

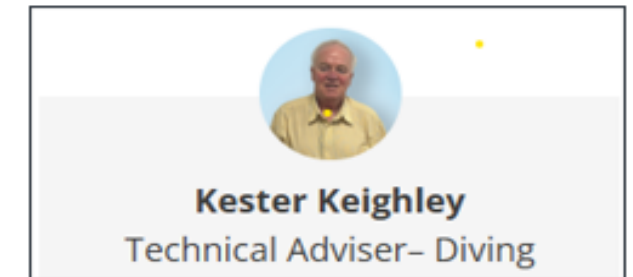
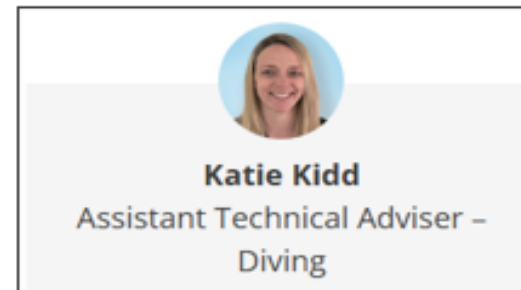
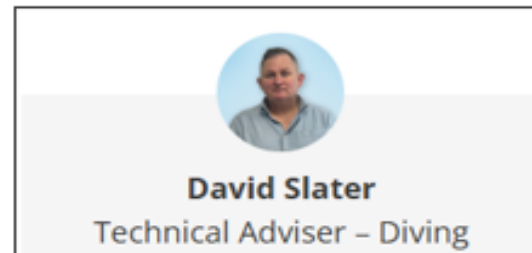
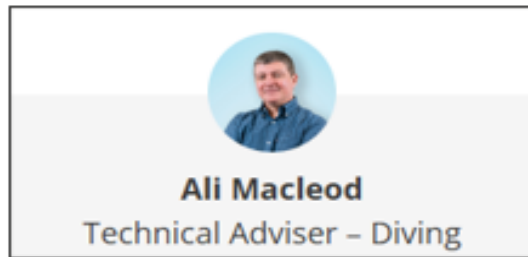
# IMCA Update

Ali Macleod and Bill Chilton

November 2025

# Personnel

# IMCA Diving 2025: *Personnel*



## IMCA Lead on:

- Diver training (in-water and surface courses)
- Diving Medicine (Secretary of DMAC)

## IMCA Lead on:

- Diving Equipment and DESIGN
- Auditing (membership and audits with cause)

