

Propulsion Options for the Modern Short Voyage Ferry



The ‘Ferry’

operating in A vehicle and passenger ferry
 Restricted waters.

‘Short’

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Operational Requirements:

Operator Defined

Passengers; Route; Terminals; Timetable; Crew

Other Factors

Sea State and Wind Speeds

Loading Times

Shore Services

Ambient Environmental Conditions

Class and Flag

Operator's preferences

Ambient Environmental Conditions

High Sea and Air temperatures –

Machinery De-rate

High HVAC and Electrical Loads

Environmental –

Complex exhaust systems and Catalysts



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Hull Design

Single ended

**Better performance in high sea
states with less slamming**

Double ended

Requires less manoeuvring time

SWATH

Catamaran

High speed

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Speed

3 Ranges

- 10 – 12 Knots - Typical 20 minute voyage 100 pax**

- 18 – 20 Knots - 1.5 hours transit, larger passenger numbers**

- 30+ knots - High Speed**



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Electrical Load

Air Conditioning gives electrical loadings of:

500 kWe for 500 passengers

1000kWe for 1500 passengers

For summer temperatures of 35 deg C



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Wind Loads

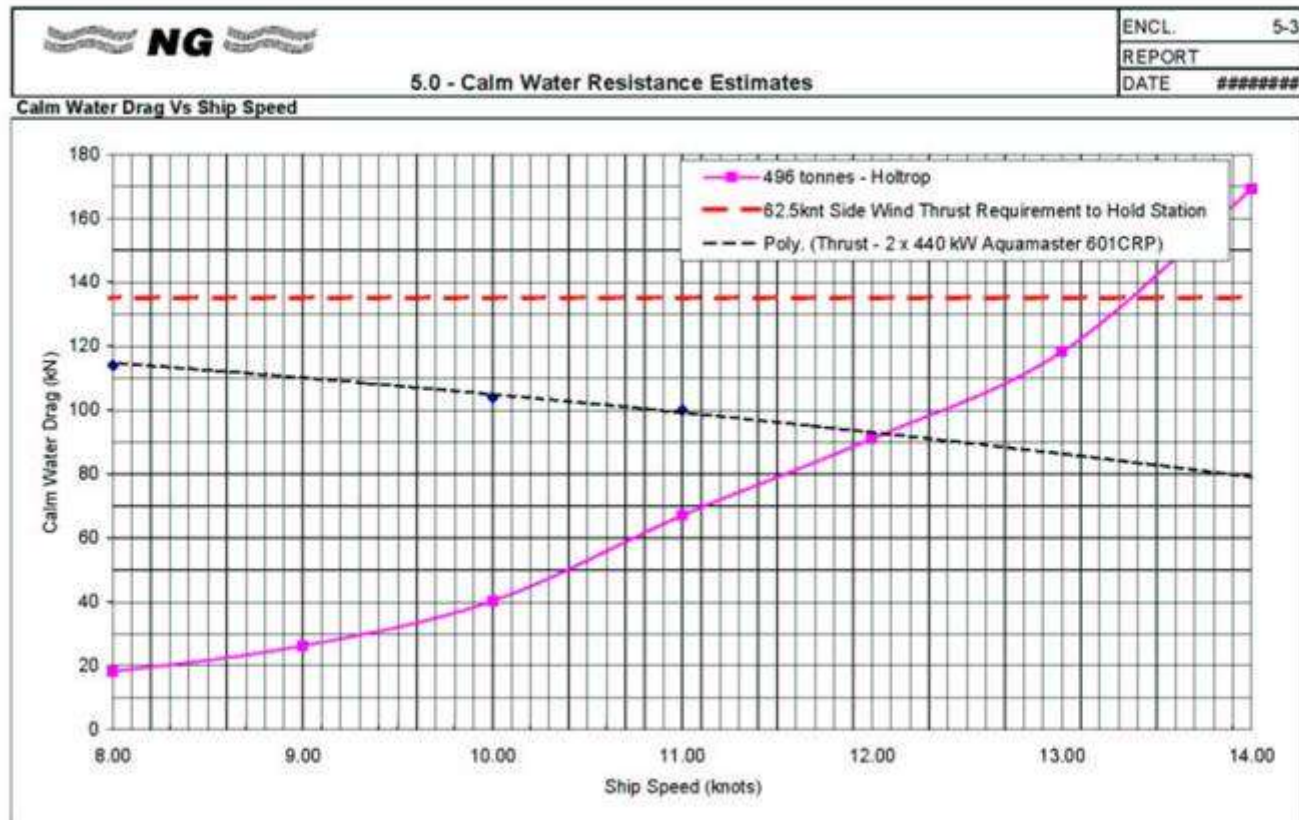
40 to 70 knot wind speeds during Manoeuvring or berthing are not un-usual

