

CPC**COOPERATIVE PATENT CLASSIFICATION****B63H**

MARINE PROPULSION OR STEERING ({arrangement of propulsion or steering means on amphibious vehicles [B60F 3/0007](#); } propulsion of air-cushion vehicles [B60V 1/14](#); peculiar to submarines, other than nuclear propulsion, [B63G](#); peculiar to torpedoes [F42B 19/00](#))

NOTE

In this subclass, the indexing codes [B63B 2201/00](#) to [B63B 2241/00](#) are to be used for relevant technical information concerning particular or unusual use, materials, design, methods or means

B63H 1/00

Propulsive elements directly acting on water (jet propulsion [B63H 11/00](#); attachment of propellers on shafts [B63H 23/34](#))

- [B63H 2001/005](#) . {using Magnus effect}
- [B63H 1/02](#) . of rotary type (endless-track type [B63H 1/34](#))
- [B63H 1/04](#) .. with rotation axis substantially at right angles to propulsive direction
- [B63H 2001/045](#) ... {with partially immersed nutating or undulated disks, e.g. wobble plates}
- [B63H 1/06](#) ... with adjustable vanes or blades
- [B63H 1/08](#) with cyclic adjustment
- [B63H 1/10](#) of Voith Schneider type, i.e. with blades extending axially from a disc-shaped rotary body
- [B63H 2001/105](#) {with non-mechanical control of individual blades, e.g. electric or hydraulic control}
- [B63H 1/12](#) .. with rotation axis substantially in propulsive direction
- [B63H 2001/122](#) ... {Single or multiple threaded helicoidal screws, or the like, comprising foils extending over a substantial angle; Archimedean screws}
- [B63H 2001/125](#) {with helicoidal foils projecting from outside surfaces of floating rotatable bodies, e.g. rotatable, cylindrical bodies}
- [B63H 2001/127](#) {with helicoidal foils projecting from inside surfaces of rotating shrouds; Archimedean screws}
- [B63H 1/14](#) ... Propellers (pitch changing [B63H 3/00](#))

WARNING

this group is pending a reorganisation; also documents covered by group [B63H 1/15](#) are within this group]

- [B63H 2001/145](#) {comprising blades of two or more different types, e.g. different lengths}
- [B63H 1/15](#) having vibration damping means (anti-vibration mounting of propulsion plant [B63H 21/30](#); means for damping vibration in general [F16F](#))

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- B63H 1/16 having a shrouding ring attached to blades
- B63H 2001/165 {Hubless propellers, e.g. peripherally driven shrouds with blades projecting from the shrouds' inside surfaces}
- B63H 1/18 with means for diminishing cavitation e.g. supercavitation
- B63H 2001/185 {Surfacing propellers, i.e. propellers specially adapted for operation at the water surface, with blades incompletely submerged, or piercing the water surface from above in the course of each revolution}
- B63H 1/20 Hubs; Blade connections
- B63H 1/22 the blades being foldable
- B63H 1/24 automatically foldable or unfoldable
- B63H 1/26 Blades
- B63H 1/265 each blade being constituted by a surface enclosing an empty space, e.g. forming a closed loop
- B63H 1/28 Other means for improving propeller efficiency ([water-guiding elements formed by shape of hull B63H 5/00](#))
- B63H 2001/283 {Propeller hub caps with fins having a pitch different from pitch of propeller blades, or a helix hand opposed to the propellers' helix hand}
- B63H 2001/286 {Injection of gas into fluid flow to propellers, or around propeller blades}
- B63H 1/30 . . of non-rotary type
- B63H 1/32 . . Flaps, pistons, or the like, reciprocating in propulsive direction

WARNING

this group is pending a reorganisation; also documents covered by group [B63H 11/09](#) are within this group

- B63H 1/34 . . of endless-track type
- B63H 2001/342 . . . {with tracks substantially parallel to propulsive direction}
- B63H 2001/344 . . . {having paddles mounted in fixed relation to tracks, or to track members}
- B63H 2001/346 . . . {having paddles movably mounted on the track or on track members, e.g. articulated, or with means for cyclically controlling the paddles' angular position or orientation}
- B63H 2001/348 . . . {with tracks oriented transverse to propulsive direction}
- B63H 1/36 . . swinging sideways, e.g. fishtail type

WARNING

this group is pending a reorganisation; also documents covered by group [B63H 1/37](#) are within this group]

- B63H 1/37 . . Moving-wave propellers, i.e. wherein the propelling means comprise a flexible undulating structure

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B63H 1/37
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This group is not complete pending a reclassification; for documents published before 01.01.2012, see also group [B63H 1/36](#)

B63H 1/38 . characterised solely by flotation properties, e.g. drums

B63H 3/00 **Propeller-blade pitch changing** {(Aircraft propellers [B64C 11/30](#); Rotors of turbines [F01D 7/00](#); Axial wind motors [F03D 7/022](#); Axial-flow pumps [F04D 29/00](#))}

B63H 3/002 . {with individually adjustable blades}

B63H 2003/004 . {comprising means for locking blades in position}

B63H 2003/006 . {Detecting or transmitting propeller-blade pitch angle}

B63H 3/008 . {characterised by self-adjusting pitch, e.g. by means of springs, centrifugal forces, hydrodynamic forces}

B63H 3/02 . actuated by control element coaxial with propeller shaft, e.g. the control element being rotary {([B63H 3/002](#) takes precedence, fluid actuated [B63H 3/081](#))}

B63H 3/04 . . the control element being reciprocable

B63H 3/06 . characterised by use of non-mechanical actuating means, e.g. electrical ([B63H 3/002](#) takes precedence)

