

Accommodating Larger Vessels: Ship  
Maneuverability and Channel Depth;

A discussion of vessel motion in shallow water and  
future research needs.

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# Big Ships in Small, Shallow Channels

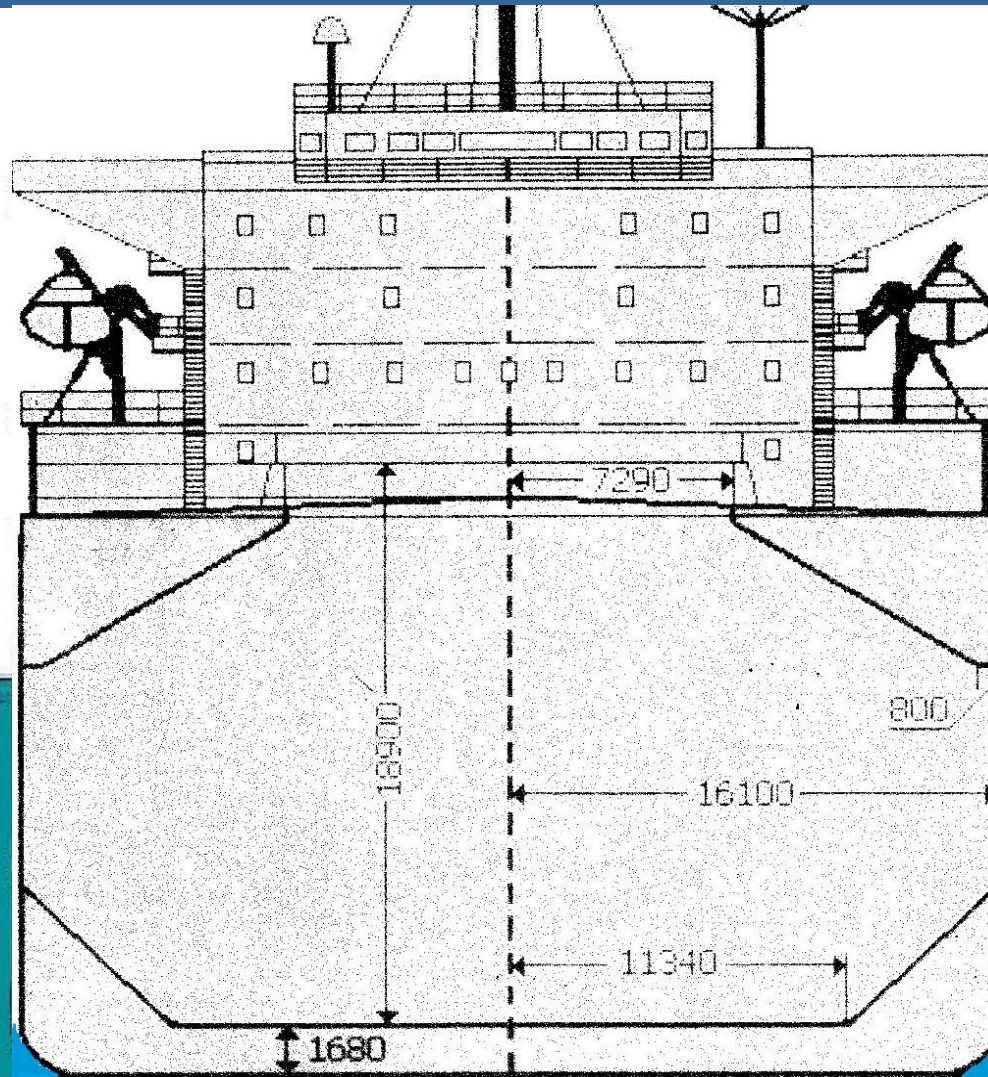
- Deepened Channels – same width
  - Same ship
    - Deeper Draft
    - More Mass
    - Same power; rudder
    - More exposure to currents
    - Larger bank effects
    - Smaller percentage under keel clearance to draft
    - More difficult to control, sluggish response
    - Cross-current effects more pronounced
    - Harder to slow and stop
    - Most likely narrower channel; deepening along existing slopes to save dredging

# Big Ships in Small, Shallow Channels

- Deepened Channel – Larger Ships
  - Longer the existing ships
  - More exposure to currents/leverage arm longer
  - Larger bank effects
  - Smaller under keel clearance to draft
  - More mass
  - Harder to steer
  - May have more power; larger rudder
  - Probably wider; more channel blockage
  - Less room to meet another ship
  - More pronounced ship response (squat) during meeting
  - Probably more air draft; less clearance to bridges/power lines, etc.
  - Channel is probably narrower due to dredging on same slopes to reduce dredging



# Real Scale in Calm Water



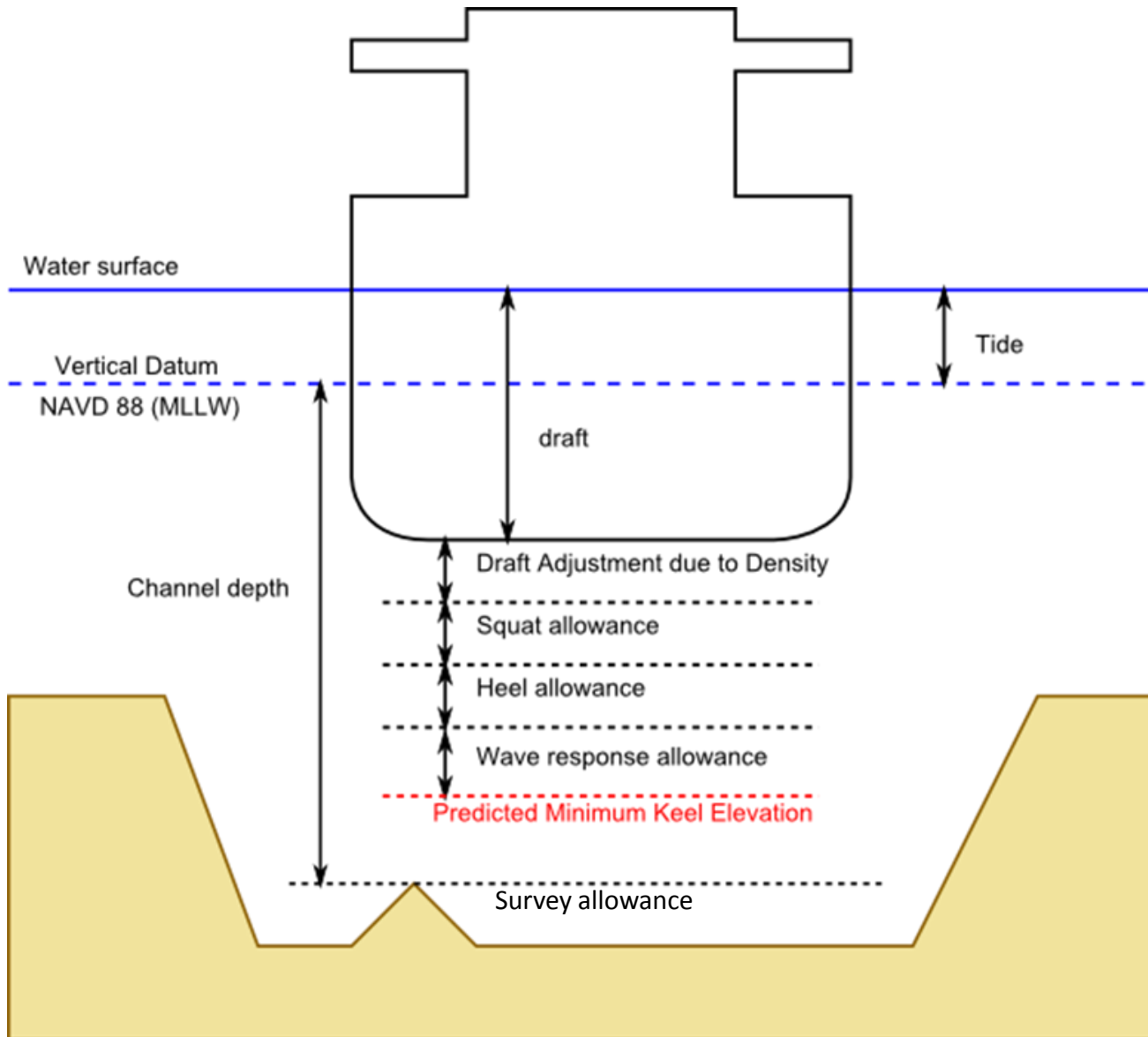
# An operational view of **Vessel Motions**

