

University of Southampton Hydroscience Tank

Location: University of Southampton, Boldrewood campus

Designation: Towing and Wave Tank

Owner(s):

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Test Section Size: 140m long x 6m wide x 3.5m

deep with 0.5m free board.

Performance:

Mach Number: n/a

Maximum Carriage Speed: ~10 to 12 m/s

Reynolds No: 10x10⁶/m (max)

Total Pressure: n/a

Dynamic Pressure: Up to 50 kN/m² **Total Temperature**: Ambient (~288k)

Turbulence intensity: n/k

Run Time: Varies with carriage speed

Typical Recharge Time: n/a.

Operational Status: Under commissioning

Number and Type of Staff:

Scientific: 6-8

Technical Support: 1-2

Test support:

Workshop for towing tank model design, manufacture and modification capability.

Testing Capabilities:

Model Support: Variety of tow posts, either fixed pitch/heave/roll. Forced motions via HPMM or VPMM for surge,sway/yaw or heave/pitch . Multi component dynamometer frame as necessary for resistance/thrust, sideforce, vertical force and moments.

Data Acquisition: Experiment specific – multichannel minimum 250Hz upto 250KHz for acoustic measurements. Synchronised force/moments with video motion capture/visualistaion. Also 9 degree-of-freedom IMU. Surface pressures., PIV/LDV.

Flow visualisation: Multi camera HD Video,

surface die, tufts.

Field Measurement: PIV, LDV, Pitot-static travers

Specialist Rigs:

- (i) Passive beach at end of tank with Active wave makers (6-10) across other end that can generate irregular sea states with max. amplitude of 0.5m for wide range of model scale wave frequencies.
- (ii) Deployable side beach to damp waves rapidly between runs
- (iii) Modular instrumentation stations and fixings to walls/floor of tank
- (iv) Low speed manned and high speed unmanned carriage
- (v) Mid length divider to provide two test spaces
- (vi) Automated carriage and test process
- (vii) Control room with multiple video feeds and live data streaming