B63H 3/08 . . fluid

B63H 3/081 . . . {actuated by control element coaxial with the propeller shaft}

B63H 3/082 {the control element being axially reciprocable}

B63H 2003/084 {with annular cylinder and piston}

B63H 2003/085 {the control element having means for preventing rotation together with the propeller}

B63H 2003/087 . . . {using gaseous fluids, e.g. steam or air}

B63H 2003/088 . . . {characterised by supply of fluid actuating medium to control element, e.g. of hydraulic fluid to actuator co-rotating with the propeller}

B63H 3/10 . characterised by having pitch control conjoint with propulsion plant control

B63H 3/12 . the pitch being adjustable only when propeller is stationary ([B63H 3/002](#) takes precedence)

B63H 5/00 **Arrangements on vessels of propulsion elements directly acting on water**

B63H 2005/005 . {Front propulsors, i.e. propellers, paddle wheels, or the like substantially arranged ahead of the vessels' midship section}

B63H 5/02 . of paddle wheels, e.g. of stern wheels

WARNING

this group is pending a reorganisation; also documents covered by group [B63H 5/03](#) are within this group

B63H 2005/025 . . {of Voith Schneider type}

B63H 5/03 . . movably mounted with respect to the hull, e.g. having means to reposition paddle wheel assembly, or to retract paddle or to change paddle attitude

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B63H 5/03
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This group is not complete pending a reclassification; for documents published before 01.01.2012, see also group [B63H 5/02](#)

- B63H 5/04 .. with stationary water-guiding elements
- B63H 5/07 . of propellers ([forming part of outboard units {or Z-drives} B63H 20/00](#))
- B63H 2005/075 .. {using non-azimuthing podded propulsor units, i.e. podded units without means for rotation about a vertical axis, e.g. rigidly connected to the hull}
- B63H 5/08 .. of more than one propeller
- B63H 5/10 ... of coaxial type, e.g. of counter-rotative type
- B63H 2005/103 {of co-rotative type, i.e. rotating in the same direction, e.g. twin propellers}
- B63H 2005/106 {with drive shafts of second or further propellers co-axially passing through hub of first propeller, e.g. counter-rotating tandem propellers with co-axial drive shafts}
- B63H 5/125 .. movably mounted with respect to hull, e.g. adjustable in direction {e.g. podded azimuthing thrusters} ([{outboard units or Z-drives B63H 20/00; } movably mounted for steering purposes only, {rudders carrying propellers} B63H 25/42](#))

WARNING

- [B63H 5/125](#) and subgroups are not complete pending a reorganisation; see also groups [B63H 21/26](#) and [B63H 25/42](#) - this group is pending a reorganisation; also documents covered by groups [B63H 20/00](#), and subgroups, and by [B63H 25/42](#) are within this group]

- B63H 5/1252 ... {the ability to move being conferred by gearing in transmission between prime mover and propeller and the propulsion unit being other than in a "Z" configuration}

WARNING

Some documents of group [B63H 5/1252](#) are in the process of being reorganized to group [B63H 20/14](#) and subgroups

- B63H 2005/1254 ... {Podded azimuthing thrusters, i.e. podded thruster units arranged inboard for rotation about vertical axis}
- B63H 2005/1256 {with mechanical power transmission to propellers}
- B63H 2005/1258 {with electric power transmission to propellers, i.e. with integrated electric propeller motors}
- B63H 5/14 .. characterised by being mounted in non-rotating ducts or rings, e.g. adjustable for steering purpose ([shrouding ring attached to blades B63H 1/16; jet propulsion B63H 11/00](#))
- B63H 5/15 ... Nozzles, e.g. Kort-type

WARNING

This group is not complete pending a reclassification; for documents published before 01.01.2012, see also group [B63H 5/14](#)

- B63H 5/16 .. characterised by being mounted in recesses; with stationary water-guiding elements; Means to prevent fouling of the propeller, e.g. guards, cages or screens ([anti-fouling paints C09D 5/16](#))

B63H 5/165 . . . {Propeller guards, line cutters or other means for protecting propellers or rudders}

B63H 5/18 . . of emergency propellers, e.g. arranged at the side of the vessel

WARNING

this group is pending a reorganisation; also documents covered by group [B63H 5/20](#) are within this group

B63H 5/20 . . . movable from a working position to a non-working position {(movable arrangements of propellers in general [B63H 5/125](#); outboard propulsion units in general [B63H 20/00](#); steering or dynamic anchoring by propellers used therefore only, or by rudders carrying propellers [B63H 25/42](#))}

WARNING

This group is not complete pending a reclassification; for documents published before 01.01.2012, see also group [B63H 5/18](#)

B63H 7/00 **Arrangements of propulsive devices directly acting on air (jet propulsion [B63H 11/00](#))**

B63H 7/02 . using propellers (air-screws of aircraft type [B64C](#))

B63H 9/00 **Propulsive devices directly acted on by wind; Arrangements thereof (air driven propellers driving underwater propulsive elements [B63H 13/00](#))**

B63H 9/02 . using Magnus effect

B63H 9/04 . using sails or like wind-catching surfaces (sailing sledges or ice boats [B62B 15/00](#); {masts for sailing boats [B63B 15/0083](#); sail arrangements for wind-driven boards [B63B 35/7973](#))}

B63H 9/06 . . Construction or types of sails; Arrangements thereof on vessels

B63H 9/0607 . . . {Rigid or aerofoil type sails}

B63H 9/0614 {Inflatable aerofoil sails}

B63H 2009/0621 {Rigid sails comprising one or more pivotally supported panels}

B63H 2009/0628 {the panels being pivotable about horizontal axes}

B63H 2009/0635 {the panels being pivotable about vertical axes}

B63H 9/0642 . . . {Sail battens}

B63H 2009/065 {with variable rigidity, e.g. inflatable}

B63H 9/0657 . . . {Construction of sails (sails with detachable sections [B63B 35/7983](#))}

