



DETAILED PROGRAM

As of: October 24, 2025

SMC PRE-CONFERENCE

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Wednesday, October 29, 2025

TIME	PROGRAM	Location
7:00 AM – 7:00 PM	Registration OPEN	3 rd Fl. Foyer
8:00 AM – 5:30 PM	FAST Symposium	Momentum & Fusion Rooms
8:00 AM – 12:30 PM	PRE-CON Course 1: Orca3D: Marine Design in Rhino Speakers: Bruce Hays & Larry Leibman In this half-day hands-on course, students will learn to use the Orca3D marine design and analysis plugin for Rhino. We will cover the areas of hull design and fairing, basic hydrostatics and stability, resistance prediction, and weight tracking, along with particular emphasis on Orca3D's latest intact and damaged stability analysis capabilities for vessel designs with internal compartmentation, all within the Rhino environment. Students will learn to create a compartmentation model, define fixed load groups, create and modify load cases with fixed and fluid loads, include free surface of fluids in tanks, define stability criteria and heeling moments, and will perform intact and damaged stability analyses. In addition, we'll cover floodable lengths, curves of form, tank tables, tonnage calculations, and area/volume reports. Students should bring a laptop with Rhino 7 or 8 and Orca3D v3 already installed. Prior to the course, registered students will be given instructions on how to load free trial licenses of both if necessary.	Adrenaline Room
8:00 AM – 5:30 PM	PRE-CON Course 2: SAWE Course Speaker: David Hansch This course exposes students to the fundamentals of marine vehicle weight estimating. This includes a review of the weight estimating methods described in SAWE Recommended Practice 14 "Marine Weight Estimating & Margin Policy Guideline". The class will cover the theory, and application of weight estimating methods on specific examples and for whole ship design. The appropriateness of each method for each stage of ship design, construction and operation will be discussed. The students will work examples to estimate the weight of a vessel using multiple methods. Historic examples of weight estimating errors will illustrate practices to avoid. Students will receive estimation resources including several papers, weight reports for a number of vessels and an updated version of the Compendium of Parametric Weight Equations that the instructor previously presented at SNAME and SAWE conferences. Finally, the class will collectively derive a parametric weight equation to illustrate the process and the highlight pitfalls to be avoided in the development of parametric estimating equations.	PDF Center
8:00 AM – 9:30 AM	HHS Volunteer Orientation & Student Arrival	MAIN FGH
8:30 AM – 12:00 PM	SNAME Student Shipyard Tour (Bus departs from hotel – to/from 400 E. Indian River Rd)	Colonna Shipyard
9:45 AM – 10:15 AM	High School Student Welcome/Orientation	MAIN FGH

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10:15 AM – 2:00 PM	High School Student Speed Networking / Ship Tours	MAIN FGH & Offsite
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	MT Magazine Editorial Board Meeting (Hybrid)	Room 1783
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Student Design & Build <i>Sponsored by: NETSCo</i>	MAIN A
	PRE-CON Course 3: Orca3D Marine CFD: Accurate, Practical Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) for the Naval Architect Speakers: Bruce Hays & Larry Leibman In this half-day interactive course students will learn to use Orca3D Marine CFD, based on the SimericsMP RANS CFD code. Students will gain a basic understanding of CFD, with practical examples of resistance and self-propelled simulations in calm water for various types of vessels, including displacement, high-speed displacement, planing, and fully submerged. The course will cover the process of setting up a simulation in Orca3D, including a discussion of the geometry requirements and the surface and volume meshing parameters. Then the students will learn how to run the simulation in SimericsMP, create a report summarizing the results, and create a rendering in Rhino using Orca3D. Best practices for grid convergence will be discussed, as well as appropriate applications of local mesh refinement. More advanced examples of simulations in waves, turning simulations, and analyzing dynamic instability such as porpoising will be presented. Students should bring a laptop with Rhino, Orca3D, and SimericsMP installed. Prior to the course, registered students will be given instructions on how to load free trial licenses for all three software packages.	Adrenaline Room
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Student Section Advisors Committee Mtg (Hybrid)	Room 1783
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM	SNAME Student Session <i>Moderators: Chelsea Sun, SMC 2025 Student Session Chair & Paul Miller, SMC 2025 Technical Program Chair</i> 4:00 PM – 4:30 PM ST-1 (SMC-063) TRACK: Student Development Methodology for Integrated Vessel Route Optimization Toolkit Speakers: Aditya Ghosh, P. Adithya.M. Naik & Anindya Mukherjee (Indian Maritime University) The Integrated Vessel Route Optimization Toolkit (IV-ROT) is a real-time, decision-support system designed to optimize maritime routes by balancing fuel efficiency, transit time, and regulatory compliance. It integrates a physics-based ship resistance model (calm-water drag, wind, wave, and shallow water effects) with a modified weighted, bidirectional A* algorithm. IV-ROT utilizes ERA5 environmental data and ENC-based vector graphs to compute dynamic edge costs. A GUI enables user-defined biasing between voyage objectives. Applied to the Vizhinjam (India)–Salalah (Oman) route, IV-ROT demonstrates significant fuel savings and adherence to IMO EEXI/CII standards, offering a robust and sustainable alternative to traditional routing methods. 4:35 PM – 5:05 PM ST-2 (SMC-098) TRACK: Student Preliminary Sea-Chest Sizing from Grating Intake Velocity and Cooling Requirement Speaker: Winston Hoffman (Memorial University) Sea-chest sizing is a process that is often based on rules of thumb rather than a set scientific method. This paper aims to create such a method by incorporating real world data and sound engineering principles. Specifically, the use of example species to set a flow velocity that will avoid impingement on fish, comparing engine indicated power to obtain an early estimate for flow rate, and ratio of open area to grating area to size the sea-chest. The main use case of this method is for future Marine Mechanical Design students to size sea-chests on their third-year project vessels. 5:10 PM – 5:40 PM ST-3 (SMC-095) TRACK: Student Methodology for Structural Assessment of an OSV for Service Adaptation Speaker: Angel E. Baez (Universidad Veracruzana) Offshore Support Vessels (OSVs) are essential tools in oil, gas and wind energy operations. These vessels must adapt to various kinds of work, often requiring the installation of equipment for specialized services. The installation of that equipment, especially heavy items like cranes, can affect the deck structure and stability. For this reason, a structural analysis is necessary to ensure operational safety and protect the integrity of the crew. This article proposes an iterative	MAIN BC

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	methodology for the structural assessment of the main deck of an OSV. The analysis considers the loads applied by a crawler crane mounted on the main deck and dynamic scenarios defined according to the API 2C Specification. The structural assessment is performed using Finite Element Method (FEM) analysis, following acceptance criteria based on ABS Rules. The iterative nature of the methodology ensures compliance with the acceptance criteria and allows for the redesign of the structural arrangement when necessary.	
	5:40 PM – 6:00 PM General Discussion	
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	T&R Panel Meeting	Ghent
5:30 PM – 6:30 PM	FAST Symposium – Reception	3 rd FI Break Area
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	President's Reception <i>Sponsored by: CANAL Marine</i> & Student Design Competition <i>Sponsored by: NETSCo</i>	MAIN & Foyer

