

ARCSOPT Committee & Wider Membership Meeting

10 February 2025



ASSOCIATION OF RESOURCE COMPANIES, SHIP OPERATORS, PORTS & TERMINALS PO BOX 350, Adamstown NSW 2289			
Committee Meeting Minutes			
Date:	10 February 2025	Location:	MS Teams
Record of attendance and apologies			
John Finch (Chairperson)		Port Authority New South Wales	
Megan Suurenbroek (Secretary)		MER Solutions	
Port Authorities Sub-group			
Carl Kavina (Committee Member)		Flinders Ports	
Suraj Joshi		Fremantle Port Authority	
Rohan Wadhwa		Kimberley Ports Authority	
Heathcliff Pimento		Mid West Ports Authority	
Kyaw Oo		Mid West Ports Authority	
Myron Fernandes (Committee Member)		Port Authority New South Wales	
Mick Wall		TasPorts	
Terminals Sub-group			
Collette Morvell		Alcoa Corporation	
Craig Longmuir (Committee Member)		Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal	
David Power		Darwin Port Operations	
Damien Oconnell		GrainCorp	
Craig Barbour		Port of Brisbane	
Mark Beale (Committee Member)		Port Kembla Coal Terminal	
Sean Boyle		Port Waratah Coal Services	
Timmy Pavri		Port of Townsville	
Resource Companies Sub-group			
Corey Carless (Committee Member)		BMA	
Girish Shahani		Cargill Ocean Transportation	

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Jon Groth (Committee Member)	Rio Tinto
David Kelly (Committee Member)	Roy Hill
George Mathews (Committee Member)	South 32
Ship Operators Sub-group	
Harsh Makkar	Berge Bulk Maritime
Gerard D'Souza	Eastern Pacific Shipping
Simon Gravenall	Executive Ship Management
Shane N Pinto	Dockendale Ship Management FZCO
Aniruddha Paranjape	Dockendale Ship Management FZCO
Baskar Padmanaban	Front Line Management
George Vinod	Golden Ocean
George Gabriel	Golden Union
Catherine Prifti	Laskaridis Shipping
Sheldon Rodrigues	Maersk
Sungjin An	Mitsui O.S.K Lines (MOL)
Yasuhiro Iida	Mitsui O.S.K Lines (MOL)
George Lewis	Mitsui O.S.K Lines (MOL)
Josefino Galvez	MMS Bulkship Management (Singapore) Pte. Ltd
Siddhartha Sharma	MMS Bulkship Management (Singapore) Pte. Ltd
Yujiro Iwasaki	NYK Group
Rajeev Cardoza	NYK Group
Rodrigues Ornelas	Oldendorff Carriers
Deepak Gupta	Oldendorff Carriers
Sunit Sikand	OSM Thome
Philip Tate	OSM Thome
Sudheer Chikkala	OSM Thome
Krishna Kumar Kakarla	Pacific Basin Shipping (HK) Limited
Qiu Jing Rong	Pacific International Lines

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Alexandros Rigas	Pavimar S.A.
Saurabh Singh	Shoei Ship Management Pte Ltd
Pantelis Ouzounoglou	Starbulk SA
Jonathon Willis (Committee Member)	Synergy Group
Shivram Volety	Synergy Group
Gautam Kar	Synergy Group
Christo Anthoulakis	Thenamaris
Konstantinos Petrocheilos	Thenamaris
Anurag Sharma	Union Marine Management Services Pte Ltd
Thomas Xu	Wah Kwong Ship Management (HK) Limited
Hare Ram Sah	Wah Kwong Ship Management (HK) Limited
Biju Narayanan	Wah Kwong Ship Management (HK) Limited
Gurpreet Singh	Wah Kwong Ship Management (HK) Limited
Associates	
Munaf Shaikh	Blue Visby
Tateo Yamamoto	Class NK
Kotaro Norimasa	Class NK
Ramendra Kumar Pandey	Liberian Registry
Taylor Wamberg	Lloyds Register International
Dave Jordan	Lloyds Register International
Jack Manning	MER Solutions
Gaurav Dewan	Maritime & Corporate Administrators of the Republic of the Marshall Islands
Ajith Nair	Propel Marine
Richard Chettiar	Propel Marine
Mark Dsouza	Propel Marine
Stuart Walker	Rightship
Hayden Latchford	Rightship

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Christopher Saunders	Rightship
Gamaliel Wee	Wilhelmsen Ships Service
Laurice Ciubal	Wilhelmsen Ships Service
Veronika Aspelund	Wilhelmsen Ships Service
Apologies	
Swapnodeep Mondal (Committee Member)	Anglo Eastern Ship Management
Savio Fernandes	Fremantle Port Authority
Vivek Venugopal	NYK Line
Robert Muniz	Rio Tinto
George Laou (Committee Member)	TMS
George Evdaimon (Committee Member)	TMS
Item 1	Welcome, Introductions and Apologies
1.1	Previous Meeting Minutes: The minutes from the Committee Meeting held on 12 December 2024 are available on the ARCSOPT website - https://arcsopt.org/arcsopt-meetings/
Item 2	Technical Proposals & Guidelines Update - https://arcsopt.org/publications/
2.1	Technical Guideline 03/2023 – Marine Pilot Transfer Arrangements Fremantle Port Authority (Savio Fernandes) is in the process of updating the guideline. ACTION: A draft will be ready for committee review for the next committee meeting.
2.2	Technical Proposal 05/2023 – Pre-Arrival Questionnaire Part 1: The Harmonised Pre-Arrival Questionnaire is being adopted by the Terminal Subgroup members. Part 2: Hosting Platform Options – ongoing trials with Term Vet platform.
2.3	Technical Proposal 06/2025: Engine Power Limiters A draft proposal has been reviewed by the committee with no feedback received. ACTION for all to review proposal on the ARCSOPT website and provide feedback by end of March 2025.
Item 3	Outstanding Action Items