## IMCA Lead on:

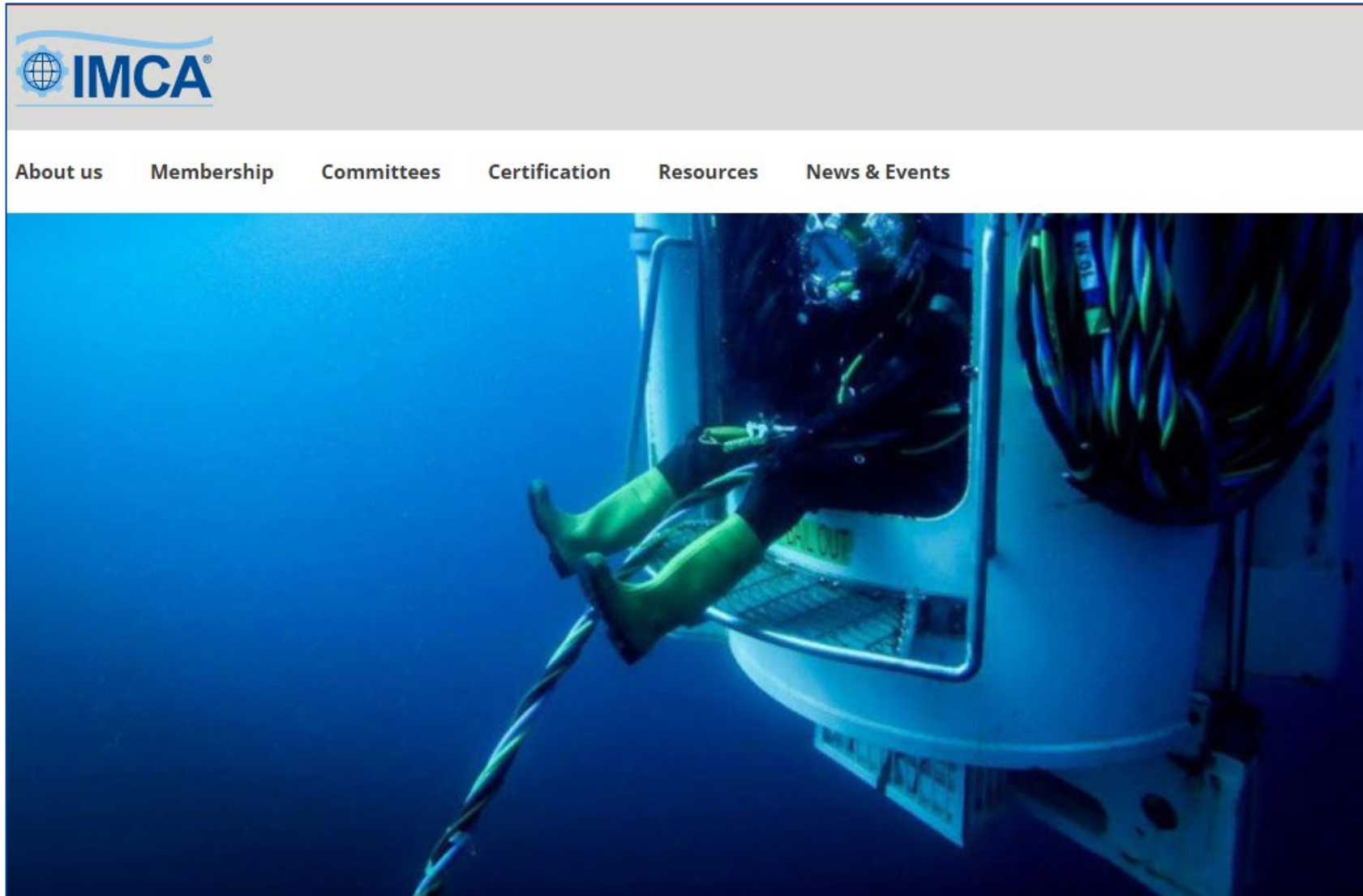
- Diving CPD App  
SMTT

## IMCA Lead on:

- Diving membership audits

# Documentation

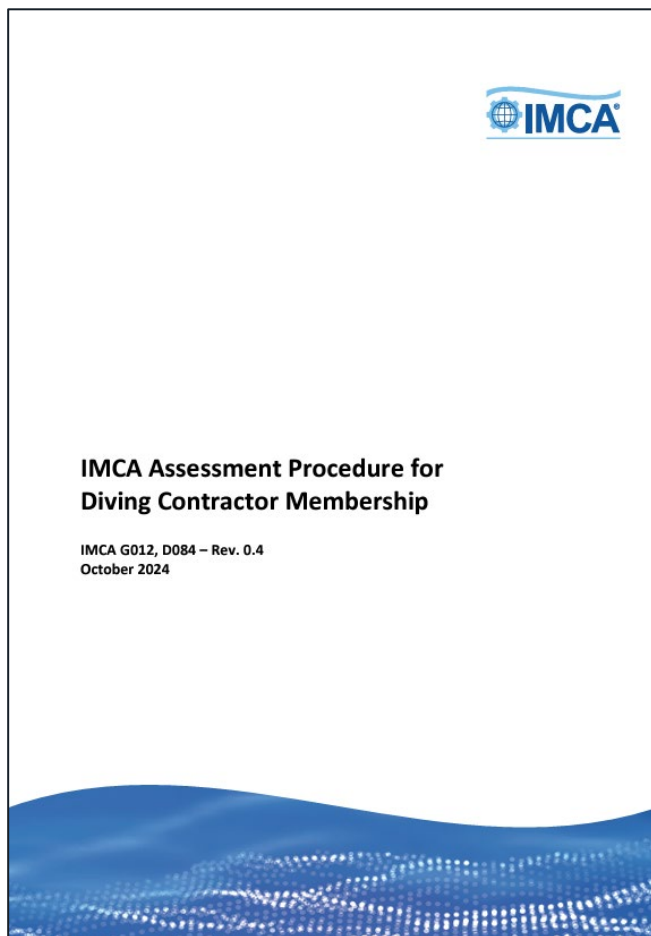
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# Diving Documents: IMCA D084/G012