FAST SYMPOSIUM Wednesday, October 29, 2025		
TIME	PROGRAM	Location
7:30 AM – 8:00 AM (30 Minutes)	Registration & Buffet Breakfast	3 rd Floor
8:00 AM – 8:50 AM (50 Minutes)	Session 1	
	S1-A (SMC-009) TRACK: Concept Design A Narrow-Bottomed Wave Climatology for the Design of Fast Craft Speaker: Sean Kery Many fast manned and unmanned craft are sensitive to increasing wave height as well as to specific wave height versus wave period combinations. There are many conflicting sea state tables (Wilbur-Marks, Pierson-Moscowitz, NATO 4194, Beaufort, and others) in use by different users and Commands. This paper presents new tables of wave condition probability of occurrence that are specifically geared to the design of small fast craft and other projects that are sea condition limited. Moderator: Kevin A'Hearn	Momentum Room
	S1-B (SMC-019) TRACK: Maneuvering Maneuvering and Control Simulations of a Hovercraft Speakers: Shivani Sakri & Stefano Brizzolara Air cushion vehicles are unconventional vehicles that employ an air cushion under the hull allowing them to travel on different terrains making them highly maneuverable even at low speeds. The mathematical model developed in the study is capable of predicting the maneuverability of the air cushion vehicle. The dynamic model uses equations that account for surge, sway, and yaw motions of the craft. The influence of rudder, and duct propeller force, aerodynamic forces and dynamic coefficients on vehicle maneuverability have been considered. The results have been compared with in-field trials and provide valuable insight towards model calibration. Moderator: Keith Dubose	Fusion Room
	Session 2	
8:55 AM – 9:45 AM (50 Minutes)	S2-A (SMC-035) TRACK: Resistance Resistance Reduction by Air Cavities on a High-Speed Craft Speaker: Oleksandr Zverkhovskiy Air lubrication is an effective method for reducing the frictional resistance encountered by marine vessels. The Damen Air Cavity System (DACS) achieves this by decreasing the wetted surface area of the hull, thereby lowering hydrodynamic resistance. This study investigates the implementation of air cavity system on a high-speed catamaran, which features a non-flat bottom geometry. The findings indicate that the application of air cavities can reduce the vessel's resistance not only in calm water conditions but also in the presence of waves. Furthermore, the study outlines the limitations associated with the applicability of the system. Moderator: Jeff Bowles	Momentum Room

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	S2-B (SMC-077) TRACK: Hydrodynamics Experimental Investigation of Seaplane Forebody Chine Details Speaker: Eric Harris Spray generated by seaplane hulls during taxi, takeoff, and landing can be significant and its consequences can be critical to craft safety, availability, and service life. While both whisker spray and main blister spray are generated, the main blister spray is of higher interest, as it is a denser spray sheet whose apex is higher than the whisker spray (Savitsky and Morabito 2010). Spray is a crucial design consideration for flying-boat hulls in both calm water and rough water operations, whose main blister spray may impact propellers, engine inlets, aerodynamic lifting surfaces, and aerodynamic control surfaces. This impact may cause loss of efficiency or damage, both of which degrade the capability and availability of the seaplane. Seaplane craft currently in operation have considered complex forebody chine treatments to suppress the bow spray generated. These past efforts, notably past experimental results (Kikuhara June 1960) and (Shin Meiwa Industry Co., LTD. 1961) and operational craft implementation focus on one dimension of the problem, which is mitigating the spray and comparing spray blister envelopes, without expanding upon the impact to craft performance. This paper presents results acquired during tow tank testing of two forebody chine shape alternatives at the Stevens Institute of Technology's Davidson Laboratory in calm and rough water. The results consider each model's impact on the spray envelope, hydrodynamic drag, longitudinal stability, seakeeping motions, and seakeeping accelerations and present the tradeoffs observed between spray patterns resulting from different mitigation approaches and the resultant craft performance. Moderator: Raju Datla	Fusion Room
9:50 AM – 10:40 AM (50 Minutes)	Session 3	
	S3-A (SMC-013) TRACK: Machine Learning Data-Driven System Identification of High-Speed Craft Dynamics - Uncovering Governing Equations with Machine Learning Speakers: Subodh Chander & Stefano Brizzolara The dynamics of high-speed craft operating in the marine environment are characterized by interactions between hydrodynamic, aerodynamic, and inertia forces. This results in a highly nonlinear coupled dynamic motion in head seas heave and pitch. The traditional approach for system identification often relies on first principles approximate hydrodynamic methods or high-fidelity Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD). CFD methods are effective, but computationally expensive, particularly during the iterative design process, or real time applications. To overcome such limitations, in this study we are investigating the feasibility of system identification methods, using Sparse Identification of Non-Linear Dynamics (SINDy) algorithm for the system identification of the dynamics of high-speed crafts. SINDy is a data-driven approach that identifies sparse governing equations directly from motion data, which offers a computationally efficient framework for reduce order modelling of complex system. Moderator: Kevin A'Hearn	Momentum Room
	S3-B (SMC-054) TRACK: Maneuvering MF-MMG Prediction of High-Speed Planing Hull Turning Circles Speaker: Hironori Yasukawa A method for predicting the maneuvering motion of a planing hull is proposed based on a 4-degree-of-freedom equation of motion (surge-sway-yaw-roll) in a ship-fixed coordinate system. The hull hydrodynamic/hydrostatic forces are expressed using a derivatives form. The forces and moments required for the predictions are calculated using captive-CFD. The derivatives obtained from the calculated forces and moments are stored for several ship speeds, and the derivatives for the arbitrary ship speed are calculated by an interpolation technique. The turning for a 12.88m length planing hull called GPPH is calculated by changing the steering angle from -5° to -25°. The approach ship speed is 20.5 m/s. The simulation results are compared with the free-run-CFD results. At relatively small steering angles from -5° to -15°, the results showed good correspondence with the free-run-CFD results. However, at relatively large steering angles of -20° and -25°, the present simulations were unable to capture the sudden decrease in ship speed and the small turning circle with the large drift angle that were shown by the free-run-CFDs. In the future, it is necessary to clarify the mechanism of the sudden decrease in ship speed and improve the present simulation model. Moderator: Raju Datla	Fusion Room

