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ABSTRACT

The paper discusses the economic advantages of self-polishing anti-fouling copolymers on advanced antifouling paints. The Average Hull Roughness is introduced in a mathematical model to quantify the fuel-oil savings on a 150 000 dwt tanker. A computer simulation model for the comparison of wetted hull surface management is described. The Net Present Value concept is utilised to assess the most economical alternative on both new building and existing ships. It shows that self-polishing copolymer paint, despite its higher investment price, challenges other paint systems at today's marine fuel-oil price.

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I PREFACE :

The study I am presenting here is not an attempt to determine concisely which paint system is most economical for a given ship but rather presents the methods to use in making such a determination when specific detailed input data is available.

The economical recession which began in 1973 has and will continue to make the energy users more aware of the fact that marine fuel-oil cost takes a large part of the total ship running cost.

Thus, the main objective of the following development is to produce a data-based program which takes into consideration the inter-connection between a hull paint system and the global ship running cost. The program is composed of several sub-programs providing a means which eases an otherwise tedious and laborious economical study based on the Net Present Value concept. This shows the time elapsed before a more expensive alternative starts to be profitable.

II INTRODUCTION :

The total cost of hull roughness of the United-Kingdom's Merchant Fleet in terms of extra fuel-oil needed to maintain the new ship speed and assuming no fouling, has been evaluated by a team of the University of Newcastle upon Tyne -1980- to £ 400 Million per year, taking an initial hull roughness of 125 μ m MAA and an annual increase of roughness of 25 μ m and an average fuel cost of all types burnt of £70 per ton .

A similar study was also done to evaluate the extra fuel cost due to both roughness and fouling of the Royal Navy fleet and is approaching 20% .

Undoubtedly, hull bottom roughness and fouling are two parameters which play a significant role in a ship running cost . Shipowners cannot indefinitely neglect the fact that a well controlled hull roughness is synonymous with consequential savings .

In the following, I am tackling the possible savings which can be earned if a proper and adequate paint system is chosen on a VLCC vessel. The hull paint system will be limited to: (i) an advanced antifouling paint, (ii) a self polishing copolymer. However, due to the sophisticated and different quality of each of those named above, the program should allow alteration of data whenever it might be needed in order to approach the reality as near as possible . This would give one a more flexible program .

The study includes new ships as well as existing ones.

Energy conservation is widely dependent on four main factors which are:

1. Hull efficiency improvement
2. Engine efficiency improvement
3. Propulsion efficiency improvement
4. Operational improvement

The last three factors will not be in the scope of this work. However, the first factor i.e. Hull efficiency improvement is itself dependent on two parameters :

- (i) Frictional resistance
- (ii) Residual resistance

The latter has much to do with the hydrodynamic form of the hull while the former is directly concerned with the phenomena of fouling and roughness .

The marine field people have known for centuries that fouling roughness caused by marine growths is responsible for a decreased ship's performance.

Today, research work is showing that fouling roughness is not the only parameter producing ship performance changes but also the hull roughness which has much to do with the plating material itself, the paint quality and behaviour etc...

It is this latter consideration I intend to develop i.e. what are the influences of hull roughness on ship economics ?

III HULL ROUGHNESS :

Hull roughness embraces not less than four components . These four components are successively :

- (i) Plating
- (ii) Paint/Coating
- (iii) Corrosion
- (iv) Fouling .

(i) The plating

The plate roughness is the initial roughness of the bare metal used for shell plating , right from the steel-mill factory . It should be noted that nothing can be done in this area unless new materials are found or much more expensive materials with smoother surface are employed in ship building .

(ii) The paint/coating

The paint/coating roughness represents the additional roughness added by the application of various anticorrosion and antifouling paints or coatings and is highly dependent on the type of coatings, the application techniques and the quality of workmanship during application .

(iii) Corrosion

The corrosion roughness represents the increase in hull roughness caused by surface pitting and cracking in areas where anticorrosion measures have failed .

(iv) Fouling

The fouling roughness represents the marine growths on hull surface whether or not protected by antifouling paints - if antifouling coatings have failed or exceeded their effective life - .

