

# AMC SEARCH CAPABILITY STATEMENT

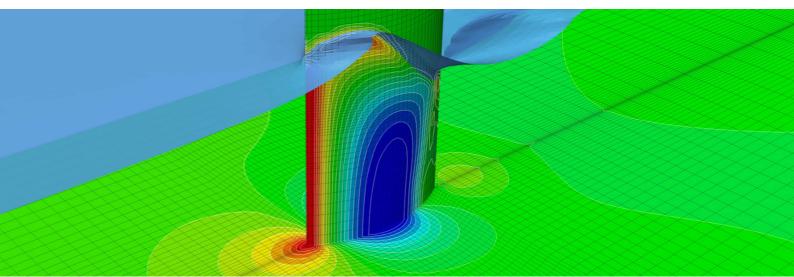
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### AMC Capability Statement

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#### Introduction

## WORLD LEADING MARITIME BUSINESS

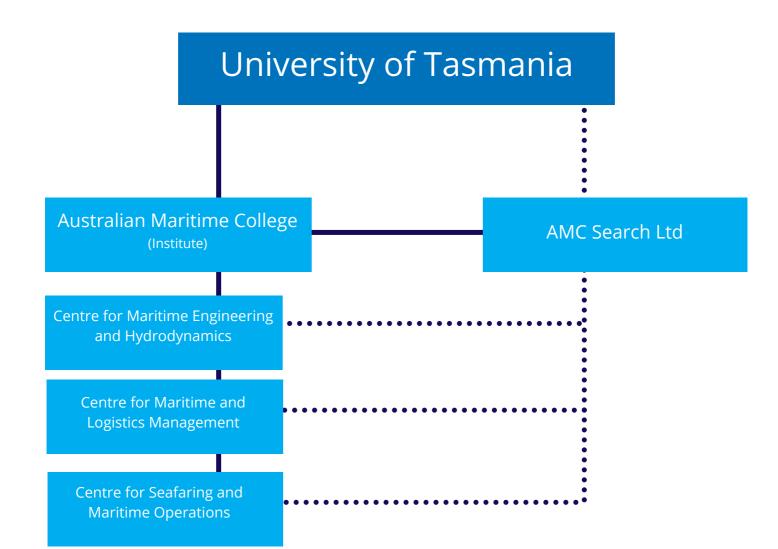
AMC Search Ltd. is the training and consultancy division of the Australian Maritime College (AMC) based in Launceston, Tasmania.

It is a multi-disciplinary training, maritime simulations, engineering, science and technology business offering a broad range of services in the shipping, ports, defence, logistics, environment and energy sectors.

With approximately 50 full-time staff, an extensive expert supplier list of sub-consultants and access to the wider AMC (100+ staff) and UTAS academic community, AMC Search is the only organisation of its type in Australia that can provide depth and breadth of expertise across such an extensive range of commercial maritime market sectors.

AMC Search's corporate culture is underpinned by its not-for-profit status where all monies raised above operating costs are reinvested back into the AMC for the sole purpose of enhancing and developing the specialist R&D facilities and educational services for the benefit of maritime related industries. The AMC is Australia's national maritime engineering and training institution and has been consistently ranked at or near number one in the world by the International Association of Maritime Universities.

Therefore, AMC clients receive the highest available standard of services delivered by worldclass maritime industry specialists.







# OUR PEOPLE AND EXPERTISE

AMC knows that its main asset are the people that deliver the services required by the maritime industry.

That is why AMC is considered by industry as a leader in the field and an employer of choice within the sector.

This is evident from our continued ability to attract and retain quality people to Tasmania to work at the college.

By providing in-house and external training and development opportunities, our employees are continually up skilled in their respective fields of expertise.

Further, AMC is the only organisation in Australia that can provide commercial access on an as-needs-basis to highly specialised experts from multi-disciplinary academic institutions, including

- Master Mariners
- Maritime Engineers
- Autonomous Systems Engineers
- Port and Logistics Experts
- Veteran Defence Personnel
- Naval Architects
- Big Data and Sensor Innovators
- Curriculum and Training Development
   Experts
- Digital Training Development Specialists