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10:40 AM – 11:00 AM	BREAK	Foyer
11:00 AM – 11:50 PM (50 Minutes)	Session 4 S4-A (SMC-079) TRACK: Maneuvering/Seakeeping A Computationally Efficient Seakeeping and Maneuvering Formulation for Planing Vessels Speaker: Christopher O'Reilly This paper describes a formulation for predicting the 6-degree of freedom motion of a self-propelled planing vessel. The current simulation runs in near real time (10% slower) on a single core of a 2.1 GHz processor and demonstrates good agreement to high-fidelity simulations. Accurate seakeeping results are demonstrated in head and quartering waves relative to high-fidelity methods and experimental data. Self-propelled turning circle maneuvers are simulated for various steering angles in calm water and in waves. The current method demonstrates an overall agreement to high-fidelity CFD maneuvering results in predicted turning circle trajectory. Moderator: Jeff Bowles	Momentum Room
	S4-B (SMC-014) TRACK: Propulsion Experimental Validation Study of the BEM for Supercavitating Propellers Speakers: Surabhi Srivastava & Stefano Brizzolara A systematic study was conducted to experimentally validate the performance prediction capabilities of the Boundary Element Method (BEM) for supercavitating propellers with truncated trailing edges (TE). The study focused on steady supercavitating conditions and utilized the propeller test data of TMB 3767. A mesh sensitivity analysis and point distribution study was conducted to determine an optimum mesh for the propeller geometry and the treatment of the blunt TE. The predicted performance parameters and cavitation patterns were compared to those from the experimental data. Additionally, a study was conducted to evaluate the influence of cavitation index on the predicted performance parameters. Moderator: Jason Strickland	Fusion Room
11:55 PM – 12:45 PM (50 Minutes)	Session 5 S5-A (SMC-022) TRACK: Concept Design Early-Stage System-Level Optimization for Fast Planing Monohull Speakers: Alex Walker and Stefan Harries The advantages of early-stage design space exploration (DSE) are well-recognized in the fast ship design community. DSE can significantly influence both fundamental design and business decisions, and it can enhance the effectiveness of subsequent simulations that employ resource-intensive higher-order codes. This study examines the potential of resource-efficient reduced-order simulation via semi-empirical parametric prediction models to provide valuable early-stage DSE. A systematic comparison will be given to an existing comprehensive 11-meter planing craft R&D project (AutoPlan). The reference project included viscous CFD predictions, towing tank tests, and full-scale sea trials. Hull form shape variants are developed using the parametric CAD features of the CAESES® shape optimization platform and will be coupled with the NavCad® hydrodynamic and propulsion system simulation tool rather than CFD for performance simulation. The goal is to follow the same design path as the previous R&D project for side-by-side comparisons of outcomes and resource expenditures, while also setting the stage for follow-on consideration for the evaluation and selection of drive systems. Moderator: Justin Lorio	Momentum Room
	S5-B (SMC-036) TRACK: Seakeeping Open Water Free-Running Model Testing for High-Speed Craft Hydrodynamics Speaker: Andrew Deng The hydrodynamic and hull performance of High-Speed Craft (HSC) are often evaluated in costly, restricted environments such as towing tanks, which limit vessel motion and do not replicate real-world sea conditions. Free-running outdoor model testing provides a cost-effective alternative, allowing full six degrees of freedom in natural environments. This study presents the development of a scaled free-running model incorporating a propulsion system, data acquisition system, and environmental monitoring methods. Preliminary tests were conducted at Texas A&M University's Offshore Technology Research Center (OTRC) and Lake Bryan, Texas, United States, with additional system validation at Lake Somerville, Texas, United States. Moderator: Marty Irvine	Fusion Room

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12:45 PM – 1:45 PM	LUNCH Sponsored by: Hamilton Jet	Foyer
1:45 PM – 2:35 PM (50 Minutes)	Session 6	
	S6-A (Invited) TRACK: Concept Design Accelerating Seaplane Design with Subscale Testing and Mid-Fidelity SPH Models Speakers: Pranav Krishnamurthy & Mark Lau This paper discusses some practical aspects of flying boat design, which may come up as a design progresses beyond the concept stage. These include more detail on bottom loading, impact accelerations, spray intensity, the nature of porpoising instability, the use of standard series and tip float design. A complete set of standard series design calculations is provided. Moderator: Stefano Brizzolara	Momentum Room
2:40 PM – 3:30 PM (50 Minutes)	S6-B (SMC-101) TRACK: Seakeeping Marine Free-Surface Extension to a Modern Neumann Panel Method Speakers: Jeremiah Goates, Cory Goates & Vivek Ahuja The purpose of this work is to present the development of a marine free-surface panel method. A freestream linearized boundary condition and corresponding wave elevation is presented. Wave resistance is calculated using pressure integration or wave cut analysis. The processes for setting up the AIC, satisfying the radiation condition, and choosing and placing singularities are presented. The method for satisfying the radiation condition used here is novel and flexible. Moderator: Kevin A'Hearn	Fusion Room
2:40 PM – 3:30 PM (50 Minutes)	Session 7	
	S7-A (SMC-086) TRACK: Machine Learning – Resistance/Seakeeping Accelerations and Added-resistance Predictions Using Machine Learning for Planing Hulls Speaker: David Plaza While vertical motions and added resistance in displacement ships can generally be predicted following a linearity assumption using the RAO method, high-speed vessels operating in irregular waves exhibit nonlinear seakeeping behavior that requires alternative semi-empirical predictive approaches at early design phases. These nonlinearities stem from vessel geometry, speed and wave spectrum characteristics. This study predicts of vertical acceleration statistics and average added resistance of planing hulls in a seaway using five machine learning methods, including neural networks. The dataset includes experimental series in irregular waves conducted by Fridsma, extended cases from Brown, and further expansions of Zarnick and Turner. These data-driven models outperform traditional empirical methods, such as those by Savitsky and Brown, particularly under high-speed conditions where nonlinear effects dominate. Machine learning emerges as a robust tool for preliminary design assessments, offering enhanced prediction capability. Moderator: Marty Irvine	Momentum Room
3:35 PM – 4:25 PM (50 Minutes)	S7-B (SMC-030) TRACK: Auxiliary Systems Testing Methodology for Seat Suspension Units in High-Speed Planing Craft Speaker: Tim van der Horst High-speed planing craft, such as rigid hull inflatable boats (RHIBs), are frequently subjected to severe hydrodynamic impacts during operation, particularly in rough sea conditions. These impacts pose significant risks to the comfort, health, and performance of the crew. Resilient seat suspension units (SSUs) are designed to mitigate these impacts, but their effectiveness is challenging to assess under real-world conditions due to the potential hazards to the crew and variability of sea trials. This paper outlines a methodology for replicating slamming events experienced by high-speed craft in a controlled environment. By using drop tests of a pontoon and characterizing the dynamic environment with the Shock Response Spectrum (SRS), this study enables standardized testing of SSUs without the need for repeated live sea trials to evaluate and compare different seat designs. Moderator: Justin Lorio	Fusion Room
	Session 8	
	S8-A (SMC-020) TRACK: Structures Hull Structure Monitoring on a Fleet of High-Speed Patrol Boats - Data to Decisions Speaker: Vince Wickenheiser	Momentum Room