IV ROUGHNESS QUANTIFICATION

The measure of hull roughness used in this paper is the so-called AVERAGE HULL ROUGHNESS ,AHR expressed in microns per 50 millimeters - $\mu\text{m}/50\text{mm}$ - .

At some 100 or more positions evenly spread over the hull wetted surface the Mean Hull Roughness , MHR, is measured from about a dozen 50mm sampling lengths . The average of the MHR values is the Average Hull Roughness .

Where the measurement positions have not been uniformly distributed over the bottom and sides , some weighting may be necessary in the averaging process .

The MHR is obtained from the separation of two parallel lines touching the highest peak and lowest trough in each 50mm sample . In recent measuring instruments this slope is judged by a skid surrounding the measuring probe which is then able to measure and output the peak to trough separation directly , thus avoiding the manual analysis of smoked glass slides using a freehand envelope curve judged by eye .

The BSRA's method is one way of approach of quantifying the hull surface topography. It is certainly a good step to evaluate the roughness effect on the ship's power. But one has to consider that although the BSRA's method is based on statistical computation it is not yet the best solution to hull roughness identification. As a matter of fact, two equal AHR might not necessarily represent two identical configurations. Figure 2 shows two surfaces of different topography but of equal AHR. Because of those differences, a correction factor should be included while determining the hull roughness effect on ship power. In the following study this correction factor is not taken into consideration.

V FOULING ROUGHNESS EVOLUTION

grasses which initially appear in the fouling process and non-pilant fouling represented by higher level organisms such as barnacles , which require a suitable fouling substrate prior to attaching themselves to the hull .

The hull fouling roughness is evaluated taking into account the following parameters :

- (i) Antifouling coating effective life if any
- (ii) Ship's time in port
- (iii) Port fouling severity .

Each type of antifouling coating has a particular effective life depending upon the toxicant concentration and efficiency .

The fouling caused by time spent in port is highly depending upon the length of the stay and the port fouling characteristics . The latter factor is easily determined as data of port fouling factor coming from long date observations are nowadays available from all the measure ports all around the world .

This fouling aspect will merely be incorporated in the ship's trading pattern i.e. the number of day in port or anchorage and the geographical operation by choosing the proper toxicant grade of the antifouling . Days at sea are not taken into consideration as it has been worked out that fouling do not occur if the ship's speed exceed 3 knots .

Once fouling occurs , it is rather difficult to make an assessment of the fouling grade . The effect of fouling on ship's power is not yet precisely defined and research work based on widely collected data information should lead in a near future in an improvement of the 1978 ITTC's formula which will be touch upon further on in this study .

For the purpose of this study the assumptions of having a sound anticorrosion paint system applied on a well pretreated hull surface i.e. grit-blasted to SA 2 1/2 and with a blast-primer coat are made .

VI ROUGHNESS EVOLUTION DURING THE BUILDING STAGE

Usually the average roughness of shot blasted and primed stock plate lays between 40 and 60um/50mm. A typical wetted surface paint system has a dry film thickness of about 300um to 500um. The cause of the observed roughness of hulls prior to delivery is clearly due to the nature of the applied paint together with any inadequacies in the application process. The roughness increase is also observed after each drydocking, the new paint system being the cause. This is even true for self-polishing paint where after water washing of the old SPC and applying a new SPC, the hull roughness at the outdocking is actually higher of 25 to 30um/50mm than the indocking figure.

Table I shows the roughness history of one vessel from the shot blasted and shop primed plates, through fabrication and the various stages of painting to subsequent drydockings.

	AHR um/50mm
Shot blasted and primed plate	55
After 3 coats anti-corrosive	135
After antifouling	160
At first drydocking; indocking	160
At first drydocking; outdocking	180

Table I : Roughness during building

VII ROUGHNESS EVOLUTION OF NEW SHIPS

The hull roughness of new ships beginning service is highly dependent of the shipyard careness and the ability of handling the hull plating.

A set of data produced by BSRA for ships built between 1966 and 1975 gave a mean value of 129um/50mm, with a modal value of 125 um/50mm.

It is nowadays possible to get values of less than 100um/50mm and some shipyard argue on the possibility of delivering ships with a roughness of 60um/50mm. On the other hand, values exceeding 200 um/50mm are still encountered on new ships.