Squat / Sinkage

Heel / Roll

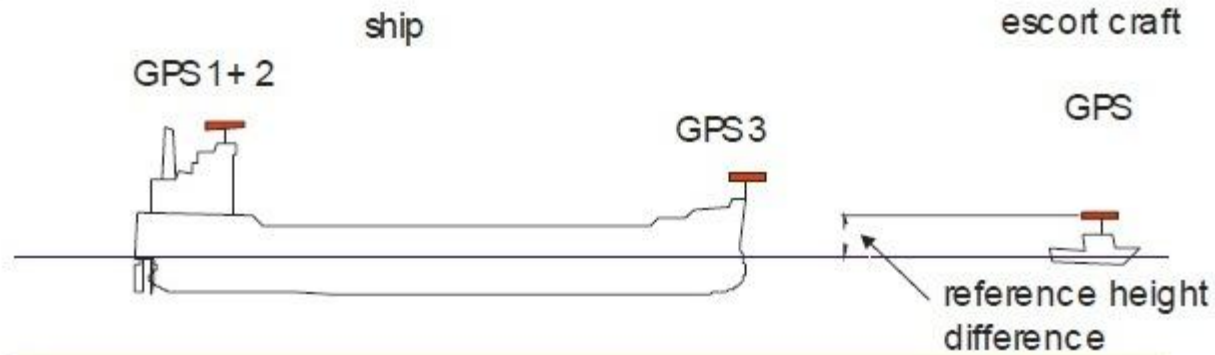
Pitch / Wave Response

# Components of Under Keel Clearance



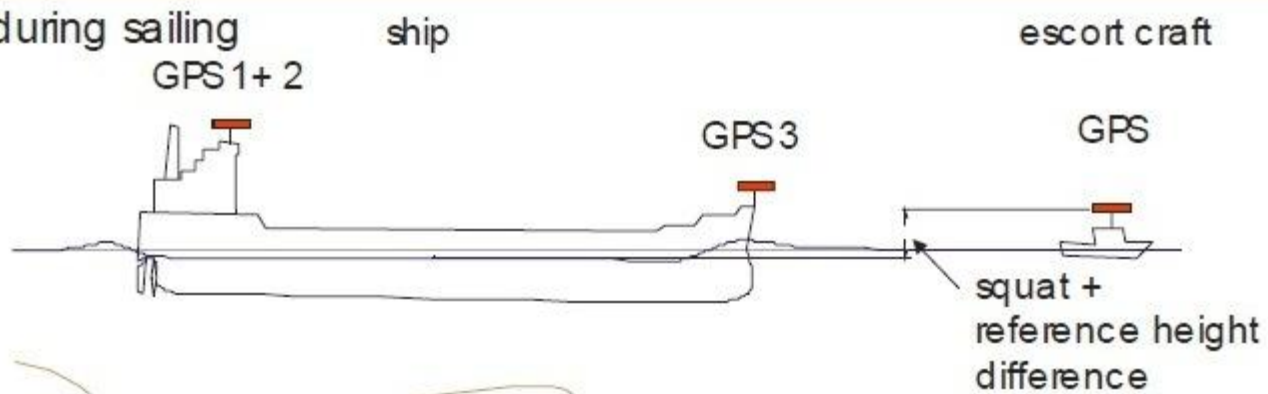
# Vessel Motion Analysis

static observation



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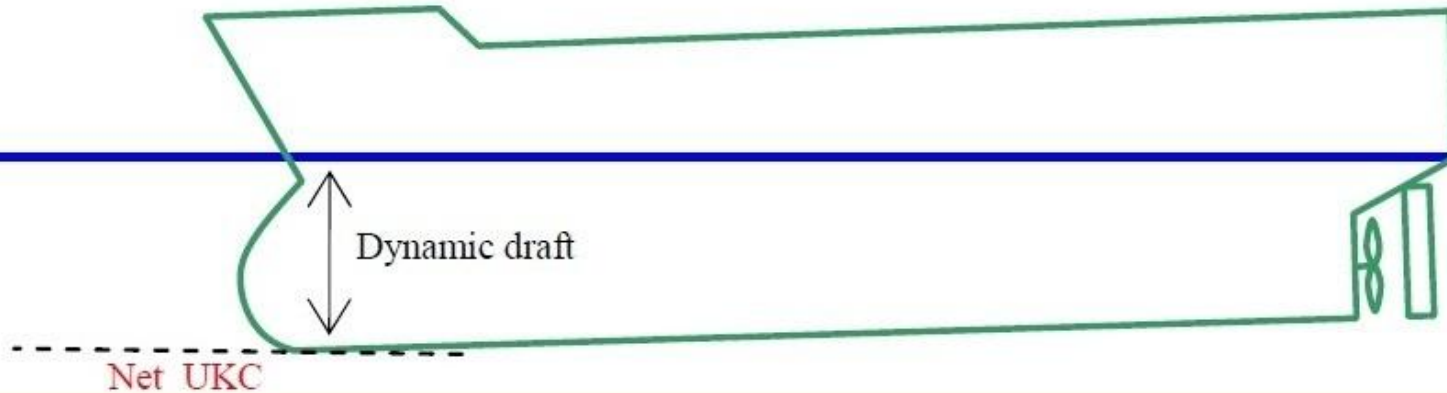
during sailing



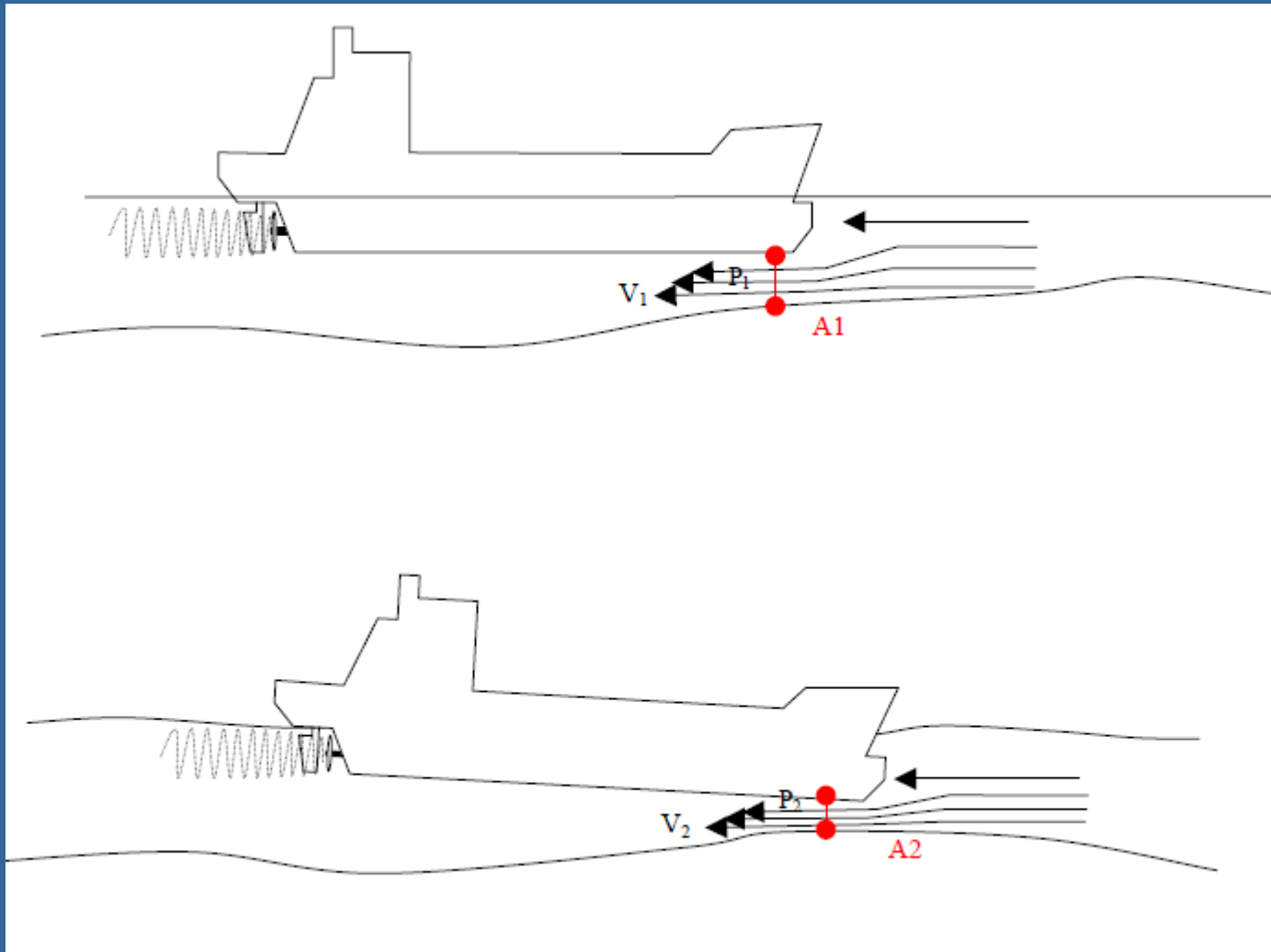
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# Squat / Sinkage

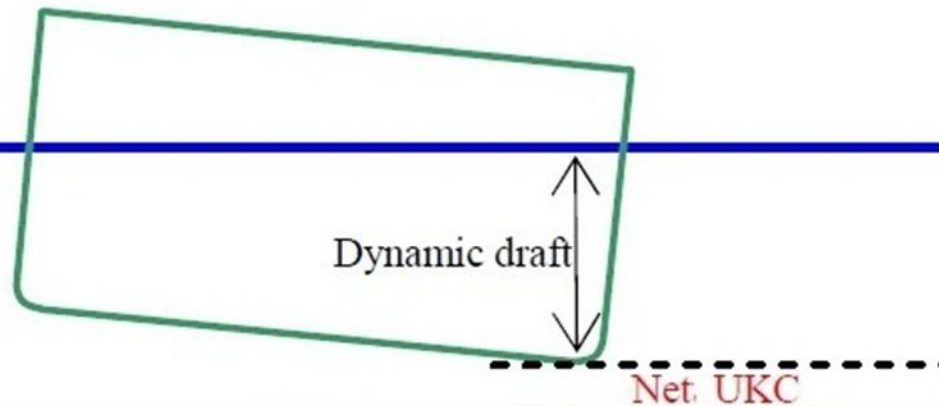


# Squat changes with speed and bottom contours





# Roll / Heel

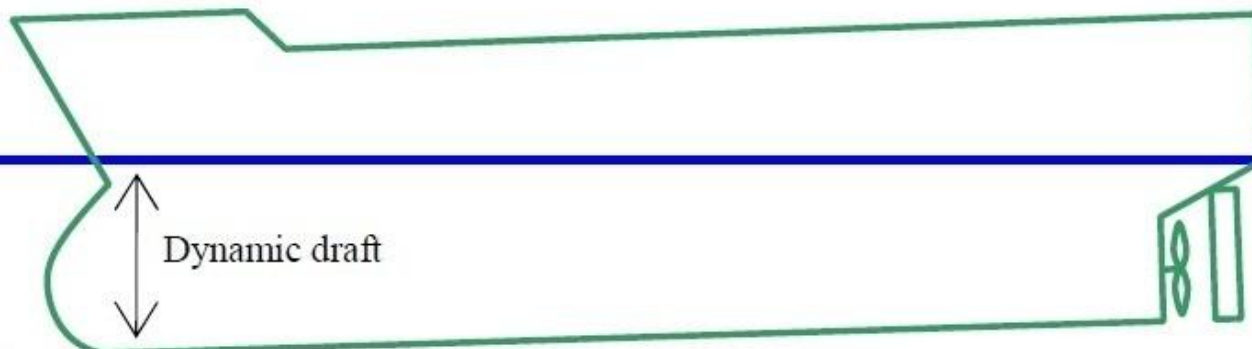




# Increase of Draft due to List

<u>Beam</u>	<u>1°</u>	<u>2°</u>	<u>3°</u>
60'	0.52'	1.05'	1.57'
80'	0.70'	1.40'	2.09'
100'	0.87'	1.75'	2.62'
110'	0.96'	1.92'	2.88'
120'	1.05'	2.09'	3.14'
140'	1.22'	2.44'	3.66'
160'	1.40'	2.79'	4.19'

