

Diseño y Validación por el Método de Elementos Finitos de la Estructura de un Bote de Bajo Calado para Reconocimiento Fluvial

**Design and Validation by the Finite
Element Method of the Structural
Arrangement of a Riverine Low Draft
Combat Boat**

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Introduction

In military river operations are important the availability of high-speed crafts capable of performing patrolling, offensive maneuvers and additional tasks related to homeland security and defense in shallow, secluded and hard-to-reach harsh inland waters.



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Introduction

The structural arrangement of the designed boat is intended to maintain a low weight while the security of the crew, the structural integrity of the hull and the boat performance remain preserved.

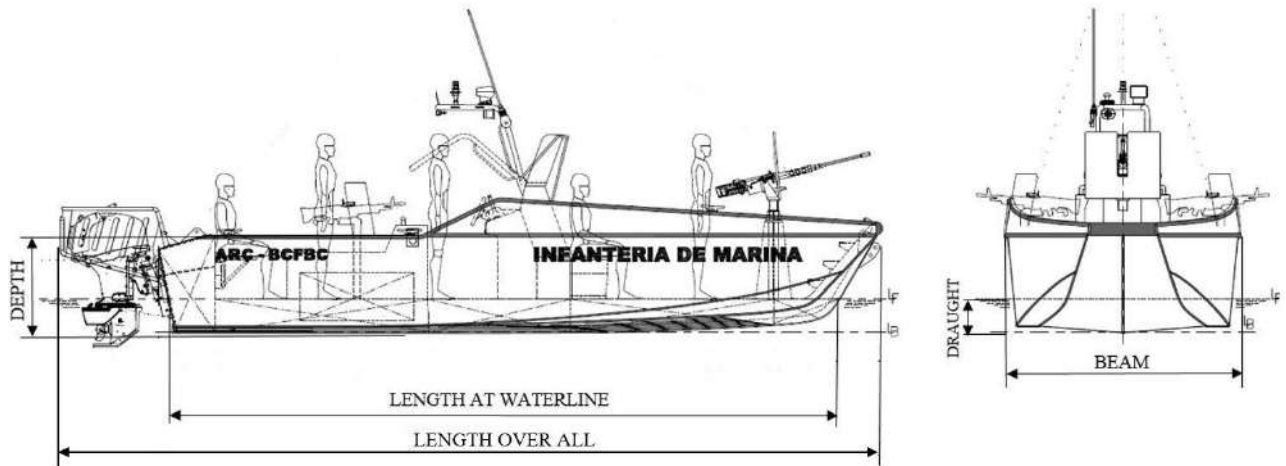


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Definition of the Engineering problem

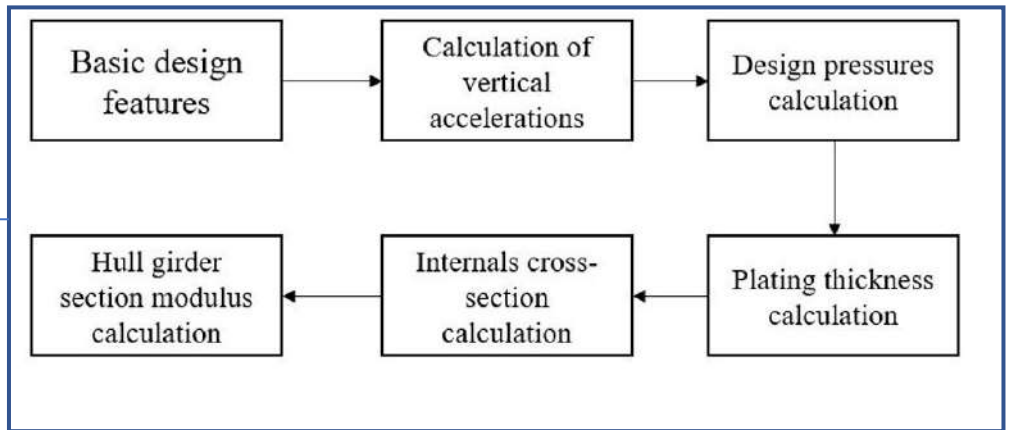
The aim of this work is to explain and to validate the boat scantling by guidelines of the classification societies and hence, improving and validating by direct analysis the hull structural arrangement.