For a two deck ferry

62.5 knot beam wind - 135kN

12 knots max speed - 90kN

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Machinery Options

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| Single ended - | Conventional propulsion with thrusters for side load |
| Double ended - | Twin propulsors, one forward, on aft |
| | Power split varies between 10% and 30% at forward. Thrusters for side load |

1200 tonne Ferry, 50 knot side wind, 12 knots service speed

Twin 6L20 + 1 Spare + 2 x 495 kW Bow Thrusters

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Table 2 - Performance With Twin Wartsila 6L20

12 knots - Open Water Passage

Installed Power Demand ¹	1020 kW
Ships Load	100 kW
Total Power Demand	1120 kW
Available Power 2 Sets=	2050 kW

% MCR Used 2 Gen Sets = 54.62%

Station Holding - Beam Winds, TT1300 FP@495 kW

Required Side Thrust =	194 kN
Required Aft Thruster Thrust =	83 kN
Required Fwd Thruster Thrust =	111 kN
Power Demand Aft Thruster =	748 kW (at gen)
Power Demand Fwd Thruster =	1122 kW (at gen)
Ships Load =	100 kW
Total Demand =	1971 kW

% MCR Used 2 Gen Sets = 96.13%

Beam Wind Speed = 50 knots

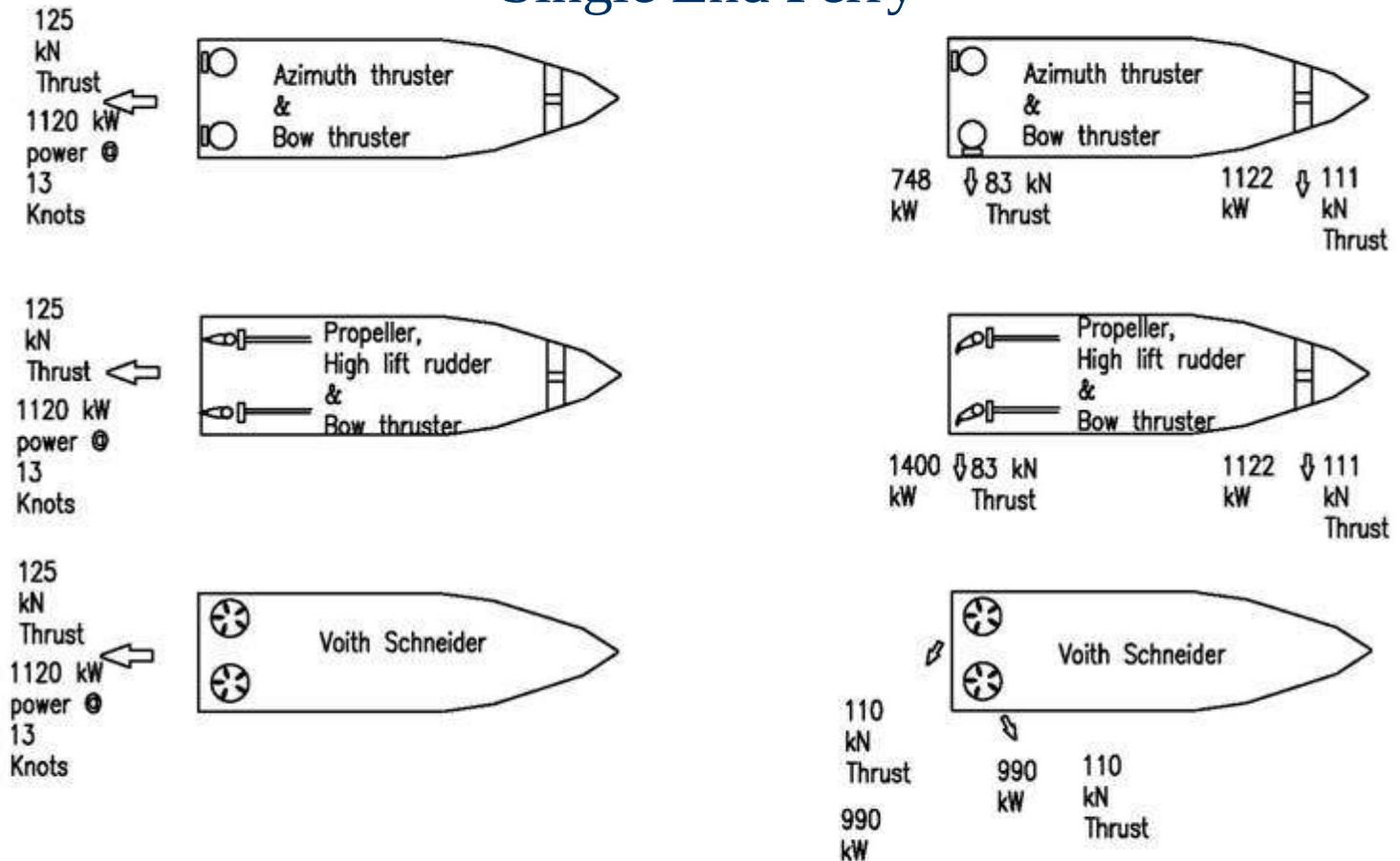
1. With 15% Sea Margin

Power requirement

Side movement 748+1122 kW= 1870 kW

12 knots calm water =1366 kW

Single End Ferry





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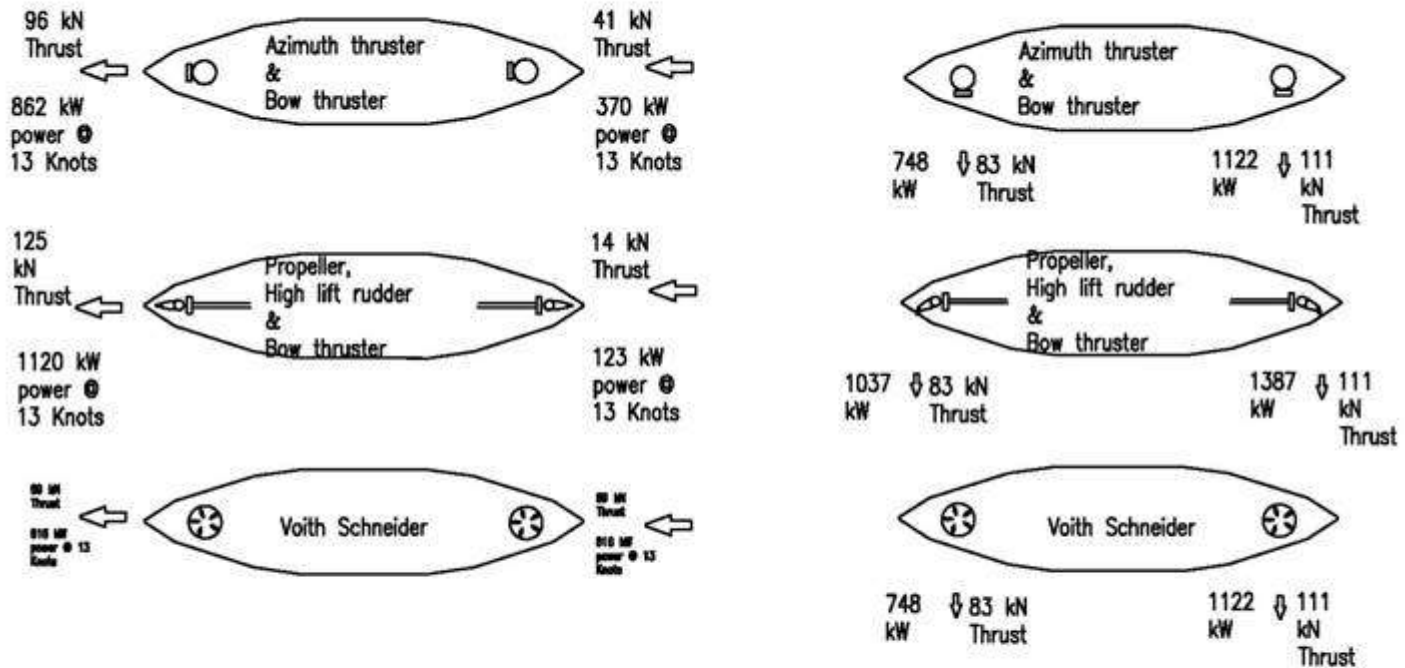
Propulsion powers are:

Azimuthing thruster aft with bow thruster fwd - 1870kW

Voith Schneider - 1980 kW

High lift rudder and bow thruster - 2522 kW

Double end Ferry



Double End Ferry

Propulsion powers are:

Azimuthing thruster aft and fwd	1984kW
Voith Schneider -	1870 kW
High lift rudder and bow thruster -	2507 kW

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Rolls-Royce Azimuth units Single, Contra-Rotating, Azipull



