

PIANC Recreational Navigation Commission (RecCom) - Update of Activities Internationally and in Australia & New Zealand (ANZ)

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Summary

The Paper outlines the purpose of the Recreational Navigation Commission (RecCom), the core activities of RecCom, the make-up of RecCom including representatives from ANZ, recently published Working Group (WG) reports, and WG reports in progress.

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Introduction

The Recreational Navigation Commission (RecCom) is one of the Technical Commissions of PIANC. The other Technical Commissions are the Maritime Navigation Commission (MarCom), Inland Navigation Commission (InCom) and the Environmental Commission (EnviCom).

RecCom was established to deal with aspects directly related to recreational, leisure, sport and tourism navigation, and facilities for this form of navigation, and to facilitate its integration with other types of navigation (commercial and fishing).

Sustainable planning, management of all recreational navigation infrastructure – including marinas – and their integration into waterfronts, are matters on which the Commission gives support to the technical community. It is the policy of the Commission to produce a regular flow of studies and reports (Working Group reports) and to contribute in training of professionals involved in the recreational boating industry.

RecCom works closely with other organisations with similar and complementary objectives (sister associations), such as the International Council of Marina Industry Associations (ICOMIA), Global Marina Institute (GMI), the Yacht Harbour Association (YHA), Marina World, and the Association of Marina Industries (AMI).

The core activities are the setting up and management of:

- Working Groups, for publication of reports;
- The Marina Excellence Design 'Jack Nichol' Award (MEDA), for promoting excellence in marina design;
- The Marina Design Training Program (MDTP): courses on marina design at an international level; and

- Outreach activities within PIANC events, with sister associations, and in marina industry events.

RecCom International and ANZ

RecCom includes international experts appointed by PIANC National Sections, Qualifying Members, and Sister Associations. The current membership of RecCom includes representatives from 24 countries, comprising Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Columbia, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Iran, Italy, Japan, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Puerto Rico, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom, and USA.

The current Chair of RecCom is Esteban Biondi based in the USA.

The current representative on RecCom from ANZ is Greg Britton, greg.britton@rhdhv.com, who can be contacted for all matters related to the activities of RecCom. In addition, Greg Fisk from Australia, greg.fisk@bmtglobal.com, has been appointed to RecCom as the Climate Change Champion. The main role of the climate change champions is to provide:

- Relevant expertise on climate change issues for the work of the Commissions;
- A link between the Commissions and its activities and PIANC's Permanent Task Group on Climate Change (PTGCC); and
- A conduit for the flow of technical and scientific information regarding climate change within PIANC.

RecCom meets several times a year to discuss progress on Working Group reports, Terms of Reference for new Working Group reports, upcoming events, and general member news.

Vacancies currently exist for an ANZ Alternate representative (AL) and Young Professional representative (YP) on RecCom.

Recently Published RecCom Working Group Reports

Preparation of Working Group (WG) reports by industry expert members of PIANC RecCom are one of the core activities of PIANC, as noted earlier. When establishment of a new Working Group is approved, nominations for appointment to the Working Group are called. Members of PIANC ANZ are strongly encouraged to respond.

Recent WG publications are as follows:

- RecCom WG130: Anti-Sedimentation Systems for Marinas and Yacht Harbours (2015);
- RecCom WG149 (Part 1): Guidelines for Marina Design (2016);
- RecCom WG149 (Part 2): Guidelines for Marina Design (2016);
- RecCom WG149 (Part 4): Guidelines for Marina Design (2017);
- RecCom WG147: Guidelines for Managing the Relationship between Recreational Navigation and Commercial Ports (2020); and
- RecCom WG168: Single Point Yacht Moorings (2020).

RecCom Working Group Reports in Progress including ANZ Representation

The following Working Group reports are in progress or are in the process of establishment. Those Working Groups with ANZ participation are marked by an asterisk, with the name of the participant(s) also noted.

- WG148: Sustainable Recreational Navigation Infrastructure;
- WG149: Guidelines for Marina Design*;
- WG169: Fire System Detection and Controls in Marinas;
- WG202: Influence of Recreational Navigation Infrastructure on Waterfront Projects;
- WG209: Recommendations for use of AIS Data for Recreational Navigation Infrastructure;
- WG217: Alternative Propulsion Systems for Recreational Boats and Impacts on Marina Design;
- WG219: Guidelines for Internal Waterway Infrastructure to Facilitate Tourism;
- WG220: Planning, Design and Operational Guidelines for Pump-Out Systems in Recreational Facilities;
- WG221: Design Guidelines for Recreational Boating Slipways*;
- WG222: Design Guidelines for Floating Breakwaters in Marinas*; and

- WG223: Meaningful Inclusion of Fishing Communities in Recreational Marinas – Guidelines for Planning*.

* ANZ representatives: WG149 (John Leman, Valtteri Vauramo); WG221 (Rick Plain), WG222 (Andrew Brown); WG223 (Meysam Rad).

Conclusion

RecCom is the PIANC Technical Commission with a focus on recreational navigation and infrastructure.

Members of PIANC ANZ are strongly encouraged to respond to calls for nominations to participate in Working Groups.

The opportunity also exists to nominate as the ANZ Alternate representative (AL) or Young Professional representative (YP) on RecCom, positions which are currently vacant.



Esteban Biondi – Chair of RecCom



Greg Britton – ANZ Representative on RecCom



Greg Fisk – Climate Change Champion on RecCom