

**Document 100-T11**

# **STRUCTURAL CALCULATIONS**

**Per ABS Rules for Building and Classing Steel Vessels**  
**For Service on Rivers and Intracoastal Waterways, 2022**

For a

**48' x 18' FERRY TOWBOAT**

For

**TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
**HOUSTON - BENTON COUNTY FERRY**

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**3-1-1 DEFINITIONS**

**3.3 Length, L**

Length, molded hull **L = 48.00 feet**

**5 Breadth, B**

Greatest molded breadth **B = 18.00 feet**

**7 Depth, D**

Molded depth at side, at middle of L **D = 6.33 feet**

**9 Draft, d**

Molded draft to summer load line **d = 4.50 feet**

**17 Block Coefficient, C<sub>b</sub>**

Molded volume of displacement at draft d **V = 2480 cubic feet**  
 $C_b = V/(L*B*d)$  **C<sub>b</sub> = 0.64**

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**3-2-4/5 LONGITUDINAL STRENGTH**

**5 Longitudinal Strength**

Required hull girder Section Modulus within the midship 0.5L:

$$SM_r = (0.011) B D L$$

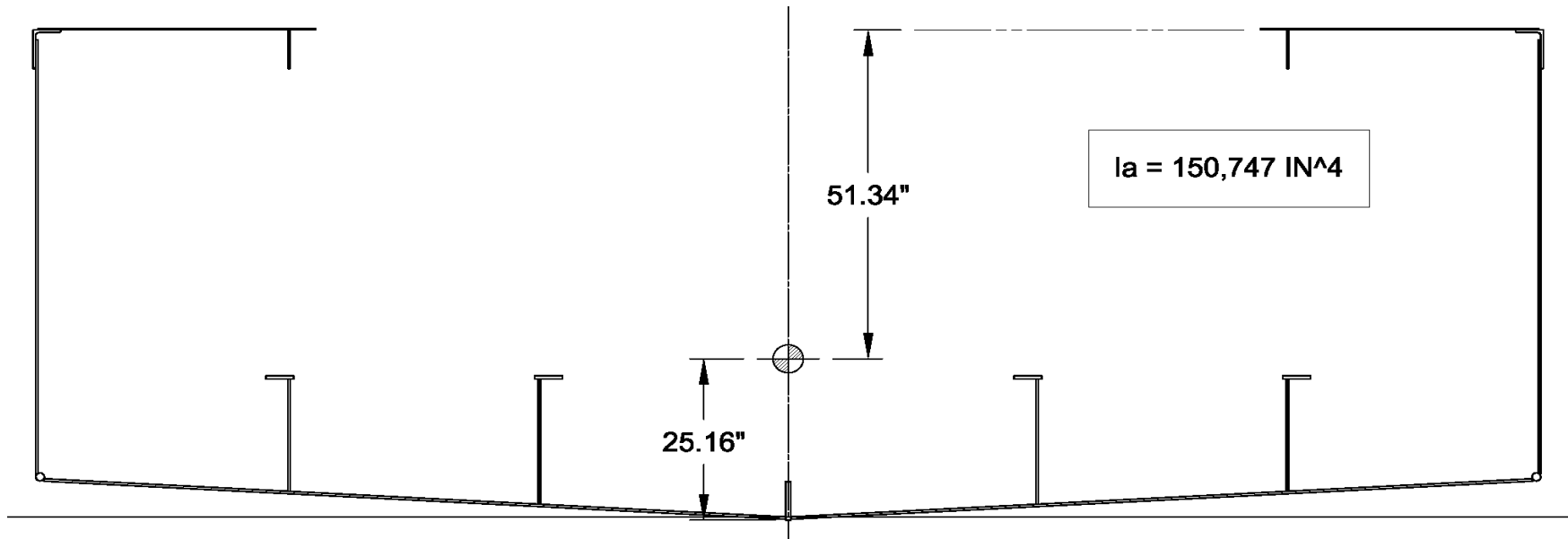
$$SM_r = \mathbf{60.19 \text{ in}^2\text{-ft}}$$

$$I_a \text{ from AutoCAD (see below)} \quad I_a = \mathbf{150,747 \text{ in}^4}$$

$$\text{Distance from neutral axis to highest point} \quad 51.340 \text{ in}$$

$$\text{Distance from neutral axis to lowest point} \quad 25.160 \text{ in}$$

$$\text{SECTION MODULUS} = I_a/c \quad SM_a = \mathbf{244.7 \text{ in}^2\text{-ft}}$$



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**3-2-4/7 DECK PLATING**

**7.1 Strength Decks**

The thickness of deck plating throughout is not to be less than 0.01 times the beam spacing (s)

Location	s (in)	req'd t (in)	offered t
Main deck plate, general	24.0	<b>0.240</b>	0.250
		<b>0.000</b>	
		<b>0.000</b>	
		<b>0.000</b>	
		<b>0.000</b>	

**7.3 Other Locations**

The thickness of plating forming the tops of deep tanks, watertight flats, bulkhead recesses and tunnel tops which may be used for stores space is to be 1 mm (0.04 in.) thicker than required for bulkhead plating at the same level.