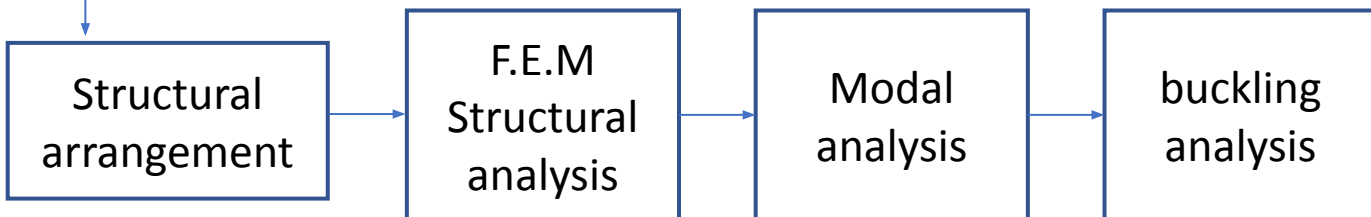
Characteristics	Value
Length over all	8.60 m
Length at waterline	7.05 m
Beam (molded)	2.42 m
Depth amidship (molded)	1.03 m
Draught	0.35 m
Installed power	120 hp (89 kW)
Fully loaded displacement	3650 kg

Methodology

Scantling:



Direct analysis:



Methodology

Materials:

mechanical properties of the aluminum alloys defined for the model



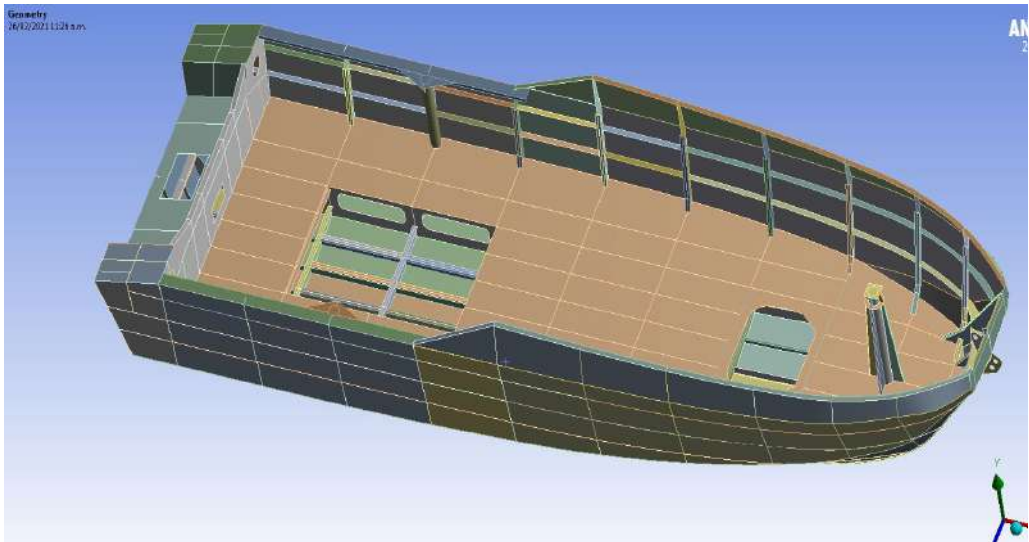
Properties	Al 5083-H116/ H321	Al 6082-T6
Density [g/ cm ³]	2.66	2.7
Poisson's ratio	0.33	0.33
Young's Modulus [GPa]	70	70
Tensile yield strength [MPa]	220	260
Tensile yield strength (welded) [MPa]	145	125
Tensile ultimate strength [MPa]	305	310
Tensile ultimate strength (welded) [MPa]	290	190

- 5083- H116/ H321 aluminum alloy mechanical properties were assigned to plates whereas aluminum alloy 6082 T6 properties were set to stiffeners

Methodology

Geometry:

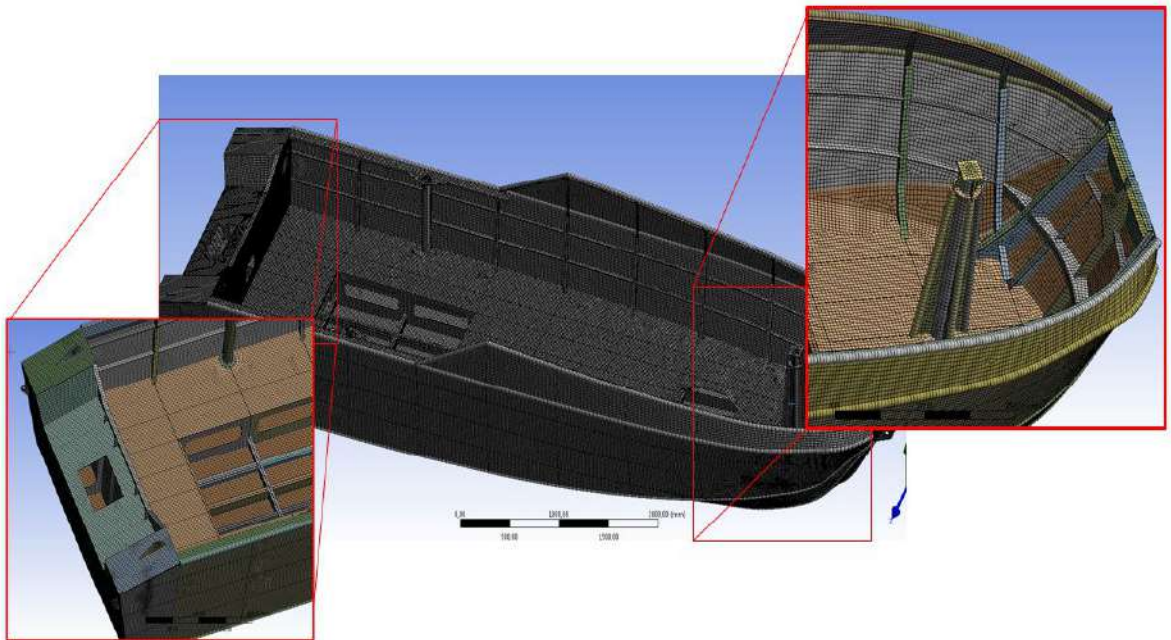
- The whole structural arrangement was modeled including examples of critical connection details.
- Shell modeling was carried out by using ANSYS SpaceClaim 2019 software .
- *Bonded* contacts were used among structural elements given their welded connections.