## Assessment Procedure for Diving Contractor Membership

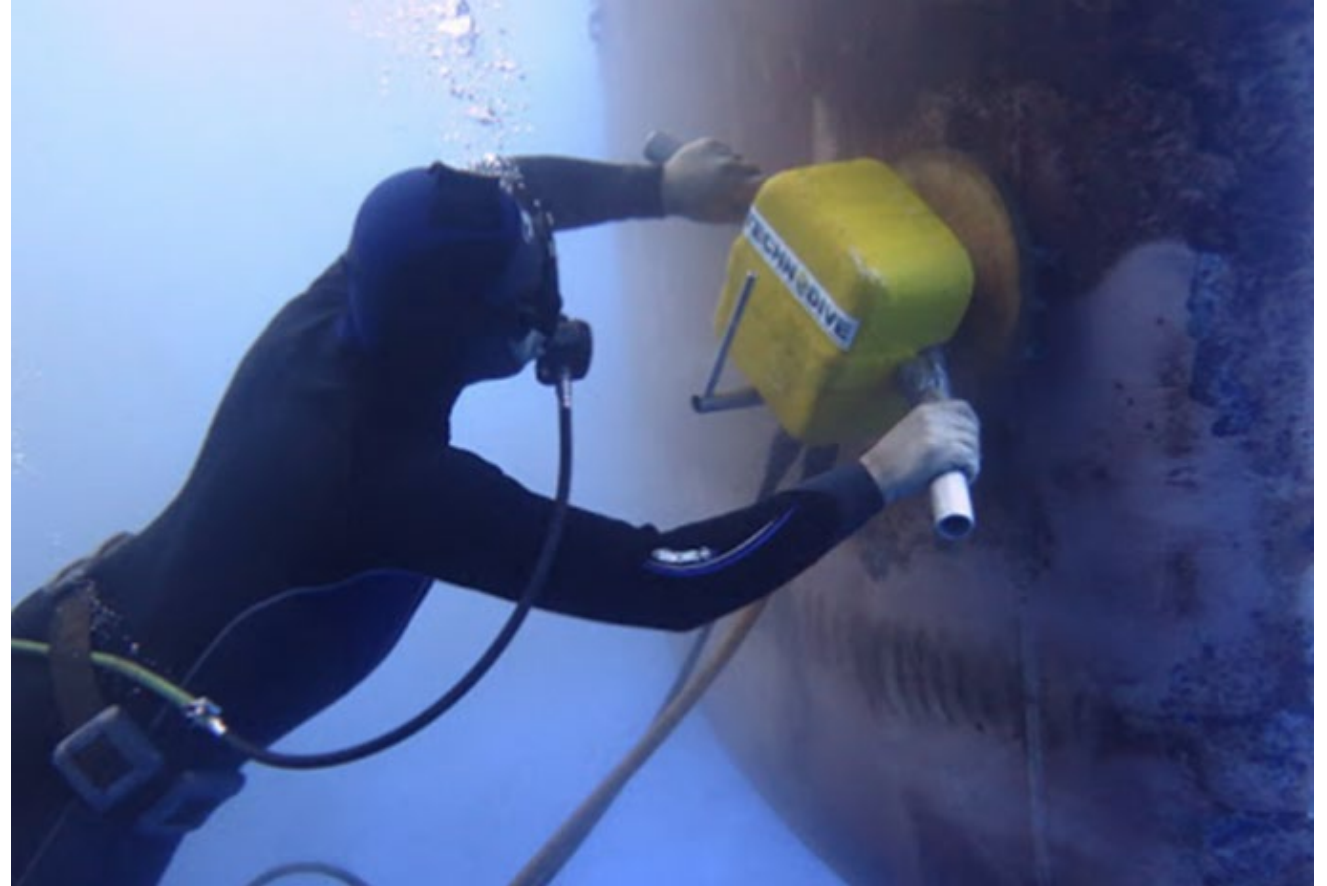


- Published October 2024
- Process for potential applicants to follow if wanting to join IMCA's diving division
- Brings together several dated Information Notes
- 'One stop shop' for prospective members