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	Accurate prediction of hydrodynamic loading on high-speed patrol vessels is critical for structural integrity and fatigue life assessment yet remains a complex challenge. To mitigate this, the U.S. Coast Guard employs Hull Structure Monitoring Systems (HSMS) on its Sentinel Class Fast Response Cutters (FRC). Data from over 60 vessels, in service since 2010, informs design improvements and sustainment strategies. This full-scale monitoring, coupled with analytical modeling and trial data, supports the development of a structural Digital Twin. Analysis focuses on fatigue life factors, with the goal of optimizing fleet maintenance and reducing Total Ownership Costs. Moderator: Jason Strickland	
	S8-B (SMC-071) TRACK: Machine Learning - Seakeeping Bayesian Hankel Extended Dynamic Mode Decomposition for System Identification of High-Speed Planing Hulls Speaker: Mateo Diez This study explores Bayesian Hankel extended Dynamic Mode Decomposition with control (BHeDMDc) as data-driven, model-free methods for predicting the response of the Generic Prismatic Planing Hull (GPPH) in wave conditions. This approach decomposes complex vessel dynamics into spatial-temporal coherent modes, incorporates time-delay embeddings and extended observables for improved robustness to transient and nonlinear effects, integrates control inputs to enhance predictive accuracy, and includes probabilistic uncertainty quantification. The method is applied to towed motion in irregular head waves. Performance metrics include motion variables and forces reconstruction. Analysis shows that BHeDMDc effectively captures dominant dynamic features with real-time predictive capability essential for digital twin applications. The method is capable of addressing the direct problem, predicting motions from wave signals, and the inverse problem, predicting forces acting on the hull from motion variables easily measurable on board. This research highlights the strengths of the method and supports the development of uncertainty-aware, data-driven models for high-speed naval vessels, with potential extensions toward real-time adaptation and validation using experimental data. Moderator: Kevin A'Hearn	Fusion Room
	Session 9	
4:30 PM – 5:20 PM (50 Minutes)	S9 (SMC-050) TRACK: Stability/Maneuverability Computational Study of Dynamic Instability for High-Speed Planing Hull Maneuvers in Calm Water Speaker: Zhaoyuan Wang This study investigates dynamic instabilities during turning maneuvers of a high-speed planing hull using computational simulations, including turning circles, quick turn, and avoidance line tests. A Generic Prismatic Planing Hull (GPPH) model is used for the simulations. Relevant performance criteria and dynamic instabilities reported in the literature are summarized and applied to assess the turning maneuvers of the GPPH. Turning circles are analyzed based on circular motion equations and force and moment balances. Instabilities are identified through animation analysis and time histories of motion and acceleration quantities. The maneuvering ship speed is determined in the quick-turn tests, while the performance in the avoidance line test is evaluated under various settings. Moderator: Jeff Bowles	Momentum Room
5:20 PM – 5:30 PM (10 Minutes)	Closing Remarks	Momentum Room
5:30 PM – 6:30 PM	Reception / Social	Foyer

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TIME	PROGRAM	Location
7:00 AM – 7:00 PM	Registration OPEN	3 rd Fl. Foyer
7:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Breakfast & Panel	
7:45 AM – 8:00 AM (15 Minutes)	Welcome Remarks	
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM (120 Minutes)	KEYNOTE & PANEL Session 1 Rebuilding America's Shipbuilding Power – A Call to Action <u>KEYNOTE:</u> Sang Yi, Acting Administrator of the U.S. Maritime Administration <u>Panelists:</u> • Will Cahill (Co-Founder Applied Maritime Sciences, Former National Security Council Director for Strategic Planning) • Ted Williams (President, Senesco Marine) • Brett Hershman (Director, Government Relations and Business Development General Dynamics NASSCO) • Eugene van Rynbach (Senior Principal, Herbert Engineering) • Mark Martecchini (President, Webb Institute) <u>Moderator:</u> Morgan Fanberg (CEO and President, Glostest) The U.S. shipbuilding industry is at a crossroads. For decades, we've watched as our shipyards aged, our workforce declined, and our reliance on foreign-built vessels increased. Now, with growing national attention, including the administration's commitment to appoint a White House position to lead shipbuilding, we have a rare opportunity to reverse this trend. This panel will bring together industry leaders, policymakers, and maritime experts to tackle the critical issues facing U.S. shipbuilding today: • Modernizing our shipyards to compete with the world's best. • Incentivizing vessel construction to revitalize our fleet. • Ending reliance on aging vessels by reforming USCG certification policies. • Protecting America's naval architecture expertise and strengthening our domestic design capabilities. • Expanding our workforce pipeline by promoting shipbuilding trades in high schools and training programs as a viable alternative to universities. • Ensuring our national security by maintaining a viable commercial shipbuilding sector that supports our military readiness. This discussion will not only define what needs to be done, it will push for real, actionable solutions to ensure America remains a global maritime leader.	Granby Ballroom
10:00 AM – 5:30 PM	Exhibit Hall Open	MAIN A, D&E & Foyer
TECHNICAL SESSION 1		
10:10 AM – 11:00 AM (50 Minutes)	Tech Session 1A (SMC-072) TRACK: Operations A Decade of Lessons from the World's First All-Electric Ferry Speaker: Andrew Orvieto <u>Moderator:</u> Rich Mueller The world's first fully electric passenger ferry, the MV Ampere, recently celebrated 10 years in operation. Originally envisioned as a proof of concept by the Norwegian Road Authority (Statens Vegvesen) (the vessel ultimately paved the way for the electrification of the Norwegian ferry infrastructure. As of 2024, there are 90 electric and hybrid ferries in operation along the Norwegian coast and fjords. The MV Ampere also served as a powerful example of technology and collaboration that has helped drive the proliferation of electric ferries around the world. So how did this vessel come to be, and what are some of the key lessons learned from its first decade of operation?	MAIN BC

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	Tech Session 1B (SMC-007) TRACK: Operations US Short Sea Shipping and GHG Reduction Speaker: John Daidola Moderator: Rich Delpizzo Opportunities for GHG reduction with Short Sea Shipping (SSS) in the US are investigated for their potential impact on US transportation emissions and how they compare to those being addressed by IMO for international shipping. There is a decades long body of support for increasing SSS in the US which has been concerned predominantly with alleviating landside traffic congestion. Europe as well has had a historical adoption of SSS as a component of its transportation system and more recently has considered its contribution to Greenhouse Gases (GHGs). Cars and trucks comprise the largest component of the US Transportation Sector which is the largest responsible for GHG production, while also contributing to roadway congestion and damage affording opportunity for improvement. Although benefits of SSS in the US have been acknowledged progress in its development has been slow. Current SSS systems are considered and their expanded use postulated for evaluating the effects they could have on GHG emissions, and as a by-product congestion and road damage. Federal and state support such as that enjoyed by other transportation systems is addressed as a potential catalyst to support SSS. More vessels to serve SSS will also benefit the US shipbuilding industry, Nevertheless projections of future road traffic suggest there may be no alternative to substantially increasing SSS.	MAIN FGH
	Tech Session 1C (SMC-065) TRACK: Design Comparison of Slamming Force Calculations for a Semi-Displacement Vessel Speaker: Karl Stambaugh Moderator: Rick Ashcroft Growing interest in midsize semi-displacement vessels for crewed or autonomous operations necessitates accurate slamming/whipping load prediction—key design drivers for larger, faster vessels. While hydro-elastic experiment and Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) are often cost-prohibitive, potential flow codes offer a quicker alternative. However, their reliability is hampered by a lack of validation against comprehensive hydro-elastic model test data. Addressing this gap, the US Naval Academy performed hydro-elastic experiment on a 154-ft vessel. This paper presents a qualitative comparison of experimental data with simulations from the Large Amplitude Motion Program (LAMP). The comparison focuses on all four impact force calculation methods within LAMP, aiming to enhance predictive accuracy for these critical loads.	PDF Center
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Break / Visit Exhibits <i>Sponsored by: Bristol Harbour Group</i>	MAIN & Foyer
11:30 AM – 1:20 PM (110 Minutes)	PANEL Session 2 Navigating the Cold Frontier: The Future of Icebreaker Design and Construction in North America Speakers: • Joanne Lostracco (PSPC Director of General Defence Procurement) • Dr. Claude Daley (MUN ONAE) • Jim Carr (Seaspan) • David Walker (ABS VP, Global Government Services) Moderator: Laurie Balan (Genoa Design) Icebreakers play a critical role in ensuring safe maritime navigation, supporting economic activity, advancing scientific exploration and protecting sovereignty. From the Arctic shipping lanes to the Great Lakes, the demand for modern, efficient, and environmentally sustainable icebreakers is growing. This panel discussion brings together five experts to explore the challenges, innovations, and strategic importance of building icebreakers in North America for North America. Topics include technological advancements, funding and policy considerations, and the geopolitical significance of maintaining icebreaking capabilities in a warming yet still frozen frontier. Attendees will gain insights into how North America can strengthen its maritime infrastructure and adapt to evolving regional needs. <i>Sponsored by: VARD Marine</i>	MAIN FGH

