

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](#) - [B63B 2241/00](#) are to be used for relevant technical information concerning particular or unusual use, materials, design, methods or means

1/00	Propulsive elements directly acting on water (jet propulsion B63H 11/00 ; attachment of propellers on shafts B63H 23/34)	1/18	. . . . with means for diminishing cavitation, e.g. supercavitation
2001/005	. {using Magnus effect}	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}
1/02	. of rotary type (endless-track type B63H 1/34)	1/20	. . . . Hubs; Blade connections
1/04	. . with rotation axis substantially at right angles to propulsive direction	1/22	. . . . the blades being foldable
2001/045	. . . {with partially immersed nutating or undulated disks, e.g. wobble plates}	1/24	. . . . automatically foldable or unfoldable
1/06	. . . with adjustable vanes or blades	1/26	. . . . Blades
1/08	. . . . with cyclic adjustment	1/265	. . . . {each blade being constituted by a surface enclosing an empty space, e.g. forming a closed loop}
1/10	. . . . of Voith Schneider type, i.e. with blades extending axially from a disc-shaped rotary body	1/28	. . . . Other means for improving propeller efficiency (water-guiding elements formed by shape of hull B63H 5/00)
2001/105	. . . . {with non-mechanical control of individual blades, e.g. electric or hydraulic control}	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}
1/12	. . with rotation axis substantially in propulsive direction	2001/286	. . . . {Injection of gas into fluid flow to propellers, or around propeller blades}
2001/122	. . . {Single or multiple threaded helicoidal screws, or the like, comprising foils extending over a substantial angle; Archimedean screws}	1/30	. of non-rotary type
2001/125	. . . . {with helicoidal foils projecting from outside surfaces of floating rotatable bodies, e.g. rotatable, cylindrical bodies}	1/32	. . Flaps, pistons, or the like, reciprocating in propulsive direction
2001/127	. . . . {with helicoidal foils projecting from inside surfaces of rotating shrouds; Archimedean screws}		WARNING
1/14	. . . Propellers (pitch changing B63H 3/00)		this group is pending a reorganisation; also documents covered by group B63H 11/09 are within this group
	WARNING		
	this group is pending a reorganisation; also documents covered by group B63H 1/15 are within this group	1/34	. . of endless-track type
2001/145	. . . . {comprising blades of two or more different types, e.g. different lengths}	2001/342	. . . {with tracks substantially parallel to propulsive direction}
1/15	. . . . having vibration damping means (anti-vibration mounting of propulsion plant B63H 21/30 ; means for damping vibration in general F16F)	2001/344	. . . . {having paddles mounted in fixed relation to tracks, or to track members}
	WARNING	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}
	This group is not complete pending a reclassification; for documents published before 01.01.2012, see also group B63H 1/14	2001/348	. . . {with tracks oriented transverse to propulsive direction}
1/16	. . . . having a shrouding ring attached to blades	1/36	. . swinging sideways, e.g. fishtail type
2001/165	. . . . {Hubless propellers, e.g. peripherally driven shrouds with blades projecting from the shrouds' inside surfaces}		WARNING
			this group is pending a reorganisation; also documents covered by group B63H 1/37 are within this group

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

WARNING

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

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

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](#))}

- 3/002 . {with individually adjustable blades}
- 2003/004 . {comprising means for locking blades in position}
- 2003/006 . {Detecting or transmitting propeller-blade pitch angle}
- 3/008 . {characterised by self-adjusting pitch, e.g. by means of springs, centrifugal forces, hydrodynamic forces}
- 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](#))}
- 3/04 . . the control element being reciprocable
- 3/06 . characterised by use of non-mechanical actuating means, e.g. electrical ([B63H 3/002](#) takes precedence)
- 3/08 . . fluid
- 3/081 . . . {actuated by control element coaxial with the propeller shaft}
- 3/082 {the control element being axially reciprocable}
- 2003/084 {with annular cylinder and piston}
- 2003/085 {the control element having means for preventing rotation together with the propeller}
- 2003/087 {using gaseous fluids, e.g. steam or air}
- 2003/088 {characterised by supply of fluid actuating medium to control element, e.g. of hydraulic fluid to actuator co-rotating with the propeller}
- 3/10 . characterised by having pitch control conjoint with propulsion plant control
- 3/12 . the pitch being adjustable only when propeller is stationary ([B63H 3/002](#) takes precedence)