B63H 2009/0664 {of spinnakers, gennakers, or the like balloon sails}

B63H 2009/0671 {of molded sails, i.e. of sails manufactured by shaping deformable material on molds, e.g. thermoplastic film on heatable molds; Methods of manufacturing molded sails}

B63H 2009/0678 {of laminated sails with oriented fibres, i.e. fibres or filaments arranged along predefined lines substantially parallel to the principal stress trajectories; Methods of manufacturing therefor}

B63H 9/0685 . . . {Sails pivotally mounted at a mast-tip; Kite sails ([B63B 35/7976](#) takes precedence)}

B63H 2009/0692	....	{Methods, or means specially adapted for controlling kite sails, e.g. control bars, harnesses, automated control units, or methods of their use}
B63H 9/08	..	Connections of sails to masts, spars, or the like
B63H 2009/082	...	{Booms, or the like}
B63H 2009/084	...	{Gooseneck bearings, i.e. bearings for pivotal support of booms on masts}
B63H 2009/086	...	{by sliders, i.e. by shoes sliding in, or guided by channels, tracks or rails; , for connecting luffs, leeches, battens, or the like to masts, spars or booms}
B63H 2009/088	...	{Means for tensioning sheets, or other running rigging, adapted for being guided on rails, or the like mounted on deck, e.g. travellers or carriages with pulleys}
B63H 9/10	...	Running rigging, e.g. reefing equipment (staying of masts B63B 15/02)

WARNING

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B63H 9/1007	{Trapeze systems (harnesses for windsurfers B63B 35/7993)}
B63H 9/1014	{with elastic connection to harnesses}
B63H 9/1021	....	{Reefing}
B63H 9/1028	.....	{by furling around stays}
B63H 9/1035	.....	{by furling around or inside the mast}
B63H 9/1042	.....	{by furling around or inside the boom}
B63H 2009/105	.....	{using drives for actuating reefing mechanism, e.g. roll reefing drives}
B63H 2009/1057	.....	{using sheaves being friction driven by endless ropes or by ropes having two free ends}
B63H 2009/1064	.....	{using drums driven by winding or unwinding single ropes onto or from the drums}
B63H 9/1071	....	{Spinnaker poles or rigging, e.g. combined with spinnaker handling}
B63H 9/1078	....	{Boom brakes}
B63H 9/1085	....	{Boom vang}
B63H 9/1092	....	{Means for stowing, or securing sails when not in use (B63H 9/1021 takes precedence)}

WARNING

[B63H 9/1092](#) is not complete pending a reorganisation; see also group [B63H 9/10](#)

B63H 11/00

Effecting propulsion by jets, i.e. reaction principle ([steering by {auxiliary} jet action, {rudders carrying jets} B63H 25/46](#); power plant per se, see the relevant classes)

B63H 2011/002	.	{using Coanda effect, i.e. the tendency of fluid jets to be attracted to nearby surfaces}
B63H 2011/004	.	{using the eductor or injector pump principle, e.g. jets with by-pass fluid paths}
B63H 2011/006	.	{with propulsive medium supplied from sources external to propelled vessel, e.g. water from public water supply}
B63H 2011/008	.	{Arrangements of two or more jet units}

- B63H 11/01 . having means to prevent foreign material from clogging fluid passage way
- B63H 11/02 . the propulsive medium being ambient water
- B63H 11/025 .. {by means of magneto-hydro-dynamic forces}
- B63H 11/04 .. by means of pumps
- B63H 2011/043 ... {with means for adjusting or varying pump inlets, e.g. means for varying inlet cross section area}
- B63H 2011/046 ... {comprising means for varying pump characteristics, e.g. rotary pumps with variable pitch impellers, or adjustable stators}
- B63H 11/06 ... of reciprocating type
- B63H 11/08 ... of rotary type
- B63H 2011/081 {with axial flow, i.e. the axis of rotation being parallel to the flow direction}
- B63H 2011/082 {with combined or mixed flow, i.e. the flow direction being a combination of centrifugal flow and non-centrifugal flow, e.g. centripetal or axial flow}
- B63H 2011/084 {with two or more pump stages}
- B63H 2011/085 {having counter-rotating impellers}
- B63H 2011/087 {with radial flow}
- B63H 2011/088 {using shear forces, e.g. disc pumps or Tesla pumps}
- B63H 11/09 ... by means of pressure pulses applied to a column of liquid, e.g. by ignition of an air/gas or vapour mixture

WARNING

This group is not complete pending a reclassification; for documents published before 01.01.2012, see also group [B63H 1/32](#)

- B63H 11/10 .. having means for deflecting jet or influencing cross-section thereof

WARNING

Documents concerning deflection of the jet into a direction substantially parallel to the plane of the pump outlet are in the process of being reorganised to [B63H 11/101](#)

- B63H 11/101 ... {having means for deflecting jet into a propulsive direction substantially parallel to the plane of the pump outlet opening}

WARNING

Not complete, pending a reorganisation; see [B63H 11/10](#) and [B63H 11/107](#) and subgroups

- B63H 11/102 {the inlet opening and the outlet opening of the pump being substantially coplanar}
- B63H 11/103 ... having means to increase efficiency of propulsive fluid, e.g. discharge pipe provided with means to improve the fluid flow
- B63H 11/107 ... Direction control of propulsive fluid {([B63H 11/101](#) takes precedence)}

