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**Commercial Vessel**  
**Scope of Services**

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## Scope of Inspections and Surveys for Commercial Vessels:

### **I. Executive Summary**

DMCH Marine is led by David Higgins, a highly experienced marine engineer with over 17 years of expertise and an AMSA Accredited Marine Surveyor. With a profound understanding of marine systems and industry standards, David is dedicated to ensuring your commercial vessels' safety, compliance, and peak performance. Our commitment to transparency and customised solutions ensures that your marine assets are in expert hands. Choose DMCH Marine for marine survey services you can trust.

## Scope of Services:

### **II. AMSA Accredited Surveys**

DMCH Marine proudly holds accreditation from the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) to conduct surveys in precise categories and on vessels made from specific construction materials. Our accreditation covers the following categories:

**Survey Categories:** J / K / L / N / O / P

Furthermore, we specialise in offering our accredited survey services exclusively to Domestic Commercial Vessels (DCV) constructed from the following materials:

- Steel
- Fiberglass (GRP/FRP)
- Aluminium

Our expertise in these categories and materials ensures that DMCH Marine delivers survey solutions that meet the highest standards of quality, safety, and compliance.

### **III. On-Hire / Off-Hire Survey**

For vessel operators and owners, the on-hire and off-hire surveys are critical moments in the lifecycle of a vessel. DMCH Marine conducts thorough and reliable assessments to ensure a seamless transition during these phases. Our experienced surveyors provide detailed reports that assist in meeting contractual requirements and mitigating disputes.

### **IV. Vessel Inspection Surveys**

DMCH Marine's vessel inspection surveys are designed to assess and document the condition of vessels accurately. We employ advanced techniques and equipment to provide an in-depth analysis, ensuring that vessel owners and operators have a clear understanding of their assets' status. These surveys play a vital role in maintaining safety and compliance.



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### V. Specialised Surveys

In addition to our standard services, DMCH Marine offers a range of specialised surveys to address specific needs. These include:

#### Specialised surveys offered:

- Condition and Valuation Survey
- Damage Survey
- SMS assessment
- Fit for Purpose Survey
- Stability Assessments
- Pre-Tow / Voyage Survey
- Emergency & planned maintenance review

**Condition and Valuation Surveys:** At DMCH Marine, our Condition and Valuation Surveys serve as an essential tool for assessing a vessel's condition and determining its market value. Our surveys are renowned for their precision and thoroughness, ensuring you receive accurate insights into the state of your vessel.

**Stability Assessments:** We specialise in conducting in-depth Stability Assessments to guarantee the safety of vessels and their compliance with stringent stability criteria. Trust our expert assessments to ensure the stability of your vessel under various conditions.

**Damage Surveys:** In the unfortunate event of accidents or incidents, our Damage Surveys provide a comprehensive analysis of the extent of damage. This information is invaluable for determining the necessary repairs and restoration processes.

**Pre-Tow / Voyage Survey:** Before towing or embarking on a voyage, our surveys offer essential data to verify the safety and integrity of your vessel and its cargo. Count on DMCH Marine to ensure a secure journey.

**SMS Assessment:** Our Safety Management System (SMS) Assessments are designed to help clients maintain and enhance their safety procedures. We ensure your vessel operations align with industry standards and regulations, promoting a safe and compliant environment.

**Emergency & Planned Maintenance Review:** DMCH Marine's expertise extends to Emergency and Planned Maintenance Reviews. We provide expert guidance and assessments to ensure vessels are well-prepared for all situations, minimising operational disruptions and ensuring safety in emergencies.

**Fit for Purpose Surveys:** Designed to meet the unique requirements of commercial vessels in the Australian maritime industry. Our surveys ensure compliance with industry standards and legislation, addressing specific criteria and accommodating additional investigations as needed. Contact our team to discuss your vessel's individual needs.

### VI. Consulting and Expert Witness

DMCH Marine specialises in offering expert consulting services tailored to the unique needs of commercial vessel operators in Australia. With a deep understanding of the Australian maritime landscape, we provide essential insights and guidance on safety, compliance, and operational efficiency. Our expertise extends to a wide range of vessels, ensuring that your business can navigate the complex regulatory and operational challenges of the Australian maritime industry.



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### Survey Price Guide:

#### **VII. Price List for Commercial Marine Surveys:**

##### **1. On-Hire / Off-Hire Surveys and Vessel Inspection Surveys**

- Small commercial vessels (less than 20 meters): \$800 - \$2,000
- Medium-sized commercial vessels (20-50 meters): \$2,000 - \$5,000
- Large commercial vessels (over 50 meters): \$5,000 - \$20,000+

##### **2. AMSA Accredited Surveys**

- Please call to discuss pricing as cost varies depending on survey type.
- We are committed to price-matching any reputable competitor.

##### **3. Specialised Surveys**

- Prices can vary significantly based on the specific requirements and complexity. Typically, these services can range from \$1,200 to \$12,000 or more.