# CAPABILITIES

Maritime Training	<ul> <li>Seafaring</li> <li>Shipping</li> <li>STCW Refresher</li> <li>Online Digital Training Solutions</li> <li>Defence</li> <li>Autonomous Maritime Systems (AUVs and USVs)</li> <li>Oil and Gas</li> <li>Port and Terminal Operations</li> <li>Vessel Traffic Services</li> <li>Polar Code</li> </ul>
Maritime Simulations	<ul> <li>Vessel and area model creation</li> <li>Port Operations</li> <li>Port Development</li> <li>Port Infrastructure Design</li> <li>Ship and port emergency procedure development</li> <li>Bridge and engine team familiarisation and refresher training</li> <li>Marine Pilot Training</li> <li>Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD)</li> <li>Digital/virtual twins</li> <li>3D Animation and Video Production</li> </ul>
Naval Architecture	<ul> <li>Stability Assessments – Intact and Damage stability</li> <li>Development of Stability Documentation</li> <li>Ship resistance studies (CFD/Physical model testing)</li> <li>Class Scantling Design</li> <li>Weight Estimates</li> </ul>
Maritime Engineering	<ul> <li>Structural Design and Analysis:</li> <li>Finite Element (FE) analysis in ANSYS</li> <li>Lifting Analysis and Design of Lifting Equipment</li> <li>Vessel Outfitting: <ul> <li>Ladders, Gratings, Flooring Systems</li> <li>Equipment Foundation Design</li> <li>Analysis of Mooring Equipment</li> </ul> </li> <li>System Integration: <ul> <li>Bespoke sensor/systems integration</li> </ul> </li> <li>Safety: <ul> <li>Safety Management System Development</li> <li>Evacuation Analysis</li> <li>Class Liaison</li> </ul> </li> <li>Drafting and 3D modelling services: <ul> <li>3D hull modelling</li> <li>Vessel Class Drawings</li> <li>Ship Construction Drawings</li> <li>Fire Control Plans, Lifesaving plans</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Maritime Infrastructure	<ul> <li>Port Masterplanning Mooring analysis:</li> <li>Static mooring analysis with Optimoor</li> <li>Dynamic mooring analysis with software such as Optimoor, OrcaFlex, and AQWA</li> <li>Navigation assessments:</li> <li>Desktop review through to managing the full mission bridge simulators</li> <li>Larger vessel studies</li> <li>Revised berth weather limits</li> <li>Vessel berthing assessment</li> <li>Review of existing mooring and berthing infrastructure</li> <li>Concept jetty/marina berth configurations</li> <li>Independent peer review of the above items</li> </ul>
Logistics and Supply Chains	<ul> <li>Port and terminal operation and management</li> <li>Ship operation management</li> <li>Logistics management (transport logistics, procurement, and warehousing)</li> <li>Supply chain management</li> <li>Maritime economics</li> <li>Freight management</li> <li>Multi-nodal transport logistics modelling</li> <li>Resilience management</li> </ul>
Autonomous Maritime Systems	<ul> <li>AUV &amp; USV Operator &amp; Technical Training</li> <li>AUV &amp; USV Operator Support Services</li> <li>Sensor and Software Engineering</li> <li>Hydrographic survey</li> <li>Vessel Charter</li> <li>Underwater inspection</li> </ul>

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## AMC FACILITIES





Centre for Maritime **SIMULATIONS** 

Powered by Kongsberg Maritime software, the Centre for Maritime Simulations (CMS) includes a DNV Class A Full Mission Bridge simulator featuring a full-scale mock-up of a ship's bridge and an ultra-high resolution 4K Panasonic Projection System.

The simulations present a full-scale display of the ship and surrounding area as seen through the windows of the wheelhouse. Controller hardware such as telegraph, thrusters, independent helm, and Azi Pods are integrated into the simulator as well as all the instruments required for navigation and manoeuvring.

Used in practical exercises during training courses, the CMS includes a Ship Operation Simulator suite which is comprised of six smaller bridges, and an 18-seat desk-top electronic chart display lab, all powered by the same trusted Kongsberg software.

An extensive ship model library contains over 130 vessels which provides a broad representation of the range of vessel types and sizes visiting ports around the world.

AMC also has an in-house team of hydrodynamic simulation model makers. This team of experts have the capability to create hydrodynamically accurate vessel models, and to make accurate port or sea area models. The port area models can include proposed new berths and new dredged areas, allowing for the testing of new ships in regular ports with new berths. In this manner proof of concept can be achieved before work on new berths is started. This new ship model, and the area model with the new berths can then be used for crew familiarisation training before the new berths are completed, allowing for a seamless transition to the new berths and ships.

#### CAPABILITY STATEMENT

This capability provides AMC clients with a cost-effective solution to the development of simulation models as there is no requirement for outsourcing to third parties outside of Tasmania or overseas.

Complementing the Full Mission Bridge simulator for port operational training and development projects are two-purpose built multi-type Tug Simulators comprising 360° visuals.