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B63H 11/107

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Documents concerning means for deflecting jet into a propulsive direction substantially parallel to the plane of the pump outlet opening are in the process of being reorganized to [B63H 11/101](#)

B63H 11/11

.... with bucket or clamshell-type reversing means

B63H 11/113

.... Pivoted outlet

B63H 11/117

.... Pivoted vane

B63H 11/12

. the propulsive medium being steam or other gas

B63H 11/14

.. the gas being produced by combustion

B63H 11/16

.. the gas being produced by other chemical processes

B63H 13/00

Effecting propulsion by wind motors driving water-engaging propulsive elements

B63H 15/00

Effecting propulsion by use of vessel-mounted driving mechanisms co-operating with anchored chains or the like

B63H 16/00

Effecting propulsion by muscle power (swimming frameworks, {i.e. apparatus fixed to or held by the swimmer or diver} with swimmer-operated driving mechanism [A63B 35/00](#); land-based training equipment for rowing or sculling [A63B 69/06](#))

B63H 2016/005

. {used on vessels dynamically supported, or lifted out of the water by hydrofoils}

B63H 16/02

. Movable thwarts; Footrests

B63H 16/04

. Oars; Sculls; Paddles; Poles

B63H 2016/043

.. {Stop sleeves or collars for positioning oars in rowlocks, e.g. adjustable}

B63H 2016/046

.. {Oars for single-oar sculling, i.e. for propelling boats by swinging single stern-mounted oars from side to side; Use or arrangements thereof on boats}

B63H 16/06

. Rowlocks; Mountings therefor

WARNING

this group is pending a reorganisation; also documents covered by groups [B63H 16/067](#), and [B63H 16/073](#) are within this group

B63H 2016/063

.. {Rowlocks mounted on movable support structures}

B63H 16/067

.. Rowlocks mounted on a structure extending beyond the gunwale of the vessel

WARNING

This group is not complete pending a reclassification; for documents published before 01.01.2012, see also group [B63H 16/06](#)

B63H 16/073

.. having oar shaft restraining means

WARNING

This group is not complete pending a reclassification; for documents published before 01.01.2012, see also group [B63H 16/06](#)

- B63H 16/08 . Other apparatus for converting muscle power into propulsive effort ([general features of propulsion elements, see the relevant groups](#))
- B63H 2016/085 . . {comprising means for transmitting muscular power applied in oscillatory or rotary manner to a rotary input shaft of a reversing transmission, e.g. alternatively allowing for ahead or astern propulsion}
- B63H 16/10 . . for bow-facing rowing
- B63H 16/102 . . . {by using an inverting mechanism between the handgrip and the blade, e.g. a toothed transmission}
- B63H 16/105 {the mechanism having articulated rods}
- B63H 16/107 . . . {by placing the fulcrum outside the segment defined by handgrip and blade}
- B63H 16/12 . . using hand levers, cranks, pedals, or the like, e.g. water cycles, boats propelled by boat-mounted pedal cycles

WARNING

This group is no longer used for classification of new documents as from 01.01.2012. The backlog of this group is being continuously reclassified to groups [B63H 16/16](#) to [B63H 16/20](#)

- B63H 16/14 . . . for propelled drive

WARNING

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- B63H 16/16 . . using reciprocating pull cable, i.e. a strand-like member movable alternately backward and forward

WARNING

This group is not complete pending a reclassification; for documents published before 01.01.2012, see also groups [B63H 16/12](#) and [B63H 16/14](#)

- B63H 2016/165 . . . {comprising means for transforming oscillating movement into rotary movement, e.g. for driving propeller shafts}
- B63H 16/18 . . using sliding {or pivoting} handle or pedal, i.e. the motive force being transmitted to a propelling means by means of a lever operated by the hand or foot of the occupant

WARNING

This group is not complete pending a reclassification; for documents published before 01.01.2012, see also groups [B63H 16/12](#) and [B63H 16/14](#)

- B63H 2016/185 . . . {comprising means for transforming oscillating movement into rotary movement, e.g. for driving propeller shafts}
- B63H 16/20 . . using rotary cranking arm

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B63H 16/20

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- B63H 2016/202 ... {specially adapted or arranged for being actuated by the feet of the user, e.g. using bicycle-like pedals}
- B63H 2016/205 {making use of standard bicycles}
- B63H 2016/207 {without wheels}

B63H 19/00**Effecting propulsion of vessels, not otherwise provided for**

- B63H 19/02 . by using energy derived from movement of ambient water, e.g. from rolling or pitching of vessels
- B63H 19/04 .. propelled by water current
- B63H 19/06 . by discharging gas into ambient water (with jet action [B63H 11/12](#); for reducing surface friction [B63B 1/38](#))
- B63H 19/08 . by direct engagement with water-bed or ground

B63H 20/00

Outboard propulsion units, i.e. propulsion units having a substantially vertical power leg mounted outboard of a hull and terminating in a propulsion element, e.g. "outboard motors", Z-drives {with level bridging shaft arranged substantially outboard} (power plants per se, see the relevant classes); **Arrangements thereof on vessels** {(transom panels for outboard motors on inflatable boats [B63B 7/087](#); tug-type floating propeller units [B63B 35/665](#); rudders carrying propellers [B63H 25/42](#); rudders carrying jets [B63H 25/46](#); engines of outboard propulsion units [F02B 61/045](#))}

WARNING

Not complete pending a reclassification; see also [B63H 5/1252](#), as well as [B63H 21/26](#) and subgroups

