Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) Carderock Division is the Navy’s center of excellence for ships and ship systems. For over 100 years, NSWC Carderock Division has helped preserve and enhance the nation’s presence on and under the seas. NSWC Carderock Division is the full-spectrum research and development, test and evaluation, engineering, and fleet support organization for the Navy’s ships, submarines, military watercraft, and unmanned vehicles with insight into new concepts and diverse technologies for the Navy fleet of the 21st Century. NSWC Carderock Division’s expertise spans from naval architecture and marine engineering, to electrical and mechanical engineering, to computer engineering and physics.

NSWC Carderock Division specializes in ship design and integration; environmental quality systems; hull forms and propulsors; structures and materials; signatures, silencing systems, and susceptibility; and vulnerability and survivability systems.

NSWC Carderock Division’s unique laboratories, modeling and simulation facilities, at-sea-assets, and large-scale, land-based engineering and test sites at our headquarters in West Bethesda, Maryland, and seven detachment locations across the country contribute to the full-spectrum nature of our mission. Navy and maritime communities have come to depend on our expertise and innovative spirit in developing advanced platforms and systems, enhancing naval performance, integrating new technologies, and reducing operating costs.

NSWC Carderock Division will continue to solve challenging engineering problems to meet future fleet needs.

**Mission**

To provide full-spectrum research and development, test and evaluation, analyses, acquisition, and fleet support for the Navy’s ships, ship systems, and associated Navy logistics systems. Specific emphasis is to provide the core technical capabilities required for the integration of surface and undersea vehicles and associated systems, to develop and apply science and technology associated with naval architecture and marine engineering, and to provide support to the maritime industry.

**Vision**

To be the Navy’s trusted partner for identifying and providing world-class, innovative, and cost-effective solutions for advanced ship and ship systems, for providing technical solutions to the warfighter, and to keep our fleet at sea.

**Thrust Areas**

- Ship, Submarine, and Unmanned Vehicle Design and Integrity
- Advanced Manufacturing
- Digital Strategy
- Signature Management
- Unmanned Mobility Systems

**Technical Capabilities**

- Ship and Submarine Design and Integration
- Ship and Submarine Acquisition Engineering
- Ship and Submarine Systems Concepts, Technologies, and Processes
- Combatant Craft and Expeditionary Vehicles
- Unmanned Vehicles Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering
- Hull Forms and Fluid Dynamics
- Propulsors
- Surface, Undersea, and Weapon Vehicle Materials and Manufacturing Technology
- Surface and Undersea Vehicle Structures
- Alternative Energy and Power Sources R&D
- Liquid Waste Management, Science and Systems
- Surface, Undersea and Expeditionary Vehicle Vulnerability Reduction and Protection
- Surface and Undersea Vehicle Underwater Signatures, Silencing Systems, and Susceptibility
- Surface and Undersea Vehicle Non-Acoustic Topside Signatures, Silencing Systems, and Susceptibility
- Radiation Detection Technology Research and Management

**Major Facilities**

- David Taylor Model Basin — West Bethesda, MD
- Maneuvering and Seakeeping Facility (MASK) — West Bethesda, MD
- Deep Submergence Pressure Tank — West Bethesda, MD
- Anechoic Flow Facility — West Bethesda, MD
- Maneuvering and Seakeeping Facility (MASK) — West Bethesda, MD
- Structure Evaluation Laboratory — West Bethesda, MD
- Explosives Test Pond — West Bethesda, MD
- Ship Materials Technology Center — West Bethesda, MD
- Magnetic Fields Laboratory — West Bethesda, MD
- Acoustic Research Detachment — Bayview, ID
- Large Cavitation Channel — Memphis, TN
- Southeast Alaska Acoustic Measurement Facility (SEAFAC) — Ketchikan, AK
- South Florida Ocean Measurement Facility (SFOMF) — Fort Lauderdale, FL

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