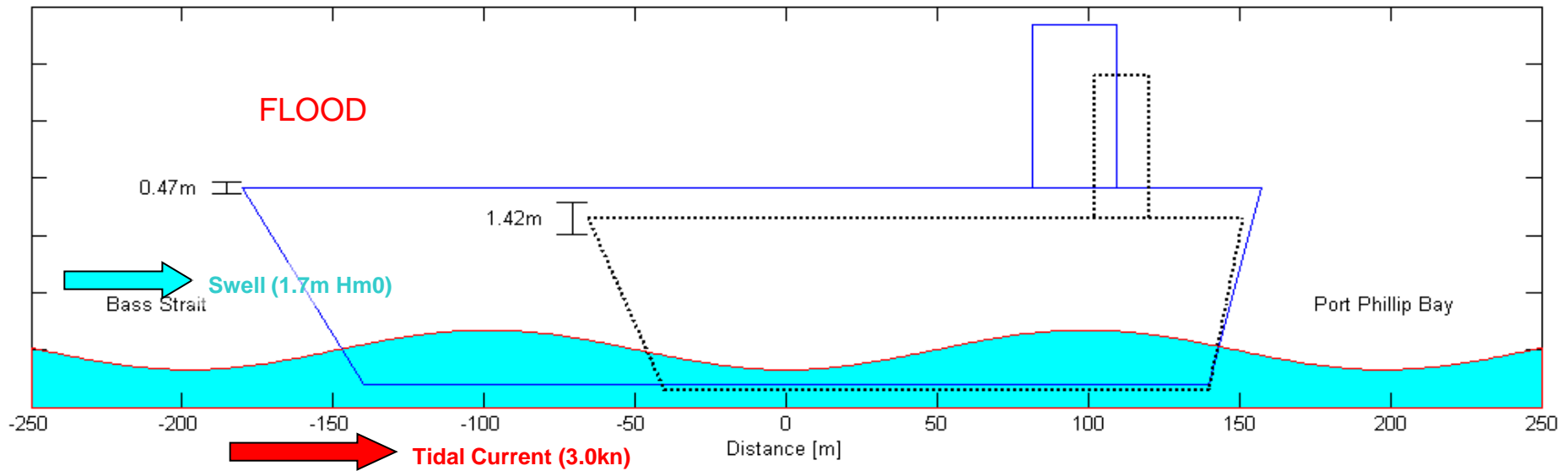
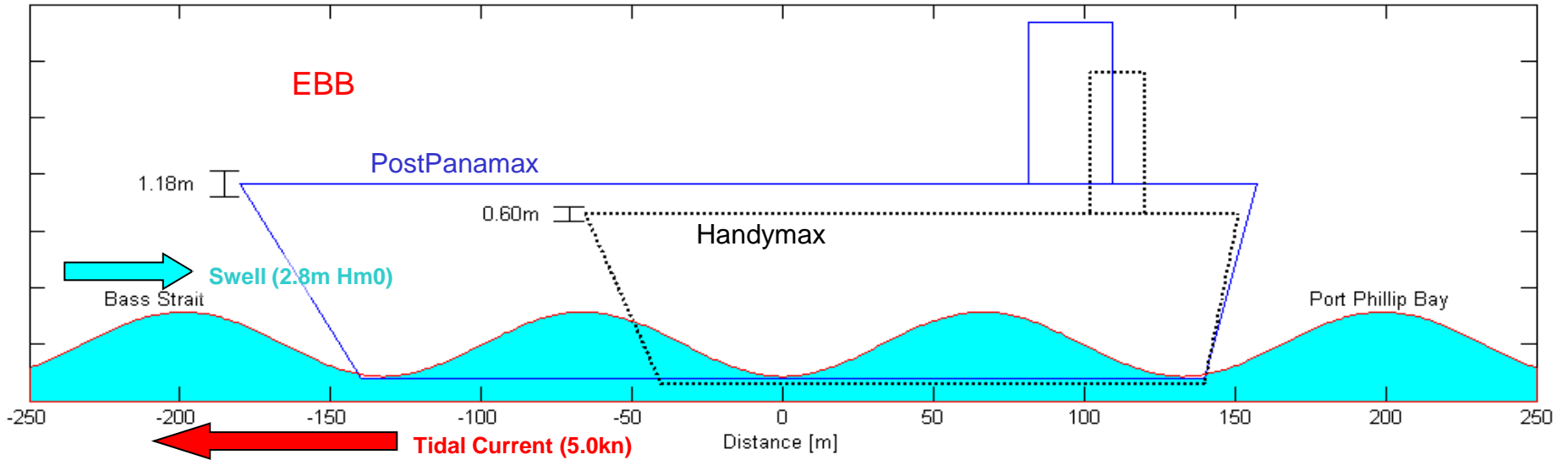
# Wave Response



Net UKC

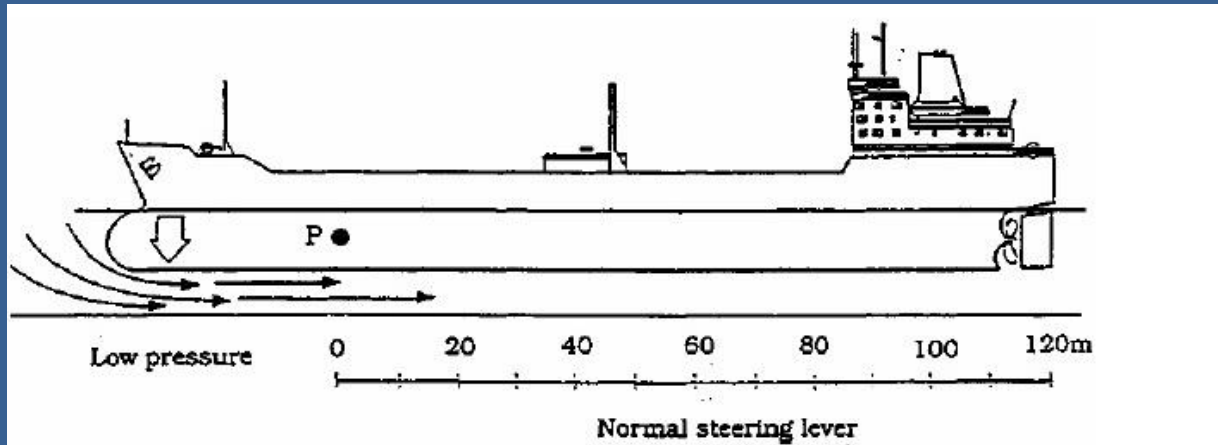
# Wave Response

Offshore Swell height = 2m, period = 14 seconds

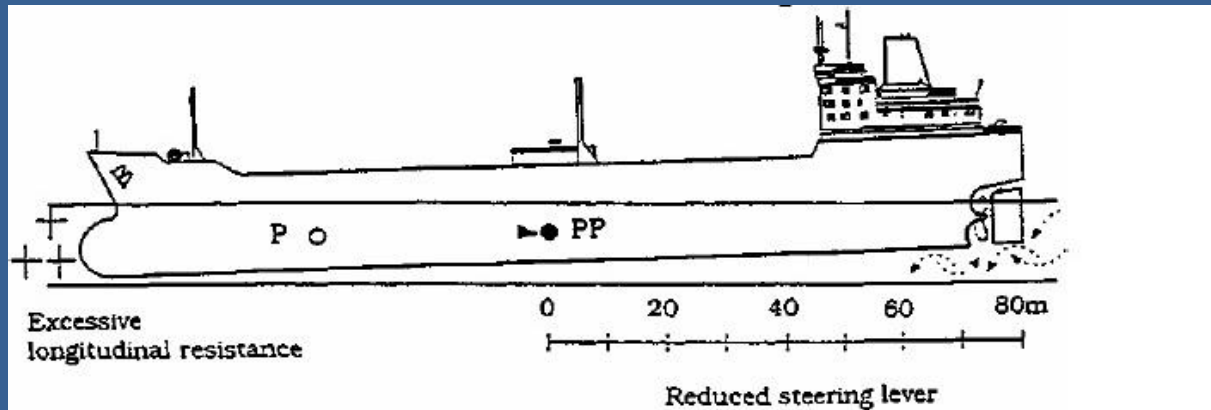




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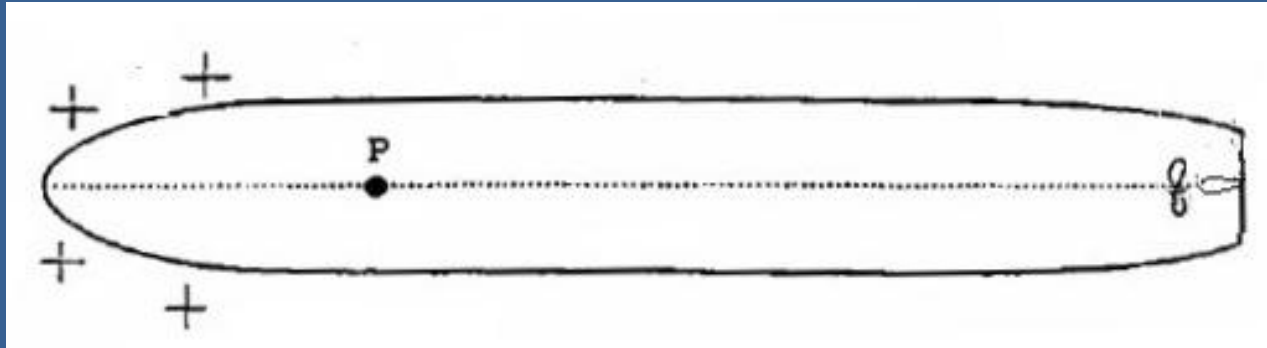