# IMCA D083/G013: Audits with Cause

- Published August 2024
- Outlines process to be followed when undertaking an audit with cause on an IMCA member
- IMCA has no regulatory or enforcement powers
- Relies on verifiable evidence



# IMCA D022: *Guidance for diving supervisors*

- Aiming to publish by end of Q3 2025
- 300 page document
- Thorough review started last year
- Comments have now closed
- Final technical review






# IMCA D085 Guidance on deck decompression Chamber (DDC) operations for therapeutic treatment of divers

- Published February 2025
- There is skill fade in this area
- IMCA aware of three serious incidents where chambers on site but weren't used in DCI emergencies
- Focus on deck decompression chamber operation, roles and responsibilities, planning, etc.
- Added to 2025 CPD modules



# IMCA D086: *Catalogue of National Diving Regulations*

- Published March 2025
- This document aims to assist IMCA Members in identifying their legislative duties related to offshore energy diving projects in various countries of the world.

	
<i>Catalogue of National Diving Regulations</i>	
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# IMCA D087- *Diver Training Schools: Procedure for IMCA recognition of in-water diver training qualifications.*

- Published in June 2025
- IMCA only recognises diver training certificates issued by national/local government or government appointed agencies (the certifying organisations)
- All training providers requesting IMCA recognition must successfully complete the IMCA assessment, including desktop review of the training centres safety management system and site inspection
- This site assessment should include a meeting with the national/local government representatives/certifying organisation to verify that they have oversight of the in-water diver training course

~~So you want to open a dive school?~~  
**Procedure for IMCA recognition of in-water  
diver training**

IMCA D0xx Rev. 0  
September 2024

# IMCA D082: Guidance on UWSH

Not core IMCA diving contractor Member business. However, IMCA has prepared detailed guidance on conducting UWSH diving operations safely.

- The incredibly high number of diving fatalities in this sector persists
- Some of our Marine Members contract in the services of UWSH diving contractors
- IMCA's global influence on commercial diving





# IMCA D088 *Diver certification and verification*

- Published June 2025
- Will replace several information notes – most noticeably IMCA IN1394 *Diver training and certification*
- Contains current list of in-water diver training certs that are recognised by IMCA.



# IMCA and in-water diver training

- IMCA D087 *Diver Training Schools: Procedure for IMCA recognition of in-water diver training qualifications*
- IMCA D088 *Diver certification and verification*
- IMCA D0XX Experienced Diver Competency (EDCA) Assessments (Q4 2025)



# Medical

# Diving Medical Advisory Committee

- Ali Macleod appointed as DMAC Secretary: [info@dmac-diving.org](mailto:info@dmac-diving.org)
- DMAC to investigate Mental Health guidance
- DMAC 26 *Saturation diving chamber hygiene* has been reviewed to include water quality
- Priority list of DMAC documents for revision created
- DMAC will celebrate 50 years since its formation in November 1975



Ali Macleod  
IMCA Dive Team lead  
Medical and Training



# Technical

# Formation of IMCA's Diving Equipment Sub-Committee (DESC):

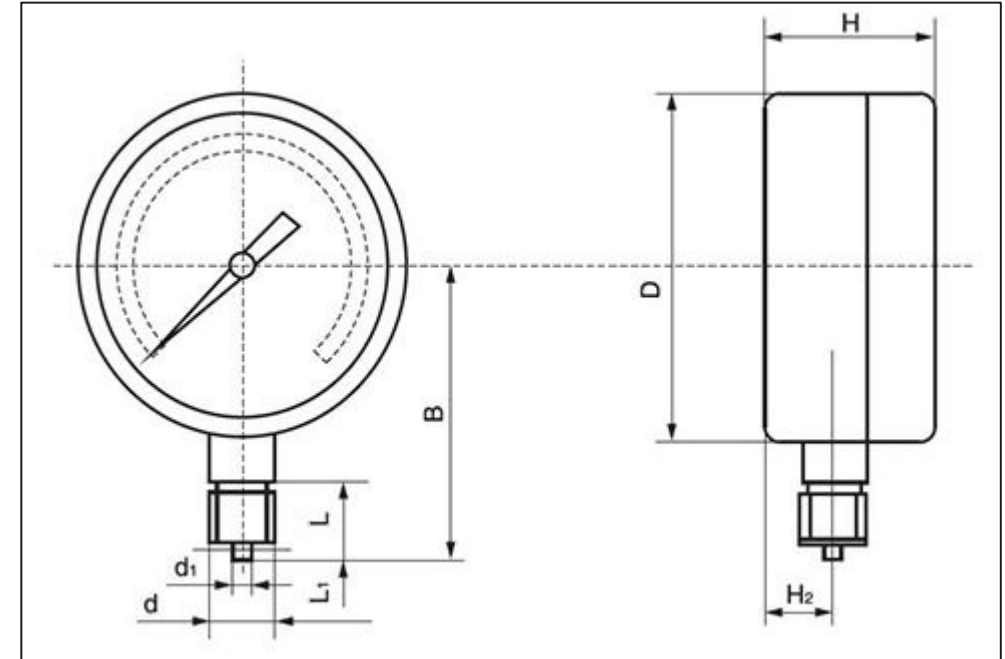
- Dave Slater is the IMCA Secretariat point of contact
- Technical experts from around the world
- Permanent Sub-Committee reporting to Diving Division Management Committee
- Deal with all equipment issues and DESIGN docs (recent issues include square medical locks, second motors on LARS systems)