Methodology

meshing:

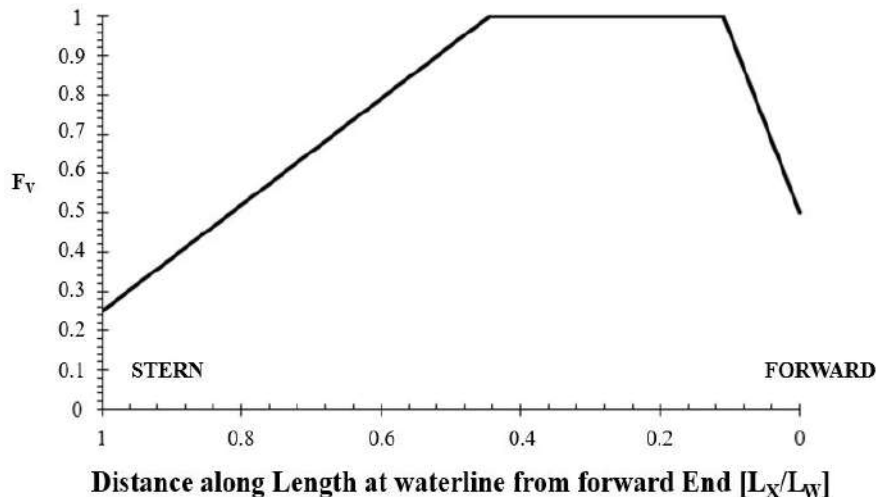
- SHELL181 elements were used for meshing
- The shell geometry is represented by *4 Node Linear Quadrilateral* elements; the *degenerate 4 Node Linear Triangular* option was only used as filler in mesh generation



Methodology

Load conditions:

- The boundary conditions for the global structural model should reflect simple supports that will avoid built-in stresses
- Design pressure calculations from class requirements of both classification societies.
- The maximum allowable stress for plates is 123 MPa and 106 MPa for stiffeners specifically in heat-affected zones.



Bottom slamming pressure distribution

Methodology

Modal Analysis:

- Then modal analysis is used to identify natural frequencies and vibration modes of the structural arrangement.
- A special emphasis was placed in transom due to the outboard motors effect on the structure; mass and inertial properties of these motors were considered.

Buckling Analysis:

- An eigenvalue buckling analysis was performed to ensure no structural elements failures by compressive loads

Results

SCANTLING:

Design pressures [wave height = 0.5 m]	HSC ABS [3] [kN/m ²]	ISO 12215-5 [4] [kN/m ²]
Bottom	79.9	72.7
Sides	18.4	17.0
Main deck	5.0	5.0
Watertight bulkheads	4.5	2.1

Design pressures

	ISO 12215-5 [mm]	HSC ABS [mm]	Plate thickness [mm]
Bottom	4.5	4.7	6.0
Sides	2.7	3.5	4.0
Decks	1.4	3.5	4.0
Bulkheads	1.7	3.5	4.0