Directionally Stable with Pivot Point forward

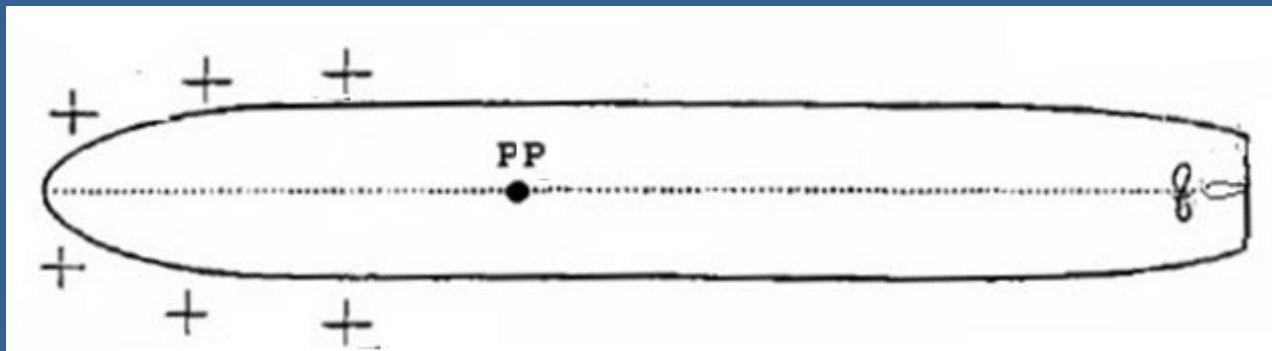


Directionally Unstable with Pivot Point aft

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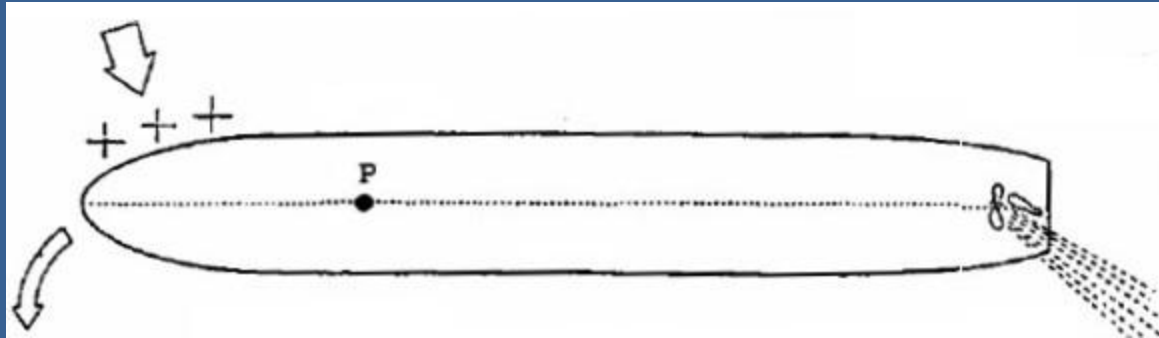


Normal Bow Pressure with Pivot Point forward

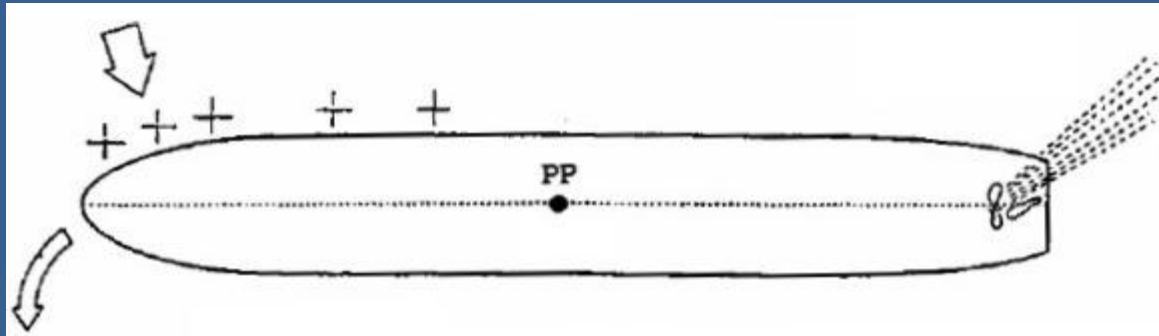


Increased Bow Pressure with Pivot Point aft

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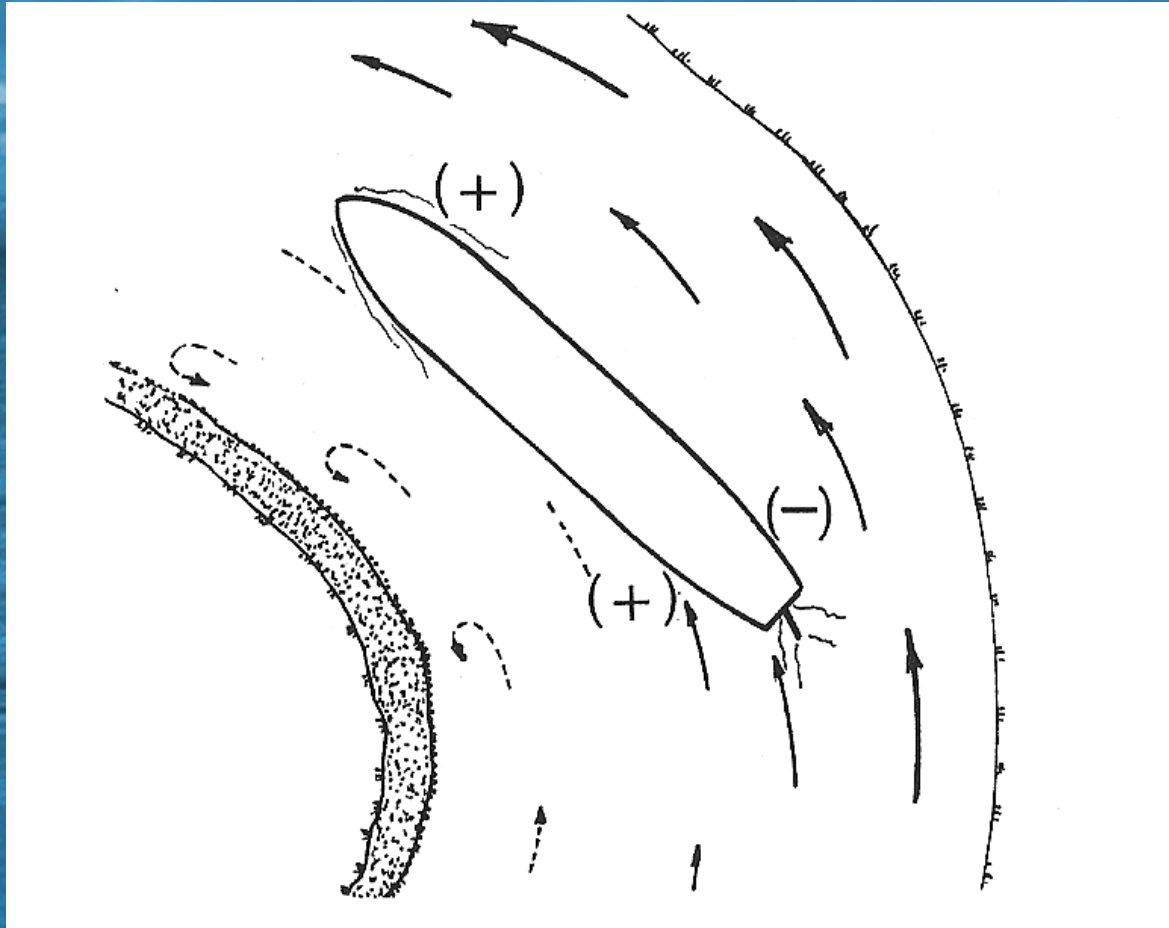
Normal turning forces



Increased bow pressure and shortened steering lever make turns difficult to control