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

- 2005/005 . {Front propulsors, i.e. propellers, paddle wheels, or the like substantially arranged ahead of the vessels' midship section}
- 5/02 . of paddle wheels, e.g. of stern wheels

WARNING

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

- 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

WARNING

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

- 5/04 . . with stationary water-guiding elements
- 5/07 . of propellers (forming part of outboard units {or Z-drives} [B63H 20/00](#))
- 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}
- 5/08 . . of more than one propeller
- 5/10 . . . of coaxial type, e.g. of counter-rotative type
- 2005/103 {of co-rotative type, i.e. rotating in the same direction, e.g. twin propellers}
- 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}
- 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

- 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

- 2005/1254 . . . {Podded azimuthing thrusters, i.e. podded thruster units arranged inboard for rotation about vertical axis}
- 2005/1256 {with mechanical power transmission to propellers}
- 2005/1258 {with electric power transmission to propellers, i.e. with integrated electric propeller motors}
- 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](#))

5/15	. . . Nozzles, e.g. Kort-type	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}
	WARNING	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}
	This group is not complete pending a reclassification; for documents published before 01.01.2012, see also group B63H 5/14	9/0685	. . . . {Sails pivotally mounted at a mast-tip; Kite sails (B63B 35/7976 takes precedence)}
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)	2009/0692	. . . . {Methods, or means specially adapted for controlling kite sails, e.g. control bars, harnesses, automated control units, or methods of their use}
5/165	. . . {Propeller guards, line cutters or other means for protecting propellers or rudders}	9/08	. . Connections of sails to masts, spars, or the like
5/18	. . of emergency propellers, e.g. arranged at the side of the vessel	2009/082	. . . {Booms, or the like}
	WARNING	2009/084	. . . {Gooseneck bearings, i.e. bearings for pivotal support of booms on masts}
	this group is pending a reorganisation; also documents covered by group B63H 5/20 are within this group	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}
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)}	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}
	WARNING	9/10	. . . Running rigging, e.g. reefing equipment (staying of masts B63B 15/02)
	This group is not complete pending a reclassification; for documents published before 01.01.2012, see also group B63H 5/18		WARNING
7/00	Arrangements of propulsive devices directly acting on air (jet propulsion B63H 11/00)		this group is pending a reorganisation; also documents covered by group B63H 9/1092 are within this group
7/02	. using propellers (air-screws of aircraft type B64C)	9/1007	. . . . {Trapeze systems (harnesses for windsurfers B63B 35/7993)}
9/00	Propulsive devices directly acted on by wind; Arrangements thereof (air driven propellers driving underwater propulsive elements B63H 13/00)	9/1014	. . . . . {with elastic connection to harnesses}
9/02	. using Magnus effect	9/1021	. . . . . {Reefing}
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)}	9/1028	. . . . . {by furling around stays}
9/06	. . Construction or types of sails; Arrangements thereof on vessels	9/1035	. . . . . {by furling around or inside the mast}
9/0607	. . . {Rigid or aerofoil type sails}	9/1042	. . . . . {by furling around or inside the boom}
9/0614	. . . . {Inflatable aerofoil sails}	2009/105	. . . . . {using drives for actuating reefing mechanism, e.g. roll reefing drives}
2009/0621	. . . . {Rigid sails comprising one or more pivotally supported panels}	2009/1057	. . . . . {using sheaves being friction driven by endless ropes or by ropes having two free ends}
2009/0628	. . . . . {the panels being pivotable about horizontal axes}	2009/1064	. . . . . {using drums driven by winding or unwinding single ropes onto or from the drums}
2009/0635	. . . . . {the panels being pivotable about vertical axes}	9/1071	. . . . . {Spinnaker poles or rigging, e.g. combined with spinnaker handling}
9/0642	. . . {Sail battens}	9/1078	. . . . . {Boom brakes}
2009/065	. . . . {with variable rigidity, e.g. inflatable}	9/1085	. . . . . {Boom vang}
9/0657	. . . {Construction of sails (sails with detachable sections B63B 35/7983)}	9/1092	. . . . . {Means for stowing, or securing sails when not in use (B63H 9/1021 takes precedence)}
2009/0664	. . . . {of spinnakers, gennakers, or the like balloon sails}		WARNING
			B63H 9/1092 is not complete pending a reorganisation; see also group B63H 9/10
		11/00	Effecting propulsion by jets, i.e. reaction principle (steering by {auxiliary} jet action, {rudders carrying jets} B63H 25/46; power plant <i>per se</i>, see the relevant classes)