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	TECHNICAL SESSION 2	
11:30 AM – 12:20 PM (50 Minutes)	Tech Session 2A (SMC-043) TRACK: Design Payback Beware: A Valuable Antique or an Old Remnant in the Decarb Era? Speaker: John Hatley Moderator: Rich Mueller For decades the maritime field has relied upon Payback as the initial litmus test for determining the economic viability of an investment to improve performance. This document describes the shortcomings of Payback in the environmental era and why it should be discarded in favor of traditional Free Cash Flow.	MAIN BC
	Tech Session 2B (SMC-011) TRACK: Operations Utilizing AI to Build “Failure Data and Predictions Models” for Ship Construction and Sustainment Support Speakers: Mark Debbink, Subrat Nanda & Karen Cassidy Moderator: Erin Teige This presentation provides technology transfer for an extensive NSRP RA project; from the ABS & HII team, which utilized AI capabilities to mine ship maintenance and repair databases to provide historic performance information to improve ship availability planning. The project created the capability to provide ship class specific failure data readiness/quality assessment reports and develop a roadmap for government fleet owner/operators and shipyards to (1) optimization yard availabilities, and (2) provide feedback to follow-on vessels using advanced data analytics from available operational ship conditions. The team developed and demonstrated guidance on building useful failure and ship condition data sets for use with advanced data analytics methods/tools; Artificial Intelligence (AI), to support key decisions related to ship sustainment (especially yard availability planning) and new construction of future ships. The work focused on the critical systems that contribute to the biggest issues for government fleet owner/operators and the yards that build and support these fleets. Realized benefits to Industry and Navy are to 1) reduce the cost and improve the predictability of scheduling for yard availability periods for ships, and 2) eliminate recurring failures within a vessel class by addressing critical system issues during new construction of subsequent ships. These capabilities provide significant savings for government owner/operators and shipyards while also improving mission availability.	PDF Center
	TECHNICAL SESSION 3	
12:30 PM – 1:20 PM (50 Minutes)	Tech Session 3A (SMC-045) TRACK: Operations Risk Mitigation of Emerging Technologies – Autonomous Operations Speaker: Timothy Haymaker Moderator: Suzanne Beckstoffer The goal of this project is to identify and mitigate the risks of introducing autonomous operations to the maritime community. Identified risks include mariner acceptance, safety, regulation, insurance and liability, lack of software commonality and standards, knowledge and training. These risks must be addressed through open and continued communication and continuing education. Fostering the integration of autonomous operations into the maritime community will require class and safety identification from recognized and trusted organizations like ABS, ISM/IMO, MARAD, and the U.S. Coast Guard, along with detailed safety, regulatory, insurance, and liability practices, which will need to be enacted. Autonomous operations, whether smart, semi-autonomous, or fully autonomous, are here to stay and heading toward tomorrow at full speed. Both civilian and military programs are currently funded and in full R&D swing, with some countries practicing autonomous operations in their waters today!	MAIN BC
	Tech Session 3B (SMC-046) TRACK: Design Wind Propulsion and Multi-Stage Performance Optimization of Flettner Rotors for a Cargo Vessel Speaker: Yan Xing-Kaeding Moderator: Elspeth McMahon Wind-assisted propulsion is a key solution for reducing maritime emissions, offering a cost-effective alternative to fully emission-free technologies. However, integrating wind propulsion into holistic ship design remains limited. This paper presents a parametric approach using Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) and topology modelling to optimize Flettner Rotor	PDF Center

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	configurations on various ship types. An inviscid Eulerian flow method reduces computational costs while maintaining acceptable prediction accuracy for the considered early design stage. The study validates results against high-fidelity simulations and wind tunnel tests. Using HSVA's "EcoLibrium" tool, performance predictions and optimization loops enhance vessel's efficiency. The optimized design will undergo towing tank testing for further validation.	
12:30 PM – 2:00 PM	Student/Industry Round Table Moderator: Evan Sirianni	Granby Ballroom
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2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	T&R Meeting	Room 1783
TECHNICAL SESSION 4		
2:30 PM – 3:20 PM (50 Minutes)	Tech Session 4A (SMC-057) TRACK: Production Optimized Structural Design Recommender System Speakers: Juan Prieto & Madalina Florean Moderator: Pierre-Charles Drapeau The implementation of optimized structural design recommender systems utilizing Artificial Intelligence (AI) offers unprecedented opportunities for enhancing the economic viability of vessels. By representing complex ship structural design data as a graph, one can leverage the unique characteristics of Graph Neural Networks (GNNs) to propose design solutions to naval architects during the basic design process. This approach enables the generation of designs in a reduced time frame while facilitating the immediate identification and investigation of potential errors, thereby impacting the ship's cost, performance, weight, stability, safety, and manufacturability.	MAIN BC
	Tech Session 4B (SMC-012) TRACK: Operations Selecting Risk Analysis Methodologies for Maritime Application Speakers: Jade Penny & Vincent Paglioni Moderator: Louis Bock Regulatory bodies and class associations recommend risk analysis methodologies with minimal guidance. This assessment clarifies which recommended methodologies suit which circumstances and the shortfalls of each through literary review. Methodologies were checked for suitability based on stage in system lifecycle, feasibility of use, current industry applications, and breadth of review. Mapping methodologies to specific applications directs the end user on a focused path, which was tested against historical maritime casualties. The improved user interface promotes a proactive approach to risk analysis, which helps prevent major casualties from occurring, better protecting our seafarers. Because people are integral to any maritime system lifecycle, research found inclusion of human risk factors was critical for whole system risk assessment. The findings recommend further investigation of human risk analysis methodologies utilized in other industries. The environment where the risk analysis technique was executed throttled the allowable level of complexity. Several circumstances, such as shipboard ad-hoc assessments, require satisficing to fit within the situation's natural boundaries like time and available computing power. Alternatively, design phases and long-term planning can engage more robust risk analysis methodologies.	MAIN FGH
	Tech Session 4C (SMC-082) TRACK: Design Assessment of Wave-Induced Loads on a Ship: A RANS-Based Method Speakers: Frederico Franciosa & Stefano Brizzolara Moderator: Eugene van Rynbach Maritime accidents, though rare, can cause severe damage, underscoring the need for accurate wave-load prediction tools. This study uses a RANS-based approach to estimate ship motions and loads in regular waves, covering wavelengths from 0.31 Lpp to 1.86 Lpp. Response Amplitude Operators are computed and compared with experimental data from the TUB towing tank. A sensitivity analysis is conducted to assess the influence of grid resolution, domain size, and time-step selection on simulation reliability, supporting the method's effectiveness for seakeeping and wave-load prediction.	PDF Center