**David Slater**  
Technical Adviser –  
Diving

# IMCA Diving Equipment Sub-Committee

- Dedicated sub-committee addressing equipment queries
- Integrated action tracker which facilitates:
  - A systematic approach to issue tracking
  - The ability to evaluate multiple solutions for each defined issue
  - A mechanism for reporting feedback to party that raised them



# IMCA D041 *Use of battery-operated equipment in hyperbaric conditions*

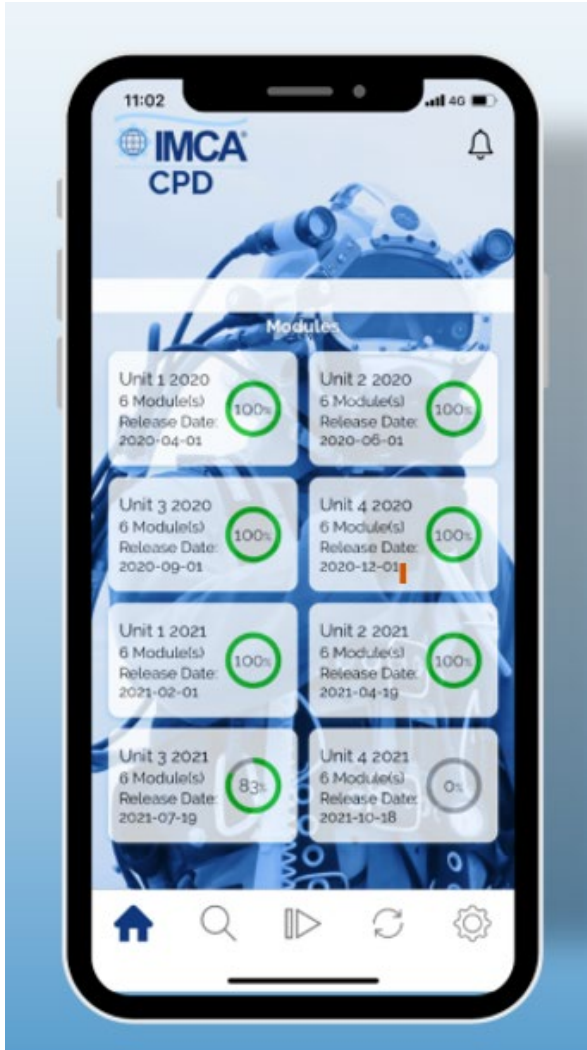
- Project to review all current guidance / industry advice etc. and see if document is still fit for purpose
- Project team: Dave Slater, Gavin Anthony and Steve Sheppard



