



# NORTHERN PATROL VESSEL – ACV TRITON

Australia has 36,000 kilometres of coastline and an offshore maritime area of nearly 15 million square kilometres.

Customs and Border Protection protects Australia's borders from the entry of illegal and harmful goods, the threat of illegal fishing, and the entry of unauthorised people. Customs and Border Protection also plays a role in environmental protection.

Customs and Border Protection vessels operate out to and beyond Australia's 200 nautical mile exclusive economic zone, in coastal waters and in commercial and recreational ports and harbours.

## ABOUT ACV TRITON

The ACV *Triton* is a large armed patrol and response vessel that significantly enhances Customs and Border Protection's ability to patrol and enforce Australia's northern fisheries.

Built in the UK in 2000, the 98-metre diesel-electric powered vessel is one of the largest motorised trimarans in the world. It has a top speed of 20 knots and is capable of operating at sea for extended periods.

A former hydrographic survey vessel in the UK, the ACV *Triton* was selected for its range, speed and capability of operating independently or as a command ship, working in tandem with other Customs and Border Protection and Royal Australian Navy patrol boats.

The ACV *Triton* patrols northern Australian waters and is supported by a civilian maritime crew of 14, and can carry up to 28 armed Customs and Border Protection Boarding Party officers. The trimaran is equipped with two high-speed Norsafe tenders for conducting boarding operations.

The ACV *Triton* has the capacity to hold up to 98 people for short periods. People being transported will be transferred ashore for processing and potential prosecution.

## SPECIFICATIONS

- **Length:** 98 metres
- **Beam:** 22.5 metres
- **Gross tonnage:** 2236
- **Max Speed:** 20 knots

## Customs and Border Protection Response Tenders (CRT)

Two 8.5 metre Norsafe SOLAS approved boats powered by twin 233hp diesel jet propulsion in 8 tonne davits, with a range of approximately 60 nautical miles at 20 knots.



## Accommodation

Berths for 14 civilian maritime crew and up to 30 Australian government officials, including armed Customs and Border Protection Boarding Party officers.

## Facilities

- First aid centre staffed by a contracted intensive care paramedic
- Separate health screening and quarantine isolation area
- Secure holding areas equipped with CCTV facilities for accommodating transportees
- Operations room equipped with secure communications.

## Weapons and Personal Defence Equipment (PDE)

- Two .50 calibre machine guns deck mounted
- Glock pistols for Customs and Border Protection Boarding Party officers
- Other PDE equipment is also on board.

## Customs and Border Protection Marine Unit personnel

Maritime Operations Support Branch has overall command of the Customs and Border Protection Marine Unit and provides personnel and logistic support to combat illegal activity in Australia's waters.

All armed Customs and Border Protection Marine Unit boarding party personnel are required to satisfy and maintain mandatory security, medical, dental, fitness and psychometric standards as part of their conditions of employment.

Customs and Border Protection Marine Unit personnel are trained in use of force, ship search and undertake armed boardings at sea. Some staff also have specialised hospital theatre assistant training. Officers performing the role of tender coxswains must have the appropriate marine qualifications.

Officers operating in northern waters undergo extensive training in:

- Safety at Sea
- Operational Safety Training, including the use of side-arms and deck mounted weapons
- Vessel familiarisation
- Medical training
- Operational command
- Customs and Border Protection and Fisheries legislative provisions
- Tactical boarding operations
- Ship search techniques.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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