- 2011/002 . {using Coanda effect, i.e. the tendency of fluid jets to be attracted to nearby surfaces}
- 2011/004 . {using the eductor or injector pump principle, e.g. jets with by-pass fluid paths}
- 2011/006 . {with propulsive medium supplied from sources external to propelled vessel, e.g. water from public water supply}
- 2011/008 . {Arrangements of two or more jet units}
- 11/01 . having means to prevent foreign material from clogging fluid passage way
- 11/02 . the propulsive medium being ambient water
- 11/025 . . {by means of magneto-hydro-dynamic forces}
- 11/04 . . by means of pumps
- 2011/043 . . . {with means for adjusting or varying pump inlets, e.g. means for varying inlet cross section area}
- 2011/046 . . . {comprising means for varying pump characteristics, e.g. rotary pumps with variable pitch impellers, or adjustable stators}
- 11/06 . . . of reciprocating type
- 11/08 . . . of rotary type
- 2011/081 {with axial flow, i.e. the axis of rotation being parallel to the flow direction}
- 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}
- 2011/084 {with two or more pump stages}
- 2011/085 {having counter-rotating impellers}
- 2011/087 {with radial flow}
- 2011/088 {using shear forces, e.g. disc pumps or Tesla pumps}
- 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](#)
- 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](#)
- 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
- 11/102 {the inlet opening and the outlet opening of the pump being substantially coplanar}
- 11/103 . . . having means to increase efficiency of propulsive fluid, e.g. discharge pipe provided with means to improve the fluid flow
- 11/107 . . . Direction control of propulsive fluid {[B63H 11/101](#) takes precedence}
- WARNING**
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](#)
- 11/11 with bucket or clamshell-type reversing means
- 11/113 Pivoted outlet
- 11/117 Pivoted vane
- 11/12 . the propulsive medium being steam or other gas
- 11/14 . . the gas being produced by combustion
- 11/16 . . the gas being produced by other chemical processes
- 13/00 Effecting propulsion by wind motors driving water-engaging propulsive elements**
- 15/00 Effecting propulsion by use of vessel-mounted driving mechanisms co-operating with anchored chains or the like**
- 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](#))**
- 2016/005 . {used on vessels dynamically supported, or lifted out of the water by hydrofoils}
- 16/02 . Movable thwarts; Footrests
- 16/04 . Oars; Sculls; Paddles; Poles
- 2016/043 . . {Stop sleeves or collars for positioning oars in rowlocks, e.g. adjustable}
- 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}
- 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
- 2016/063 . . {Rowlocks mounted on movable support structures}
- 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](#)
- 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](#)
- 16/08 . Other apparatus for converting muscle power into propulsive effort (general features of propulsion elements, [see the relevant groups](#))