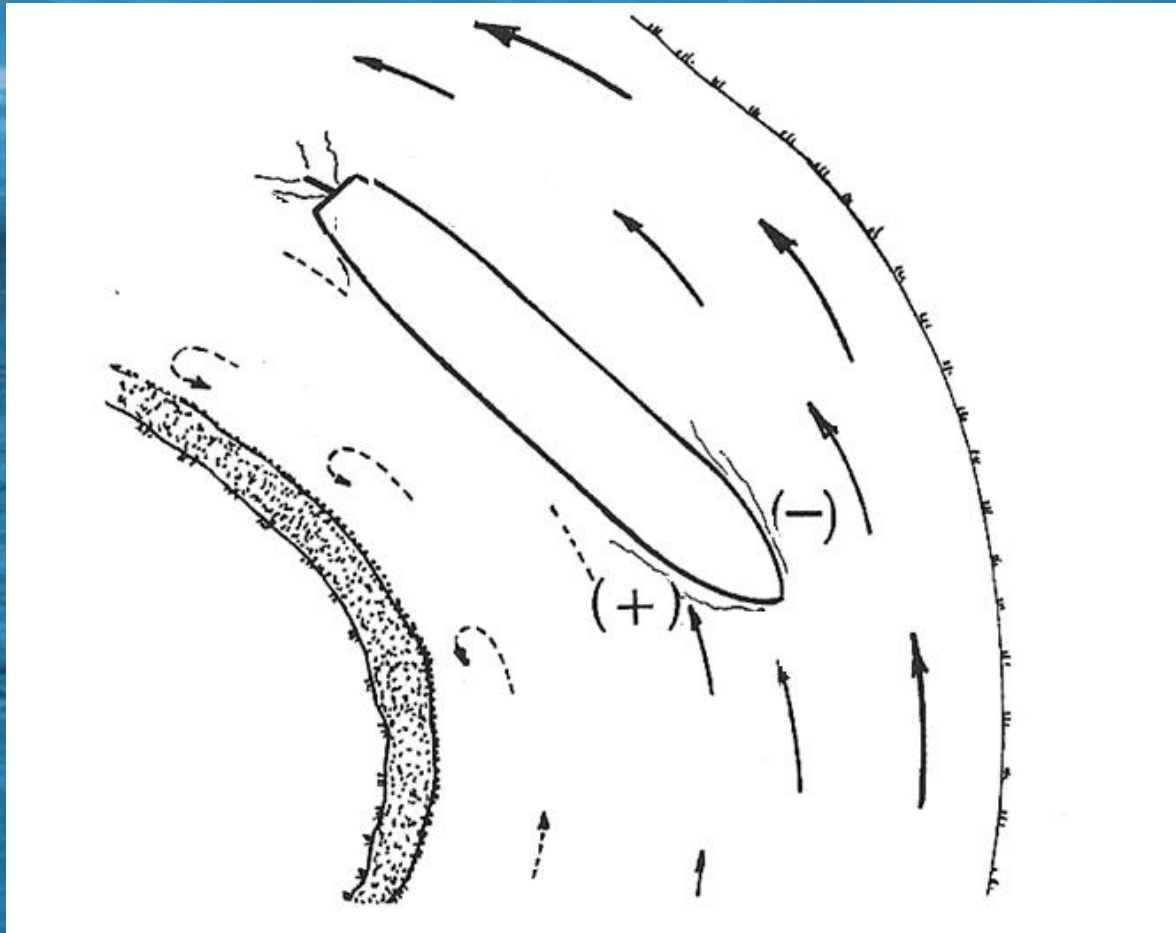


# Effects of Current on Vessel Maneuverability



A following current can increase the rate of turn

# Effects of Current on Vessel Maneuverability



An opposing current can decrease the rate of turn

# Swept Path



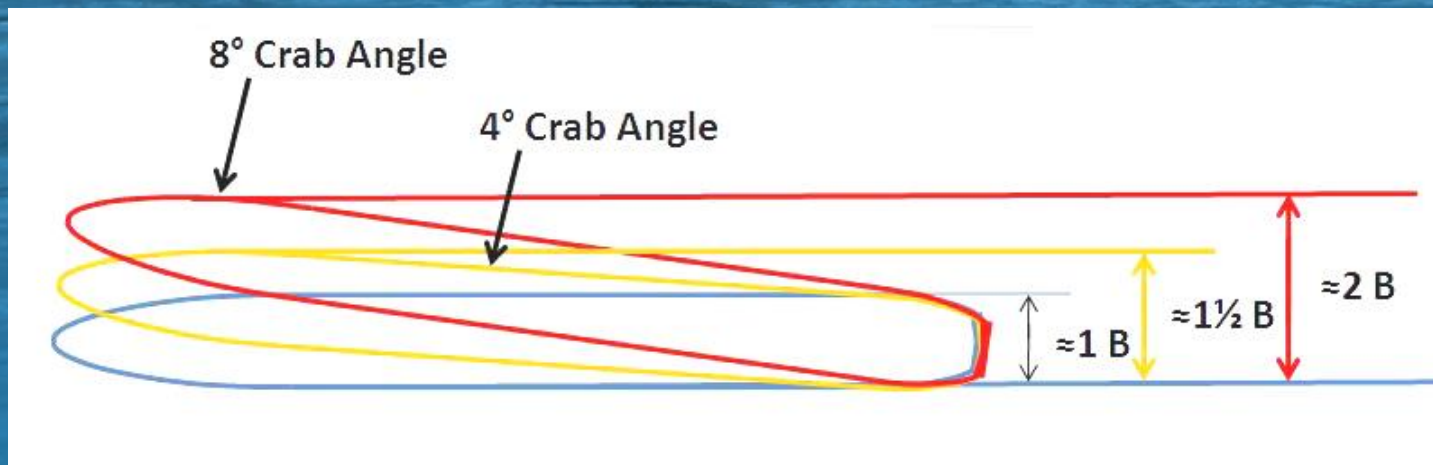
## Examples

600' x 106' (Handy-max) with 1° leeway will have a 116.4' actual beam width

800' x 142' (Afro-max) with 3° leeway will have a 183.7' actual beam width

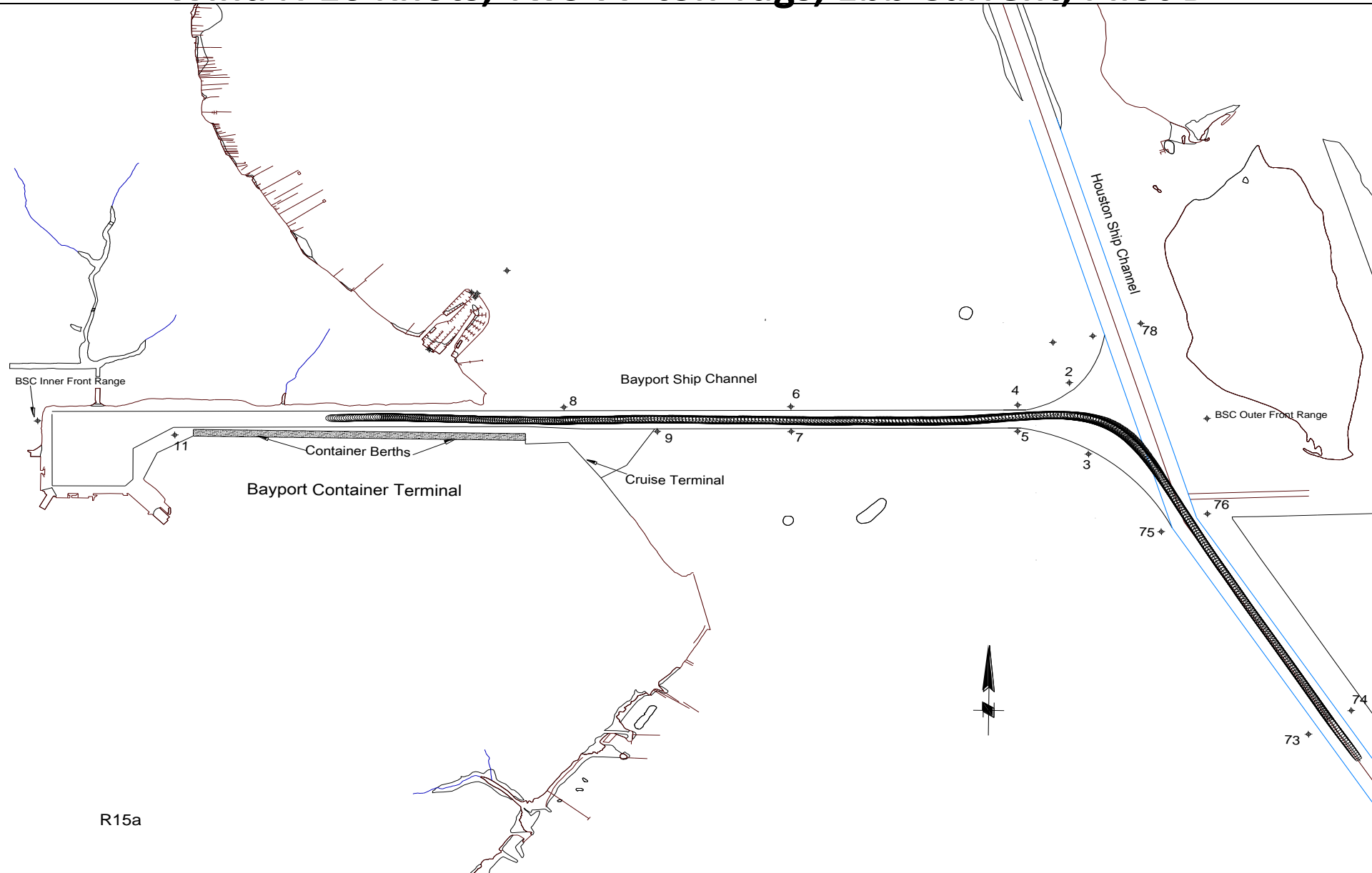
1100' x 141' (Container) with 4° leeway will have a 217.4' actual beam width

