

Highlights of the Cordage Institute Technical Committee Meeting at Joint Conference

During the Eurocord and Cordage Institute 7th Joint Conference the Cordage Institute Technical Subcommittees and Task Groups met. During the full Technical Committee Meeting, reports from each Subcommittee and Task Group were provided.

Loet Hoppe requested that each subcommittee and task group provide an update on their current activities.

a. 3 and 8 Strand Ropes Subcommittee

Maximilian Linninger reported no updates.

b. Arborist Ropes Subcommittee

Josh Walls reported no updates.

c. ASME B30.9 Task Group

Sarah Padilla reported no updates on behalf of Greg D'Elia.

d. Boiler Plate Subcommittee

John Flory reported no updates.

e. Braided Ropes Subcommittee

Rafael Chou reported that CI 1312 – Standard: Nylon (Polyamide) Fiber Rope, 12-Strand Single Braid Construction is out for internal ballot and reminded individuals to vote.

f. Coatings Subcommittee

Koen Van Goethem reported no updates.

g. Cut Protection Guideline Task Group

Sarah Padilla reported no updates on behalf of Greg D'Elia.

h. Fiber Suppliers Subcommittee

Stuart Smith reported that a draft of CI 1507 – Standard: Test Method for Tensile Properties of Synthetic Fibers for Ropes was being reviewed. Further work would be required before the next internal ballot.

i. Guidelines Subcommittee

Sarah Padilla reported no updates on behalf of Andrej Babrnak.

j. High Tech Constructions Subcommittee

Danielle Stenvers reported no updates.

k. ISO Subcommittee

Loet Hoppe reported on the following documents and progress regarding work being done within ISO:

- **ISO 18692 (Offshore Mooring):** ISO 18692-1 has been corrected and is scheduled for publication. Work on Parts 2–5 (Polyester, HMPE, LCP, and Aramid) is expected to begin in October 2026 under their respective project leaders.
- **ISO 10325 (12-Strand HMPE):** Upon completion of the current revision, the standard will be reopened to address unresolved technical issues, including the application of tolerances and potential revisions to strength tables. Further discussion is planned for the next WG21 meeting.
- **ISO 9554 (General Design):** Revision work has begun. Planned updates include the addition of warning text, alignment of the fiber chart with Cordage Institute's, updated construction designations, and discussion of a proposal for certification documentation modeled after wire rope certificates.
- **Reduced Recoil Rope Standard:** Development of a new ISO standard based on CI 1502 has been accepted as a Preliminary Work Item (PWI). The committee noted that progress will depend on the Cordage Institute's continued work to establish pass/fail criteria and guidance for combined recoil ropes.
- **ISO 18821 (Combined Mooring Lines):** The committee reviewed the status of the standard and discussed possible next steps, including either an amendment or a full revision. ISO recommended that any future work be conducted through a joint working group with participation from several national standards bodies.
- **CEN TC466:** Members were informed that new working groups have been established to update the EN 17988 series related to sustainable fisheries, aquaculture, and fishing gear. The proposed revision will combine technical and environmental/circularity requirements into a single document. Experts interested in participating are encouraged to join.
- The next ISO WG21 meeting is scheduled for **October 21, 2026, in Brussels, Belgium.**

I. Life Cycle Management Subcommittee

Koen Van Goethem reported no updates.

m. Life Safety Applications Subcommittee

Josh Walls reported that CI 1805 – International Standard: 3 Strand Life Safety Rope Moderate Stretch completed the internal ballot. Editorial comments were made to address the negative ballot by John Flory at Tension Technology International to align with CI 1500B. The document would be prepared for external ballot.

n. OCIMF MEG4 Task Group

Amy Jenkins reported that an OCIMF representative would discuss the transition from MEG4 to MEG5 later in the Joint Conference. This update would include input from the cordage industry.

o. Reduced Recoil Risk Rope Subcommittee

Elizabeth Huntley reported that negative ballots were received for CI 1502 – Guideline: Test Methods for High-Modulus Reduced Recoil Risk Ropes. She noted that work was progressing slowly to go through the comments. An internal ballot for Section 9.6 would be done in order to obtain official feedback from membership.

p. Slings, Lifting, and Material Handling Subcommittee

David Richards reported for Greg D'Elia that CI 1702 – Standard: Soft Shackles had negatives on the last internal ballot and work would continue to resolve those negatives before another internal ballot.

q. **Small Cords and Twines Subcommittee**

Sarah Padilla reported no updates on behalf of Andrew Jencks.

r. **Terminology Subcommittee**

Patrick Yerger reported on an updated policy regarding approved definitions from other Cordage Institute documents. New terms would automatically be incorporated into CI 1202 – Standard: Terminology for Fiber Rope Used in Standards and Guidelines if the term was approved in another document.

s. **Testing Procedures Subcommittee**

Sarah Padilla reported no updates on behalf of Shawn Davis.

t. **Yarn-on-Yarn Task Group**

Loet Hoppe reported that CI 1503 – Standard: Test Method for Yarn-on-Yarn Abrasion: Polyamide would be prepared for external ballot.

The next meeting of the Cordage Institute Technical Committee will be held on **October 6-7, 2026** at the dual-branded [Element Philadelphia Downtown](#) and [W Philadelphia](#), located near Rittenhouse Square and City Hall. In addition, the Board of Directors will meet on Tuesday, October 6.