

With a volume of 40,000 tonnes of clear water, QinetiQ's Ocean Basin is one of the largest hydrodynamic facilities in the world.



Dimensions

122m (L) x 61m (W) x 5.5m (D)

Wavemake

Major upgrade completed in 2014

System is capable of generating regular, long-crested irregular and short-crested waves up to 0.8m in height (with significant heights up to 0.45m)

Rotating Arm

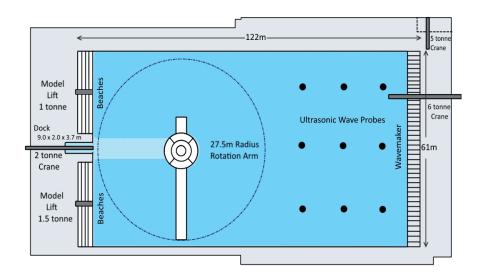
Angular speeds between 0.01 rad/s and 0.60 rad/s

Radius variable between 7.5m and 27.5m

Tracking

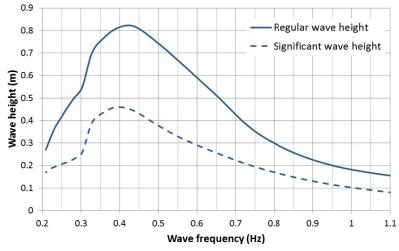
Facility equipped with state of-the-art Qualisys™ Motion Capture System

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Model of Queen Elizabeth Class aircraft carrier operating in Ocean Basin (image reproduced courtesy of the Ministry of Defence)



The wavemaker performance envelope

Features

- Large dry dock
- Two model lifts
- Two tonne and six tonne cranes for model/equipment deployment and recovery
- Rigid inflatable boat for model handling and recovery

Free-manoeuvring models are controlled remotely using the latest above and underwater wireless technology. Two-way real time communication is possible, allowing feedback of motion parameters for use by autopilot algorithms.

The facility's wavemaker was replaced in 2014 with a new system comprising 122 independently-actuated paddles which are capable of generating:

- Regular waves
- Long-crested irregular waves
- Short-crested irregular waves
- Transient and breaking waves
- User defined spectra

The current performance envelope of the wavemaker is illustrated below.

The facility, equipped with a state-of-theart motion capture system installed by Qualisys™, is used primarily for constrained and free-manoeuvring surface ship and submarine model tests in calm water or waves. Freemanoeuvring surface models are fitted with infra-red emitting markers (typically four) and tracked using 16 cameras distributed around the basin. The specification of the Qualisys™ system is:

- Spatial resolution: 0.3 mm
- Relative accuracy: ± 3 mm
- Measuring frequency: 1-100 Hz real-time
- Simultaneous tracking: up to 5 models

Collaborating with QinetiQ

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Working with our partners and customers, we collaborate widely, working in partnership, listening hard and thinking through what customers need. Building trusted partnerships, we are helping customers anticipate and shape future requirements, adding value and future advantage.

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