VIII ROUGHNESS EVOLUTION WITH AGE OF SHIP

The evolution of hull roughness with the age of the ship is mainly depending upon the following:

- (i) the coating systems used and their performance
- (ii) the cathodic protection if any
- (iii) the number of drydockings and the quality of work carried out at each.

As a common rule, the AHR increases with the age of ship but the relationship between roughness and age is far to be simple. This is clearly demonstrated in fig.1 showing the wide scatter of data points. The data exclude hulls which have been fully re-blasted at any stage.

8.1 Evolution of hull roughness with SPC paint systems

The evolution of hull roughness on ships painted with self-polishing copolymers depends mainly on the smoothing and polishing rates and the anti-corrosion paint system. The smoothing rate of the best quality paint may be as high as -3um/50mm per month and the polishing rate as high as 10um. The polishing rate is generally chosen accordingly with the ship's speed pattern. A slow ship will usually have a paint which has a high polishing rate.

After each drydocking, the AHR becomes higher than the in-docking value (+25 to 30um/50mm) due to the new paint application. A five year ship has an AHR average of 150 um/50mm while a 10 year ship has an AHR average of 230 um/50mm.

8.2 Evolution of hull roughness with advanced antifouling paint system :

An average of 30um/50mm yearly increase has been reported by a BSRA study over a number of year. However, a well maintained wetted hull surface might have a figure as low as 10 to 15um/50mm increase per annum. On the contrary, a bad maintained hull may have a yearly AHR increase of up to 50um/50mm. A five year ship has as an average an AHR of 275um/50mm while a 10 year ship has an average AHR of up to 600um/50mm.

IX PAINT MATERIALS

Paint systems of a ship's wetted surface have two main functions:

- (i) to protect the plating against corrosion
- (ii) to avoid marine growths.

The paint manufacturers have not yet elaborate a paint which could be able to give both protections. Consequently, the ship's paint system is composed of two paint types, each one fulfilling a determined task, namely a primer system giving protection against corrosion and an antifouling system giving protection against marine growths.

9.1 Anti-corrosion paint systems :

The ship's wetted surface steel plating is at sea subject to an electro-chemical corrosion process.

The corrosion development is relatively important due to the fact that sea water is a good electricity conductor and has a high oxygen concentration. This electro-chemical corrosion can be stopped by applying a coating working as a barrier avoiding any contact between the steel plate on one side and the sea water and the oxygen on the other side. This coating needs also to have a very high electrical resistance.

The other requirements are that it should have a very high adhesion and mechanical strength. There are today's quite a number of paints which fulfill the above requirements and the types which are prevailing are based on vinyl tar and coal tar epoxy.

To give an effective corrosion protection, those paints require however a well shot blasted surface and eventually a blast primer or shop primer paint. The surface is then given a two to four coats with a total dryfilm thickness of up to 400um.

9.2 Antifouling paint systems :

All the antifouling paints, despite their different mechanisms of action, have one thing in common: all use biocides in order to control marine growth fouling. The biocides used are mainly organotin, cuprous oxide and cuprous thiocyanate.

9.2.1 Conventional antifouling paints :

For many years ships were drydocked on an annual basis and conventional antifouling paints were applied year after year.

The mechanism of action of such paints is based on the release of biocides from a soluble rosin matrix. A flood of biocides is released as soon as the ship is launched.

The leaching rate decreases in an exponential manner and after 6 to 12 months, the release is not high enough to give adequate protection. The porous film left after the biocides leach out presents a weak substrate for the newly applied coatings. This, together with the accumulation of paint year after year, coat after coat, can give rise to detachment problems and thus increase the hull roughness of the ship.

9.2.2 Advanced antifouling paints :

This type of paints functions in a similar manner to the conventional paints, but gives somewhat longer protection. The film is reinforced with a strong, insoluble resin such as chlorinated rubber or vinyl resin. Paint accumulation, again, represents a problem and after a few dockings, peeling off and flaking will occur and, consequently, roughness will increase.

