Recent Projects

Ocean Technical Services (OTS), specializes in structural surveys of yachts and commercial vessels and historic vessels. Museum start-ups, preparation of applications with regards to the MARAD/NAVSEA Ship Donation Program and ongoing project management within a yachtyard/shipyard environment.

OTS provides additional services such as Project Management, supervision of offshore tows (Trip-In-Tow Surveys & Tow Plans), audio gauging/ultrasonic testing of shell plating, safety surveys, EPA Visitation Agreements and builder’s risk surveys of the graving drydocks. Mr. Lombardi is a licensed U.S. Coast Guard Master of 1,600 tons and First Class Pilot of Unlimited Tonnage. A naval architect, marine surveyor and a former NAVSEA/COAST GUARD SUPSHIP are on my staff as subcontractors and are available for additional task requirements.

OTS had a busy year in 2018 surveying yachts and commercial craft, conducting claims reviews and special assignments.

OTS had a very busy year in 2018 with the continuing restoration of battleship U.S.S. TEXAS at her berth in La Porte, Texas. Phase II was completed in September.

**U.S.S. TEXAS PHASE I & PHASE II REPAIRED SPACES & TANKAGE**

Tankage from the stern forward to the aft Boiler Room #4 has been repaired. New transverse and longitudinal frames, bulkheads and tank tops have been repaired or replaced limiting the amount of progressive flooding.

Additional work was assigned to the project such as repairing the four mooring monopiles and additional tank cleaning.
Repair/refit of aft mooring monopiles at battleship U.S.S. TEXAS.

The suspension of the vessel’s six steam boilers from the vessel’s 3rd armored deck. This was designed to take the weight off the vessel’s two sets of tanks below in the Hold and Inner Bottom area.

8’ Rod support beams.

Boiler water drum rod brackets.
Support Beam locations, 3rd deck, starboard side similar. Dyson Express-type boiler.

Additionally, the steering rams, rudder cross head and aft emergency generator were supported from the overhead to allow fabricators to safely work below these components.

Steering gear suspension plan.

OTS was involved in the survey and preparation of Trip-in-Tow Surveys/Tow Plans for the following rigs in 2018:

CECIL PROVINE for Forward Marine Inc.

PARAGON RIGS B-301, L-1113, L-1114, L-1116, L-781 & M-821 for Steelcoast Marine Inc.
Rig PARAGON L-1114 in the Gulf of Mexico prior to tow to Brownsville, Texas.

In May of 2018, OTS was contracted to conduct a Trip-in-Tow /Tow Plan and oversee preparation of the U.S.N.S OBRSERVATION ISLAND from her berth in the Beaumont Reserve Fleet to the scrap berth at All Star Metals in Brownsville, Texas.

U.S.N.S. OBSERVATION ISLAND.

In May of 2018, OTS was contracted to conduct a Trip-in-Tow /Tow Plan and oversee preparation of the container ship S.S. MATSON NAVIGATOR from her berth at Port of Orange, Texas to the scrap berth at All Star Metals in Brownsville, Texas.
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While continuing the restoration of battleship TEXAS in January 2017, OTS was contracted to conduct a Trip-in-Tow/Tow Plan and oversee preparation for the tow of the freighter KRAKEN from her berth at Brownsville, Texas to the Texas Parks & Wildlife reefing site SE of Galveston, Texas.

While continuing the restoration of battleship TEXAS in March 2017, OTS was contracted to conduct a Trip-in-Tow/Tow Plan and oversee preparation for the tow of the accommodation rig SAFE LANCIA from her berth at Port Isabel, Texas to the scrap berth at All Star Metals in Brownsville, Texas. Also in March 2017, OTS conducted a structural survey of the floating drydock IS6 VIRGINIAN in Tampa, Florida.
In October of 2017, OTS was contracted to conduct a Trip-in-Tow /Tow Plan and oversee preparation for the tow of the U.S.N.S. HARKNESS and U.S.N.S. CAPE JOHNSON from their berth at INACTSHIPS James River, Virginia to the scrap berth at All Star Metals in Brownsville, Texas.
In March of 2017, OTS was contracted to conduct a Trip-in-Tow /Tow Plan and oversee preparation of the ammunition ship U.S.N.S. FLINT from her berth at the Reserve Fleet in Beaumont, Texas to the scrap berth at All Star Metals in Brownsville, Texas.
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While continuing the restoration of battleship TEXAS in September 2016, OTS was contracted to conduct a Trip-in-Tow /Tow Plan and oversee preparation for the tow of the accommodation rig SAFE JASMINIA from her berth at Port Isabel, Texas to Cameron, Louisiana.
In March/April of 2016, OTS was contracted to conduct valuation surveys of the fleet of high speed ferries for the New York Water Taxi Fleet. OTS was also contracted to conduct an in-depth inventory of the company’s vast equipment, tool and spare parts.