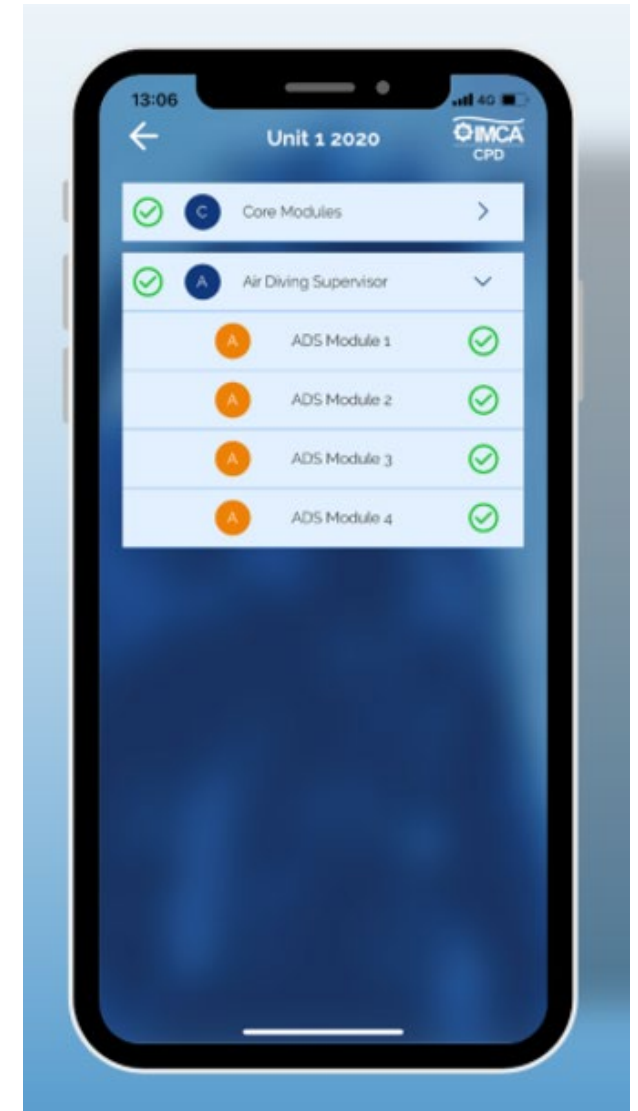


# Training

# Extension of the Supervisor CPD Scheme




- **IMCA Diving CPD Pro:** For existing diving supervisors
- Cost frozen at £100 p/a
- **IMCA Diving CPD Mix:** For other interested parties. Option to skip modules
- CPD Mix has a delay of three months from material accessed by Pro users
- £200 p/a (+ tax where applicable)



# Advocacy and lobbying

# Formation of advocacy and lobbying team

- IMCA permanent seat at the IMO (marine wing of the United Nations)
- Presence in European Parliament
- High level meetings with IOGP



IMO – the *International Maritime Organization* – is the United Nations specialized agency with responsibility for the safety and security of shipping and the prevention of marine and atmospheric pollution by ships. IMO's work supports the UN sustainable development goals.

IMO At Glance

176 // Member States

50 // Conventions And Protocols

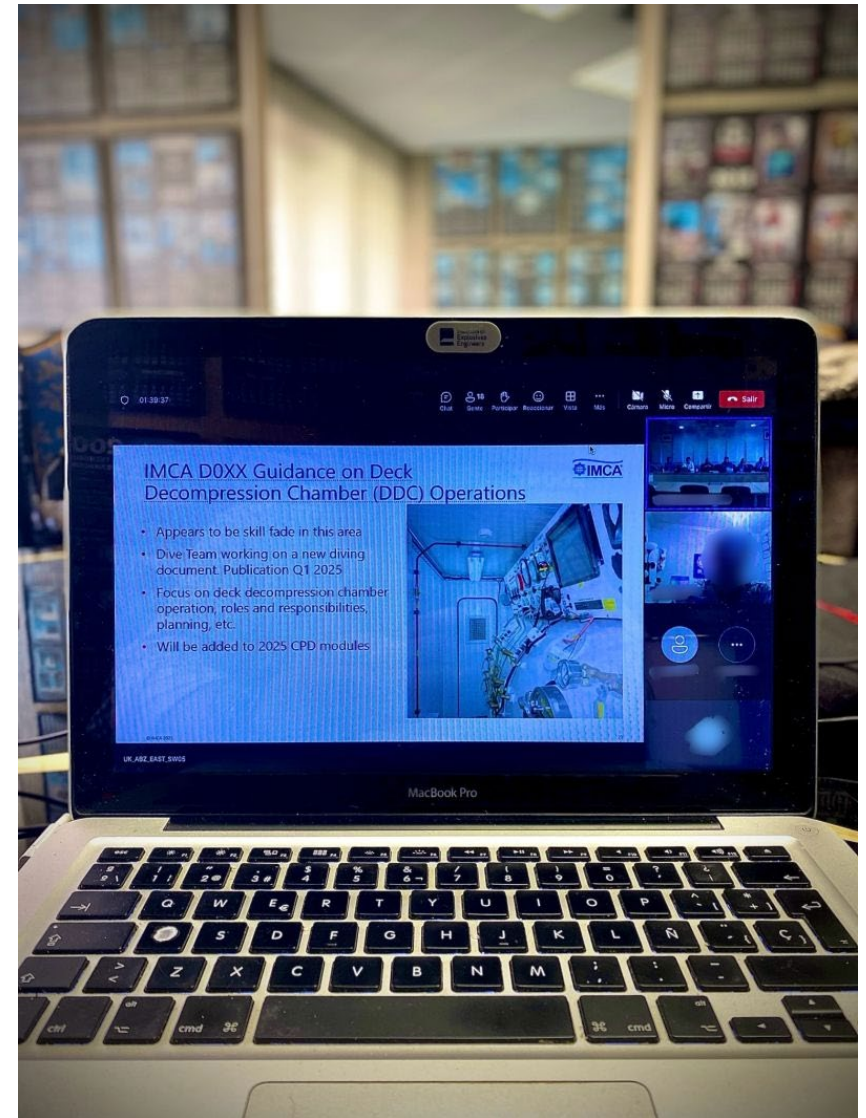
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# Plans for 2026