Reactivable antifouling paints are based on a principle similar to that named above but can provide even longer protection. The porous layer, formed as the toxicants leach out, can be easily removed by especially designed brushes, exposing a new fresh layer of antifouling. This reactivation process can be performed afloat without the need for drydocking. However, attention must be paid to the fact that in-situ brushing i.e. brushing while the ship is afloat is -no matter how carefully performed - source of fouling problems because a certain percentage of antifouling is obviously removed while brushing is carried out.

9.2.3 Self-Polishing Copolymer antifouling paint systems :

The early 1970's saw the introduction of self-polishing copolymer antifouling paints SPCs. These are based on organotin copolymers, which, unlike the conventional and long life antifouling paints, release the biocides in a controlled manner.

On highly sophisticated SPCs, this leaching rate is almost linear and constant. The organotin biocides are chemically bound to the polymer and are released in contact with sea water, by the hydrolysis and/or ion exchange. The remaining backbone then dissolves or is washed away, allowing a new, fresh surface to be exposed. This mechanism provides a much better and more linear rate of biocide release. Thus, the antifouling action is extended to the last layer of paint. This surface hydrolysis / ion exchange makes the antifouling protection directly proportional to the thickness of the coating. This latter characteristic allows a longer fouling free period, thus a longer drydocking interval is practically feasible.

However, an important remark has to be mentioned when it concerns the effective life time of an SPC paint system. Theoretically, it is particularly true that the antifouling protection is proportional to the dryfilm thickness of the SPC coats but a practical limit has to be set because of the mechanical property of the paint. The paint is subject to gravity force and depending on the adhesion and strength characteristics detachment problems may occur.

Today, some SPC paints are able to give a sixty months fouling protection.

This type of protection can only be offered by the self-polishing paints and the reactivable paints. The difference lays in the case of self-polishing antifouling paints, that the ship's wetted surface actually becomes smoother in operation due to the fact that turbulent water flow will have a higher effect on the dissolution of the peaks of the paint surface. Thus, a decrease in roughness is noted between that observed on a newly painted ship and the same ship returned for the next drydocking.

Figure 3 shows the different mechanisms of antifouling paints with time at sea.

X HULL MAINTENANCE STRATEGIES

A shipowner has nowadays the utmost hard task of choosing the adequate hull maintenance strategy for each particular ship of his fleet since the fleet might be composed of several different ship types or ships of the same model might operate in a different manner.

A well designed hull maintenance strategy will certainly lead to considerable savings whereas a non adequate one might be a consequent burden on the operating costs of the ship.

The large paint spectrum available today on the market makes the choice the shipowner will have to realize soon or later rather difficult. The wide variety of paints offered by each major paint makers added with the relative small feature differences within a group of paints might be somewhat bewildering.

In a hull maintenance strategy one has to define clearly the task to be accomplished by the paint system. By paint system I mean the paint quality, the paint type and the coat thicknesses applied on the outer hull. Paint systems are very much dependent on the substrate i.e. the state of the bare hull surface.

XI DRYDOCKING INTERVAL

The drydocking interval i.e. the time between two consecutive outdocking and indocking may, at present, technically be extended to periods of 48 to 60 months with the paint quality available. The Classification Societies and the Governmental Agencies are in fact the new barrier to an extended drydocking interval. No matter how well preserved the wetted surface might be, other underhull features like the tailshaft sealing, the sea-water intake and outtake, the bow thruster or the rudder, are subject to control and/or maintenance which require drydocking.

Another parameter which ought to be taken seriously is the uncertainty of either the time the ship will belong to that particular shipowner or the length of time the ship will operate on a previously established long-term program. Those uncertainties play a great deal in terms of possible greater earnings due to proper hull maintenance strategy.

The best study one could do concerning the comparison of costs induced by various paint systems would be to take two sister ships having the same trading pattern over a period of several years. Each ship should have the same speed, the same new ship hull roughness but one having an advanced antifouling paint as a permanent paint system, the other ship having a sophisticated selfpolishing antifouling paint as a permanent paint system.

Then, the drydocking interval for each ship should be clearly defined as to avoid any fouling start which would otherwise affect our evaluation of the hull roughness as a measurable quantity. Indeed, the mathematical model of the fouling effect on ship's resistance is not yet clearly defined. Further studies and data accumulation should lead to such a model in the same aspect as the one related to roughness development.