Rolls-Royce

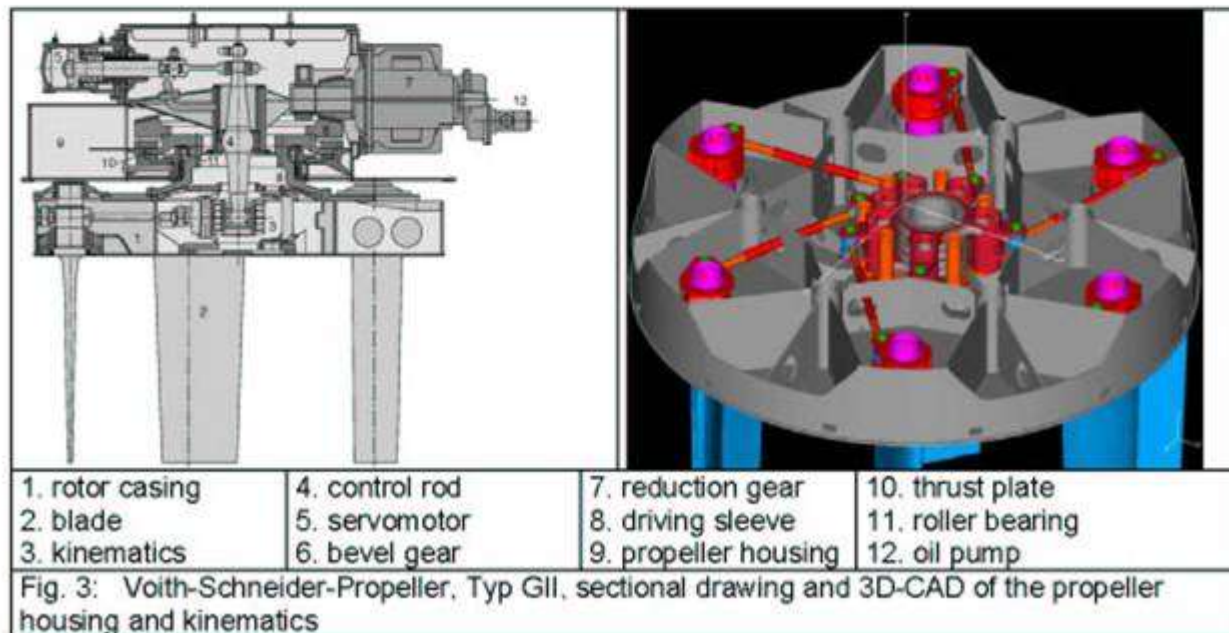
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VOITH

SVA
SCHIFFBAU-VERSUCHSANSTALT POTSDAM GmbH

The functional principle of the VSP is briefly explained to help to understand the technology of the VSP and its employment in DEF.





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Medium Speed Ferry

23 knots

145 m LOA

850 kN for 23 knots

750 kN side force for 40 knot beam wind

The options for propulsors are:

- **Propeller with high lift rudder.**

- There are no power or speed limits on the propeller although at high speeds there may be limits on the high lift rudder.

- The type of high lift rudder is limited on a double ended ferry.

- **Azimuthing thrusters**

- power is limited to 5000 kW for each unit and speeds are limited to 20 knots. Available as fixed pitch, contra-rotating propellers and controllable pitch propellers.

- **Voith Schneider**

- power is limited to 3485 kW for each unit and speeds are limited to 16 knots

- **Electric drive pods**
 - powers starting at 5000 kW and rising to 22000kW.
- **Mini pods with external drive (Azipull – Rolls-Royce) and internal drives (Compact Azipod - ABB)**
 - with powers up to 5000 kW and speeds up to 25 knots.

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Type	Number	Total power	Usable power	Speed Limitation
Contra-rotating propeller thrusters	4	12,600 kW	9000 kW	20 knots
Propeller	2	32,400 kW	18,000 kW	23.5 knots
Voith Schneider	2	4000 kW	4000 kW	16 knots
Mini-pod	4	20,000 kW	14,285 kW	22 knots
Electric POD	2	25,200 kW	18,000 kW	23.5 knots

High Speed Ferry

Once the speed approaches 30 knots

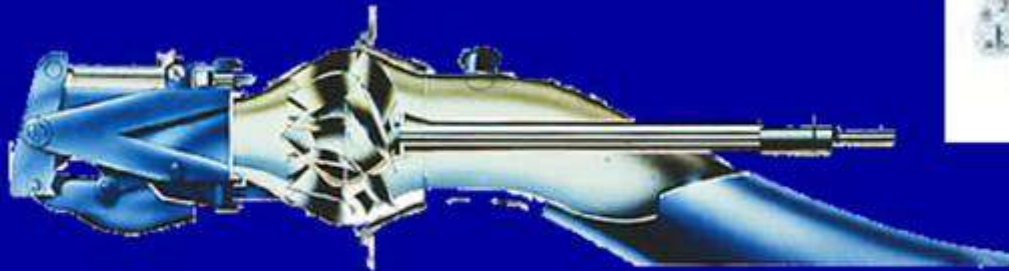
The water jet or the propeller
are the only options available

