



About IMCA

Improving Performance in
the Marine Contracting Industry

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Who We Are

We are the International Marine Contractors Association (IMCA), a leading trade association representing the vast majority of contractors and the associated supply chain in the offshore marine construction industry worldwide.

Our Members play a key role in the offshore oil & gas and renewable energy industries. Principally, this is through the engineering, procurement, construction, and installation of offshore wind farms and hydrocarbon production facilities, together with the ongoing life of field support and maintenance requirements of these assets.

IMCA is fully engaged in the energy transition for a sustainable and low carbon future. We play an important role in collaborating with our Members and other stakeholders in addressing the challenges of climate change, and in ensuring environmental sustainability, particularly in the context of our ocean resources.

We exist for the benefit of our Members by promoting areas of common interest, such as health, safety, quality, environmental and technical standards.

We have a well respected, strong technical background and we are a communications platform for our members.

Our published technical and operational guidance is used globally across the offshore energy industry. Our work enables us to be a high-profile influencer in the industry, improving performance and driving-up standards.

IMCA was formed in 1995 through the merger of the Association of Offshore Diving Contractors (AODC) established in 1972, and the Dynamically Positioned Vessel Owners Association (DPVOA) established in 1989.

Consequently, our operational roots and technical credentials are second to none in our industry. We use our strong technical and safety focus to develop comprehensive best practice operating standards for the industry to improve its performance.

Our Vision

Our vision is to be the global reference for developing all forms of marine energy resources in a low carbon future.

Our Purpose

Enabling the development of the world's marine energy resources – safely and sustainably.

Our Mission

Our mission is to improve performance in the marine contracting industry.

To achieve this, we leverage the expertise of our Members through conferences, seminars, and our large network of committees. We represent our Members in dialogue with other industry bodies, regulators, oil companies and renewable energy companies.

Our Values

Integrity

Safety & Sustainability

Collaboration

Technical Excellence

Our Value Proposition

IMCA has a global reputation for developing safe and efficient standards and guidelines for offshore operations. Our value proposition focuses on five key pillars:

Safety

Improving safety and operational efficiency in the construction and maintenance of offshore energy facilities

Standardisation

Reducing risks, improving project delivery and driving industry-wide cost saving through standardisation

Responsibility

Responsible contracting, the energy transition agenda, and environmental sustainability across the industry

Global Reach

Building a global network of energy companies, contractors, and suppliers to improve industry performance

Collaboration

Working with regulators and industry partners to ensure safe and pragmatic governance of offshore operation

How We Operate

We operate through a committee structure which addresses many different areas of technical expertise. Membership on our committees is by election or nomination, and we have multiple committees and workgroups in place at any one time, all working towards improving specialist aspects of our industry.

Find out more about our committees on our website.

Our Global Reach

We are unlike most traditional trade associations in that our focus is to improve industry performance through authoritative technical standards leading to safe and efficient operations, rather than through commercial lobbying. We have a highly developed committee structure comprising of industry leading figures who work tirelessly in support of better performance through self regulation.



Benefits of Membership

Membership is available to companies and organisations involved in offshore, marine and underwater engineering. Categories of membership cover global, international and national contractors, suppliers, energy companies, regulators, NGOs and other related industry organisations.

Membership provides:

- A recognition that a company is active in our industry sector and respecting the codes of practice for which IMCA is world renowned amongst the leading energy companies and contractors alike
- A forum for meeting with likeminded companies and industry professionals to properly discuss matters of common interest under the umbrella of IMCA's Competition Law Compliance Policy
- A 'single voice' to influence regulators, government agencies, energy companies and other industry stakeholders
- Access to our extensive library of codes of practice and technical guidance, which is highly regarded in the industry. This body of knowledge is based on our members' cumulative global experience over many decades and is regularly reviewed and updated
- Opportunities to participate in our extensive range of committees and influencing their outcome
- Access to regular Information Notes and newsletters on technical issues, regulatory developments, and other events
- Access to our industry leading safety flash reporting system. A completely anonymous and up-to-date safety publication, which relays information on lessons learnt from offshore incidents on a biweekly basis
- Regular regional meetings, which provide global and regional updates and a forum to discuss local issues
- Seminars and workshops on relevant topics



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