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3:30 PM – 4:20 PM (50 Minutes)	Tech Session 5A (SMC-021) TRACK: Design Case Study: Vessel Designs With Reduced Underwater Noise Speaker: Jesse Spence Moderator: Rick Ashcroft Regulatory bodies and class associations recommend risk analysis methodologies with minimal guidance. This assessment clarifies which recommended methodologies suit which circumstances and the shortfalls of each through literary review. Methodologies were checked for suitability based on stage in system lifecycle, feasibility of use, current industry applications, and breadth of review. Mapping methodologies to specific applications directs the end user on a focused path, which was tested against historical maritime casualties. The improved user interface promotes a proactive approach to risk analysis, which helps prevent major casualties from occurring, better protecting our seafarers. Because people are integral to any maritime system lifecycle, research found inclusion of human risk factors was critical for whole system risk assessment. The findings recommend further investigation of human risk analysis methodologies utilized in other industries. The environment where the risk analysis technique was executed throttled the allowable level of complexity. Several circumstances, such as shipboard ad-hoc assessments, require sacrificing to fit within the situation's natural boundaries like time and available computing power. Alternatively, design phases and long-term planning can engage more robust risk analysis methodologies.	MAIN BC
	Tech Session 5B (SMC-041) TRACK: Production Land Based Test Site for Testing Electronic Systems Speaker: Luke Staff Moderator: Jeff Bowles Electronic System Integration (ESI) in government build contracts faces the dual challenge of incorporating the latest technology while confirming design details early in the process with minimal changes. For shipyards, the primary focus is on reducing the risk of design changes or rework during production. Confirming installation details during the design phase for first-of-class vessels provides early risk reduction by allowing hands-on verification of foundation requirements, cable terminations, and electronic interface details. An ESI team was established that translates government specifications into procurement specifications for each system, conducts Factory Acceptance Testing (FAT) on this equipment, and bring it to the LBTS to test the interfaces between systems. This process also confirms the physical details of the equipment which reduces amount of rework needed during the build phase.	MAIN FGH
	Tech Session 5C (SMC-049) TRACK: Operations Digital Healthcare Engineering System for Enhancing the Safety and Sustainability of Aging Monopile Offshore Wind Turbines in Storm Conditions Speaker: Abdulaziz Sindi Moderator: Rich Delpizzo Offshore wind turbines using monopile foundations dominate shallow water installations but face increasing structural degradation as they age. Cumulative damage such as corrosion, fatigue cracking, and denting exacerbated by worsening metocean conditions poses serious risks to safety and performance. Existing maintenance strategies often fall short, especially during storms. This study introduces a Digital Healthcare Engineering (DHE) system that integrates high-fidelity numerical models, environmental data, and Artificial Intelligence (AI) to assess and predict structural health in real time. The system shifts infrastructure management from reactive to proactive, improving failure detection and maintenance planning. It also offers a scalable solution for aging offshore and marine assets.	PDF Center
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4:40 PM – 5:30 PM (50 Minutes)	Tech Session 6A (SMC-110) TRACK: Production Accelerating Shipyard Modernization: A Technology Transfer and Insertion Framework Speakers: Jessica Galassie & Christopher Lynch Moderator: Nick Bradford	MAIN BC

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	This paper presents a framework for accelerating shipyard modernization by integrating Extended and Virtual Reality (XR/VR) technologies into drydock training. Leveraging SBIR/STTR technologies and powered by Agentic AI, the proposed system translates deckplate issues into Navy Quad Charts, maps them to relevant innovations, and prioritizes solutions using a risk-based dashboard. Key AR/VR applications include maintenance, docking/undocking, and emergency response training. The framework enhances communication, reduces risk, and supports informed technology adoption decisions. This effort aligns with global technology transfer themes by modernizing shipyard processes and improving workforce readiness through structured digital tools and immersive training strategies.	
	Tech Session 6B (SMC-085) TRACK: Design Reliability Journey: FTA Tool for Zero-Carbon Fueled Ships Speakers: Suzy Jiang Moderator: Kazim Tosayev Driven by energy transition in the maritime industry, alternative fuels are considered one of the main energy solutions to meeting the demand forecast and achieving Greenhouse Gas (GHG) goals set by the International Maritime Organization (IMO). Zero/low-carbon fuels include methanol, ammonia, bio-fuel, hydrogen, etc. However, in contrast to traditional fuels, alternative fuels contain highly flammable (e.g. methanol) or toxic (e.g., ammonia) chemicals, posing safety concerns that need to be addressed in a structured manner. This paper presents several case studies using a fault tree analysis tool to improve the safety of zero-carbon fueled ships.	MAIN FGH
	Tech Session 6C (SMC-055) TRACK: Operations Port-LCA: A Real Time LCA Framework for Vessel Emissions in Ports Speakers: Ioannis Chalaris Moderator: Rick Ashcroft This study introduces Port-LCA, an innovative Life Cycle Assessment approach aimed at quantifying Well-to-Wake (WTW) greenhouse gas emissions from vessels when they are inside port limits. In contrast to traditional inventory approaches, Port-LCA incorporates AIS-based vessel monitoring, operating phase segmentation, engine-specific modeling, and distinct fuel route data to provide precise, real-time emissions estimates of vessels inside specific port boundaries. A hypothetical case study with a bulk carrier (MDO), a tanker (LNG), and a container vessel (green methanol) demonstrates the methodology's capacity to quantify emissions by phase, vessel type, and fuel strategy. The results underscore the relevance of auxiliary engine emissions during berthing and anchoring, as well as the necessity of considering upstream fuel production implications. Port-LCA provides pragmatic insights for ports and authorities aiming for data-driven decarbonization. Future endeavors will encompass model validation utilizing operational information and incorporation into pollution monitoring and regulatory frameworks.	PDF Center
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6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	GALA Reception	Granby Foyer
7:00 PM – 7:30 PM	Banquet Seating	Close Foyer Bar
7:30 PM – 10:00 PM	Awards GALA <i>Sponsored by: Leidos Gibbs & Cox</i> <i>Students Sponsored by: BSR & Associates</i> Cocktail Attire suggested	Granby Ballroom