Water jet advantages are:

- Capability for thrust vectoring to increase manoeuvrability
- Capability to achieve operational speed with one jet down
- Improved efficiency above 30 knots over the propeller

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Kamewa Water Jets



Full closed thrust



Semi thrust



Full reverse thrust



Rolls-Royce



Typical High Speed Ferry

LOA 72 m

700 tonnes

Displacement

250 passengers

35 Cars

14,400 kW
propulsion power

4 Water Jets



Prime Movers

- **Direct Drive Geared Diesel**
- **Electric Drive using Diesel Generators**
- **Gas Turbine (diesel electric or direct)**
- **Fuel Cells**



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- **Direct Drive Geared Diesel**

SFC between 179 g/kWhr for Medium Speed and 210 g/kWhr for High Speed

Medium Speed choice for small ferries limited

- **Electric Drive using Diesel Generators**

- **Gas Turbine (diesel electric or direct)**

SFC 260 g/kWhr with power starting at 2400 kW

- **Fuel Cells**

Power available currently limited

- **Electric Drive using Diesel Generators**

System losses

Alternator	-	4-5%
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Converter/ Transformer	-	6-8%
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Motor	-	4-5%
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Total loss (max)		17%
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- **Electric Drive using Diesel Generators**

Weight increase (based on 1000 kW)

High speed Diesel	-	6.5 t
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Alternator	-	4 t
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Converter and transformer	-	7 t
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Propulsion Switchboard	-	0.5 t
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Weight Increase		16.5 t
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- **Electric Drive using Diesel Generators**
(based on 1000 kW)

Increased weight	16.5 t
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Reduced efficiency	17%
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Comparative Cost

Direct drive	£250,000
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Diesel electric	£1,000,000
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Medium or High Speed Diesel ?

Medium Speed

- Higher specific weight
- No limit on power
- Better SFC
- Heavy Fuel

High Speed

- Low weight
- Power limited to 9000 kW
- Lower initial cost
- Higher Maintenance cost ??

Medium or High Speed Diesel ?

**Comparison of 1000 kW diesels
6000 hrs /year including prime cost**

Medium Speed		High Speed	
20 years -	£500,000	20 years-	£422,000
30 years-	£660,000	30 years-	£671,000



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Design Examples

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35m COMPACT DIESEL-ELECTRIC RO-RO FERRY



BMT NIGEL GEE AND ASSOCIATES LTD



Principal Particulars

LOA 35.00 m
LWL 31.74 m
BOA 10.20 m
BWL 9.34 m
T 2.60 m
No. Pax 100
No. Car 16
Dwt 156.4 tonnes
Vs Max. 12.0 knots