##### **4. Consulting and Expert Witness Services**

- Hourly rates may apply, ranging from \$150 to \$400 per hour or more.

#### **VIII. Nationwide Service and Travel Costs**

We understand that your marine surveying and consulting needs may extend beyond a single location. That's why we're pleased to offer our services Australia-wide. Our team is ready to travel to various regions across the country to meet your requirements.

#### **IX. Travel Costs**

For clients outside our primary location, we want to assure you that we aim to keep your expenses as reasonable as possible. We only charge the exact cost of travel associated with the relevant survey we undertake for you. This approach ensures that you receive the most cost-effective and transparent service, with no hidden fees or surcharges for travel.

We believe in fair and accurate pricing, and our commitment to transparency extends to travel costs. We provide a clear breakdown of any travel-related expenses, so you have a complete understanding of your investment in our services. Our goal is to make our marine surveying and consulting services accessible and efficient, no matter where your vessel is located in Australia.

For a personalised estimate of travel costs or any inquiries about our nationwide service, please don't hesitate to contact us. We are here to serve your marine surveying needs with professionalism, integrity, and exceptional value.

#### **X. Bulk Pricing**

For clients considering multiple surveys or ongoing contracts, we offer bulk pricing discounts. These discounts can result in substantial cost savings, and we encourage clients to inquire about our special rates for multiple engagements.



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### Additional Information:

#### **XI. Contact Information**

For inquiries, appointments, or emergency contact during the survey or inspection process, please reach out to us using the following contact information:

- **Phone:** +61 422 505 738
- **Email:** [surveyor@dmchmarine.com.au](mailto:surveyor@dmchmarine.com.au)

#### **XII. Client Responsibilities**

Clients are expected to:

- Provide access to the vessel for inspection.
- Ensure safety measures during the inspection.
- Comply with any specific requirements outlined during the initial consultation.

#### **XIII. Payment of Fees and Report Issuance**

We require that all fees for our services be paid in full before the issuance of reports. This policy ensures that you receive your assessment and documentation promptly and without any delays. We believe that this practice streamlines the process and helps maintain the integrity of our services.

Once we have received payment for the agreed-upon services, we will promptly prepare and deliver your reports, including all the necessary assessments, valuations, and findings. This allows you to make informed decisions about your vessel in a timely manner.

#### **XIV. Quote Verification**

Before we begin any survey, we will provide you with a quote that outlines the cost of the survey and the scope of work involved. We encourage you to review this quote carefully, and our team is available to answer any questions you may have about the pricing or the services included.

#### **XV. Fees and Transparency**

At DMCH Marine, we believe in providing our clients with transparent and straightforward pricing for our marine surveyor services. Our commitment to transparency means that you will always know what to expect when it comes to fees. We want to ensure that you make informed decisions about your vessel without any unexpected financial surprises. Rest assured, there are no undisclosed charges or hidden fees when you engage in our services. The price we quote is the price you pay, including all the services and assessments outlined in your selected survey type.

#### **XVI. Customised Services**

We understand that every vessel and situation is unique. In some cases, specific requirements may arise that are not covered by our standard pricing. In such instances, we will work closely with you to provide a customised solution, and any additional costs will be clearly communicated and agreed upon before proceeding.



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### **XVII. Clarity and Peace of Mind**

Our commitment to transparent pricing ensures that you have the clarity and peace of mind to make well-informed decisions about your vessel. You can trust us to deliver high-quality services without any unexpected financial burdens.

### **XVIII. Legal Disclaimers and Terms and Conditions**

For legal disclaimers, liability waivers, and comprehensive terms and conditions, please refer to the separate "Terms and Conditions" section within our official agreements. These disclaimers and terms protect both parties involved in our services. They outline the rights, responsibilities, and obligations of both the client and our marine surveyor team.

This ensures that all aspects of our services are governed by clear and transparent guidelines, promoting a fair and productive client-surveyor relationship.

### **XIX. Formatting and Review**

Our documents maintain consistent formatting, including fonts, headings, and spacing, to provide a professional and organised appearance. Our documents undergo rigorous review and proofreading to ensure clarity and accuracy. We take pride in delivering error-free content.

### **XX. Visual Elements**

To enhance your understanding, visual elements such as images, diagrams, and relevant visual aids may be included in the reports to illustrate key points effectively.

### **XXI. Client Acknowledgment**

To commence our services, a client acknowledgment will be provided for your review and signature, indicating that you have understood and accepted the scope of work.

Thank you for considering our marine surveyor services. Should you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to assisting you with your vessel inspection needs.

### **XXII.**

#### **Disclaimer:**

The pricing information listed above is provided for informational purposes and is subject to change without prior notice.

We strive to offer accurate and competitive pricing, but market conditions, project specifics, and other factors may necessitate adjustments to our rates.

Please be aware that any price quotations or estimates shared in our previous conversation are not binding and should be confirmed with our company at the time of engagement.

We appreciate your understanding and look forward to serving your marine surveying and consulting needs.

If you have any questions or require the most up-to-date pricing information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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