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}	2016/202	. . . {specially adapted or arranged for being actuated by the feet of the user, e.g. using bicycle-like pedals}
16/10	. . for bow-facing rowing	2016/205	. . . . {making use of standard bicycles}
16/102	. . . {by using an inverting mechanism between the handgrip and the blade, e.g. a toothed transmission}	2016/207	. . . . . {without wheels}
16/105	. . . . {the mechanism having articulated rods}	19/00	Effecting propulsion of vessels, not otherwise provided for
16/107	. . . {by placing the fulcrum outside the segment defined by handgrip and blade}	19/02	. by using energy derived from movement of ambient water, e.g. from rolling or pitching of vessels
16/12	. . {using hand levers, cranks, pedals, or the like, e.g. water cycles, boats propelled by boat-mounted pedal cycles}	19/04	. . propelled by water current
	WARNING	19/06	. by discharging gas into ambient water (with jet action B63H 11/12 ; for reducing surface friction B63B 1/38)
	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 - B63H 16/20	19/08	. by direct engagement with water-bed or ground
16/14	. . . {for propelled drive}	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		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 - B63H 16/20		Not complete pending a reclassification; see also B63H 5/1252 , as well as B63H 21/26 and subgroups
16/16	. . using reciprocating pull cable, i.e. a strand-like member movable alternately backward and forward	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		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		This group and its subgroups are not complete, pending a reorganisation; see B63H 21/38 and B63B 2770/00
2016/165	. . . {comprising means for transforming oscillating movement into rotary movement, e.g. for driving propeller shafts}	20/002	. . {for handling lubrication liquids (in engines, e.g. outboard marine engines, F01M)}
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	2020/003	. {Arrangements of two, or more outboard propulsion units}
	WARNING	2020/005	. {Arrangements of two or more propellers, or the like on single outboard propulsion units}
	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	2020/006	. . {of coaxial type, e.g. of counter-rotative type}
2016/185	. . . {comprising means for transforming oscillating movement into rotary movement, e.g. for driving propeller shafts}	20/007	. {Trolling propulsion units (trolling plates for slowing down B63H 25/50 ; dynamo-electric machines of trolling units H02K)}
16/20	. . using rotary cranking arm	2020/008	. {Tools, specially adapted for maintenance, mounting, repair, or the like of outboard propulsion units, e.g. of outboard motors or Z-drives}
	WARNING	20/02	. Mounting of propulsion units (B63H 20/08 takes precedence)
	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	2020/025	. . {Sealings specially adapted for mountings of outboard drive units; Arrangements thereof, e.g. for transom penetrations}
		20/04	. . in a well
		20/06	. . on an intermediate support

20/08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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) 	20/34	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> comprising stabilising fins, {foils, anticavitation plates, splash plates, or rudders (rudders carrying propellers B63H 25/42; rudders carrying jets B63H 25/46)}
20/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Means enabling trim or tilt, or lifting of the propulsion element when an obstruction is hit; Control of trim or tilt 	20/36	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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}
2020/103	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> {using a flexible member for enabling or controlling tilt or lifting, e.g. a cable} 	21/00	<p>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)</p> <p>NOTE</p> <p>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</p> <p>WARNING</p> <p>this group is pending a reorganisation; also documents covered by group B63H 21/36 are within this group</p>
20/106	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> {Means enabling lifting of the propulsion element in a substantially vertical, linearly sliding movement} 	2021/003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> {the power plant using fuel cells for energy supply or accumulation, e.g. for buffering photovoltaic energy}
20/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Means enabling steering 	2021/006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> {the vessel being driven by hot gas positive-displacement engine plants of closed-cycle type, e.g. Stirling engines}
20/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transmission between propulsion power unit and propulsion element 	21/02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the vessels being steam-driven (B63H 21/18 takes precedence)
2020/145	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> {comprising means for permitting telescoping movement of components of the outboard propulsion unit, e.g. telescoping movement of power leg} 	21/04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> relating to positive-displacement steam engines
20/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> allowing movement of the propulsion element in a horizontal plane only, e.g. for steering 	21/06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> relating to steam turbines
20/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> allowing movement of the propulsion element about a longitudinal axis, e.g. the through transom shaft (B63H 20/22 takes precedence) 	21/08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> relating to steam boilers
20/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> with provision for reverse drive 	21/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> relating to condensers or engine-cooling fluid heat-exchangers
20/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> allowing movement of the propulsion element about at least a horizontal axis without disconnection of the drive, e.g. using universal joints 	21/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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}) <p>WARNING</p> <p>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</p>
20/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> {Arrangements, apparatus and methods for handling exhaust gas in outboard drives, e.g.} exhaust gas outlets {(in engines, e.g. outboard marine engines, F01N)} <p>WARNING</p> <p>This group and its subgroups are not complete, pending a reorganisation; see B63H 21/32, B63H 21/38 and B63B 2770/00</p>	21/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> relating to internal-combustion engines {(of outboard type B63H 20/00)}
20/245	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> {Exhaust gas outlets (B63H 20/26 takes precedence)} 	21/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> relating to gas turbines
20/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> {Exhaust gas outlets} passing through the propeller or its hub 		
20/28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> {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)} <p>WARNING</p> <p>This group and its subgroups are not complete, pending a reorganisation; see B63H 21/38 and B63B 2770/00</p>		
20/285	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> {Cooling-water intakes (B63H 20/28 takes precedence)} 		
20/30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> {Cooling-water intakes} for flushing {(circuits for flushing outboard marine engines F01P 3/205)} 		
20/32	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housings {(air intakes for outboard engines F02M 35/167)} 		
2020/323	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> {Gear cases} 		
2020/326	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> {having a dividing plane substantially in plane with the axes of the transmission shafts} 		