1100' x 141' (Container) with 8° leeway will have a 292.7' actual beam width



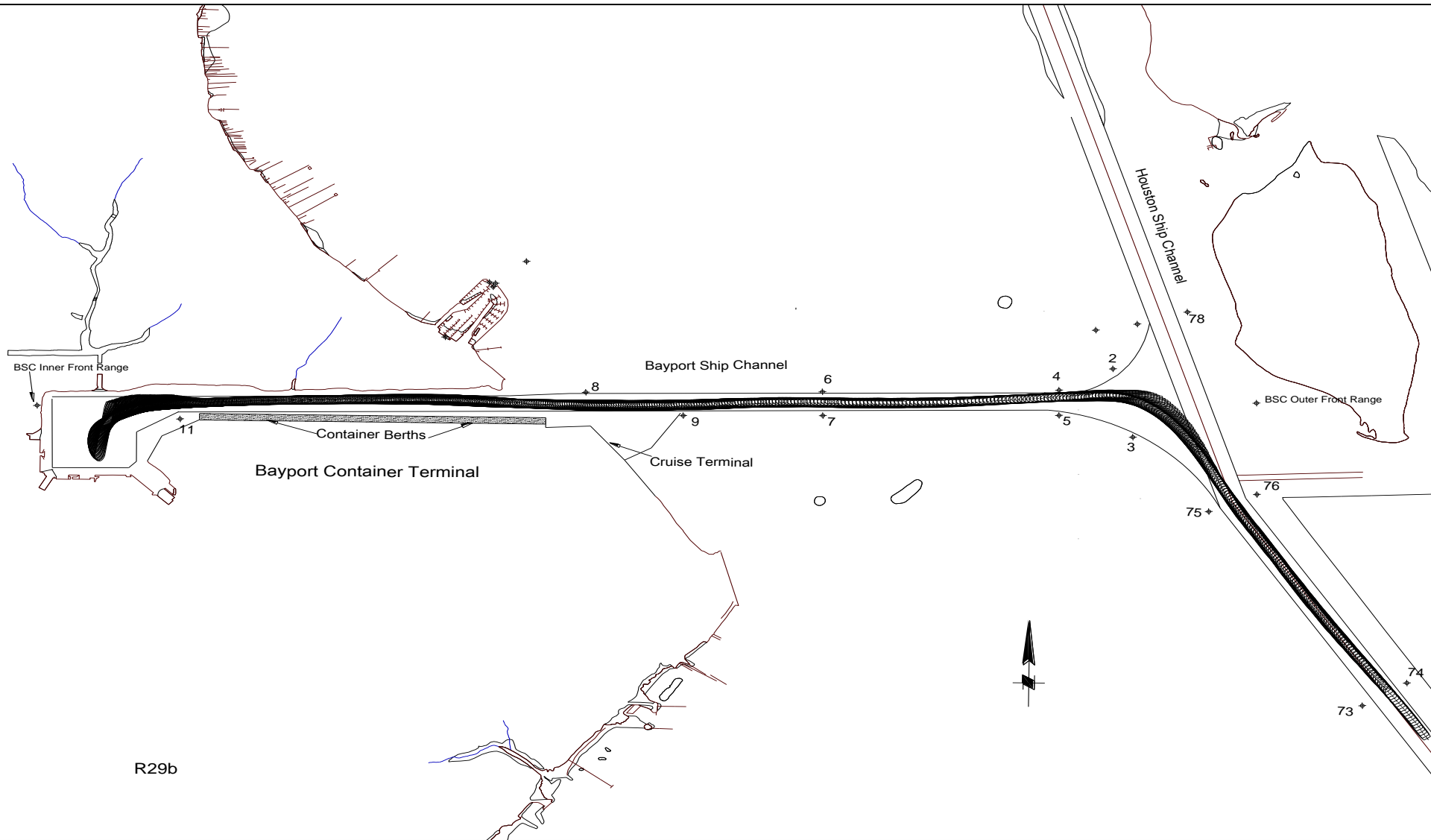
## Rule of Thumb

# Inbound 9K TEU Containership, 400-ft Channel – Widened 50 ft N & S - w/4000-ft Flare Wind N 16 Knots, Two 77-ton Tugs, Ebb Current, Pilot B

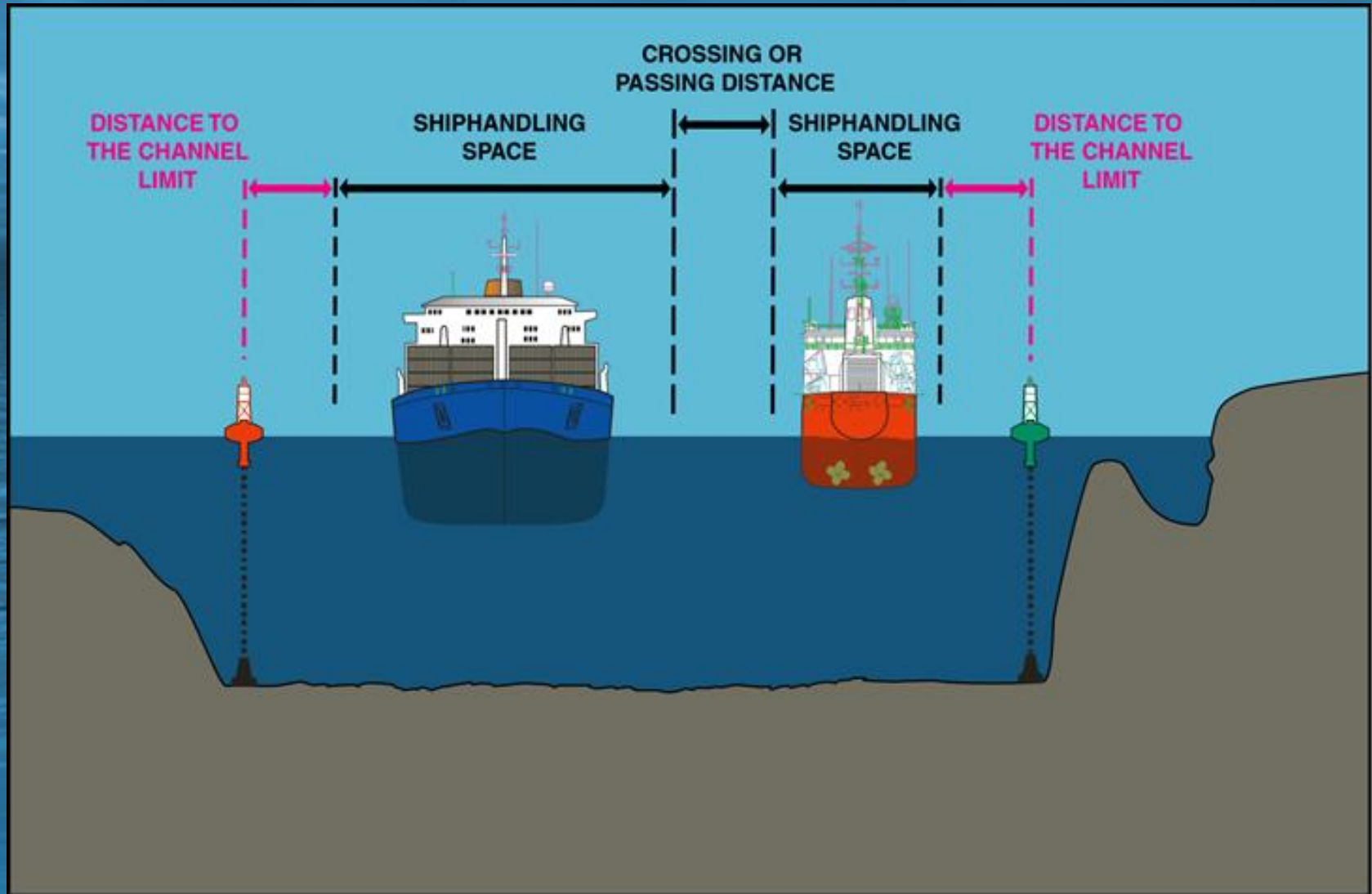




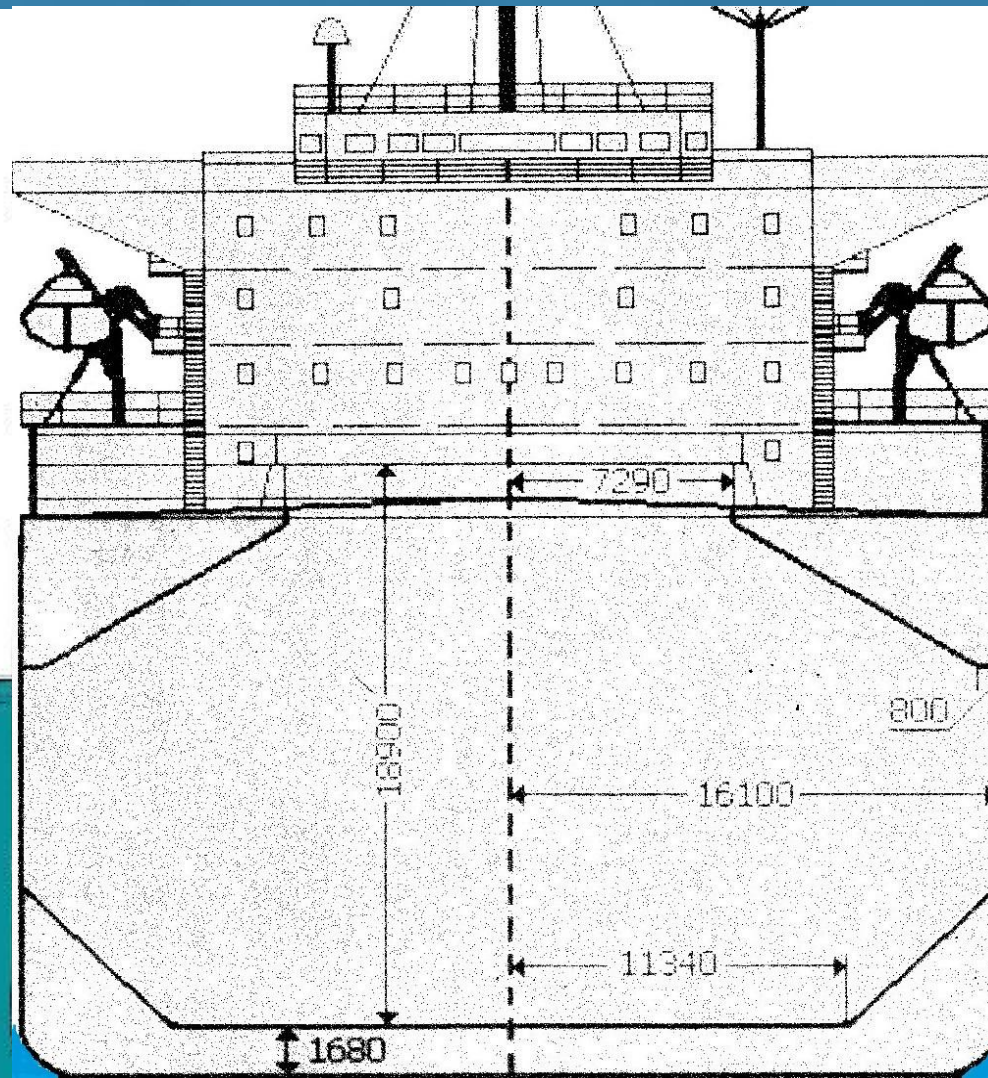
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# Safe Channel Width