Because of roughness development or let one say roughness increase for the ship having an advanced antifouling paint, the ship's operator will soon after drydocking notice an engine load increase. The very first months the ship's speed may easily be maintained as naval architects always provide a service power margin sufficient enough to make or exceed the designed speed.

However, after a few months the ship's resistance increase is too high to be permanently matched by the service power margin as it was commonly done before the oil crisis. A common practice was to keep a permanent engine load i.e. either by reducing the engine speed or by reducing the propeller blade area, both alternatives leading to a ship's speed loss. An other alternative is to use a controllable pitch propeller where the engine load can be kept constant by merely adapting the blade pitch. In all those previous cases keeping a constant engine load is proving detrimental to the final ship's speed. This is easily understandable as the blade

pitch changes are there simply to adapt the engine to the changes of the hull resistance i.e. keeping a maximum output of the engine whereby the specific fuel consumption can be kept constant. In other words the extra load created by the hull resistance increase is subsequently changing either the ship's speed or the engine power both leading to an increase of fuel oil consumption.

On particular ships such as liners, the service power margin was still kept sufficient in order to maintain the ship's speed from its original figure, drydocking interval and fouling level being then well matched.

XII IMPACT OF HULL ROUGHNESS ON THE SHIP'S PERFORMANCE

The shaft horsepower (SHP) needed to propel a ship at a given speed and displacement, includes several parameters and is the sum of:

$$\text{SHPrequired} = \text{SHPClean hull} + \text{SHPRoughness} + \text{SHPwind} \\ + \text{SHPwaves}$$

For ease of calculation, the variation of shaft horsepower due to changes of wind and wave pattern shall be neglected. Thus, I assume that weather conditions has no effect on shaft horsepower which is indeed absolutely wrong.

Let one then investigate the effect of roughness changes on the SHP required.

The increase of hull resistance due to fouling is a well known fact among mariners. However, the changes of hull resistance due to changes of hull roughness is somewhat new. A first estimation made by Scott and Lackenby of the relationship between roughness and power was a linear function stating that a 10um/50mm increase of roughness will cause an increase of 1%.

The International Towing Tank Conference held in 1978 has adopted the relationship of Bowden and Davison. The relationship gives :

$$\frac{P_1 - P_2}{P} * 100\% = 5.8 * [(K_1)^{1/5} - (K_2)^{1/5}]$$

where

- P1 = power increment due to roughness of a rough ship
- P2 = power increment due to roughness of a smooth ship
- K1 = average hull roughness of a rough ship ($\mu\text{m}/50\text{mm}$)
- K2 = average hull roughness of a smooth ship ($\mu\text{m}/50\text{mm}$)
- P = total power at maximum continuous rate (MCR)

This non-linear relationship shows that power increases are more significant for changes of hull roughness of smoother hulls than for rougher hulls, which is more realistic than the previous 1% rule. However, large AHR differences tend to overestimate the roughness effect on delivered power.

Using the following formula will aim towards what is practically observed in real life :

$$\frac{P_1 - P_2}{P} * 100\% = 3.8 * [(K_1) - (K_2)]$$

The table below shows the power increase versus roughness increases using the latter formula :

K2	K1	P%	K2	K1	P%
125-	135	+.49	125-	225	4.11
135-	145	.47	225-	325	3.01
145-	155	.45	325-	425	2.44
155-	165	.43	425-	525	2.08
165-	175	.41	525-	625	1.83
175-	185	.40	625-	725	1.65
185-	195	.38	725-	825	1.50

The interpretation of the above table shows that changes of AHR of smoother hulls have a greater influence in power changes than of rougher hulls for the same changes of AHR.

Example: A 10um/50mm change from 125 to 135um/50mm increases the power with 0.49% while a 10um/50mm change from 185 to 195um/50mm increases the power with 0.38%.

One can already argue that higher savings will be made if SPC is applied on a smoother hull which is true only if a sound shot-blasting and a high performance anti-corrosion system are applied beforehand.

XIII COMPUTER SIMULATION MODEL

The simulation model is worked out on an IBM PC, 126 kbytes. Advanced Basic is the language used on the program composed of several subprograms. Table X shows the flow chart diagram of the model simulation program.