- B63H 20/001 . {Arrangements, apparatus and methods for handling fluids used in outboard drives (for handling exhaust gas [B63H 20/24](#); for handling cooling-water [B63H 20/28](#); cooling outboard marine engines [F01P 3/202](#); air intakes for outboard marine engines [F02M 35/167](#))}

WARNING

This group and its subgroups are not complete, pending a reorganisation; see [B63H 21/38](#) and [B63B 2770/00](#)

- B63H 20/002 .. {for handling lubrication liquids (in engines, e.g. outboard marine engines, [F01M](#))}
- B63H 2020/003 . {Arrangements of two, or more outboard propulsion units}
- B63H 2020/005 . {Arrangements of two or more propellers, or the like on single outboard propulsion units}
- B63H 2020/006 .. {of coaxial type, e.g. of counter-rotative type}
- B63H 20/007 . {Trolling propulsion units (trolling plates for slowing down [B63H 25/50](#); dynamo-electric machines of trolling units [H02K](#))}
- B63H 2020/008 . {Tools, specially adapted for maintenance, mounting, repair, or the like of outboard propulsion units, e.g. of outboard motors or Z-drives}
- B63H 20/02 . Mounting of propulsion units ([B63H 20/08](#) takes precedence)

- B63H 20/025 .. {Sealings specially adapted for mountings of outboard drive units; Arrangements thereof, e.g. for transom penetrations}
- B63H 20/04 .. in a well
- B63H 20/06 .. on an intermediate support
- B63H 20/08 . Means enabling movement of the position of the propulsion element, e.g. for trim, tilt, or steering ([transmissions allowing movement of the propulsion element B63H 20/14](#)); Control of trim or tilt ([initiating means for steering B63H 25/02](#))
- B63H 20/10 .. Means enabling trim or tilt, or lifting of the propulsion element when an obstruction is hit; Control of trim or tilt
- B63H 20/103 ... {using a flexible member for enabling or controlling tilt or lifting, e.g. a cable}
- B63H 20/106 ... {Means enabling lifting of the propulsion element in a substantially vertical, linearly sliding movement}
- B63H 20/12 .. Means enabling steering
- B63H 20/14 . Transmission between propulsion power unit and propulsion element
- B63H 20/145 .. {comprising means for permitting telescoping movement of components of the outboard propulsion unit, e.g. telescoping movement of power leg}
- B63H 20/16 .. allowing movement of the propulsion element in a horizontal plane only, e.g. for steering
- B63H 20/18 .. allowing movement of the propulsion element about a longitudinal axis, e.g. the through transom shaft ([B63H 20/22 takes precedence](#))
- B63H 20/20 .. with provision for reverse drive
- B63H 20/22 .. allowing movement of the propulsion element about at least a horizontal axis without disconnection of the drive, e.g. using universal joints
- B63H 20/24 . {Arrangements, apparatus and methods for handling exhaust gas in outboard drives, e.g.} exhaust gas outlets {(in engines, e.g. outboard marine engines, [F01N](#))}

WARNING

This group and its subgroups are not complete, pending a reorganisation; see [B63H 21/32](#), [B63H 21/38](#) and [B63B 2770/00](#)

- B63H 20/245 .. {Exhaust gas outlets ([B63H 20/26 takes precedence](#))}
- B63H 20/26 .. {Exhaust gas outlets} passing through the propeller or its hub
- B63H 20/28 . {Arrangements, apparatus and methods for handling cooling-water in outboard drives, e.g.} cooling-water intakes {(cooling circuits for outboard marine engines [F01P 3/202](#))}

WARNING

This group and its subgroups are not complete, pending a reorganisation; see [B63H 21/38](#) and [B63B 2770/00](#)

- B63H 20/285 .. {Cooling-water intakes ([B63H 20/28 takes precedence](#))}
- B63H 20/30 .. {Cooling-water intakes} for flushing {(circuits for flushing outboard marine engines [F01P 3/205](#))}
- B63H 20/32 . Housings {(air intakes for outboard engines [F02M 35/167](#))}
- B63H 20/323 .. {Gear cases}
- B63H 20/326 ... {having a dividing plane substantially in plane with the axes of the transmission shafts}

- B63H 20/34 . . comprising stabilising fins, {foils, anticavitation plates, splash plates, or rudders (rudders carrying propellers [B63H 25/42](#); rudders carrying jets [B63H 25/46](#))}
- B63H 20/36 . Transporting or testing stands {(hand carts for transporting outboard units [B62B](#); measuring torque [G01L 3/00](#), measuring thrust of propellers [G01L 5/133](#), testing in general [G01M](#)); Use of outboard propulsion units as pumps}; Protection of power legs {e.g. when not in use}

B63H 21/00 **Use of propulsion power plant or units on vessels** (use of outboard propulsion units [B63H 20/00](#); hull reinforcements for carrying propulsion power plant or units [B63B 3/70](#); {propulsion of submarines [B63G 8/08](#); } propulsion power plant or units per se, see the relevant classes)

NOTE

This group comprises arrangements of propulsion power plant or units on vessels and to some extent it includes adaptations of such plant or units to facilitate such arrangements

WARNING

this group is pending a reorganisation; also documents covered by group [B63H 21/36](#) are within this group

- B63H 2021/003 . {the power plant using fuel cells for energy supply or accumulation, e.g. for buffering photovoltaic energy}
- B63H 2021/006 . {the vessel being driven by hot gas positive-displacement engine plants of closed-cycle type, e.g. Stirling engines}
- B63H 21/02 . the vessels being steam-driven ([B63H 21/18](#) takes precedence)
- B63H 21/04 . . relating to positive-displacement steam engines
- B63H 21/06 . . relating to steam turbines
- B63H 21/08 . . relating to steam boilers
- B63H 21/10 . . relating to condensers or engine-cooling fluid heat-exchangers
- B63H 21/12 . the vessel being motor-driven ([B63H 21/175](#), [B63H 21/18](#) take precedence; {cooling circuits with liquid-to-liquid heat-exchange relative to marine vessels [F01P 3/207](#))}