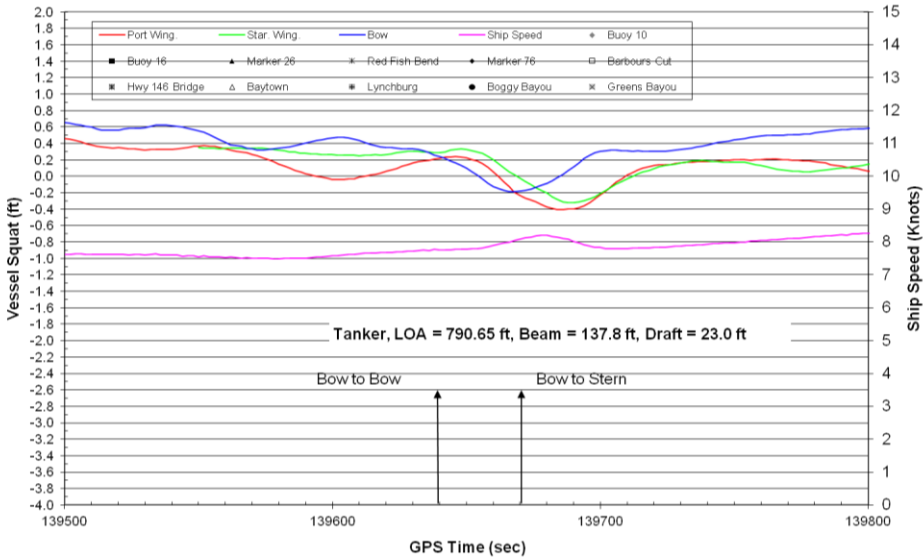
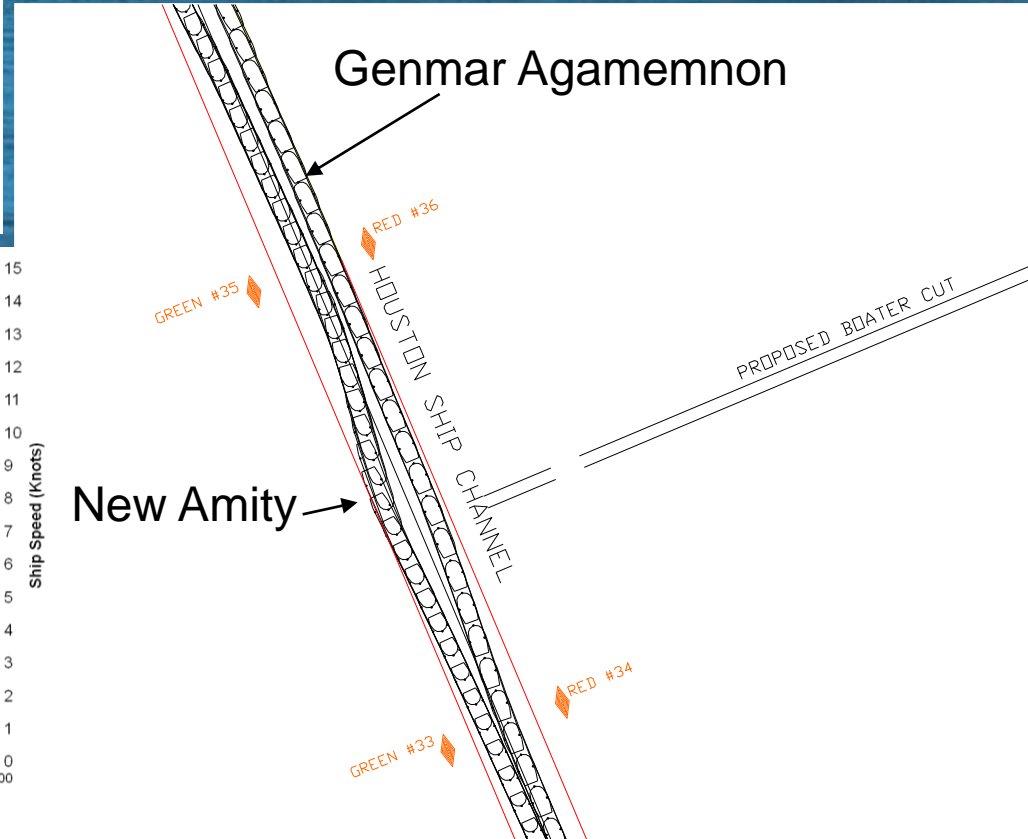
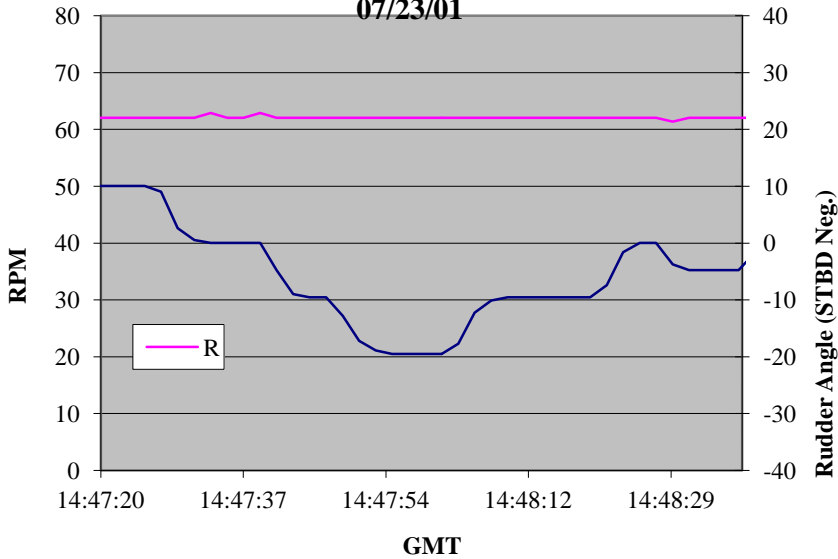


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# Genmar Agamemnon Inbound Meeting New Amity Outbound- July 23, 2001

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### Edit Plan

Vessel

Vessel Name	ZEN-NOH GRAIN PEGASUS	LOA (ft)	623.36	Source	CRB Plots
IMO Number	9402017	LBP (ft)	609.58	Last Update	12Sep2012 1604
MMSI	353320000	Beam (ft)	105.84	Updated by	-
Call Sign	3FBC9	Summer Draft (ft)	40.81		
Vessel Flag	PA	DWT (t)	54958		
Vessel Type	BULK CARRIER				

Route

Vessel: 
 Class: 
 Cargo: 
 Direction: 
 Speed:

Transit

Sailing Draft (ft):

ETA/POB Time:

Stability

Enter Stability Data

KM (m): 
 Displacement (t):

VCS (m): 
 Water dens (t/m3):

GMs (m): 
 Block Coefficient (Cb):

FSC (m):

GMF (m):

Wave

Enter Wave Conditions

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# Met Ocean Data Service

## Summary

### Tide

- Astoria (9439040)
- RMO

## Tide

Astoria (9439040)
29Oct2012 1900
<b>0.0</b> ft
Tide
<b>+0.3</b> ft
Residual

RMO
29Oct2012 1912
<b>0.4</b> ft
Tide

## Wave

- CRB (46029)
- AC (46248)
- CS (46243)

CRB (46029)
29Oct2012 1800
Sea Swell
<b>3.3</b> <b>7.2</b>
Height ft Height ft
<b>5.3</b> <b>8.3</b>
Period Period

AC (46248)
29Oct2012 1826
Sea Swell
<b>6.6</b> <b>4.3</b>
Height ft Height ft
<b>9.9</b> <b>11.8</b>
Period Period

CS (46243)
29Oct2012 1813
Sea Swell
<b>3.6</b> <b>5.8</b>
Height ft Height ft
<b>5.6</b> <b>9.5</b>
Period Period

## Tidal Stream

- RMO Depth Avg
- RMO Surface
- RM18 Depth Avg
- RM18 Surface

## Tidal Stream

RMO Depth Avg
29Oct2012 1912
<b>0.9</b> kn
Rate
<b>283</b> °
Direction

RMO Surface
29Oct2012 1912
<b>3.0</b> kn
Rate
<b>264</b> °
Direction

RM18 Depth Avg
29Oct2012 1912
<b>2.3</b> kn
Rate
<b>257</b> °
Direction

RM18 Surface
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## External Links