In January of 2016, OTS conducted a structural survey of the high speed passenger/vehicle ferry SEA WIND in Nassau, Bahamas.
OTS has been engaged by Patriots Point Development Corp. to conduct a structural survey of the aircraft carrier U.S.S. YORKTOWN (spring 2014), prioritizing repairs and assigning budgetary figures for the repairs.

Starboard quarter view of USS Hopewell (DD-681), DESDIV 152, alongside USS Yorktown (CVA-10) during refueling ops, 1957 Far East Cruise.

Utilizing the vessel’s Shell Plate Expansion Plan, CLMS was able to map the degradation from the stem back to Frame 50.

OTS completed an assessment of S.S. UNITED STATES on the preparation of a Shipyard Repair Specification and repair estimates for the drydocking and renovation of that historic ocean liner. Mr. Lombardi also prepared an estimate of build-out space for the forward boiler room in anticipation of the
installation of a co-generation power gas turbine for CON-EDISON and the confirmation of the build-out space for interior renovations.

OTS conducted a hull structural survey and Tow Plan for the U.S.C.G.C, MOHAWK in Key West prior to her successful tow to Ft. Myers Beach, Florida to prepare her for ocean reefing.

OTS conducted a hull structural survey of the battleship U.S.S. TEXAS (BB-35) at the San Jacinto State Park, La Porte, Texas on behalf of the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD, January 2011.

OTS completed, in April 2012, interior tank inspections and prepared a cost analysis and designed the Shipyard Repair Specifications 1st phase. These repairs were completed in November of 2014.

OTS served as QA/QC Project Inspector.
Battleship U.S.S. TEXAS (BB-35) at her berth at the San Jacinto State Park in La Porte, Texas.
Track cutting of 3/8” plating for new framing aboard battleship U.S.S. TEXAS.

U.S.S. TEXAS (BB-35)
DETERIORATED STRUCTURE FRAME # 64 TO STERN

Details of areas repaired in water at berth in La Porte, Texas.
OTS completed an assignment with the battleship U.S.S. NORTH CAROLINA (BB-55) in Wilmington, N.C. OTS acted as Designer to implement the use of a floating cofferdam to repair the starboard shell plating of the vessel while at her habitual berth; thereby saving time and funding for either towing the ship to drydock or to build an encompassing cofferdam around the vessel to allow hull work to proceed; a daunting economic hurdle.

Aerial view of starboard bow of battleship U.S.S. NORTH CAROLINA, showing mobilized repairs underway.
Repairs to the starboard bow were successfully completed in November 2011. The costs savings realized by this surveyor were in excess of $1.5 Mil. due to value engineering in not dredging the berth.

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U.S.S. CASSIN YOUNG in Drydock #1, Boston National Historic Park, Charlestown, MA.
Welders installing new shell plating under the counter, U.S.S. CASSIN YOUNG.

OTS prepared a feasibility study for the possible berthing of battleship U.S.S. IOWA for the Port of Los Angeles.

U.S.S. IOWA at the Suisan Bay Inactships Facility, San Francisco Bay.

OTS was Project Manager for the National Park Service for the restoration of the Fletcher Class destroyer U.S.S. CASSIN YOUNG, at Drydock #1, Charlestown Navy Yard, Boston.

OTS completed a comprehensive hull survey and an inspection of the spars/mast/yards of the historic sailing ship JOSEPH CONRAD at Mystic Seaport. OTS developed a repair specification for the temporary repairs required by this historic ship.
S/V JOSEPH CONRAD at her berth at Mystic Seaport in 2008.

JOSEPH CONRAD hauled out at the DuPont Shipyard at Mystic Seaport.