WARNING

Group [B63H 21/12](#) is no longer used for classification of vessels being motor-driven by electric motor, powered by land vehicle supported by vessel, and powered by nuclear energy. These documents are in the process of being reorganised to groups [B63H 21/17](#), [B63H 21/175](#), and [B63H 21/18](#) respectively

- B63H 21/14 . . relating to internal-combustion engines {(of outboard type [B63H 20/00](#))}
- B63H 21/16 . . relating to gas turbines
- B63H 21/165 . . by hydraulic fluid motor, i.e. wherein a liquid under pressure is utilised to rotate the propelling means {(transmission from power plant or unit to propeller using fluid gearing per se [B63H 23/26](#))}

WARNING

B63H 21/165

(continued)

This group is not complete pending a reclassification; for documents published before 01.01.2012, see also group [B63H 21/12](#)

B63H 21/17

- .. by electric motor (electrically-propelled vehicles [B60L](#); {Transmitting power from propulsion power plant to propulsive elements with electric gearing [B63H 23/24](#)})

WARNING

Not complete. See [B63H 21/12](#), [B63H 23/24](#)

B63H 2021/171

- ... {making use of photovoltaic energy conversion, e.g. using solar panels}

B63H 2021/173

- ... {making use of superconductivity}

B63H 21/175

- . the vessel being powered by land vehicle supported by vessel

WARNING

not complete pending a reorganisation, see also [B63H 21/12](#)

B63H 21/18

- . the vessels being powered by nuclear energy

WARNING

not complete pending a reorganisation, see also [B63H 21/12](#)

B63H 21/20

- . the vessels being powered by combinations of different types of propulsion units

B63H 2021/202

- .. {of hybrid electric type}

B63H 2021/205

- ... {the second power unit being of the internal combustion engine type, or the like, e.g. a Diesel engine}

B63H 2021/207

- ... {the second power unit being a gas turbine}

B63H 21/21

- . Control means for engine or transmission, specially adapted for use on marine vessels

WARNING

This group is not complete pending a reclassification; for documents published before 01.01.2012, see also group [B63H 21/22](#)

B63H 21/213

- .. {Levers or the like for controlling the engine or the transmission, e.g. single hand control levers}

B63H 2021/216

- .. {using electric control means}

B63H 21/22

- . the propulsion power units being controlled from exterior of engine room, e.g. from navigation bridge; Arrangements of order telegraphs ({conjoint control of specific features of internal combustion engines and of propelling elements [F02D](#)}; order telegraphs per se [G08B 9/00](#))

WARNING

This group is not complete pending a reorganisation; also documents covered by group [B63H 21/21](#) are within this group

B63H 21/24

- . the vessels being small craft, e.g. racing boats

- B63H 21/26 . . of outboard type; Outboard propulsion power units movably installed for steering, reversing, tilting, or the like {(transom panels for outboard motors for inflatable boats [B63B 7/087](#); floating propeller units [B63B 35/665](#))}

WARNING

Group [B63H 21/26](#) and subgroups are no longer used for classification. Documents are in the process of being reorganised to [B63H 5/125](#), and subgroups, to [B63H 20/00](#), and subgroups, and to [B63H 25/42](#)

- B63H 21/265 . . . {Steering or control devices for outboards (steering by rudders [B63H 25/06](#); control handles for boats [B63H 21/213](#))}

- B63H 21/28 . . . Arrangements of transmission between propulsion power unit and propulsive element

- B63H 21/30 . Mounting of propulsion plant or unit, e.g. for anti-vibration purposes (hull reinforcements therefor [B63B 3/70](#); {of outboard propulsion units [B63H 20/02](#); } vibration in systems [F16F](#); engine beds [F16M](#))

- B63H 21/302 . . {with active vibration damping}

- B63H 21/305 . . {with passive vibration damping}

- B63H 2021/307 . . {Arrangements, or mountings of propulsion power plant elements in modular propulsion power units, e.g. using containers}

- B63H 21/32 . Arrangements of propulsion-unit exhaust uptakes; Funnels peculiar to vessels; {Small watercraft exhaust arrangements, e.g. under-water}, (engine exhausts in general [F01N](#); flue devices for furnaces in general [F23J](#); {exhaust gas outlets forming part of outboard propulsion units or Z-drives [B63H 20/24](#))}

WARNING

Group [B63H 21/32](#) is no longer used for classification of documents dealing with gas exhaust outlets forming part of outboard propulsion units or Z-drives. Respective documents are in the process of being reorganised to groups [B63H 20/24](#) and [B63H 20/26](#)

- B63H 21/34 . . having exhaust-gas deflecting means

- B63H 21/36 . Covers or casing arranged to protect plant or unit from marine environment {(Housings of outboard propulsion units [B63H 20/32](#)) hull construction [B63B 3/00](#)}

WARNING

This group is not complete pending a reclassification; for documents published before 01.01.2012, see also group [B63H 21/00](#)

- B63H 21/38 . Apparatus or methods specially adapted for use on marine vessels, for handling power plant or unit liquids, e.g. lubricants, coolants, fuels or the like {(in outboard drives [B63H 20/001](#); } lubricating or cooling machines or engines in general [F01](#) to [F04](#))}

WARNING

This group and its subgroups are
- systematically used for classification of documents published from 01.06.2010 onwards