Finally, a fully interactive touchscreen chart table supports debriefing for port development/feasibility projects is also installed so information and findings from simulations can be delivered to clients in real time.

Our Simulator can also benefit greatly from the provision of data acquired from physical scale model experiments performed within the maritime hydrodynamic test basins (refer below on Model Test Basin and Towing Tank). For example, we can directly measure the manoeuvring coefficients for a ship operating in the site-specific bathymetry of a selected area.



# MARITIME ENGINEERING FACILITIES

## TOWING TANK

The Towing Tank is used to measure the resistance of objects in moving water, such as ship hulls.

Tests are made by towing models along the 100-meter-long tank at speeds up to 5m per seconds in different environmental conditions, such as heavy waves. The results enable recommendations to be made about how to reduce fuel costs, to limit environmental damage or how to design vessels for optimum efficiency.

The tank has a very flat concrete floor depth that can be varied providing the ability to conduct experiments in very shallow water depths by lowering the water depth. The powered carriage runs on rails that are very accurately aligned to the still water surface. The carriage can accommodate up to six passengers for viewing purposes.

A software-controlled wave-maker generates a wide variety of wave forms. Once a test is completed, wave dampening devices rapidly return the body of water to a calm state, removing the need for long wait times between experiments.

An in-house model making team compliment the facility. This team are specialists in the production of scale models that are used during experiments conducted in the Towing Tank.

AMC is also a member of the International Towing Tank Conference (ITTC) Association, the peak body representing organisations responsible for predicting the hydrodynamic performance of ships and marine installations based on the results of physical and numerical modelling.



## MODEL TEST BASIN

The Model Test Basin, which at 35-metres long and 12-metres wide, is used to conduct a wide variety of experiments and experimental modelling, with a particular focus on maritime operations in shallow water environments such as ports, harbours and coastal regions.

The Model Test Basin has a wave-maker with 16 computer-controlled paddles that can produce a wide variety of different types of wave at almost any finite water depth. A wind generator with twenty individually controllable fans can be strategically positioned to obtain the desired wind direction and velocity.

It also has a digital motion capture system consisting of eight digital infrared cameras, providing the ability to track the model's motion of multiple floating models under different wave conditions.

The Towing Tank in-house model making team compliment the facility who are used as specialists in the production of scale models that are used during experiments conducted in the Model Test Basin.

Both the Towing Tank and Model Test Basin are unique facilities in Australia that are available for the test and evaluation of vessel dynamics, seakeeping, propulsion systems, wave wake and stability engineering projects.



## MARITIME TRAINING FACILITIES

#### TRAINING VESSELS

FTV Reviresco is a 14m steel hull, ex-Queensland prawn trawler used for training students.

TV Stephen Brown is a former collier moored permanently at Beauty Point, where she has been renovated for use as a stationary training ship. Holds 1 and 2 have been installed with a variety of fully operational machinery for engineering and other training purposes.

AMC Search operate two Fast Rescue Craft (FRC). The R7 is a Jet Boat and the R5 is propelled by twin Outboard Motors.

A NOREQ davit installed at the Beauty Point training facility completes the FRC system and provides realistic training for the launch and recovery of Fast Rescue Craft.

#### SURVIVAL CENTRE

A large indoor pool is adjacent to a mockup of a ship's superstructure, which is complete with life raft launching facilities and other life-saving appliances.

The centre can be blacked out for simulated night exercises and can also create water turbulence, rain, wind noise and simulated storm effects.

The centre also contains a classroom for theory sessions and where safety equipment is demonstrated before practical exercises are conducted.

#### FIREFIGHTING CENTRE

The Australian Maritime College Fire Fighting Centre is an AMSA accredited facility located at Bell Bay.

It is equipped with a wide range of modern firefighting equipment used to provide students with hands-on training in modern marine firefighting techniques.

Specialised areas provide for fighting liquid and gas fires, fires in helicopters, as well as fires within ships' superstructures using self-contained breathing apparatus.

#### DAMAGE CONTROL CENTRE

The Damage Control (Flood) Training Centre is located in the AMC's training vessel Stephen Brown, which is permanently moored at the Beauty Point campus.

It has three floodable compartments which are used to train trainees how to manage an onboard flood event.









## EMISSION AND ASSET MANAGEMENT FACILITIES

Several facilities are coalesced around an emission measurement and asset management theme. Facilities are in place that evaluates emissions, asset degradation (e.g., hull corrosion/erosion), condition monitoring, and optimization of maintenance activity.