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**3-2-4/9 FRAMES**

**9.1 Bottom Longitudinals**

s = member spacing, feet

l = unsupported span of the member, feet

c = 1.08

h = vertical distance from the longitudinal to the deck at side, feet

= for longitudinals in tanks, the vertical distance to the top of the overflow, feet

SM =  $0.0041 * c * h * s^2$  in<sup>3</sup> required section modulus

MEMBER DESCRIPTION	s	l	c	h	Required SM, in <sup>3</sup>	Offered SM, in <sup>3</sup>	Member Offered
Not applicable -			1.08		<b>0.00</b>		
Transversely framed			1.08		<b>0.00</b>		
			1.08		<b>0.00</b>		

**9.3 Side and Deck Framing (stiffeners)**

s = member spacing, feet

l = unsupported span of the member, feet

c = for side frames, the coefficient appropriate for type of construction, as given in 3-2-4/Figure 1

= 0.70 for deck beams in dry spaces = 1.00 for deck beams in tanks

= 1.08 for side longitudinals, etc. -- see Figure 1 for transverse frames

h = distance in feet, as given in 3-2-4/Figure 1 for side (transverse) frames

= in tanks, the vertical distance from middle of l to top of overflow, but not less than 4.0 ft for deck beams

= 4.0 ft for deck framing. For decks on which stores may be carried, h not less than height of the storage space.

MEMBER DESCRIPTION	s	l	c	h	Required SM, in <sup>3</sup>	Offered SM, in <sup>3</sup>	Member Offered
Side frames, typ. amidship	2.00	5.00	1.45	3.00	<b>0.89</b>	6.51	L 5 x 3 x 5/16" on 5/16" pl x 20"
Side frames in way of cooler boxes	2.00	5.00	1.45	3.00	<b>0.89</b>	2.05	3/8" x 4" bracket on 3/8" pl x 20"
					<b>0.00</b>		
Deck beam, forward	2.00	6.00	0.70	4.00	<b>0.83</b>	4.88	L 4" x 4" x 1/4" on 1/4" pl x 23.75"
Deck beam, fuel tank	2.00	3.00	1.00	4.00	<b>0.30</b>	4.73	L 4" x 4" x 1/4" on 1/4" pl x 12"
					<b>0.00</b>		
					<b>0.00</b>		



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**3-2-4/13 WEB FRAMES, GIRDERS AND STRINGERS**

s = member spacing, feet

l = unsupported span of the member, feet

c = 1.00 for bottom and side supporting members, and for deck supporting members in tanks  
 = 0.70 for deck supporting members in dry spaces

h = for bottom and side members, distance from the center of l to the deck at side, feet

= for bottom and side members in tanks, distance from the center of l to the top of overflow, feet

= 4.0 ft for deck supporting members. For decks on which stores may be carried, h not less than height of the storage space.

= for deck supporting members in tanks, not less than the height of the overflow

$$SM = 0.0041 * c * h * s * l^2 \text{ in}^3 \text{ required section modulus}$$

MEMBER DESCRIPTION	s	l	c	h	Required SM, in <sup>3</sup>	Offered SM, in <sup>3</sup>	Member Offered
					0.00		
Bottom frames, typ.	2.00	12.00	1.00	6.33	7.47	12.08	L 6" x 4" x 3/8" on 3/8" pl x 24"
					0.00		
					0.00		
Inboard girder, E.R.	6.00	14.00	1.00	6.33	30.52	56.12	5/16"x18" web, 1/2"x4" flg on 3/8"x48" pl
<i>(assume least depth @ fr. 16)</i>					0.00		
					0.00		
					0.00		
					0.00		
E.R transverse deck header, ~ fr 11	1.70	12.00	0.70	4.00	2.81	2.86	FB 1/4" x 6" on 1/4" x 12"
E.R. long'l deck header, fr 10-17	1.29	14.00	0.70	4.00	2.91	2.92	FB 1/4" x 6" on 1/4" x 19.5"
<i>(assumes no load inbd)</i>					0.00		
					0.00		
					0.00		