Six subprograms are computing the global cost of a paint system. They are in fact the six possible alternatives to two paint types i.e. SPC and Advanced antifouling. The six different alternatives are supposed to represent one of the best protection.

Those six subprograms compute the paint quantity in liters knowing the number of coats, the losses while spraying, the dryfilm thickness, the surface area bottom and sides, the solid by volume content and the percentage of hull being painted.

The paint and paint spraying costs are then computed knowing the following parameters:

- (i) the various paint type price per liter
- (ii) two different spraying costs per square meter (anti-fouling paints have a higher spraying cost)
- (iii) the shot-blasting and / or water cleaning cost per square meter
- (iv) the hull area percentage

For the purpose of the study, the paint prices per liter represent the price of the paint which give the best protection. However, one can introduce other paint qualities at lower prices but one has then to take into account the differences of the in-service roughness development, the safe coat's dryfilm thickness, the number of coats etc... .In fact this would lead one to alter the hull paint system procedure by introducing more alternatives into the simulation model.

One may also make the assumption that each time the ship is dry-docked, 10% of the wetted hull surface has to be shot-blasted and is

given a new anticorrosive system.

Paint spraying losses is usually between 30% and 50%. It is a general trend that the spraying losses with sophisticated paints such as SPCs are much lower because the application is performed more carefully due to the relative high price of those paints.

In general, the paint spraying losses do vary from shipyard to shipyard and a careful shipyard do account for 30% losses.

Sometimes the shipowners are willing to have different coat numbers on the sides and the flat bottom as flat bottom polishing rate is higher with SPCs and on the other hand that the flat bottom is subject to less fouling due to less luminosity. However, the total thickness of either SPC or advanced antifouling must be well planned not to exceed the effective life time of the system.

The drydocking cost is evaluated knowing that the in-docking and out-docking plus one day drydocking is calculated using a formula which is today used in a north european country. The formula is:

$$0.047 * LOA * BM * DM \quad \text{in US Dollars}$$

and for each extra day by:

$$0.023 * LOA * BM * DM \quad \text{in US Dollars}$$

where

LOA = length overall

BM = breadth moulded

DM = deapth moulded

The off-hire cost is also included in the global paint system cost and for the case of the VLCC taken into consideration a value of \$ 10 000 per day was chosen. It should be noted that an off-hire of \$ 10 000 is what is prevailing on today's depressed time charter's market and do only cover the operating costs and a very small part of the capital cost.

A global figure is used as a daily ship running cost which embraces the crew cost i.e. the wages and leaves, the overtime, the pensions, the crew travel, the manning expenses, the storing cost i.e. provisions, general purpose stores, cabin stores, the lubricating oils, the insurance cost including the insurance premiums and the P&I club premiums etc..... . An amount of \$ 8 000 a day has been taken for the study.

The off-hire cost, running cost and daily drydocking cost do play an essential factor when comparing two different hull paint systems as any difference in drydocking duration will highly enlarge the total cost. Thus, a right estimation of those latter parameters is of crucial importance and is actually influencing the decision making of the hull maintenance policy.

XIV DESCRIPTION OF THE SUBPROGRAMS

14.1 First Subprogram :

It computes the cost of a paint system using self-polishing copolymer paint on a new building ship. The drydocking cost as well as the off-hire cost and the ship running cost are obviously omitted as such considerations are not involved at that particular stage. The subprogram computes the cost of a 100% area of one coat of shop primer (30um), two coats of coal tar epoxy anticorrosion of 125um each, three coats of self-polishing copolymer of 125um each with reinforced toxic substances and medium polishing rate (8um/month) to match the trading pattern and the ship's speed operation giving a comfortable safety margin at the end of the thirty months operation i.e. avoiding any fouling starting on the entire hull.

The out-docking AHR value will be 125um/50mm. The in-service polishing rate is 8um per month, while the smoothing rate is of 0 to -3um/50mm per month.

14.2 Second subprogram :

It computes the cost of a paint system using an advanced antifouling paint on a new building ship. The various costs as ship running cost, off-hire and drydocking cost are also omitted in this calculation as it was done in the first subprogram.