- Port of Portland LOADMAX
- Astoria Tide Gauge
- NOAA CREOFS Model
- Hammond Tide Gauge

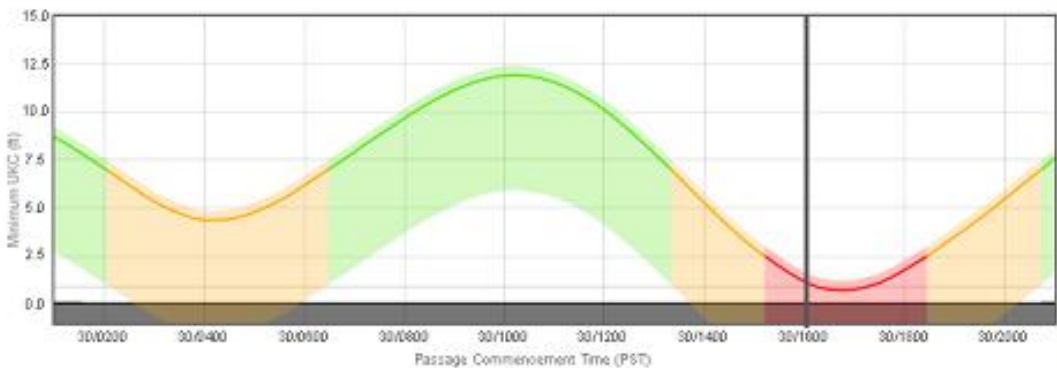
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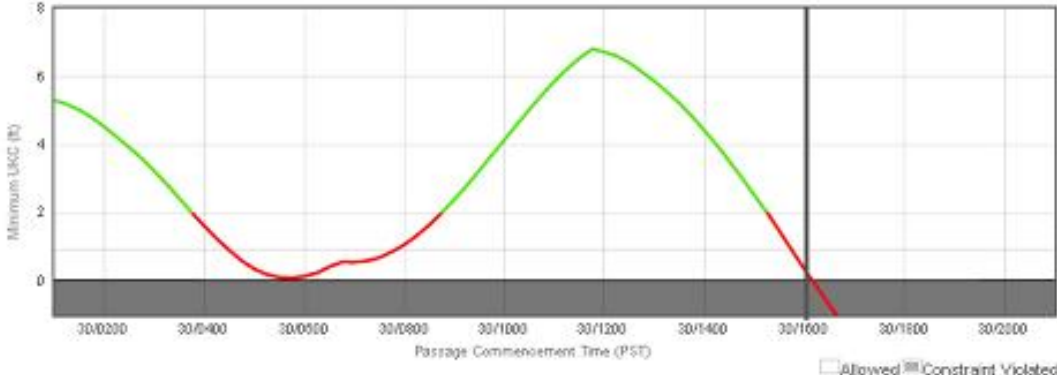
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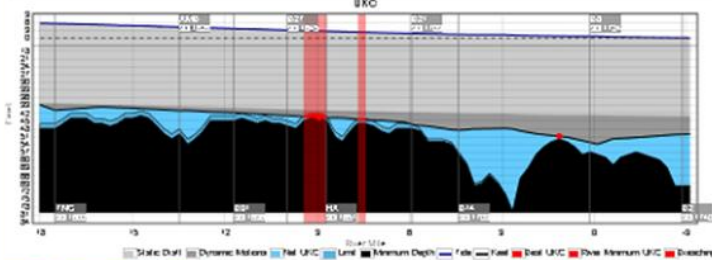
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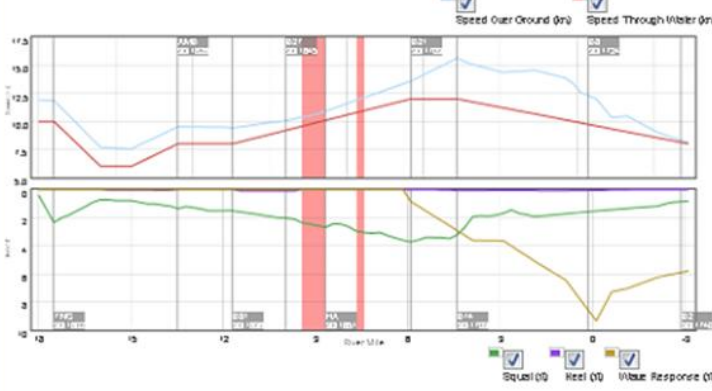
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UKC

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Time (PST)	30/1602	30/1626	30/1636	30/1645	30/1651	30/1703	30/1709	30/1724	30/1740
Squat (ft)	2.3	1.4	1.5	2.0	2.7	3.7	3.2	1.6	0.8
Keel (ft)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0
WR (ft)	5.5	4.2	3.6	3.0	2.5	1.7	1.3	0.6	0.1
UKC (ft)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	2.9	2.6	5.9
UKC (ft)	7.2	9.0	3.3	4.1	1.1	2.4	9.5	3.2	19.9



Rise Speed and Dynamic UKC Chart



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1068.0 - 29 Oct 2012 1351

Deepest Draft: 42 ft ETA/POB: 30 Oct 2012 1400 Route: Outbound Fair Weather Captain Barry Pilot

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9.1 ft

3.1 ft

6.5 ft

Passage Commencement Time

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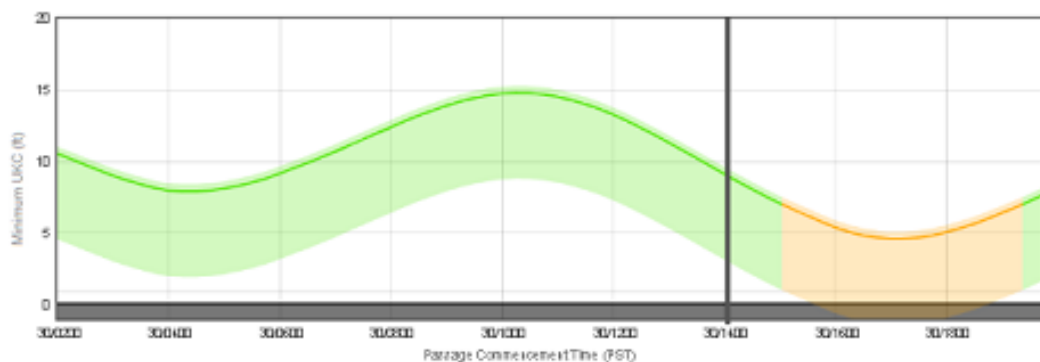
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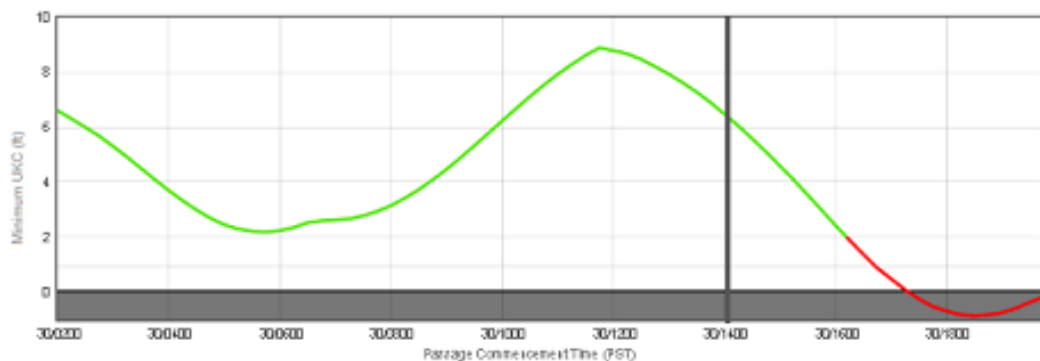
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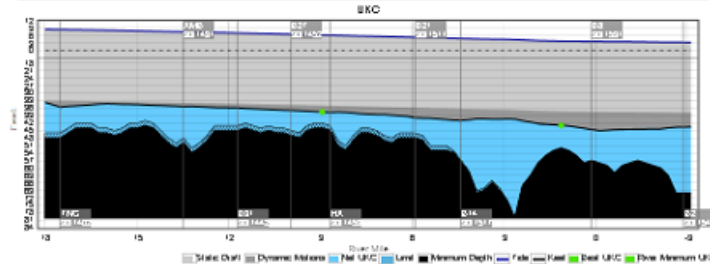
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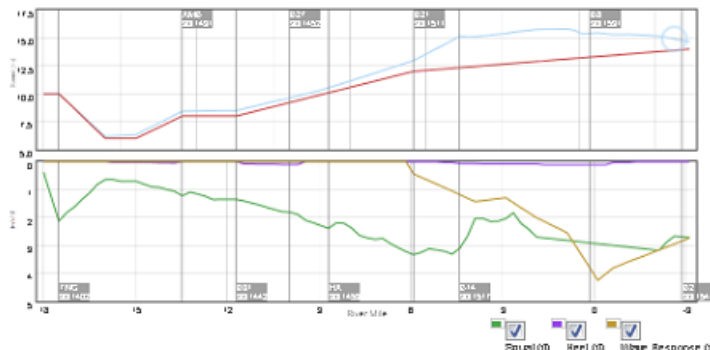
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Squat (ft)	2.1	1.2	1.4	1.8	2.4	3.3	3.1	2.9	2.7
Heel (ft)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0
Tide (ft)	8.5	7.6	7.1	6.6	6.2	5.4	4.9	3.7	3.4
UKR (ft)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	1.2	3.8	2.8
UKC (ft)	12.5	14.7	9.2	10.1	7.3	8.6	17.1	12.5	26.4



Hide Speed and Dynamic UKC Charts

## Speed and Dynamic UKC

 Speed Over Ground (kn)  Speed Through Water (kn)

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