Exhibition day, the RAI are trying to both increase the number of taxis available and increase the frequency of trams to match peak demand.

Deadlines

- New Products—Those wishing to have new products included in the end of August Press Release must send details to the RAI by 4 August.
- Catalogue Entries—anyone wishing to advertise in the catalogue must send their proposal to the RAI by 15 August.

Super Yachts

- It is understood that TC8, which usually deals with commercial shipping, has been requested to initiate standards for super yachts. It is expected that the ICOMIA Technical Committee will contribute to its work.

ICOMIA Website

- The ICOMIA website homepage now includes an Industry Directory which provides links to MIAs' industry pages. Any MIAs who have such a page, which is not already listed, are asked to send the hyperlink to the Secretariat for inclusion in the directory.



Forthcoming Meetings

- 19 Sept Executive Committee, Friedrichshafen
- 26-28 Sept ICOMIA Marinas Committee, Naples
- 29-30 Sept Recreational Craft Sectorial Group, Brussels