Plates thickness

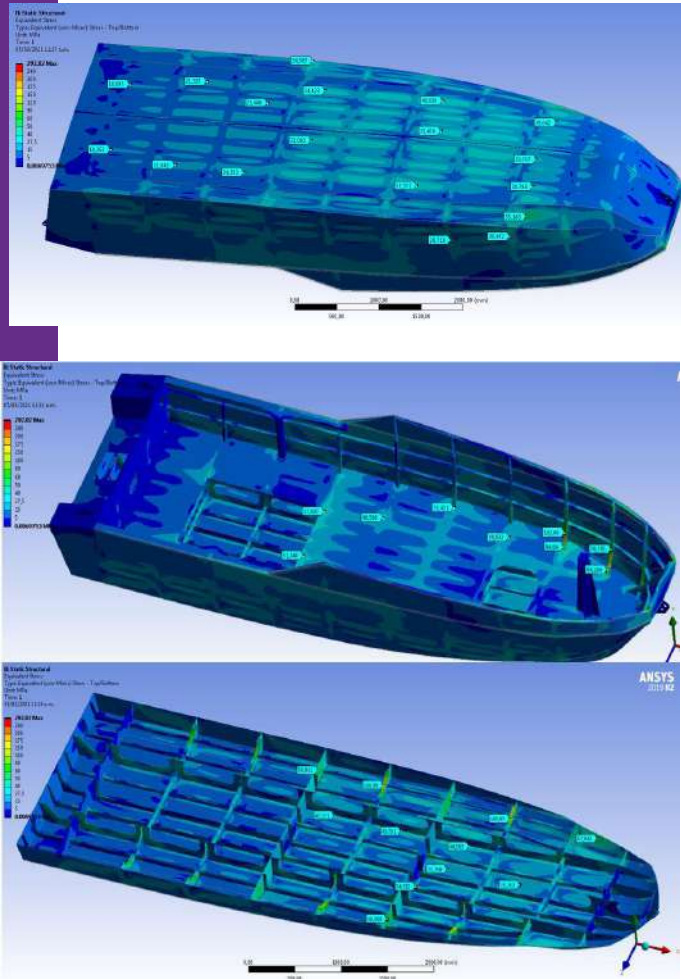
Internals dimensions

	ISO 12215		HSC ABS	
	SM req.	S.F	SM req.	S.F
Bottom longitudinal stiffeners	8.44	1.6	11.5	1.17
Sides longitudinal stiffeners	2.39	1.3	2.88	1.10
Deck longitudinal stiffeners	1.67	1.8	1.81	1.75
Deck transvers stiffeners	3.57	1.2	3.13	1.36
Floors	12.91	2.1	12.49	2.41
Frames	6.41	2.8	6.48	3.30

Typical frame

Results

Direct Analysis:



	Equivalent stress [MPa]	Allowable stress [MPa]	Safety factor	Scantling safety factor
Bottom longitudinals	63.9 MPa	106 MPa	1.66	1.17
Side longitudinals	42.0 MPa	106 MPa	2.50	1.10
Side girders	62.8 MPa	123 MPa	1.96	1.40
Floors	55.8 MPa	123 MPa	2.20	2.41
Frames	89.1 MPa	123 MPa	1.38	3.30
Transverse web	82.0 MPa	106 MPa	1.29	1.20
Deck longitudinals	82.1 MPa	106 MPa	1.29	1.75

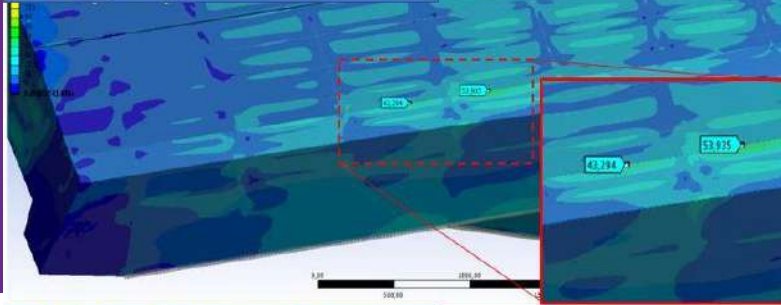
- The highest stress level (close to 55.8 MPa) can be found in the bow between frames 9 and 10
- A 2.2 safety factor in the bottom plate is expected.
- When the obtained safety factor is compared to the scantling safety factor, it is discernible how conservative the scantling approach might be.

Results

Direct Analysis:

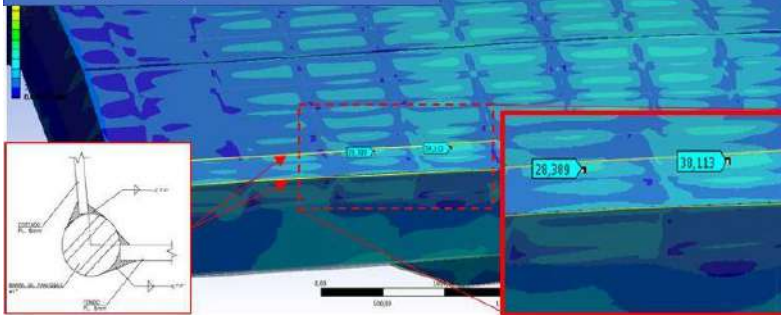
Model without round-bars

$$\sigma_{vm(max.)} = 53.9 \text{ MPa}$$



Model with round-bars

$$\sigma_{vm(max.)} = 38.1 \text{ MPa}$$

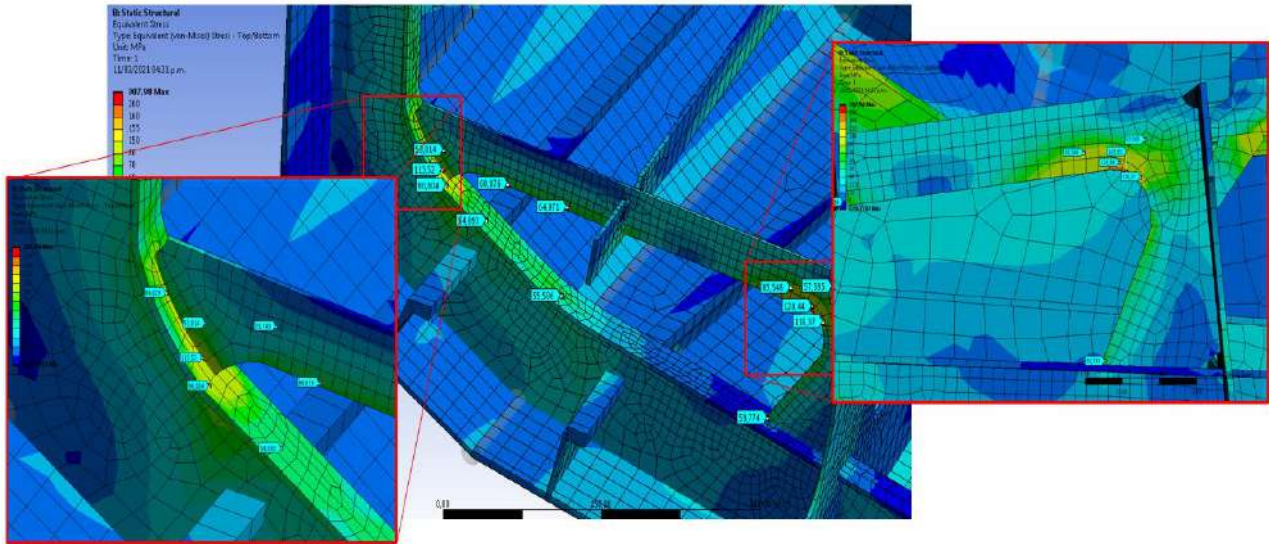


- The utility of these round bars is to improve the available welding surface area and raising stiffness.
- Beam type elements with cross section properties equivalent to the round-bars were added.
- it was found that chine stress levels showed a 30% stress level reduction

Results

Direct Analysis:

Structural details

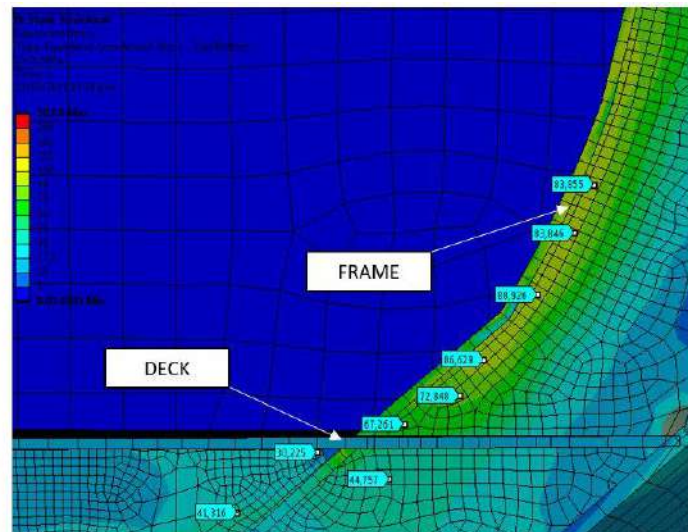
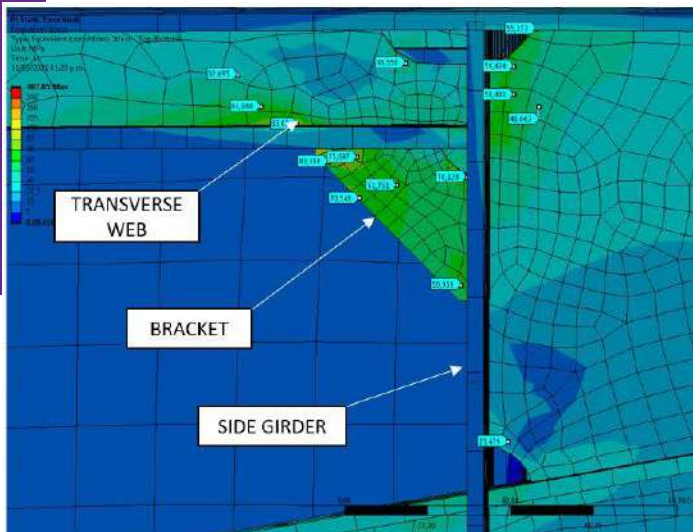


- Spotted stress concentration safety factors in deck longitudinals, floors, and frames are shown to be higher by the scantling approach
- This could be explained given the limitations of the scantling rules related to geometry and stress concentrations

Results

Direct Analysis:

Structural details

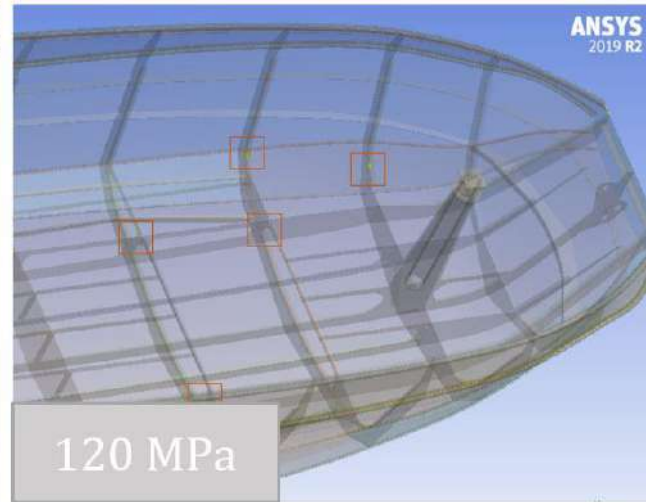
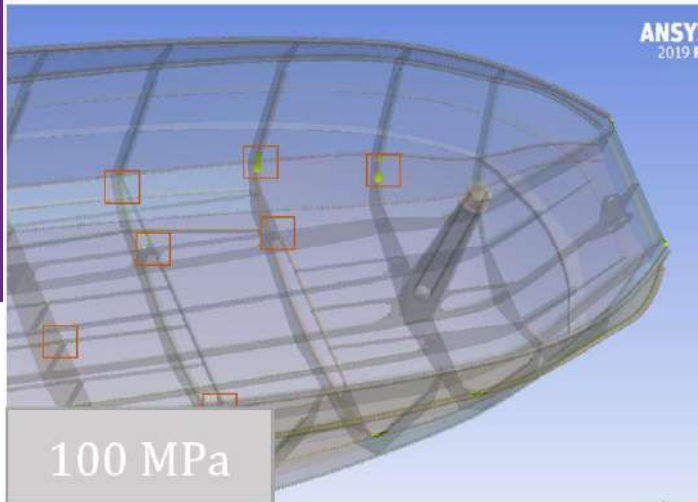


- In general, the stress is moderate and typically below 70 MPa but the upper bracket toe presents localized 125 MPa stress values due to stress concentration.
- Regarding the frame-deck intersection, typically below 90 MPa stresses were reported in frames due to their curvature near the deck.

Results

Direct Analysis:

Structural details

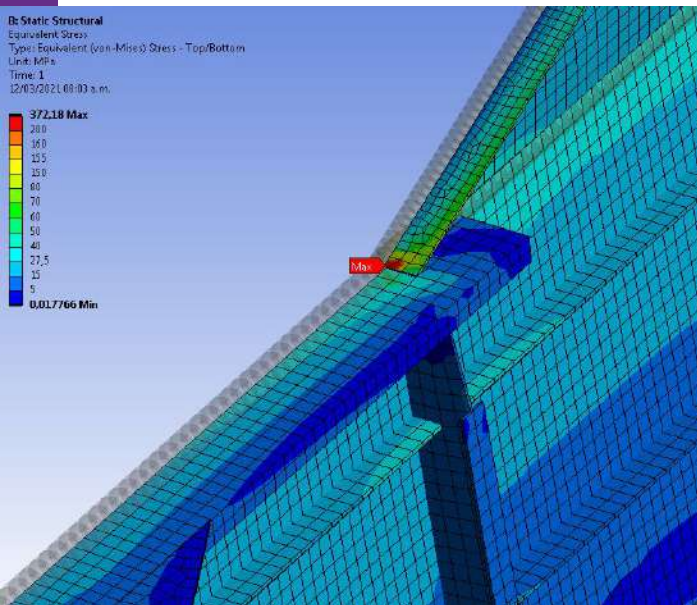


- localized plastic deformation would imply strain hardening and a slight loss of ductility.
- The spotted high stresses, which maximum value is close to 140 MPa, are remarkably below than aluminum tensile ultimate strength at heat-affected zones