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**3-2-4/15 BULKHEADS**

**15.3 Construction of Tank Boundary Bulkheads**

**15.3.1 Plating**

s = spacing of stiffeners, inches

h = vertical distance (feet) from the lower edge of the plate to the top of the overflow

$t = s \cdot (h)^{1/2} / 460 + 0.07$  inches required plating thickness, but not less than 0.20 inches

Location	s	h	required t	offered t
			<b>0.200</b>	
Aft fuel tank bulkhead, fr. 10	18.00	6.50	<b>0.200</b>	0.250
			<b>0.200</b>	
Longitudinal bhd, fr. 6-10 (deepest)	24.00	6.50	<b>0.203</b>	0.250
			<b>0.200</b>	
			<b>0.200</b>	
			<b>0.200</b>	
			<b>0.200</b>	

**15.3.2 Stiffening**

s = stiffener spacing, feet

l = unsupported span of the member, feet

h = vertical distance from the middle of l to the top of the overflow, feet

$SM = 0.0041 \cdot h \cdot s \cdot l^2$  in<sup>3</sup> required section modulus

Location	s	l	h	Required SM, in <sup>3</sup>	Offered SM, in <sup>3</sup>	Member Offered
				<b>0.00</b>		
Transv. bhd, fr. 10, tank portion only	1.50	4.08	6.50	<b>0.67</b>	<b>2.64</b>	L 3"x3"x1/4" on 1/4"x12" pl
				<b>0.00</b>		
Long'l bhd, fr. 5 - 9, vertical stiffers	2.00	4.08	6.50	<b>0.89</b>	<b>2.64</b>	L 3"x3"x1/4" on 1/4"x12" pl
				<b>0.00</b>		
				<b>0.00</b>		
				<b>0.00</b>		
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**3-2-4/15 BULKHEADS**

**15.5 Construction of Other Watertight Bulkheads**

**15.5.1 Plating**

s = spacing of stiffeners, inches

h = vertical distance (feet) from the lower edge of the plate to the height of the deck at centerline

$t = s*(h)^{1/2}/525 + 0.04$  inches required plating thickness, but not less than 0.18 inches

Location	s	h	required t	offered t
			<b>0.180</b>	
Wt Bhd 10	18	6.33	<b>0.180</b>	0.25
			<b>0.180</b>	
			<b>0.180</b>	
			<b>0.180</b>	

**15.5.2 Stiffening**

s = stiffener spacing, feet

l = unsupported span of the member, feet

h = vertical distance from the middle of l to the deck at centerline, feet

$SM = (0.0041)*(0.46)*h*s*l^2$  in<sup>3</sup> required section modulus

Location	s	l	h	Required SM, in <sup>3</sup>	Offered SM, in <sup>3</sup>	Member Offered
				<b>0.00</b>		
				<b>0.00</b>		
Wt Bhd 10 vertical stiffeners	1.50	6.33	3.17	<b>0.36</b>	<b>2.64</b>	L 3"x3"x1/4" on 1/4"x12" pl
				<b>0.00</b>		
				<b>0.00</b>		
				<b>0.00</b>		
				<b>0.00</b>		

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**3-2-4/17 SHELL PLATING**

**17.1 Bottom Shell**

L = 48.00 feet  
 s = frame spacing, in  
 $t = 0.000825L + 0.007s - 0.02$  in (min. t = 0.20 in)

Location	s	required thickness t, in	thickness offered, in
Bottom shell, general	24	<b>0.200</b>	0.375
		<b>0.200</b>	

**17.3 Side Shell**

s = frame spacing, in  
 $t = 0.000825L + 0.007s - 0.04$  in for L < 240 ft (min. t = 0.20 in)  
 $t = 0.000825L + 0.007s - 0.06$  in for L >= 240 ft (min. t = 0.20 in)

Location	s	required thickness t, in	thickness offered, in
Side shell, general	24	<b>0.200</b>	0.313
		<b>0.200</b>	

**17.5 Bilge and Tunnel Plating**

Where radiused bilges are used, the bottom thickness is to extend to the upper turn of the bilge. Where the radius at the bilge exceeds 12 inches, the thickness of the plating should be at least 0.06 inches greater than the required thickness for side plating. The shell plating in tunnels in way of propellers is to be increased above the requirements of this Subsection.

**17.7 Bilge Angles**

Where angles are used at the bilges or gunwales they are to have a thickness at least 0.06 inches greater than that of the thinner of the two plates joined.