OTS surveyed and subsequently towed the National Historic Landmark cutter INGHAM from her berth at Patriots Point, Mt. Pleasant, SC to a temporary berth in N. Charleston, SC prior to moving her to her final berth at Key West, Florida. OTS developed a Shipyard Specification Package, three Tow Plans for this vessel and was Project Manager for the shipyard drydocking of this vessel in Fall 2009.
OTS completed a structural survey of the destroyer U.S.S. LAFFEY at Patriots Point Naval Park, Mount Pleasant, SC in early December 2008. OTS prepared a Shipyard Specification Package for the owners. OTS was named Project Manager for the restoration of this historic vessel with a successful tow of the vessel to Detyens Shipyard in N. Charleston, SC. The vessel was in a very unsafe structural condition missing much of her keel and structural scantlings in her four machinery spaces due to degradation. OTS supervised the support of 320 tons of machinery in
her four machinery spaces prior to the tow to shipyard. On-going repairs include the repair of five transverse
bulkheads and all longitudinal and transverse frames in her four machinery spaces. The shell plating from bow to
stern from just above the waterline down to her keel will be replaced with new 3/8” steel plate. The vessel was
returned to Patriots Point in 2012.


U.S.S. LAFFEY under tow up the Cooper River, Charleston, SC, to drydock.
OTS performed an onboard assessment of conditions of the forward starboard shell plating aboard battleship U.S.S. NORTH CAROLINA in Fall 2008 and prepared a Shipyard Specification Package for the Owners. OTS subsequently has performed a structural survey of the ship at her berth in Wilmington, North Carolina, Spring 2009.
OTS performed a structural hull survey aboard destroyer U.S.S. CASSIN YOUNG at Boston National Historic Park and prepared a Shipyard Specification Package for the repair of the destroyer U.S.S. CASSIN YOUNG on behalf of the National Park Service, Fall 2008/Spring 2009.

OTS performed a structural survey aboard the four masted barquentine FALLS OF CLYDE, berthed in Honolulu, Hawaii in the spring of 2007. OTS, as Project Manager, was later tasked by the Bishop Museum with organizing the disposal of this vessel to any qualified party that could materially and financially restore the ship and move the vessel away from the Hawaii Maritime Center at the Aloha Tower complex in downtown Honolulu; when that proved impractical, OTS was tasked with preparing for the at – sea disposal of this historic vessel and secured EPA approval for the preparation of the vessel for SINKEX. The vessel’s unsafe rigging, yards and spars were manually lowered without incident and the remediation of the vessel was completed summer/fall of 2008. The vessel, in exceptionally poor material and structural condition, was remediated to EPA specifications with additional measures made to ensure structural rigidity for the anticipated tow. The vessel was saved at the last minute by a poorly funded, but well intentioned, group in Hawaii that wants to preserve this fine vessel.
FALLS OF CLYDE at Copenhagen, 1920.
OTS performed a structural hull survey of the submarine U.S.S. CLAMAGORE at Patriots Point Naval Park, Mount Pleasant, SC in spring 2008. OTS also prepared a Shipyard Specification Package for the owners.

U.S.S. CLAMAGORE (SS – 343) at her berth at Patriots Point Naval Park, Mt Pleasant, SC.

OTS performed a structural survey aboard battleship U.S.S. WISCONSIN (BB-64) on behalf of the City of Norfolk, VA and prepared portions of the Application to the Naval Sea Systems Command, summer 2006 and later completed an Historic Fabric Assessment of the vessel in late 2008.

U.S.S. WISCONSIN (BB-64) at her berth, Nauticus Museum, Norfolk, Virginia.
OTS completed the structural survey of the battleship U.S.S. MISSOURI (BB-63) at her berth at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, winter 2006 and winter 2007.

U.S.S. MISSOURI at her berth at Ford Island.
OTS completed a shipyard assessment for underwriters of Detyens Shipyard (formerly the Charleston Naval Shipyard) in North Charleston, SC spring/summer 2006.

Drydock #5, Detyens Shipyard, Charleston, SC.

OTS completed the structural survey of the floating drydock, AFDL-47, a U.S. Navy floating drydock, at Goose Creek Naval Weapons Station, in 2006 for Detyens Shipyard of N. Charleston, SC.

