

## **2018 - RINA - QinetiQ Maritime Innovation Award**

Australian-based Nauti-Craft Pty Ltd has been awarded the prestigious 2018 Royal Institution of Naval Architects - QinetiQ Maritime Innovation Award for its development of the Nauti-Craft Marine Suspension System ("NCMSS"): an innovative approach to improving the ride, handling, comfort and safety of marine vessels. The Judging Panel considered that this development showed great innovation with the potential to provide benefits to the operational window for high-speed craft, both civilian and military. The fact that the Nauti-Craft team had committed to building a number of demonstrators and tested the concept was great to see and gave the Panel good confidence that the concept would actually work.

The award was presented to the Chairman, inventor and founder of Nauti-Craft, Mr Chris Heyring, at RINA's Annual Dinner in London. Mr Heyring stated, "Nauti-Craft are extremely honoured to accept this award from two such prestigious bodies in the maritime world. It also provides tremendous recognition to the team at Nauti-Craft and those that have backed the Company".

Mr Heyring also acknowledged the foresight and support of the Carbon Trust's Offshore Wind Accelerator program without whose guidance and sponsorship of over £600,000 the application of the technology to offshore wind applications would not be at a commercial-ready stage.

### **Background**

Nauti-Craft Pty Ltd is a research and development company focused on the design and development of the NautiCraft™ marine suspension system. This patented technology separates the vessel's hulls from the deck and superstructure via a 'passive reactive' interlinked hydraulic system which provides increased levels of ride comfort, control and stability.

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