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7:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration OPEN	3 rd Fl. Foyer
7:30 AM – 8:45 AM (75 Minutes)	Breakfast & Panel	Granby Ballroom
	PANEL Session 3 Integrated Digital Environment (IDE)...Transforming Naval Shipbuilding Speakers: • Dr. Jong Gye Shin (Chairman, Committee for Expertise of Shipbuilding Specifics, Seoul National University) • Yeongung Ryu (Senior Vice President, HD Hyundai Samho) • Jonathan Sherman, P.E. (Director of Digital Engineering, HII-NNS) • John Rand Langmead (Technical Fellow, Siemens) Moderator: Nick Guertin (Past Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, Acquisition, and Sustainment) An Integrated Product Development Environment (IPDE) with Product Lifecycle Management (PLM) software has emerged as the most significant breakthrough in naval shipbuilding in recent years. An IPDE creates a cohesive and synchronized enterprise among all shipyard functions and operations and provides everyone immediate access to the "single source of truth" a 3-D digital model of all systems, structures, and arrangements with supporting technical artifacts, e.g., CFD, FEA, etc. results. The PLM suite manages workflows among all stakeholders and manages program changes, design changes, configuration changes, and BoM updates. The PLM system also can generate daily work instructions with 3-D models, training videos and related supporting information to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of shipyard workers. The panel members will share their views on the crucial features of an IPDE with PLM and how these features impact traditional shipyard processes.	
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM (60 Minutes)	SNAME Business Session	
9:00 AM – 2:30 PM	Exhibit Hall Open	MAIN & Foyer
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Student Job Fair Set-up	Granby Foyer
TECHNICAL SESSION 7		
10:00 AM – 10:50 AM (50 Minutes)	Tech Session 7A (SMC-097) TRACK: Design Accelerating Heavy Lift and Transport Design and Analysis for the Polar Icebreaker Speakers: Vincent Liu & Brennan Maybee Moderator: <u>Claude Daley</u> This paper presents the development and review of shipyard heavy lift and transport design and analysis at Seaspan Vancouver Shipyard, located in the Canadian Pacific. With larger projects that require higher demands in movement in the yards, several challenges arose, such as design, process, and physical constraints. The state of design and analysis of rigging and structural analysis is discussed and compared to industry methods. Seaspan has updated its design and analysis process to create safe and efficient production operations. Case studies of common analysis techniques and notes are also discussed.	MAIN BC
	Tech Session 7B (SMC-053) TRACK: Operations USCG Product Lifecycle Management System Data Requirements Interface Mapping Speaker: Patrick Roberts, John Walks & Eric Bjorkner Moderator: <u>Anthony Dean</u> The US Coast Guard (USCG) needs to transition from paper-based documentation to digital support of maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) activity for their fleet. The transition to digital MRO support is expected to provide significant cost avoidance for USCG engineering and maintenance personnel. The US Navy has made progress in their transition efforts, but their digital MRO support requirements and resultant solutions are unlikely to be fully responsive to USCG priorities. A tailored approach that meets USCG requirements will yield optimal results. This paper describes a National Shipbuilding Research Program effort that is reviewing sustainment data requirements for the USCG that can be harvested from the 3D Product Build	MAIN FGH

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	Model. Additional data required for the USCG product lifecycle management (PLM) product are being determined and then mapped through an interface between the respective PLM products. The paper also describes the required software connectors between the new construction Product Build Model, the new construction yard's PLM, and the USCG PLM for future fleet MRO availabilities.	
	Tech Session 7C (SMC-026) TRACK: Design Net Drag Reduction in High Block Coefficient Ships and Vehicles Using Vortex Generators Speaker: Michael Triantafyllou Moderator: Thomas Brackin We document experimentally at model scale, net viscous drag reduction of at least 7.5% in streamlined hulls with high block coefficient, applicable to bulk carriers and tankers, using wedge shaped vortex generators (VGs). We also establish scaling laws proving that at full-scale drag reduction is fully preserved and estimate the size and cost of VG installation and the gains that can be materialized in ship operations.	PDF Center
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11:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Maritime Job Fair	Granby Foyer
	Interview Rooms	XCH 1, 2 & 3
11:30 AM – 1:20 PM (110 Minutes)	PANEL Session 4 Reliability Journey for Technology and Energy Transition Speakers: • David Walker (VP, Government Business Development, ABS) • Brian Klesius (VP Service, Fairbanks Morse Defense) • Jason Strickland (Founder, Strickly Ships) Moderator: Dr. Suzy Jiang (ABS) This panel provides a platform for experts in the new technology/energy transition and Reliability, Availability, Maintainability and Safety (RAMS) focus areas to collaborate in bringing the major challenges in the identified fields and presenting potential solutions. The panel consists of four subject matter experts (SMEs) in the energy transition/new technology and RAMS in the maritime industry.	Granby Ballroom
	TECHNICAL SESSION 8	
11:30 AM – 12:20 PM (50 Minutes)	Tech Session 8A (SMC-016) TRACK: Operations Quantitative Mitigation of URN in Harbour Tug Design and Operation Speaker: Waltfred Lee Moderator: Jason Strickland The mitigation of underwater radiated noise (URN) from anthropogenic sources has been recognized as vital for preserving marine ecosystems. This topic has sparked interest in the larger shipping industry from various stakeholders, including government, regulatory bodies, owners, ports and shipbuilders. In particular, URN has a great impact on marine fauna near harbors where shipping activities dominate the underwater soundscape. In the Salish Sea, in southern British Columbia, the population of the Southern Resident Killer Whales has been particularly impacted by years of increasing shipping noise in their natural habitats. Harbor and escort tugs contribute to the URN emissions in and around ports, both in British Columbia and worldwide. These high-performance vessels generate substantial noise during harbor and escort operations, which comprise a varied operational profile. Characterization of noise generated by tugs—across various operational conditions and tug types with different propulsion systems— is a novel area of research which is not largely documented. The systematic collection of URN data on tugs enhances our understanding of their noise signatures and enables ship designers to address and mitigate URN issues at the design stage, tackling the problem at its source.	MAIN BC
	Tech Session 8B (SMC-080) TRACK: Design Comparative Design Study of a Polar Research Icebreaking Vessel Speaker: Cora Scolaro Moderator: Jeff Bowles The rise in global temperatures has opened new routes for marine traffic in previously frozen polar regions, increasing demand for ice-capable vessels to support research and exploration. This has led to a push for more energy-efficient icebreakers with reduced emissions. Growing interest has also	MAIN FGH