AFDL-47 in drydock, July 2006 at Detyens Shipyard.
OTS surveyed (winter of 2005/6) the mega yacht GIANT I in Ushuaia, Argentina.

M/Y GIANT I in Magellan Straits.

OTS surveyed the whaleback motor tanker METEOR at her berth at Superior, Wisconsin spring 2006.

S.S. METEOR at her berth at Barker’s Island, Superior, Wisconsin
OTS inspected 40+ tugs/barges/dredges owned by Stirling/Cashmen Equipment throughout the eastern seaboard in the spring and early summer of 2005


OTS inspected the entire tug/barge/dredge fleet of Spearin, Preston and Burrows of Staten Island, New York comprising 50+ vessels during the summer of 2005 for C.V. STARR Insurance, Boston.

OTS surveyed the entire Circle Line Ferry Fleet of Manhattan summer of 2005 and later conducted a complete inventory of all fleet spares at their Brooklyn Navy yard site.

Circle Line ferry ‘MISS NEW YORK’.
The winter of 2005 found OTS named as the firm to prepare an application to the U.S. Navy for the donation of the OTS completed a hull survey and prepared the Application to the U.S. Navy on behalf of the Minnesota DNR on the heavy cruiser U.S.S. DES MOINES.

**U.S.S. DES MOINES.**

OTS conducted fleet surveys of 24 fast ferry vessels on behalf of Boston Harbor Cruises/Modern Continental’s financial institution in the winter/spring of 2005

**M/V NORA VITTORIA 42M high speed catamaran owned by Boston Harbor Cruises.**

**Dredge S. COSMOLETTI, Cashman Equipment Co. mechanical dredge.**

OTS inspected/surveyed and conducted underway sea trials on the destroyer U.S.S. CASSIN YOUNG on behalf of the National Park Service at the Charlestown Naval Shipyard in Boston in the Fall of 2005.
OTS completed the structural survey and a Shipyard Specification Package of the former U.S. Coast Guard cutter MOHAWK (WPG-78), built in 1934, for her new owners. OTS completed a Trip – In – Tow survey and Tow Plan for this vessel for her tow to Miami.

U.S.C.G.C. MOHAWK (WPG-78) at her berth at Mariner's Harbor, Staten Island.

OTS served as a naval technical advisor on the set of the movie production ‘PROUDLY WE SERVED’ and ‘THIRTEEN DAYS’. OTS completed, in 2005, a structural survey of the guided missile destroyer U.S.S. BARNEY (DDG-6) at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard on behalf of a museum group seeking this ship as memorial.

Foredeck of U.S.S. BARNEY (DDG-6) at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard.
In 2004, OTS worked with the National Submarine Science Center of Newport, Kentucky as the Project Manager in obtaining the nuclear powered submarine U.S.S. NARWHAL (SSN-671) with a successful Congressional bill passed and signed by President Bush in October 2003. This marks the first time a nuclear powered submarine will be donated to a private, non-profit group. The submarine is currently berthed at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard awaiting the removal of her reactor.

OTS completed, in September 2004, a structural analysis of the nuclear submarine U.S.S. NARWHAL and worked with the client and the U.S. Navy Puget Sound Shipyard in preparing a Shipyard Specification Package on conversion of the submarine. Concurrently, OTS completed the preparation of a detailed, draft Barge Design/Shipyard Specification Package outlining the essentials needed in designing and constructing a barge that will ultimately house the submarine on its long tow from Puget Sound thence to the Panama Canal ending with a transit of the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers.
In early 2004, OTS conducted a hull structural survey of the destroyer U.S.S. FORREST SHERMAN (DD-931) at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard. CLMS also prepared a Tow Plan and a Mooring Plan for this vessel.

U.S.S. FORREST SHERMAN (DD-931) at Philadelphia INACTSHIPS.

Mr. Lombardi traveled to St. Petersburg and Kaliningrad in November 2003 at the behest of HNSA and the Department of State on a mission to educate and be educated on museum operations and ship preservation practices in the former Soviet Union.

Cruiser ‘AURORA’ at her moorings in St. Petersburg, Russia.
The fall of 2003 saw OTS, on behalf of the National Park Service, conducting a structural analysis of the steamship NOBSKA, then berthed at Drydock #1 at the National Park, Charlestown Navy Yard in Boston.