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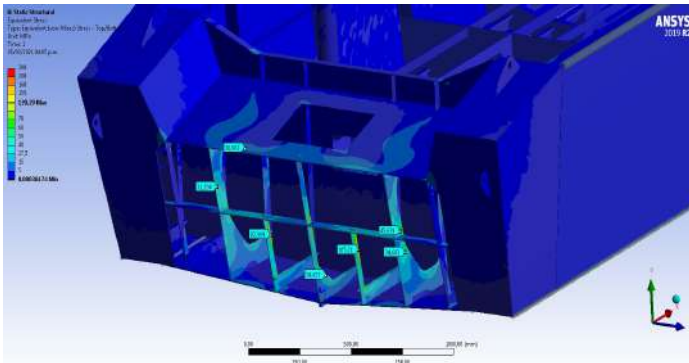
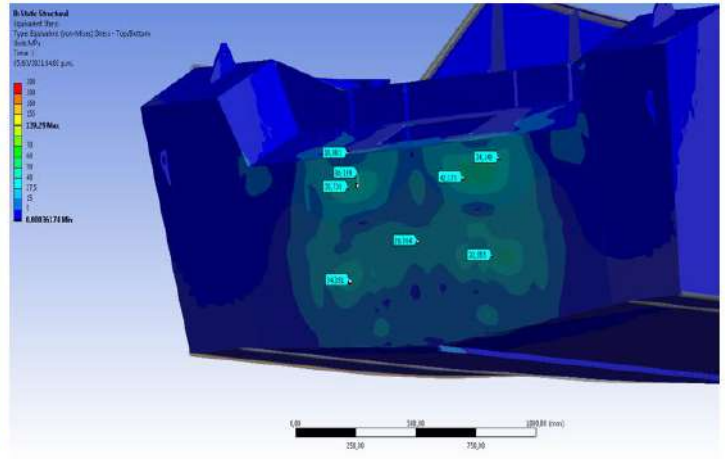
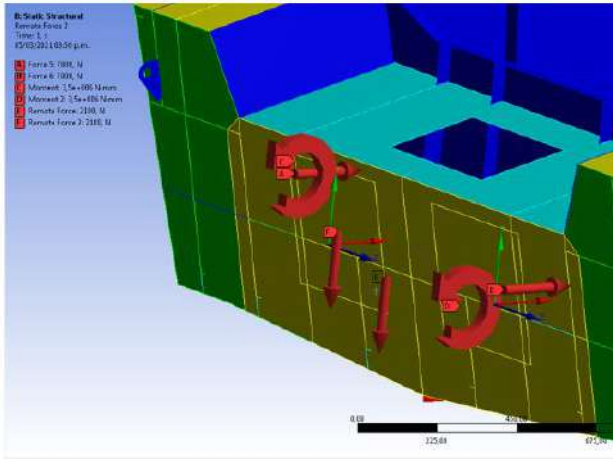
Structural details



- A high gradient stress zone was spotted at the port gunwale, after mesh convergence was not reached; the reported high stress values are deemed as a singularity

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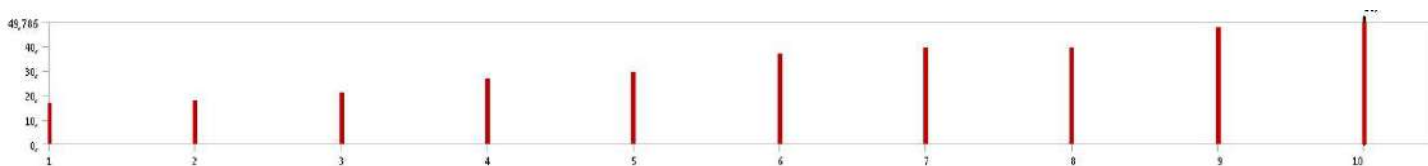
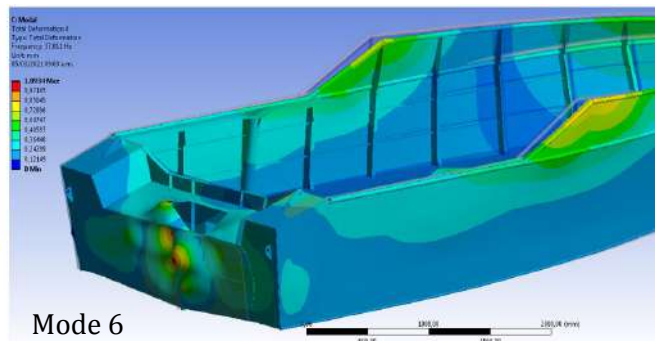
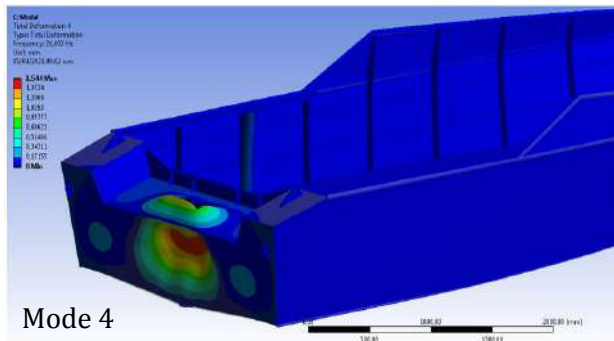
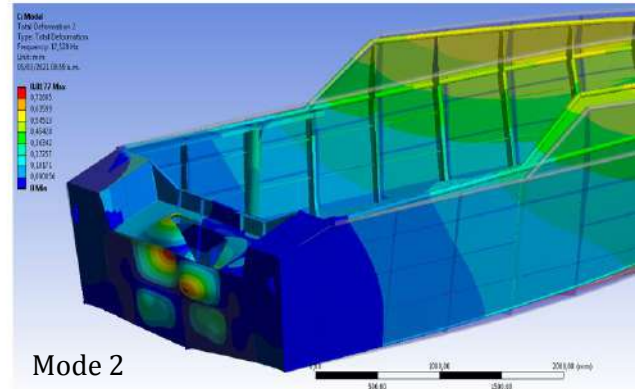
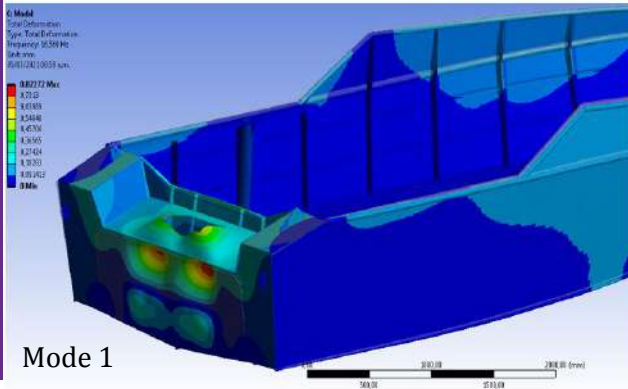
Direct Analysis: Structural details



