

CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR 2004 PROJECT SUMMARY

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Project Number

S0103

Project Title

Hydrodynamics

Abstract

Objectives/Goals

The purpose of this experiment was to discover if different boat hull shapes affect drag, acceleration, and velocity

Methods/Materials

14 PVC U-yoke sides with connectors, 6 38-inch PVC pipes with holes, 10 38-inch PVC pipes without holes, 11 12-inch PVC pipes, 6 5-inch PVC pipes, 2 PVC straight coupling, 8 PVC 90 degree elbows, 1 CPVC pipe, 1 6 meter vinyl tank, 6 wooden planks, 18 wooden spacer blocks, 2 splash guards, 1 line guide pulley assembly, 2 pulley block assembly, 4 machine screws, 4 wing nuts, 1 30 foot pulley line, 1 Aqua Trak Data Wheel Interface, 1 Laptop

Results

In both the 100 g trials and the 400 g trials The Red Boat had a greater veloctiy and acceleration than The Blue Boat. However in the 100 g trials The Red Boat had greater drag than The Blue Boat. In the 400 g trails The Blue Boat had greater drag.

Conclusions/Discussion

The hypothesis was mostly correct The Red Boat had greater acceleration and velocity than The Blue Boat, however in the 100 g trail The Red Boat had greater drag than The Blue boat.

Summary Statement

The experimentation of different boat hull shapes and how they affect movement.

Help Received

Used Ribet Academy Engineering Lab under the supervision of Mr. Shirajian