Steamship NOBSKA in the Constitution Drydock at the Charlestown Navy Yard, Boston.

OTS was tasked with conducting a structural survey and machinery analysis for the salvage tug U.S.S. HOIST (ARS-40) on behalf of a museum group in Toledo, Ohio. OTS prepared a five year Financial Analysis for this group.

U.S.S. HOIST (ARS-40) at her berth within the Reserve Fleet on the James River.
OTS completed the application to NAVSEA for the U.S.S. CHARLES F. ADAMS (DDG-2) on behalf of the Saginaw Valley Naval Ship Committee in Bay City, Michigan in 2003.

OTS performed a structural survey of the historic fleet tug U.S.C.G.C. TAMAROA at her berth in Baltimore prior to her tow to Norfolk, Virginia. The vessel had an extensive history dating to her service with the U.S. Navy in the Pacific, her participation in the rescue at the sinking of the Italian ocean liner ANDREA DORIA in the 1950s to her now famous rescues of sailing yachtmen and helicopter pilots immortalized in the movie ‘PERFECT STORM’. OTS completed a detailed Tow Plan & Mooring Plan for this vessel.

During the summer of 2002, OTS conducted structural survey aboard the U.S.S. SPHINX (ARL-24), an LST-type repair ship on behalf of the Dunkirk Lighthouse Museum in Dunkirk, New York. They recently obtained Congressional turn-over for the vessel from MARAD. OTS prepared the berthing plans and will be supervising the drydocking and subsequent towing of this vessel to the Lake Erie site. OTS completed an Application to MARAD for the donation of this vessel.
OTS was also tasked with surveying the pair of fleet tugs U.S.S. QUAPAW (ATF-110) and U.S.S. MOCTOBI (ATF-105) in Port Richmond, California for a commercial client.

U.S.S. QUAPAW and U.S.S. MOCTOBI at their berths in Port Richmond, CA.

OTS performed a structural survey of the guided missile cruiser U.S.S. STERETT (CG-31) on behalf of a client in Humboldt Bay, California; we also prepared a five year Economic Analysis for this museum start-up.


OTS was also tasked (in partnership with Economic Research Associates of San Francisco) with preparing a joint economic analysis/feasibility study to the City of Vallejo, CA on the merits of establishing a historic naval park at the former Mare Island Naval Shipyard. OTS surveyed both the frigate U.S.S. KNOX nuclear
submarine U.S.S. DRUM at their berths at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, Washington developing the information needed to successfully tow and berth these two vessels. The report generated was accepted unanimously by the City Council of Vallejo in July of 2002.

Mare Island Naval Shipyard, Vallejo, California.

U.S.S. KNOX (FF-1052) at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard.
U.S.S. DRUM (SSN-677) when an active Sturgeon-Class nuclear attack submarine.

In the spring of 2001, OTS was contracted to perform a structural survey and prepare a Shipyard Specification Package and Tow Plan for the aircraft carrier U.S.S. CABOT, berthed in Brownsville, Texas for a Korean client.

U.S.S. CABOT (CVE-28) underway off Hunter's Point, June 1945.

In the summer of 2001, OTS was tasked with conducting a structural survey of the icebreaker U.S.C.G.C. GLACIER (WAGB-4) at her berth in Suisan Bay. OTS also provided a detailed plan for the removal of
generators from the former ammunition ship U.S.S. MAUNA KEA to the U.S. Maritime Administration (MARAD); this project involved the removal of side shell plating and decking of this ship for the removal of her generator and supporting electronic control components. This task was completed later that fall.

In the summer of 2000, OTS conducted a hull structural survey and prepared the very old wooden, diesel-electric tugboat LUNA, a National Historic Landmark vessel, for a shipyard repair period. OTS supervised
and provided oversight on the preparations made to the vessel resulting in her being successfully towed from her berth in Boston to Samples Shipyard in Boothbay, Maine. She arrived without incident.

![Tug 'LUNA' alongside U.S.S. WASP on day of her launch, Bethlehem Steel, Fore River Shipyard.](image1)

During the winter of 2001, OTS performed a detailed structural survey and a complete UT/audio gauging of the submarine U-505’s internal pressure hull, bulkheads and external ballast tank system at the Museum of Science & Industry. OTS measured the vessel and prepared a separate ‘Machinery Survey’ of the vessel’s propulsion and steering components for the Museum. OTS also was contracted to repair/rebuild the vessel’s watertight dogging hatches.