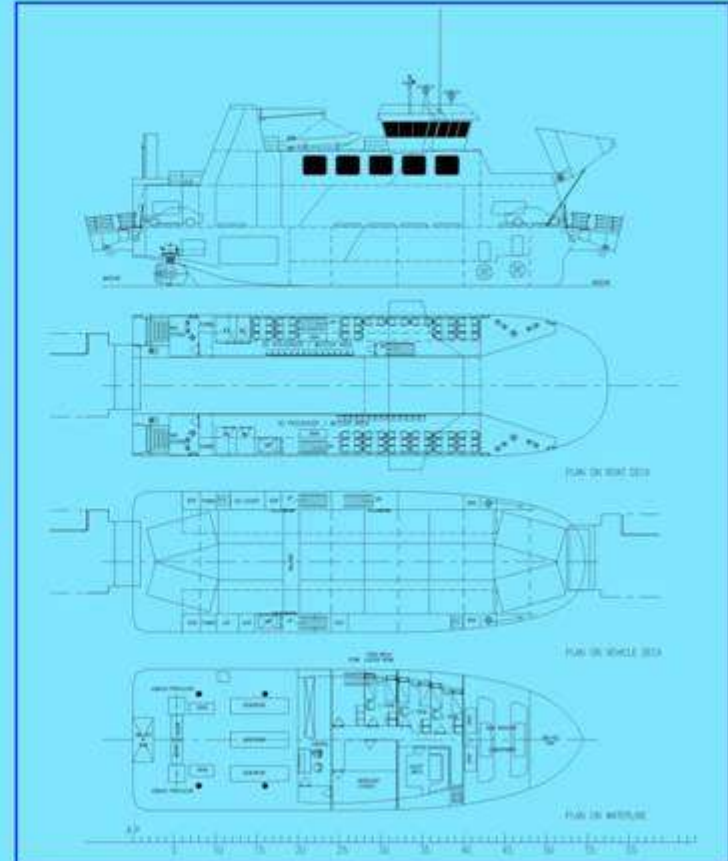
Class: Lloyds Register of Shipping

Shipyard: Northern Shipyard, Gdansk, Poland

Safety: Maritime Coast Guard Agency (UK)

Propulsion

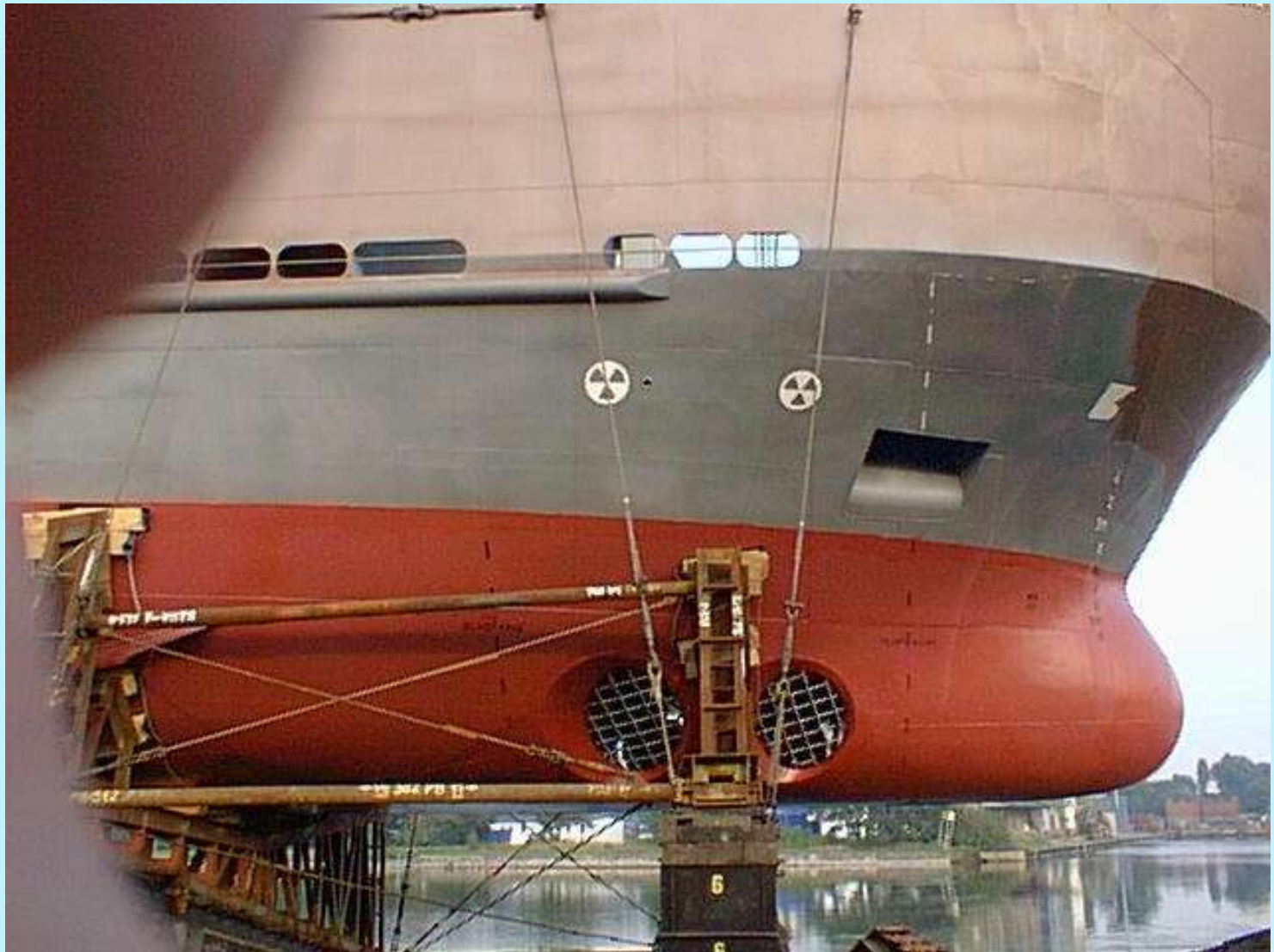
Main Engines 3 x 630(845 HP) kW Diesel
Generators
Propulsors 2 x Aquamaster US 601 CP