# Safety, Medical, Technical and Training forum

- Thinking of getting involved with IMCA?
- SMTT meets three times a year (online and occasionally in person)
- No commitments, very few actions
- [katie.kidd@imca-int.com](mailto:katie.kidd@imca-int.com)



# Mental fitness to dive

- On IMCA's Diving Division Management Committee as potential deliverable for 2026
- Katie Kidd will be Secretariat lead.





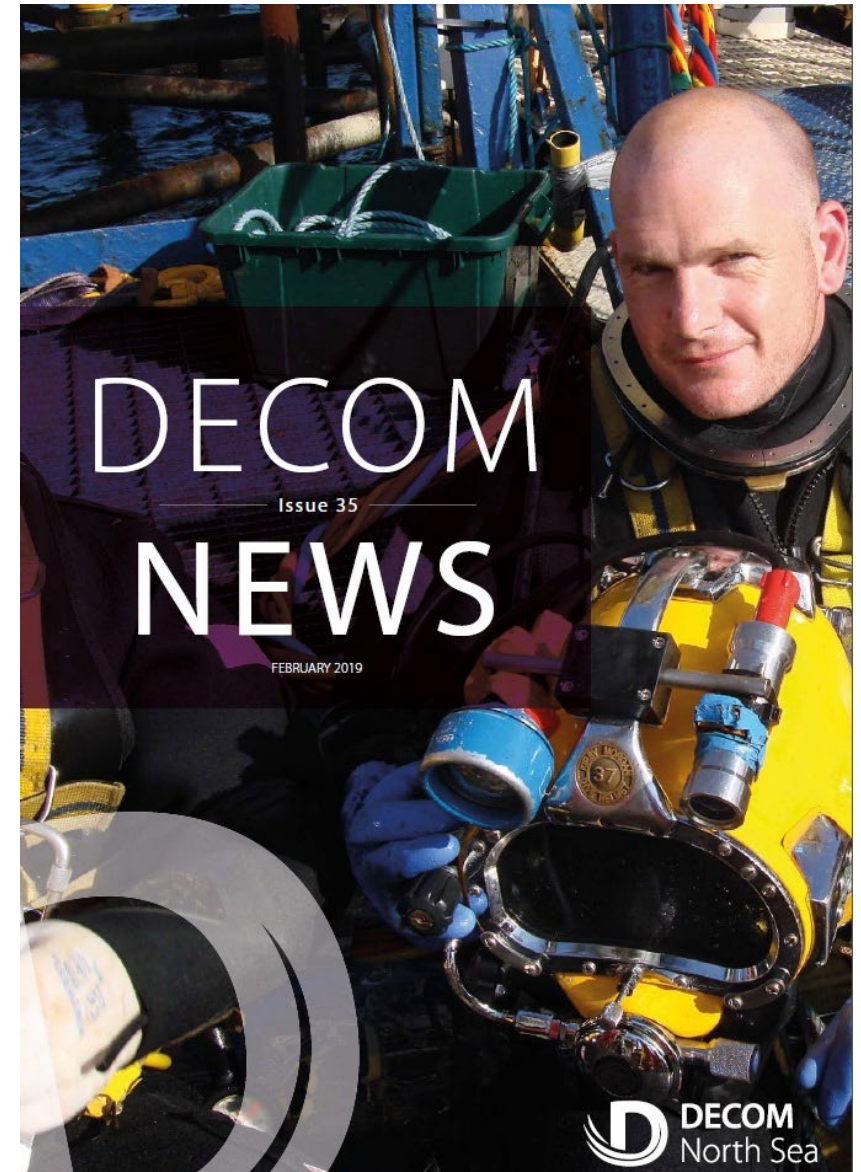
# Diving / ROV SIMOPs

- IMCA aware of incident
- 2026 objective for Diving and ROV divisions