*At gunwale, L 6 x 4 x 3/8" angle is used, joining 1/4" deck plate & 5/16" side plate*

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**3-2-4/19 DECKHOUSES**

**19.1 Scantlings**

Deckhouses on towboats are to be of adequate construction, consideration being given to their size and the loads which may be imposed upon them. **The plating of the deckhouses is to be not less than 10 gauge**, and where the spacing of stiffeners exceeds 24 inches, the plating thickness is to be increased. **Stiffeners are not to be less than 2.5 inches in depth** and this depth is to be increased if the length of the stiffeners is over 8 feet.

Offered deckhouse Plating: 

Sides and Ends: 3/16" plate

Offered deckhouse Stiffeners: 

Front: L 3x2x3/16, 16" max. spacing
Sides and aft: L 3x2x3/16", 16" max. spacing

The scantlings of decks and platforms above the main deck are to be determined from 3-2-4/9.3 and 3-2-4/13 using an h not less than 2.0 ft for the first level above the main deck and 1.5 ft for the second level or higher:

s = member spacing, feet

l = unsupported span of the member, feet

c = 0.70 for deck supporting members

h = 2.0 ft for first deck level above main deck, = 1.5 ft for second level or higher above main deck

SM =  $0.0041 * c * h * s * l^2$  in<sup>3</sup> required section modulus

MEMBER DESCRIPTION	s	l	h	Required SM, in <sup>3</sup>	Offered SM, in <sup>3</sup>	Member Offered
01 deck beams (PH void deck)	1.33	11.50	2.00	<b>1.01</b>	1.53	L 3x2x3/16" on 3/16" p, 16" c-c
PH deck	1.33	9.25	2.00	<b>0.65</b>	1.53	L 3x2x3/16" on 3/16" p, 16" c-c
PH top	1.33	9.17	2.00	<b>0.64</b>	1.53	L 3x2x3/16" on 3/16" p, 16" c-c
				<b>0.00</b>		
				<b>0.00</b>		
				<b>0.00</b>		

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**3-2-4/21 KEELS, STEMS AND STERNFRAMES**

**21.1 Bar Keels**

Required:

$$\begin{aligned}t &= \mathbf{0.67} \text{ inches} = 0.0062L + 0.37 \\h &= \mathbf{4.33} \text{ inches} = 0.0127L + 3.72 \\SM &= \mathbf{2.09} \text{ in}^3 \\I &= \mathbf{4.52} \text{ in}^4\end{aligned}$$

Offered:

$$\begin{aligned}t &= \mathbf{0.75} \text{ inches} \\h &= \mathbf{6.00} \text{ inches} \\SM &= \mathbf{4.50} \text{ in}^3 \\I &= \mathbf{13.50} \text{ in}^4\end{aligned}$$

**21.3 Flat Plate Keels**

Flat plate keels are not to be of less thickness than required for bottom plating.

**21.5 Bar Stems**

Required:

$$\begin{aligned}t &= \mathbf{0.46} \text{ inches} = 0.0046L + 0.44 \\h &= \mathbf{3.21} \text{ inches} = 0.0131L + 3.15 \\SM &= \mathbf{0.79} \text{ in}^3 \\I &= \mathbf{1.27} \text{ in}^4\end{aligned}$$

Offered:

$$\begin{aligned}t &= \mathbf{0.75} \text{ inches} \\h &= \mathbf{6.00} \text{ inches} \\SM &= \mathbf{4.50} \text{ in}^3 \\I &= \mathbf{13.50} \text{ in}^4\end{aligned}$$