#### AUTONOMOUS MARITIME SYSTEMS

AMC Search is at the forefront of Autonomous Maritime Systems (AMS) and has specialist capabilities in training, consultancy services and AUV/USV charter.

These services are delivered by providing commercial access to the AMS expertise based at the AMC which includes the Autonomous Maritime Systems Laboratory (a R&D unit focused on AMS) and a fleet of surface and subsurface autonomous maritime systems. These systems include a Hydroid REMUS 100 AUV, ISE Explorer AUV, Iver4-580 AUV, WAM-V 16 USV and number of BlueROV and bespoke scale USV systems.

Since 2017 AMC Search has been providing training to the Royal Australian Navy on the operation and technical support towards AMS. In July 2020, AMC Search was awarded a 3 year, \$4.7m contract by Navy as its preferred AMS training provider.

AMCS continues to receive outstanding reports from Defence on the quality, effectiveness, and management of this service. AMC Search has also established an AMS training and technical engineering support service for Defence Science and Technology Group (DSTG). Specifically, we are designing and manufacturing a bespoke integrated AUV senor module for use on our ISE Explorer AUV for DSTG. This technology will be used by DSTG with AMC's support to trial and test a number of AUV sensors.

To deliver these and other services the Autonomous Maritime Systems Laboratory employees highly specialised staff. These staff members and their specialist AMS skills and experience can be accessed to support project work. To date AMSL staff have been contracted to support numerous projects including commercial AUV surveys, deep ocean exploration, hydrographic surveys, underwater unexploded ordnance search, AMS system reviews, regulatory support and technical sensor integration.

AMS is a rapidly emerging technology that could be of immense value to the maritime industry moving forward, for example in the areas of automation and inspections/maintenance programs.

### **AMS-TEC**

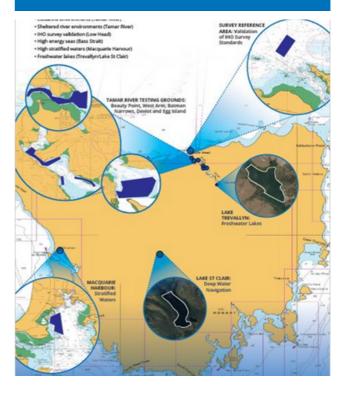
#### AMS-TEC is Australia's centre of excellence for testing and evaluating AMS technologies in temperate and high energy marine environments.

Located at the Beauty Point Campus and integrated into the Defence and Maritime Design and Innovation Precinct at the Australian Maritime College in Tasmania, AMS-TEC provides:

- Controlled environments for AMS operators, designers and manufacturers to test and evaluate systems in multiple marine environments including estuarine, sheltered and high energy sea states.
- A centralised controlled location for AMS operators to undergo training on how to operate and plan missions with AMS technologies.
- Access to AMCs specialist engineers, sensor integrators and platform developers to support test and evaluation activities where needed.
- Access to real-world infrastructure to test and evaluate AMS sensor payloads including wharfs, moored vessels and different bottom types.
- Other services including providing access to specialised AMS support vessels, workshops and laboratories.
- Access to digital twins, simulation services and special order surveyed areas to test and evaluate AMS.

#### The Testing Grounds

- Estuarine environments (Tamar River)
- Sheltered river environments (Tamar River)
- IHO survey validation (Low Head)
- High energy seas (Bass Strait)
- High stratified waters (Macquarie Harbour)
- Freshwater lakes (Trevallyn/Lake St Clair)

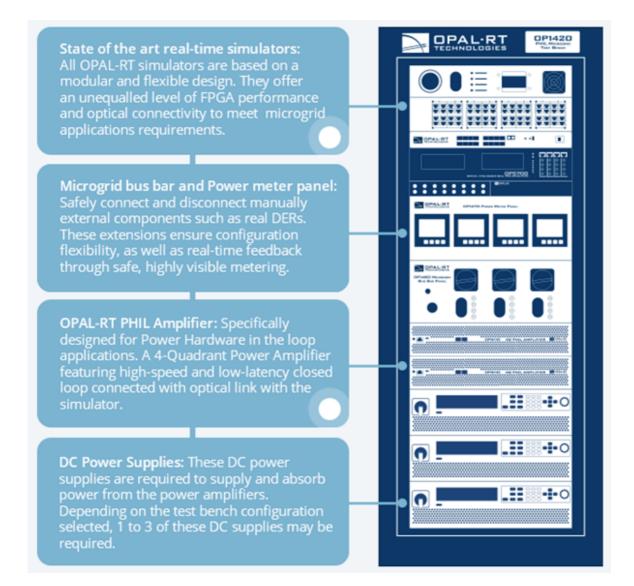


# REAL-TIME POWER SYSTEMS MODELLING & SIMULATION COMPETENCY CENTRE

The Real Time Power Systems Modelling and Simulation Competency Centre uses hardware that enables rapid and cost-effective assessment of complex power systems, i.e., generation and storage (batteries, fuel cells, supercapacitors, etc.), electrical devices (motor drives, inverters, etc.) and electronic systems (control/management, monitoring).

