Smartship Australia

Advanced Marine Pilots Training (AMPT)

Professional Development

Smartship’s Advanced Marine Pilots Training (AMPT) is the result of two decades of professional development within the Australasian maritime industry. The course is designed for marine pilots, ship masters and senior deck officers, as well as managers of shipping companies and authorities.

The course aims to:
- update attendees on a range of topics in several areas of navigation and safety management
- enable attendees to have an informed opinion on professional matters
- address any issue of concern to marine pilotage.

The topics covered by Smartship instructors and industry experts include:
- the shift from ‘Pilot Centred’ to Systems approach
- the development and application of Pilotage Operations Safety Management system (POSMS)
- the legal aspects of pilotage
- the application of new technologies to both integrated navigation systems and Portable Pilot Units.

The course is approved by the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) as an “approved pilotage training course” for the purposes of applying for a trainee coastal pilot license and for the purpose of coastal pilot license revalidation requirements in accordance with Marine Order 54 (Coastal Pilotage).

Port and Coastal Pilots holding an AMSA STCW78 or STCW95 certificate of competency who complete this course meet the current AMSA approved Revalidation Course requirements (Part A and B), which can include the Medical Care revalidation course components if the participant completes the Medical Care Refresher course facilitated by Smartship Australia.

The AMPT course does not include the GMDSS, Advanced Fire Fighting, Proficiency in Survival Craft and Rescue Boats other than Fast Rescue Boats or Security Awareness Training.

Smartship Australia instructors, industry experts and high profile professionals contribute to keep the course relevant and engaging. Among them:

- **Ravi Nijjer**
  Marine Consultancy Group

- **Ambrose Rajadurai**
  Ambrose Rajadurai & Associates

- **Mike Prince**
  Australian Hydrographic Service

- **Marcus Romanic**
  Independent Psychologist

Attendees will practice the integration between visual and instrumental pilotage techniques by means of two full mission bridge simulators.

High fidelity simulator models and the integrated navigation system NACOS guarantee the realism of pilotage scenarios.

Pricing and Timing of Courses

AMPT courses are run at regular intervals throughout the year. For the latest dates and current pricing, see Smartship’s website for details.

This course equates to 20 points for professional development valid for 5 years as per the Training Standards for Australian Marine Pilots.