![Type IX-C U-Boat drawings, of the type of U-505.](image2)
Also in the Spring of 2000, OTS conducted a structural survey of the destroyer U.S.S. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY (DD-850) at her berth at Battleship Cove in Fall River preparatory to towing her to Newport, Rhode Island sound for fitting out for her role in the movie production ‘THIRTEEN DAYS’. CLMS performed the ‘Trip-In-Tow’ Surveys and ‘Tow Plans’ for this exercise. OTS also chartered an ocean-going freighter on behalf of the movie production.
OTS also completed the structural surveys, “Trip & Tow” surveys, Tow Plans and Shipyard Specification Package for the U.S.S. LIONFISH (SS-298), a WW II Balao-class submarine in the spring of 1999, all plans were approved by the U.S. Coast Guard and NAVSEA. OTS supervised the rigging of tow appendage on Saturday 27 February 1999, and were underway (at the end of a tow line) later that day for a successful tow to Boston and returned in May 1999 back to Fall River.

In the spring of 1999, OTS conducted a structural hull survey of the battleship U.S.S. NORTH CAROLINA in Wilmington, NC on behalf of the U.S.S. NORTH CAROLINA Battleship Commission. OTS was also tasked with conducting a systematic UT inspection of the vessel’s shell plating concurrently with the structural survey.

![U.S.S. NORTH CAROLINA (BB-55) at time of launch.](image)

In the fall of 1999, OTS conducted a structural hull survey of the U.S.S. SALEM (CA-139) prior to her move to Drydock #3 in S. Boston. OTS organized and supervised the towing of the vessel and linehandlers for a very successful transit and arrival. OTS conducted the complete UT inspection of the shell plating of this vessel in drydock; we also served the Museum as quality control (QC) inspectors during the entire drydock progression. OTS provided the ‘Trip & Tow’ survey and ‘Tow Plan for both legs of the project. The ship arrived back at her berth under CLMS supervision in February 2000.

In the winter/spring of 2000, concurrently with our ongoing project in Buffalo, OTS performed a preliminary structural survey of the submarine U-505 at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago and performed limited UT work on this hull.
OTS completed, in fall and spring of 1998-1999, the structural surveys and supervised the rigging of tow for the battleship U.S.S. MASSACHUSETTS (BB-59), a National Historic landmark and a sistership to the U.S.S. ALABAMA. We also completed the Trip & Tow survey (required by underwriters for obtaining of the COFR & NAVSEA) and completed the Tow Plan (required by the Coast Guard & NAVSEA) on behalf of the Massachusetts Memorial Committee. The voyage around Nantucket Shoals was uneventful and the battleship arrived on November 7, 1998. The U.S.S. MASSACHUSETTS was the largest historic vessel to go to drydock for repairs to that date.


OTS completed the ultrasonic testing of 90,000 square feet of the underwater hull of U.S.S. MASSACHUSETTS in Drydock #3 in S. Boston. OTS was contracted as the QC advisor to the U.S.S. MASSACHUSETTS Memorial Committee. We sailed from Drydock #3 for Fall River on 2 March 1999 on time and under budget.
During the spring and summer of 1998, OTS completed the structural surveys of the three naval memorial vessels at the Buffalo Servicemen’s Park (U.S.S. LITTLE ROCK (CLG-4), U.S.S. THE SULLIVANS (DD-537) & U.S.S. CROAKER (SSK-246); OTS had also been contracted to perform designer services as regards repairs to be completed on these vessels prior to the tow to their new berthing sites.

U.S.S. LITTLE ROCK (CLG-4) at her current berth in Buffalo, New York.
In January 2000, OTS supervised the repairs to the submarine U.S.S. CROAKER (SSK-246) at her in-water berth on the Buffalo, NY waterfront. OTS rebuilt the bow of the submarine, installed new deck hardware (ten cleats and chocks) and re-ballasted the vessel. The repair of this submarine out of a drydock setting represents the first time a fleet submarine has been repaired in the water since in-theater operations during World War II. OTS completed the rebuilding of the bow of submarine CROAKER in the water and successfully towed her to a temporary berth in Lackawanna, NY.