B63H 21/38

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- not complete; for documents published before 01.06.2010, see [B63B 2770/00](#)

B63H 21/383

.. {for handling cooling-water (in outboard drives [B63H 20/28](#); in machines or engines in general [F01P 3/00](#))}

B63H 21/386

.. {for handling lubrication liquids (in machines or engines in general [F01M](#))}**B63H 23/00****Transmitting power from propulsion power plant to propulsive elements**(changing pitch or propellers [B63H 3/00](#); adaptation of transmission to allow adjustment in location or direction of propellers [B63H 5/125](#); transmission between wind motors and propulsive elements [B63H 13/00](#); in outboard propulsion units [B63H 20/14](#); adaptation of transmission to allow adjustment of location of propeller [B63H 20/08](#); {adaptations of transmissions to allow steering or dynamic anchoring by propellers carried on rudders [B63H 25/42](#); } for vehicles in general [B60K](#); driving auxiliary machinery [B63J](#); transmission elements per se [F16](#))

B63H 2023/005

. {using a drive acting on the periphery of a rotating propulsive element, e.g. on a dented circumferential ring on a propeller, or a propeller acting as rotor of an electric motor}

B63H 23/02

. with mechanical gearing

B63H 2023/0208

.. {by means of endless flexible members}

B63H 2023/0216

... {by means of belts, or the like}

B63H 2023/0225

.... {of grooved belts, i.e. with one or more grooves in longitudinal direction of the belt}

B63H 2023/0233

.... {of belts having a toothed contact surface, or regularly spaced bosses, or hollows for slip-less or nearly slip-less meshing with complementary profiled contact surface of a pulley}

B63H 2023/0241

.... {of V-belts, i.e. belts of tapered cross section}

B63H 2023/025

... {by means of chains}

B63H 2023/0258

.. {comprising gearings with variable gear ratio, other than reversing drives or trolling drives}

B63H 2023/0266

... {comprising gearings with automatically variable gear ratio, other than continuously variable transmissions or trolling drives}

B63H 2023/0275

... {comprising means for conveying rotary motion with continuously variable gear ratio, e.g. continuously variable transmissions using endless flexible members}

B63H 2023/0283

.. {using gears having orbital motion}

B63H 2023/0291

.. {Trolling gears, i.e. mechanical power transmissions comprising controlled slip clutches, e.g. for low speed propulsion}

B63H 23/04

.. the main transmitting element, e.g. shaft, being substantially vertical

B63H 23/06

.. for transmitting drive from a single propulsion power unit

B63H 2023/062

... {comprising means for simultaneously driving two or more main transmitting elements, e.g. drive shafts}

B63H 2023/065

.... {having means for differentially varying the speed of the main transmitting elements, e.g. of the drive shafts}

B63H 2023/067

.... {the elements being formed by two or more coaxial shafts, e.g. counter-rotating shafts}

B63H 23/08

.. with provision for reversing drive

B63H 23/10

.. for transmitting drive from more than one propulsion power unit (for synchronisation of propulsive elements [B63H 23/28](#))

- B63H 23/12 . . . allowing combined use of the propulsion power units
- B63H 23/14 with unidirectional drive or where reversal is immaterial
- B63H 23/16 characterised by provision of reverse drive
- B63H 23/18 . . . for alternative use of the propulsion power units
- B63H 23/20 with separate forward and astern propulsion power units, e.g. turbines
- B63H 23/22 . with non-mechanical gearing
- B63H 23/24 . . electric {{dynamo-electric machines [H02K](#)}}

WARNING

This group is not complete pending a reclassification; also documents covered by group [B63H 21/17](#) are in this group

- B63H 2023/245 . . . {with two or more electric motors directly acting on a single drive shaft, e.g. plurality of electric rotors mounted on one common shaft, or plurality of electric motors arranged coaxially one behind the other with rotor shafts coupled together}
- B63H 23/26 . . fluid
- B63H 23/28 . with synchronisation of propulsive elements
- B63H 23/30 . characterised by use of clutches
- B63H 2023/305 . . {using fluid or semifluid as power transmitting means}
- B63H 23/32 . Other parts
- B63H 23/321 . . {Bearings or seals specially adapted for propeller shafts}
- B63H 2023/322 . . . {Intermediate propeller shaft bearings, e.g. with provisions for shaft alignment}
- B63H 2023/323 . . . {Bearings for coaxial propeller shafts, e.g. for driving propellers of the counter-rotative type}
- B63H 2023/325 . . . {Thrust bearings, i.e. axial bearings for propeller shafts}
- B63H 23/326 . . . {Water lubricated bearings}
- B63H 2023/327 . . . {Sealings specially adapted for propeller shafts or stern tubes}
- B63H 2023/328 . . {Marine transmissions characterised by the use of brakes, other than propeller shaft brakes; Brakes therefor}
- B63H 23/34 . . Propeller shafts; Paddle-wheel shafts; Attachment of propellers on shafts ([shafts in general F16C](#); [attachment of a member on a shaft in general F16D 1/06](#))
- B63H 2023/342 . . . {comprising couplings, e.g. resilient couplings; Couplings therefor}
- B63H 2023/344 . . . {comprising flexible shafts members}
- B63H 2023/346 . . . {comprising hollow shaft members}
- B63H 2023/348 . . . {with turning or inching gear, i.e. with means for slowly rotating, or for angularly positioning of shafts or propulsive elements mounted thereon}
- B63H 23/35 . . . Shaft braking or locking, i.e. means to slow or stop the rotation of the propeller shaft or to prevent the shaft from initial rotation