- Transom plate reinforcements present equivalent stress values below 50 MPa except for reinforcements at 250 mm from the centerline.
- These Al- 6082 -T6 profiles present local stress levels close to 140 Mpa and a 1.35 safety factor

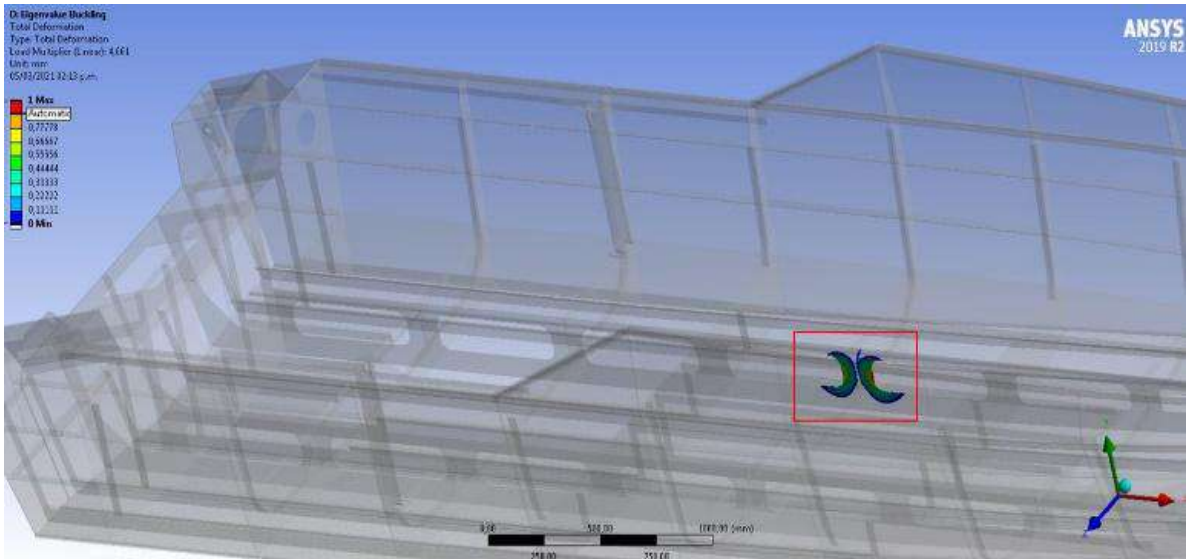
Results

Direct Analysis: Modal Analysis



Results

Direct Analysis: Buckling Analysis



- The analyzed modes found a load multiplier factor equal to 4.66; given a load multiplier factor higher than 1.0 this structure will not present failure by buckling.

Conclusions

- The designed structural arrangement for a riverine low-draft combat boat meets all requirements stipulated in both HSC- ABS and ISO 12215 scantling rules.
- In most of cases, scantling requirements are more conservatives in HSC-ABS rules than stipulated in ISO 12215.
- There are cases where direct analysis presents lower safety factors. This might be because of scantling rules limitations related to structure geometries and stress concentrations.
- The structural arrangement natural frequencies are out of range from operative outboard motors frequencies.

Conclusions

- The idle frequency is 15% lower than one of the transom vibration modes, but, due to deformation amplitude is below the maximum allowed, safety operations of the vessel are not deemed affected.
- From linear buckling analysis it can be shown that no structural elements will be failing by compressive loading instabilities.

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A low-angle, front-facing view of a large ship's bow. The ship's hull is white with a blue stripe along the top edge. The bow is pointed, and the ship is moving forward, as evidenced by the yellow tugboat's cabin visible at the bottom center. The sky is a vibrant mix of orange, yellow, and blue, with scattered white clouds. The overall mood is one of accomplishment and gratitude.

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