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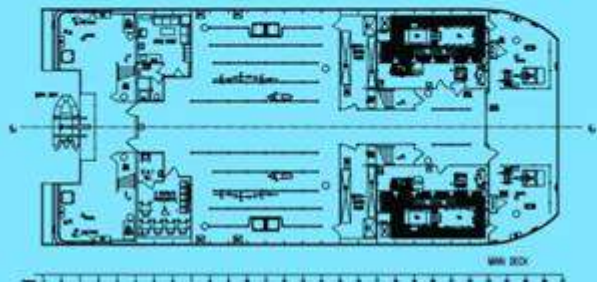
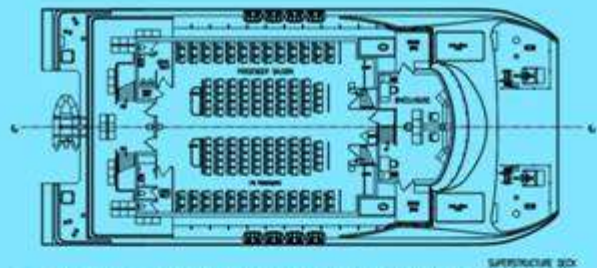
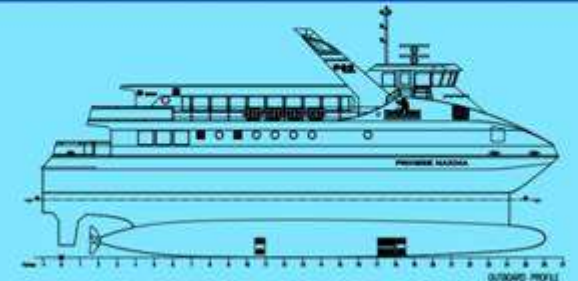
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FAST PASSENGER/CARGO FERRY

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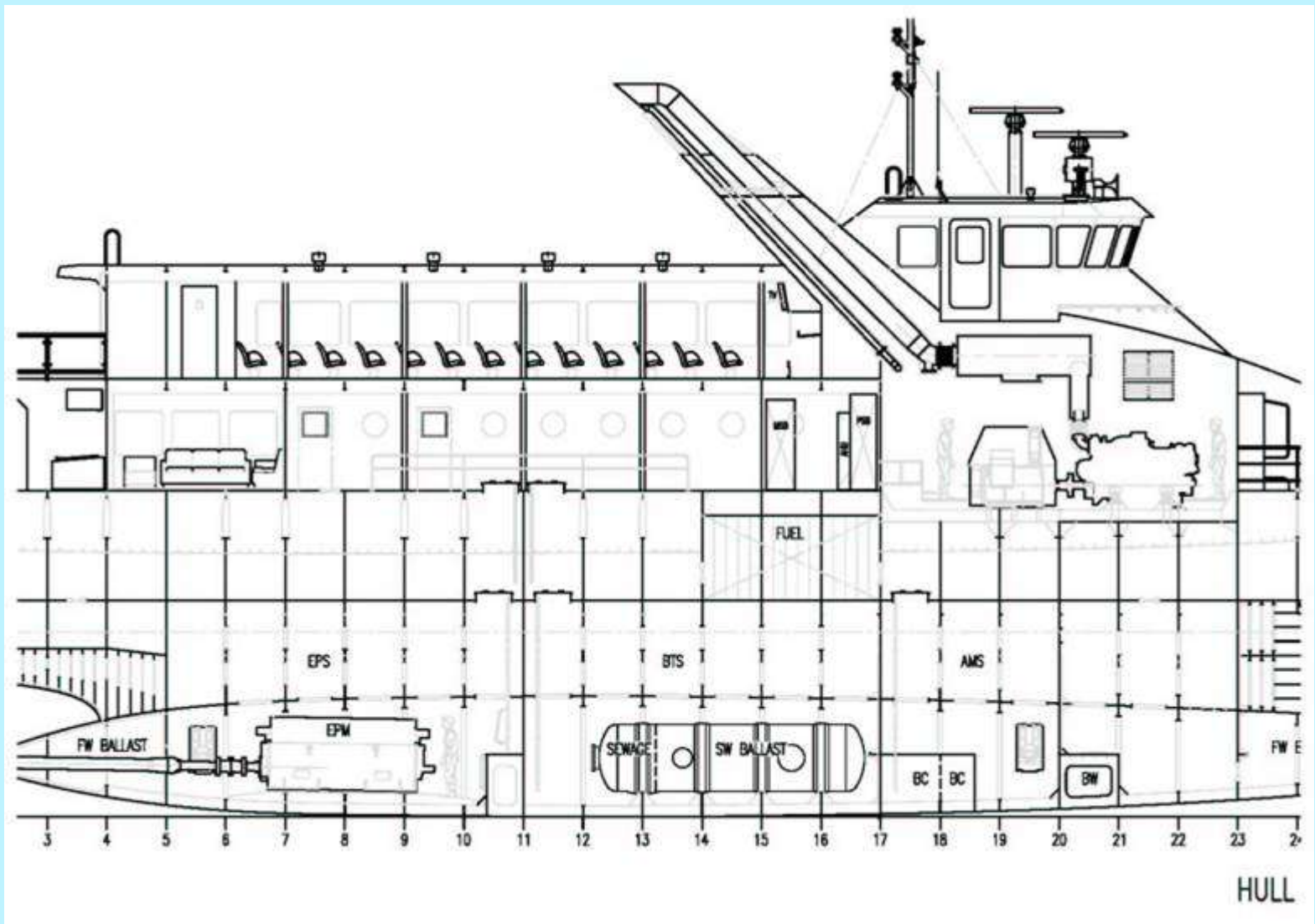