This includes ship and submarine-based power systems and through T&E can 'future-proof' electrical system design and modifications by simulating complex systems to identify issues and non-compliances before real systems are built.

The system comprises an OPAL-RT micro-grid test bench tower, complementing ICT hardware, software, and peripherals, and installed 3-phase power.



A very brief snapshot of our

# CLIENTS

- AMOG
- AURECON
- AUSTAL
- Bluescope
- BMA
- Defence Science Technology Group
- Department of Defence
- Flinders Ports
- GHD
- Global Marine Design
- INCAT
- Incat Crowther
- KBR
- LOMOcean

- Norman R Wright & Sons
- Oceanic Design and Survey
- One 2 Three Naval Architects
- Port Authority of New South Wales
- Port Playford
- Rio Tinto
- Riviera
- Serco
- Southerly Designs
- Spirit of Tasmania
- Strategic Marine
- Thales
- Toll
- Wave Swell Energy

## MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

#### LLOYD'S REGISTER CERTIFIED QMS

All commercial services delivered by AMC Search are managed through a mature Quality Management System that is certified by Lloyd's Register to ISO 9001:2015. AMC Search has continuously maintained certification for 27 years which demonstrates that AMC Search provides a trusted and reliable service that meets customer and applicable statutory and regulatory requirements.

Further, AMC Search utilises the risk management policy, procedures and associated forms as specified by University of Tasmania to manage and mitigate its risks. These risk management tools are based on AS ISO 31000:2018 Risk Management Guidelines.

#### SUSTAINABILITY

AMC applies the UTAS Strategic Framework for Sustainability that provides a collective focus on activities in and for sustainability across the University. The framework has four goals:

**Goal 1**: Be a leader in sustainability governance and implementation.

**Goal 2**: Be a leader in sustainability education and research.

**Goal 3**: Engage in partnerships and engagement activities deliver sustainability outcomes.

**Goal 4**: Be a university committed to sustainability in its facilities and operations management.

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#### CAPABILITY STATEMENT

#### INSURANCES

AMC holds the following insurances for commercial projects:

- General & Product Liability Protection Insurance (\$20,000,000)
- Professional Liability Protection Insurance (\$30,000,000)

## RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN

As a national institute, AMCs vision is to shape and inspire the next generation of the maritime profession and we are committed to a values-based organisation that achieves excellence through diversity and collaboration.

AMC has implemented a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) which provides a framework on working with and for Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander peoples and through the RAP will:

- Continue to provide training to, as well as to learn from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- Identify ways in which we can ensure the strong maritime links and cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples inform and are part of the curriculum and learning we provide to all students
- We will foster an environment that recognises and respects all aspects of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, with a particular focus on maritime culture

# **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

- Australian Association for Unmanned Systems (AAUS)
- Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA)
- Maritime Industry Australia Ltd (MIAL)
- Australian Ship Repairers Group (ASRG)
- Baltic and International Maritime Council (BIMCO)
- Engineers Australia (EA)
- International Association of Drilling Contractors (IADC)
- International Association Lighthouse Authorities (IALA)
- International Association of Maritime Universities (IAMU)
- International Dynamic Positioning Operators Association (IDPOA)
- International Marine Contractors Association (IMCA)

- International Maritime Organisation (IMO)
- Nautical Institute (NI)
- PIANC/World Association for Waterborne Transport Infrastructure
- Royal Institution of Naval Architects (RINA)
- Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers (SNAME)
- Society of Underwater Technology (SUT)
- Subsea Energy Australia (SEA)
- Tasmanian Maritime Network (TMN)
- The Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association (APPEA)
- The Institute of Marine Engineering, Science & Technology (IMAREST)



## ACCOMMODATION

AMC Search manages Norfolk Hall, motel style accommodation situated on the main campus of the AMC in Launceston, Tasmania. Utilised by commercial clients, Norfolk Hall is affordable and very comfortable, providing the following facilities:

- Queen size beds
- En-suite facilities
- Television
- Fridge
- Rooms serviced daily (excluding weekends)
- · Affordable meals are available at the on-site AMC Cafeteria

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