This project involved preparing and submittals of ‘Trip & Tow’ surveys and NAVSEA-approved mooring plans for the temporary and permanent berthing of these vessels. Based upon OTS’s relationship with the Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA), we were able to secure the declassification of structural hull drawings of the U.S.S. CROAKER (SS-246) at the National Archives. OTS received approval from the U.S. Coast Guard and NAVSEA for the three mooring plans submitted for their review.

Stem fairing of submarine U.S.S. CROAKER (SSK-246) prior to restoration.

Stem fairing of submarine U.S.S. CROAKER (SSK-246) after completion of structural repairs.
Installation of towing eye, stern chock and support structure to submarine U.S.S. CROAKER (SSK-246).

OTS completed removing mud/sediment under the other two vessels and have removed the underwater appendages from the U.S.S. THE SULLIVANS (sonar dome, both props and rudder). OTS joined with Buffalo Industrial Diving Co., of Buffalo, New York in a joint venture to perform repairs to the three vessels at the Naval Park. This project was successfully completed in August 2003.

OTS conducted a structural hull survey, in late 1997, of the aircraft carrier U.S.S. FORRESTAL (CV-59) on behalf of a Bensalem, PA group that had been attempting to acquire this ship for a museum on the Delaware River.
OTS supervised the structural survey and successful tow of the U.S.S. SALEM (CA-139) from her mothball site in Philadelphia to her new berth in Quincy, Massachusetts in late 1994 (a late fall sailing around Nantucket Shoals). OTS also performed initial museum preparation work upon arrival of the ship in Quincy, Massachusetts. Among the services performed was the establishment of an onboard alarm system, shore power installation, fresh water and steam heating and ship’s husbandry until the Museum could get on its feet and become a viable operating entity. OTS also developed a Mooring Plan and supervised the movement of the M/S SOUTHERN CROSS, a MARAD ready reserve asset berthed at the Quincy Shipyard, into her permanent berth.
OTS prepares applications to the U.S. Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) and the U.S. Maritime Administration (MARAD) on behalf of non-profit 501 C3 museums and municipalities that desire to acquire ex-Navy ships for display purposes.

OTS performs appraisals for estate and legal clients on vessels, waterfront commercial yachtyards and shipyards.

OTS regularly performs surveys of yachts, passenger and gaming vessels, ferries, tugboats, barges, dump scows, jack-up rigs, freighters, and product tankers for their clients and for a myriad of marine underwriters and financial institutions.

OTS performs ‘On-Hire’ surveys, Drydock/Floating Drydock Inspections, ‘Condition & Valuation’ Surveys of yachts and commercial vessels, Sea Trials and Donation Surveys.

OTS performs ultrasonic inspection of steel and aluminum vessels.

OTS prepares Mooring Plans, Tow Plans and ‘Trip-in-Tow’ Surveys.

An Technical Services

OTS is experienced and is prepared to act as project management within a shipyard and yacht yard setting.

OTS is qualified in Federal Maritime Court as a ‘Marine Surveyor’.

Specialized equipment/software utilized by OTS for specific task completion:

- a.) OCE PLOTWAVE 300 scanner/plotter (large format),
- b.) GE DMS GO UT/Paint Thickness/Weldment Flaw Detection machine,
- c.) ISHOT SONY Digital underwater camera,
- d.) AUTOCAST & OPTIMOOR Mooring software,
- e.) LEICA digital camera suite.
- f.) SNAP-ON Multimeter & Miller galvanic probes for fresh, salt & brackish water,
- g.) Dyer 29 bassboat with custom TRIAD trailer.
- h.) MAVIC drone with HD camera.

Joseph Lombardi is Ship Preservation Chairman of the Historic Naval Ships Association (HNSA).

The above is in addition to our core book of business as yacht & commercial vessel surveyors.

Ocean Technical Services maintains memberships and associated memberships within the Society of Accredited Marine Surveyors (SAMS), Historic Naval Ships Association (HNSA), U.S. Naval Institute (USNI), Society of Naval Architect & Marine Engineers (SNAME), the American Welding Society (AWS), the National Society for Testing & Materials (NSTM) and the American Boat and Yacht Council (ABYC).

How can OTS assist your project?