Abstract

An Apparatus for Launching and Recovering a Vessel and Related Method

An apparatus for launching and/or recovering a vessel (2100) is disclosed. The apparatus comprises a plurality of drive units (104a-104f) arranged along a launch and recovering platform which is configured to be inclined relative to a horizontal plane of a base, each drive unit (104a-104f) having a set of guide members for supporting the vessel's hull, and an actuator configured to actuate the respective sets of guide members to cause the hull to move progressively along the platform for launch or recovery of the vessel (2100). A related method is also disclosed.

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