Principal Particulars

Class

LOA	41.00 m	<u>Shipyard:</u> Damen
LWL	35.63 m	
BOA	10.50 m	<u>Safety:</u>
BWL	2.48 m	
T	1.90 m	<u>Propulsion</u>
No. Pax		Main Engines
No. Car	-	Power
Dwt	tonnes	Propulsors
Vs Max.	knots	Ride Control

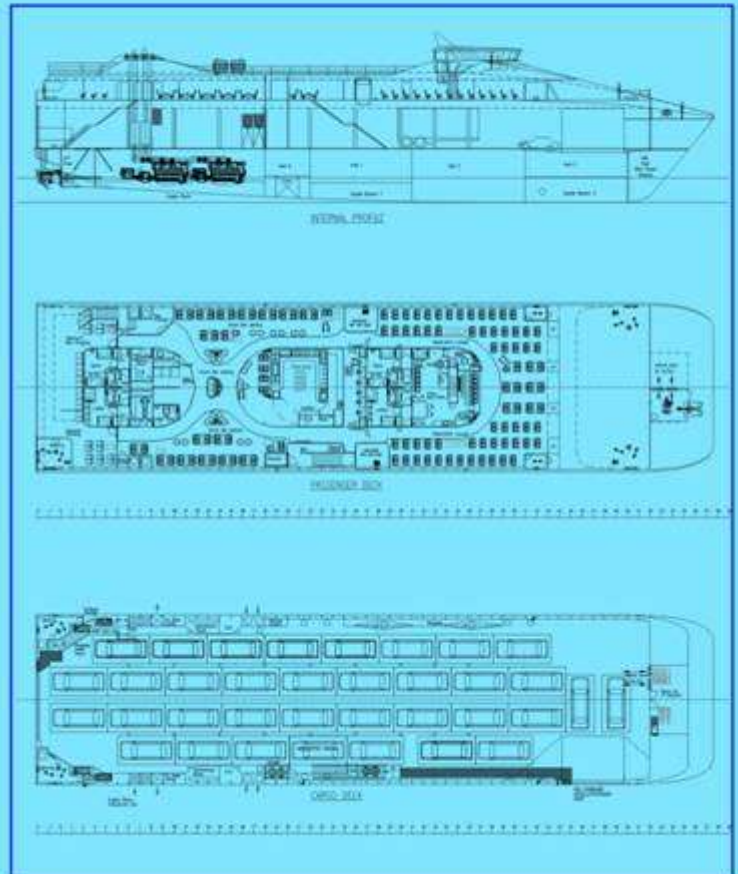
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FAST VEHICLE PASSENGER FERRY

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Principal Particulars

LOA 73.40 m
LWL 64.10 m
BOA 18.00 m
BWL 3.75 m
T 2.71 m
No. Pax 250
No. Car 35
Dwt 192.0 tonnes
Vs Max. 38.6 knots

Class: Det Norske Veritas

Shipyard: Derecktor

Safety: International Maritime Organization

Propulsion

Main Engines: 4 x MTU 16V 595 Te70 Diesels
Power: 4 x 3600 kW / 4 x 4828 HP
Propulsors: 4 x KaMeWa 90 SII
Ride Control: Trim Tabs

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