WARNING

This group is not complete pending a reclassification; for documents published before 01.01.2012, see also group [B63H 23/34](#)

B63H 23/36 .. Shaft tubes ([propeller-shaft tunnels B63B 11/06](#); [shaft-tube seals F16J](#))

B63H 25/00 **Steering; Slowing-down otherwise than by use of propulsive elements**
(using adjustably-mounted propeller ducts or rings for steering [B63H 5/14](#); using movably-installed outboard propulsion units [B63H 20/00](#)); **Dynamic anchoring, i.e. positioning vessels by means of main or auxiliary propulsive elements**
(anchoring, other than dynamic [B63B 21/00](#); equipment to decrease pitch, roll or like unwanted vessel movements by auxiliary jets or propellers [B63B 39/08](#); {systems for waterborne vessel position control [G05](#), e.g. [G05D 1/00](#)})

WARNING

This group is pending a reorganisation; also documents covered by group [B63H 25/02](#), and subgroups are within this group

B63H 2025/005 . {Steering specially adapted for towing trains, tug-barge systems, or the like; Equipment or accessories therefor}

B63H 25/02 . Initiating means for steering, {for slowing down, otherwise than by use of propulsive elements, or for dynamic anchoring}

WARNING

[B63H 25/02](#) and subgroups are not complete in view of initiating means for slowing down or for dynamic anchoring, pending a reorganisation; see also group [B63H 25/00](#)

B63H 2025/022 .. {Steering wheels; Posts for steering wheels}

B63H 2025/024 .. {Handle-bars; Posts for supporting handle-bars, e.g. adjustable posts}

B63H 2025/026 .. {using multi-axis control levers, or the like, e.g. joysticks, wherein at least one degree of freedom is employed for steering, slowing down, or dynamic anchoring}

B63H 2025/028 .. {using remote control means, e.g. wireless control; Equipment or accessories therefor}

B63H 25/04 .. automatic, e.g. reacting to compass

B63H 2025/045 ... {making use of satellite radio beacon positioning systems, e.g. the Global Positioning System [GPS]}

B63H 25/06 . Steering by rudders ([by rudders carrying propellers B63H 25/42](#))

B63H 2025/063 .. {Arrangements of rudders forward of the propeller position, e.g. of backing rudders; Arrangements of rudders on the forebody of the hull; Steering gear therefor}

B63H 2025/066 .. {Arrangements of two or more rudders; Steering gear therefor}

B63H 25/08 .. Steering gear

B63H 25/10 ... with mechanical transmission

B63H 25/12 ... with fluid transmission

B63H 25/14 ... power assisted; power driven, i.e. using steering engine

B63H 25/16 with alternative muscle or power operated steering

B63H 25/18 Transmitting of movement of initiating means to steering engine

B63H 25/20 by mechanical means

B63H 25/22 by fluid means

B63H 25/24 by electrical means

- B63H 25/26 Steering engines
- B63H 25/28 of fluid type
- B63H 25/30 hydraulic
- B63H 25/32 steam
- B63H 25/34 Transmitting of movement of engine to rudder, e.g. using quadrants, brakes
- B63H 25/36 . . Rudder-position indicators
- B63H 25/38 . . Rudders (stern posts [B63B 3/40](#); {rudders mounted on housing of outboard motors [B63H 20/34](#); rudders carrying propellers [B63H 25/42](#); rudders carrying jets [B63H 25/46](#)})
 - B63H 25/381 . . . {with flaps}
 - B63H 25/382 . . . {movable otherwise than for steering purposes; Changing geometry}
 - B63H 25/383 {with deflecting means able to reverse the water stream direction}
 - B63H 2025/384 {with means for retracting or lifting}
 - B63H 2025/385 {by pivoting}
 - B63H 2025/386 {by sliding, e.g. telescopic}
 - B63H 2025/387 . . . {comprising two or more rigidly interconnected mutually spaced blades pivotable about a common rudder shaft, e.g. parallel twin blades mounted on a pivotable supporting frame}
 - B63H 2025/388 . . . {with varying angle of attack over the height of the rudder blade, e.g. twisted rudders}
- B63H 25/40 . . . using Magnus effect
- B63H 25/42 . Steering or dynamic anchoring by propulsive elements (by jets [B63H 25/46](#)); Steering or dynamic anchoring by propellers used therefor only; Steering or dynamic anchoring by rudders carrying propellers

WARNING

This group is not complete as to rudders carrying propellers, pending a reorganisation; see also [B63H 5/125](#), and [B63H 21/26](#) and subgroups - this group is pending a reorganisation; also documents covered by groups [B63H 5/125](#), and subgroups, and by [B63H 20/00](#), and subgroups are within this group]

- B63H 2025/425 . . {Propulsive elements, other than jets, substantially used for steering or dynamic anchoring only, with means for retracting, or otherwise moving to a rest position outside the water flow around the hull}
- B63H 25/44 . Steering or slowing-down by extensible flaps or the like
- B63H 25/46 . Steering or dynamic anchoring by jets {or by rudders carrying jets (steering or dynamic anchoring by deflecting or directing main propulsion jets [B63H 11/00](#))}

WARNING

This group is no complete as to rudders carrying jets, pending a reclassification; see also [B63H 20/00](#) and subgroups

- B63H 2025/465 . . {Jets or thrusters substantially used for steering or dynamic anchoring only, with means for retracting, or otherwise moving to a rest position outside the water flow around the hull}

B63H 25/48

- . Steering or slowing-down by deflection of propeller slipstream otherwise than by rudder

B63H 25/50

- . Slowing-down means not otherwise provided for

B63H 25/52

- . Parts for steering not otherwise provided for