# Diving operations in support of decommissioning projects

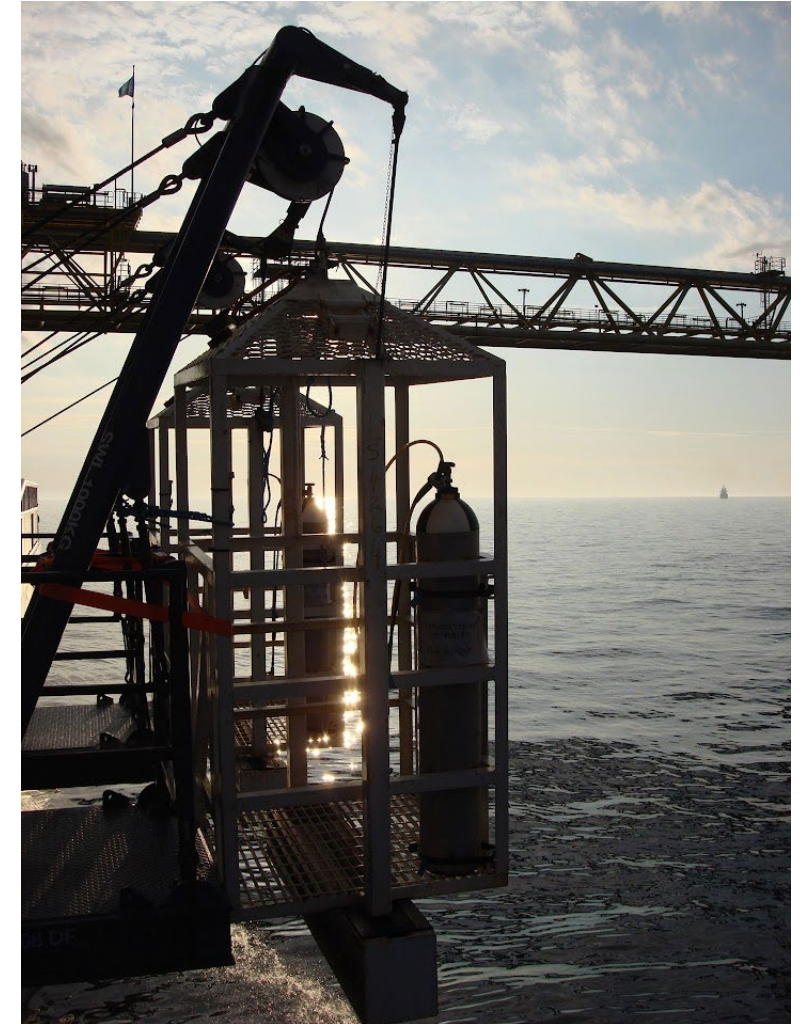
- Request from industry to provide guidance on this sector
- If agreed by DDMC, then will plan to produce in 2026





# Revisit IMCA guidance on diving emergency drills

- IMCA have been asked to review and update current documentation pertaining to this topic



# *A major offshore energy company recently stated that 70% of their diving work was inland/inshore.*

- This figure likely to be true for other supermajors (refineries and UWSH make up bulk of diving)





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