- 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
This group is not complete pending a reclassification; for documents published before 01.01.2012, see also group [B63H 21/12](#)
- 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](#)
- 2021/171 . . . {making use of photovoltaic energy conversion, e.g. using solar panels}
2021/173 . . . {making use of superconductivity}
21/175 . the vessel being powered by land vehicle supported by vessel
WARNING
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- 21/18 . the vessels being powered by nuclear energy
WARNING
not complete pending a reorganisation, see also [B63H 21/12](#)
- 21/20 . the vessels being powered by combinations of different types of propulsion units
2021/202 . . {of hybrid electric type}
2021/205 . . . {the second power unit being of the internal combustion engine type, or the like, e.g. a Diesel engine}
2021/207 . . . {the second power unit being a gas turbine}
21/21 . Control means for engine or transmission, specially adapted for use on marine vessels
WARNING
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- 21/213 . . {Levers or the like for controlling the engine or the transmission, e.g. single hand control levers}
2021/216 . . {using electric control means}
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
- 21/24 . {the vessels being small craft, e.g. racing boats}
- 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](#)
- 21/265 . . . {Steering or control devices for outboards (steering by rudders [B63H 25/06](#); control handles for boats [B63H 21/213](#))}
- 21/28 . . . {Arrangements of transmission between propulsion power unit and propulsive element}
- 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](#))
21/302 . . {with active vibration damping}
21/305 . . {with passive vibration damping}
2021/307 . . {Arrangements, or mountings of propulsion power plant elements in modular propulsion power units, e.g. using containers}
- 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](#)
- 21/34 . . having exhaust-gas deflecting means
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](#)

21/38	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 - F04) <p>WARNING</p> <p>This group and its subgroups are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - systematically used for classification of documents published from 01.06.2010 onwards - not complete; for documents published before 01.06.2010, see B63B 2770/00 	23/06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for transmitting drive from a single propulsion power unit
21/383	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> {for handling cooling-water (in outboard drives B63H 20/28; in machines or engines in general F01P 3/00)} 	2023/062	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> {comprising means for simultaneously driving two or more main transmitting elements, e.g. drive shafts}
21/386	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> {for handling lubrication liquids (in machines or engines in general F01M)} 	2023/065	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> {having means for differentially varying the speed of the main transmitting elements, e.g. of the drive shafts}
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)	2023/067	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> {the elements being formed by two or more coaxial shafts, e.g. counter-rotating shafts}
2023/005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> {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} 	23/08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> with provision for reversing drive
23/02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> with mechanical gearing 	23/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for transmitting drive from more than one propulsion power unit (for synchronisation of propulsive elements B63H 23/28)
2023/0208	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> {by means of endless flexible members} 	23/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> allowing combined use of the propulsion power units
2023/0216	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> {by means of belts, or the like} 	23/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> with unidirectional drive or where reversal is immaterial
2023/0225	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> {of grooved belts, i.e. with one or more grooves in longitudinal direction of the belt} 	23/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> characterised by provision of reverse drive
2023/0233	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> {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} 	23/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for alternative use of the propulsion power units
2023/0241	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> {of V-belts, i.e. belts of tapered cross section} 	23/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> with separate forward and astern propulsion power units, e.g. turbines
2023/025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> {by means of chains} 	23/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> with non-mechanical gearing
2023/0258	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> {comprising gearings with variable gear ratio, other than reversing drives or trolling drives} 	23/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> electric (dynamo-electric machines H02K) <p>WARNING</p> <p>This group is not complete pending a reclassification; also documents covered by group B63H 21/17 are in this group</p>
2023/0266	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> {comprising gearings with automatically variable gear ratio, other than continuously variable transmissions or trolling drives} 	2023/245	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> {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}
2023/0275	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> {comprising means for conveying rotary motion with continuously variable gear ratio, e.g. continuously variable transmissions using endless flexible members} 	23/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> fluid
2023/0283	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> {using gears having orbital motion} 	23/28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> with synchronisation of propulsive elements
2023/0291	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> {Trolling gears, i.e. mechanical power transmissions comprising controlled slip clutches, e.g. for low speed propulsion} 	23/30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> characterised by use of clutches
23/04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the main transmitting element, e.g. shaft, being substantially vertical 	2023/305	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> {using fluid or semifluid as power transmitting means}
		23/32	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other parts
		23/321	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> {Bearings or seals specially adapted for propeller shafts}
		2023/322	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> {Intermediate propeller shaft bearings, e.g. with provisions for shaft alignment}
		2023/323	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> {Bearings for coaxial propeller shafts, e.g. for driving propellers of the counter-rotative type}
		2023/325	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> {Thrust bearings, i.e. axial bearings for propeller shafts}
		23/326	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> {Water lubricated bearings}
		2023/327	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> {Sealings specially adapted for propeller shafts or stern tubes}
		2023/328	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> {Marine transmissions characterised by the use of brakes, other than propeller shaft brakes; Brakes therefor}
		23/34	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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)
		2023/342	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> {comprising couplings, e.g. resilient couplings; Couplings therefor}
		2023/344	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> {comprising flexible shafts members}
		2023/346	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> {comprising hollow shaft members}