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3.1	<p>Develop Action Plan for the 2025 Focus Areas</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Standardisation of Inspections: Ports subgroup will take the lead on this topic. Commence discussions and workshops with the vetting providers towards aligning inspections. Prevalence of Falsified Pilot ladder Certificates: This topic was originally raised by Fremantle Port Authority (Savio Fernandes) reporting findings of Falsified Pilot ladder certificates. Since then, AMSA have released a safety issue of this topic and now more recently the US Coast Guard have issued a safety alert on Counterfeit Pilot Ladder Certificates (alert attached with the minutes for reference). Ports subgroup will commence engagement with Classification Societies and Pilot Ladder manufactures to better address the issue of falsified certificates. <p>Safety Share on this topic: At the Port of Newcastle last week, a pilot was boarding via pilot ladder, when almost at the top, one of the side ropes parted. The Ship Operator has sent the pilot ladder away to undergo destructive testing. Investigations are underway. Preliminary findings explain the pilot ladder was supplied to the ship January 2024 and put into service January 2025. During that time onboard, the pilot ladder was stored onboard wrapped fully in plastic. Will share investigation outcomes at the next meeting.</p>	Ongoing Ongoing
3.2	<p>Representing ARCSOPT</p> <p>At the September committee meeting it was questioned how to best represent ARCSOPT into future IMO technical discussions.</p>	On Hold
Item 4 Committee Update		
4.1	<p>General update from Committee Subgroup Chairs.</p> <p>Port Authority Update:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Development of Engine Power Limiters Proposal. Updating Pilot Ladder Guideline. Commencement of Standardisation of Inspections. Development of Falsified Pilot Ladder Certifications proposal. <p>Terminal Update – new focus areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Develop Terminal guidelines on Vessel Mooring Equipment specifically in the design criteria. Opportunity to work with the Ship Operator subgroup. Develop a standardised form for mooring arrangement for Terminals. <p>Resource Companies: Nil to update Ship Operators: Nil to update</p>	

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4.2	<p>Committee Membership</p> <p>NCIG has withdrawn their membership from the Terminal subgroup. Terminal subgroup chair (Mark Beale) is in discussions with Gladstone Port Corporation to take up the vacant position on the committee. Further update will be provided at the next meeting.</p>
Item 5	Safety Share
5.1	<p>Parted Mooring incident presentation by Suraj Joshi (Fremantle Port Authority). Presentation attached with the minutes.</p> <p>Comments shared:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A Ship Operator highlighted the importance of safe working loads of ship fittings is just as important. 2. Wilhelmsen advised they are getting feedback that ship operators do want to invest in good quality ropes, however still then having to replace in 5 years. There can be a lot of factors to consider when it comes to quality of line. 3. DBCT noted they have a standardised process for the assessment of parted mooring lines incidents. The data has allowed the terminal to validate risk mitigation decisions. However, one of the challenges is the small data set just from one terminal. Opportunity as an industry to standardised the investigation process so we are all capturing a set of data that can be useful to develop some guidelines. Happy to share what work DBCT have done and work towards a standardised approach.
5.2	<p>Vessel breakaway from berth at Port Botany.</p> <p>On the 15th January a container vessel was berthed at Port Botany (vessel 260m LOA). During the evening a very strong westerly storm front hit the port at short notice, recording 59 knots. One vessel had a complete break away from berth (10 of 14 mooring lines parted). Tugs were dispatched and the vessel movement was arrested and vessel was pushed back alongside. ACTION: Presentation on incident findings will be provided at next meeting.</p> <p>Learnings and key focus areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Data on weather events and accuracy of predictions: there is an increased uncertainty around microburst weather events. Looking into proactive advance warnings. 2. Terminal and vessel preparations of an adverse weather event at short notice. 3. Vessels mooring arrangements. This vessel's mooring lines were all various of types of lines as well as finding discrepancies in the brake render testing. 4. Port emergency preparedness and the ability to deploy tugs and pilot quickly.
Item 6	Committee Financials
6.1	Reminder of outstanding 2024 – 2025 Membership Invoices
Item 7	Email Correspondence Received

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7.1	Rightship noted they are very supportive of the Harmonisation approach and working together to streamline information sharing.
Item 8	Other business & closing
8.1	Next Meeting Next committee only meeting will be schedule around end of March 2025. Following that will be the Committee and wider membership meeting will be scheduled for early May 2025.
8.2	Planning for 2025 In Person Meeting ACTION: Seeking all members feedback on: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Preferred location on the East Coast. Options either Brisbane or Sydney.2. Date preferences around September / October period. Options to align dates with NSW Port Authority forum or PPA forum for the international members.3. Expression of interest for East Coast Terminals to host an information sharing day post ARCSOPT meeting and whether members would find value in this.

John Finch - Chairperson	Megan Suurenbroek - Secretary
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