**21.7 Sternposts**

Not applicable

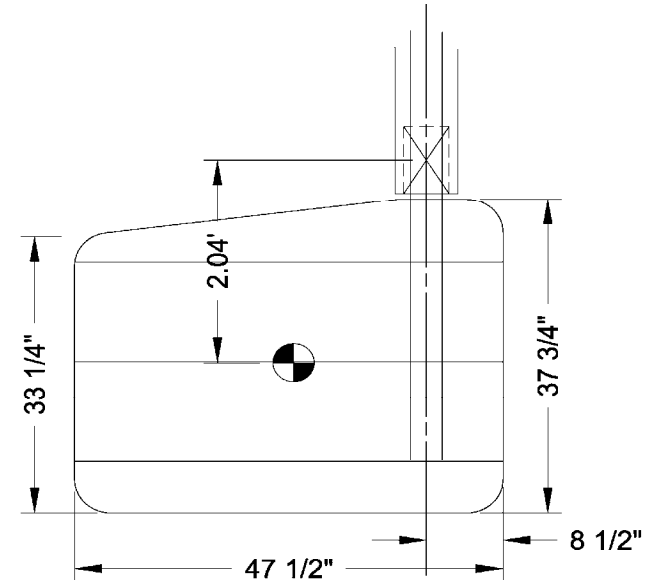
**21.9 Stern Frames**

Not applicable

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**RUDDERS - TAKEN FROM ABS RULES FOR STEEL VESSELS UNDER 90M**

**3-2-11 RUDDERS (ABS 90m Rules)**



**3.1 Rudder Force**

- $n = 0.00123$  constant
- $A = 11.82$  ft<sup>2</sup> total projected area of rudder
- $b = 2.98$  ft mean height of rudder area
- $k_R = 0.92 = (b^2/A+2)/3$ , but not > 1.33
- $k_C = 1.00$  section coef., from Table 1A
- $k_I = 1.00$  coefficient from Table 2
- $V = 10.00$  knots max. design speed, ahead

$Cr = n \cdot k_R \cdot k_C \cdot k_I \cdot A \cdot V^2$   
**Cr = 1.333** long tons rudder force ahead

**Astern Condition**

- $k_C = 1.00$  section coef., from Table 1A
- $V_a = 5.00$  knots maximum astern speed

$Cra = n \cdot k_R \cdot k_C \cdot k_I \cdot A \cdot V_a^2$   
**Cra = 0.333** long tons rudder force astern

**5.3 Rudder Torque for Scantlings**

- $A_f = 2.18$  ft<sup>2</sup> area of rudder forward of stock centerline
- $c = 3.96$  ft mean breadth of rudder area
- $\alpha = 0.33$  coefficient from Table 3
- $r = 0.58 = c(\alpha - A_f/A)$  but not < 0.1c

$Qr = Cr \cdot r$   
**Qr = 0.769** ft-l. tons rudder torque, ahead

**Astern Condition**

- $\alpha = 0.66$  coefficient from Table 3
- $r_a = 1.88 = c(\alpha - A_f/A)$

$Qra = Cra \cdot r_a$   
**Qra = 0.628** ft-l. tons rudder torque, astern

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**3-2-11 RUDDERS (ABS 90m Rules)**

**7.5 Bending Moment**

$l_n = 2.04$  ft distance from center of neck bearing to the centroid of rudder area

$$M_n = C_r * l_n$$

**$M_n = 2.720$**  ft-l. tons bending mom. ahead

$$M_{na} = C_{ra} * l_n$$

**$M_{na} = 0.680$**  ft-l. tons bending mom. astern

**1.3 Rudder Stock Material Factor**

$n_y = 34,000$  psi

material: AISI 1018 cold drawn steel

$y = 54,000$  psi yield strength of material

$u = 64,000$  psi ultimate tensile strength of material :

$Y = 44,800 = y$ , but not greater than  $0.7u$  or 65,000 psi

$e = 0.75$

$$K_s = (n_y / Y)^e$$

**$K_s = 0.813$**

**7.1 Upper Rudder Stocks**

$N_u = 2.39$

$$S = N_u * (Q_r * K_s)^{1/3}$$

**$S = 2.043$**  inches dia. using ahead forces

$$S_a = N_u * (Q_{ra} * K_s)^{1/3}$$

**$S_a = 1.910$**  inches dia. using astern forces

upper stock diameter offered: **2.75** inches

**7.3 Lower Rudder Stocks**

$$S_l = S [1 + (4/3)(M_n / Q_r)^2]^{1/6}$$

**$S_l = 3.30$**  inches dia. using ahead forces

$$S_{la} = S_a [1 + (4/3)(M_{na} / Q_{ra})^2]^{1/6}$$

**$S_{la} = 2.23$**  inches dia. using astern forces

lower stock diameter offered: **3.50** inches

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**3-2-11 RUDDERS (ABS 90m Rules)**

**19 Single Plate Rudders**

**19.3 Blade Thickness**

s = 12.00 inches spacing of stiffener arms, not to exceed 39 inches

V = 10.00 knots design speed

tb =  $0.0015*s*V + 0.1$  required blade thickness

**tb = 0.280 inches** thickness offered: **0.38** inches

**19.5 Arms**

C1 = 3.25 feet horizontal distance from aft edge of rudder to centerline of stock

Q = 1.00 = 1.0 for ordinary strength steel; as defined in 3-2-1/7.5 for higher strength steel

thickness = not less than the blade thickness obtained above

**thickness = 0.280 inches**

SM =  $0.0000719*s*C1^2*V^2*Q$

**SM = 0.911 in<sup>3</sup> section modulus of each set of arms about the axis of the rudder stock**

member offered: **2 x FB 3/8" x 3"**

SM offered: **2.54** in<sup>3</sup>