- 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}
- 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**
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- 23/36 . . Shaft tubes (propeller-shaft tunnels [B63B 11/06](#); shaft-tube seals [F16J](#))
- 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
- 2025/005 . {Steering specially adapted for towing trains, tug-barge systems, or the like; Equipment or accessories therefor}
- 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](#)
- 2025/022 . . {Steering wheels; Posts for steering wheels}
- 2025/024 . . {Handle-bars; Posts for supporting handle-bars, e.g. adjustable posts}
- 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}
- 2025/028 . . {using remote control means, e.g. wireless control; Equipment or accessories therefor}
- 25/04 . . automatic, e.g. reacting to compass
- 2025/045 . . . {making use of satellite radio beacon positioning systems, e.g. the Global Positioning System [GPS]}
- 25/06 . Steering by rudders (by rudders carrying propellers [B63H 25/42](#))
- 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}
- 2025/066 . . {Arrangements of two or more rudders; Steering gear therefor}
- 25/08 . . Steering gear
- 25/10 . . . with mechanical transmission
- 25/12 . . . with fluid transmission
- 25/14 . . . power assisted; power driven, i.e. using steering engine
- 25/16 with alternative muscle or power operated steering
- 25/18 Transmitting of movement of initiating means to steering engine
- 25/20 by mechanical means
- 25/22 by fluid means
- 25/24 by electrical means
- 25/26 Steering engines
- 25/28 of fluid type
- 25/30 hydraulic
- 25/32 steam
- 25/34 Transmitting of movement of engine to rudder, e.g. using quadrants, brakes
- 25/36 . . Rudder-position indicators
- 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](#)})
- 25/381 . . . {with flaps}
- 25/382 . . . {movable otherwise than for steering purposes; Changing geometry}
- 25/383 {with deflecting means able to reverse the water stream direction}
- 2025/384 {with means for retracting or lifting}
- 2025/385 {by pivoting}
- 2025/386 {by sliding, e.g. telescopic}
- 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}
- 2025/388 . . . {with varying angle of attack over the height of the rudder blade, e.g. twisted rudders}
- 25/40 . . . using Magnus effect
- 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
- 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}
- 25/44 . Steering or slowing-down by extensible flaps or the like

- 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

- 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}
- 25/48 . Steering or slowing-down by deflection of propeller slipstream otherwise than by rudder
- 25/50 . Slowing-down means not otherwise provided for
- 25/52 . Parts for steering not otherwise provided for