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	introduced the 3-pod configuration, which has yet to be fully explored. Our research aims to determine the most effective azimuth thruster configuration for an open ocean-going icebreaker by comparing 2-pod and 3-pod designs. Both vessels were designed similarly, with identical hulls from midships aft and above the waterline, differing only in pod size. The primary difference was the bow design: the 2-pod vessel has a conventional icebreaking bow, while the 3-pod vessel features a forward, centerline pod. To isolate the impact of the pod configuration, both vessels share the same power generation, superstructures, and internal structures. Tech Session 8C (SMC-090) TRACK: Operations SRtP Regulations: Application to a Ro-Ro Ferry Serving Southwest Alaska Speaker: Michael Freeman Moderator: TBD This paper discusses the design of a 330' (100m) Ro-Ro Ferry in accordance with SOLAS and classification society Safe Return to Port (SRtP) regulations while also meeting the operational challenges of serving small remote communities in South Central and Southwest Alaska. The design poses a number of challenges, and the SRtP regulations provide a framework for increasing the safety and reliability of this type of vessel. SRtP regulations necessitate detailed redundancy and segregation design of propulsion, steering, auxiliary machinery, habitability, navigation, control, and communication systems such that the vessel is operable following afire or flooding casualty event. Outlined herein is a discussion of the design process and particular technical decisions, from concept and general design basis development to details of system engineering and compliance assessment.	
	TECHNICAL SESSION 9	
	Tech Session 9A (SMC-042) TRACK: Design SNAME SD-6 Icebreaker Design Panel Paper Status Speakers: George Sidney, Amer Kalla, & Ahmed Ghowel Moderator: Jessica Feltterman This session will provide an update on the status of T&R Panel SD-6 Icebreaker Design covering the following topics: - Icebreaker Power and Propulsion Parametric Initial Design Standards - Optimizing Arctic Ship Repair Service: A Leagile Digital Transformation Approach for Ensure nonstop operation - Optimizing Plate Straking for Ice-Breaking Vessels Constructed via Cold Forming	PDF Center
	Tech Session 9B (SMC-034) TRACK: Design An Integral 1D Ship Propulsion Model for Fuel Efficiency Speaker: Takuya Wako Moderator: Michael Nordberg To address GHG reduction goals, this study develops an integral 1D model combining engine, propeller, and hull resistance to optimize fuel efficiency through operational management. Validated against onboard measurements, the model demonstrated its capability to accurately predict the main engine's performance without requiring detailed combustion data. It examines engine response under fuel rack limiter constraints and identifies optimal engine speeds for varying sea conditions. A case study on a Panamax bulk carrier demonstrated that, operational optimization using this model can significantly contribute to improving fuel efficiency. The model enables practical, real-time simulation and offers insights for enhancing propulsion performance under real-sea environments.	MAIN BC
	Tech Session 9C (SMC-025) TRACK: Operations Virtual Testing Framework for Verification and Validation of the Autonomous Navigation Function in Marine Vessels Speakers: Mayur Patil, Nataraj Sudharsan, Anthony Saaiby, & Vaneela Ammula Moderator: Tim Mueller As maritime autonomous navigation technologies develop, traditional documentation-based or physical test-driven verification and validation (V&V) methods are inadequate to capture the wide variety of real-world operational scenarios due to the substantial costs, logistical complexity and inherent safety concerns of field testing. To address this issue, this work presents a modular, high-fidelity virtual simulation framework designed to support the V&V of autonomous marine navigation functions. The framework integrates dynamic	MAIN FGH
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	models of marine vessels, sensors, neighboring vessels, and autonomous navigation algorithms along with performance indicators to verify and validate specifications of autonomous navigation functions in various marine navigation scenarios which are necessary for regulatory approval and certification compliance.	
1:20 PM – 2:30 PM	Lunch/Visit Exhibits	Main & Foyer
2:30 PM - 6:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Tear-Down	Main & Foyer
2:30 PM – 4:20 PM (110 Minutes)	PANEL Session 5 Nuclear Power for Commercial Vessels: Feasibility, Challenges, and the Path Forward Speakers: • Mikal Boe (Chairman and CEO, CORE Power) • Bud Darr (President and CEO, CLIA) • Ben Ackers (Vice President, Glostén) • Peter Wallace (Principal Engineer, Lloyd's Register) Moderator: <u>Jonathan Stephens</u> , P.E. (Manager, Core Design BWX Technologies, Inc.) The maritime industry faces mounting pressure to decarbonize, and nuclear power has re-emerged as a viable long-term solution. With advancements in small modular reactors (SMRs), floating nuclear power plants (FNPPs), and evolving regulatory frameworks, nuclear propulsion for commercial vessels is becoming a serious consideration. However, challenges remain—public perception, regulatory hurdles, financing, and operational integration. This panel brings together experts from naval architecture, reactor technology, policy, and ship operations to discuss the feasibility of nuclear-powered commercial vessels, key technological and regulatory considerations, and the necessary steps to make nuclear propulsion a reality. Sponsored by: BWXT	Granby Ballroom
	TECHNICAL SESSION 10	
2:30 PM – 3:20 PM (50 Minutes)	Tech Session 10A (SMC-044) TRACK: Operations Time Step Analysis of a Crash Stop Maneuver for Ferries Speakers: Alex Koziol IV & Ben Hunt Moderator: <u>TBD</u> Rapid stopping capability is a critical safety feature for ferries operating in confined waterways. Otherwise known as the crash stop, this maneuver is a well-studied character of maneuverability for large oceangoing vessels, in particular with regards to the ability of a large tanker to stop in the event of an impending collision or allision. However, crash stop performance is difficult to characterize for smaller, higher-powered vessels such as ferries with propulsion machinery that allow rapid reversal of shaftlines. In addition, the influence of propeller geometry on crash stop performance is poorly quantified. This paper proposes a simulation method using four quadrant data to evaluate crash stop performance. Two notional case study vessels are introduced and used to develop insights on the influence of propeller design parameters on crash stop performance. This approach demonstrates how large-scale simulation can convert scattered design intuition into quantitative guidance for safer and more efficient operations.	MAIN FGH
	Tech Session 10B (SMC-023) TRACK: Production Lignum Vitae: Eliminating Risk of PFAS From Water Lubricated Bearings Speakers: Daniel Westerbaan Moderator: <u>Benjamin Hawbaker</u> This study evaluates the environmental and performance impacts of materials used in water-lubricated marine bearings. Historically made from lignum vitae, these bearings shifted to synthetic alternatives due to overharvesting. However, many synthetic materials release harmful PFAS, which persist in water and pose ecological risks. Testing showed lignum vitae contains no PFAS, while synthetics exceeded safe fluorine levels by up to 1000 times. Modern marine trends—larger propellers and slower shaft speeds—worsen wear and PFAS release due to thinner lubrication films. Under these conditions, lignum vitae outperformed synthetic materials, exhibiting lower friction and wear. With sustainable harvesting practices now in place, lignum vitae is again a viable, eco-friendly option. The study recommends further PFAS analysis, and full-scale lignum vitae trials to reduce the marine industry's environmental footprint.	PDF Center

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	TECHNICAL SESSION 11	
3:30 PM – 4:20 PM (50 Minutes)	Tech Session 11A (SMC-038) TRACK: Operations Viability and Impacts of Low-Carbon Fuels for Maritime Applications Speaker: Danika Eamer Moderator: Ioannis Chalaris This study evaluates the lifecycle viability of ammonia, hydrogen, methanol, and Fischer–Tropsch diesel as low-carbon fuels for maritime shipping by integrating regional supply chain modeling with the NavigaTE global fleet model. Using this framework, we consider scenarios involving widespread adoption of single alternative fuels and production pathways to illustrate the big-picture advantages and disadvantages of each in the context of the global maritime industry. Production pathways that use renewable electrolytic or biogenic hydrogen offer the most favorable trade-offs between costs and emissions in most regions, achieving up to 90% and 80% reductions in well-to-wake emissions relative to low-sulfur fuel oil, respectively. However, each comes with substantial feedstock constraints. Electrolytic fuels require up to 6,800 TWh/year of electricity, equivalent to 23% of current global generation. Biogenic routes demand up to 1.6 Gt of lignocellulosic biomass, exceeding estimated sustainable availability from forestry residues. Blue hydrogen pathways that pair methane reforming with carbon capture and storage can reduce emissions below LSFO levels if sequestration is permanent but require up to 24% of global natural gas supply and come at higher cost than electrolytic and biogenic options in many regions. Methanol and FT diesel production also necessitate large CO₂ inputs – up to 580 Mt and 1,300 Mt, respectively, which would require a major scale-up of carbon capture and utilization. Emissions and costs vary by up to a factor of ten depending on the production region, with the most viable options concentrated in countries offering low-cost, low-carbon electricity or natural gas.	PDF Center
	Tech Session 11B (SMC-084) TRACK: Operations DiEM – A Digital Engine Management Platform for Condition-Based Maintenance and Performance Optimization Speaker: Panagiotis Krytatos Moderator: Jessica Galassie The LNG shipping industry faces mounting pressures from decarbonization regulations, supply chain disruptions, and increasing engine complexity. To address these challenges, Propulsion Analytics and GasLog co-developed Digital Engine Management (DiEM) platform an Engine Condition-Based Maintenance (ECBM) scheme hosted on the. DiEM integrates high-frequency engine data, physical inspections, lubricant and water analyses with physics-based digital twin modeling and machine learning to assess engine health, predict faults, and optimize maintenance. This paper outlines the ECBM framework, detailing its data acquisition, diagnostic methodologies, and integration with maintenance systems.	MAIN FGH