The hull is given the same anticorrosion system as the previous program. Two 60um coats of advanced antifouling of adequate quality and toxicity should ensure a fouling free period of thirty months.

The out-docking AHR is 125um/50mm. The in-service roughness increase would be in the range of 2 to 3.5um/50mm per month.

14.3 Third subprogram :

It computes the cost of drydocking the ship which has already a self-polishing paint system and is going to have a new self-polishing paint system.

The wetted hull surface is spot blasted on 10% of the total surface because of various hull damages and/or paint failure. Water cleaning of the entire hull and a new anti-corrosion system is put on the spot blasted area. Then, three coats of self-polishing paint (125um each) are directly applied on the hull.

The drydocking cost, the ship's running cost and the off-hire cost have now to be computed and added to the paint cost even though the ship is having a general repair, maintenance work and inspection obligation at the same time. As it will appear in the sixth subprogram, one has to consider the various costs named above because some paint systems do require or, more exactly, would be more efficient if the hull is entirely shot blasted. In many countries, shot blasting is not allowed to be performed during day time but only by night, so as a consequence this will incur a lengthening of the drydocking duration. By including the various costs involved during drydocking in the third, fourth, fifth and sixth subprograms, any extra cost due to lengthening of the ship's drydocking time will appear while comparing the global total cost of two different paint

systems.

Drydocking time is six days. The out-docking AHR will be somewhat higher (average of +25um/50mm) than the in-docking AHR because of the increase of AHR while applying new paint coatings.

14.4 Fourth Subprogram :

It computes the cost of drydocking a ship which has already a self-polishing paint system but which would go over to an advanced antifouling paint system.

The hull is spot blasted on 10% of the wetted surface then totally water cleaned. A new anticorrosion system is put on spot blasted area, followed by a 40um sealer coat on the entire wetted surface. The hull is then given two 60um coats of advanced antifouling.

Drydocking time is six days. The out-docking roughness, depending upon the ship's age and previous hull policy, is about 25 to 30um/50mm higher than the in-docking value.

14.5 Fifth Subprogram :

It computes the cost of a ship which has an advanced antifouling paint system and is going to go over to a self-polishing paint system.

Because of the non compatibility of self-polishing copolymer paints to other antifouling paint types and that self-polishing copolymer are the most beneficial if a sound anti-corrosion system is applied, the entire wetted hull surface is shot blasted to SA 2 1/2 standard. This measure is having a direct consequence on the dry-docking time which is largely extended compared with other paint maintenance schemes. The hull is 100% water cleaned followed by one coat of blast primer. The anti-corrosion system consist of two coats of coal tar epoxy of 125um each. The self-polishing paint system is composed of three coats of 125um each.

The out-docking AHR is 125um/50mm. The drydocking time is twelve days.

14.6 Sixth Subprogram :

It computes the cost of drydocking a ship which has an advanced antifouling paint system and is going over to a new advanced antifouling paint system.

The wetted hull surface is 10% spot blasted, entirely water cleaned and a new anti-corrosion system applied on the spot blasted area. A 40um sealer coat is applied on the entire hull followed by two coats of advanced antifouling paint of 60um each.

The out-docking AHR would however be higher than the ship of the same age which has always had a self-polishing paint system in the past. A five year old ship which has always had an advanced antifouling paint system previously will have as an average figure an AHR of 250 to 350um/50mm. However, no sensible increase of the AHR is noticed during the first drydocking interval.

14.7 Seventh Subprogram :

The subprogram output is a table consisting of six columns.

The first column shows the drydocking interval on a month per month basis.

The second column shows the fuel-oil quantity in metric tons saved each month. This is computed using the 1978 ITTC's formula with a coefficient change from 5.8 to 3.8 . The percentage of power increase or fuel-oil consumption increase represents the savings earned by comparing two different paint systems each one having a different in-service roughness evolution e.g. the self-polishing paint system has a -0.5um/50mm per month evolution (smoothing) and the advanced antifouling paint system has a +2.5um/50mm per month evolution (roughning) which gives a percentage savings at the end of the second month of :

$$3.8 * [(125+2.5)^{1/3} - (125-0.5)^{1/3}] = 0.15\%$$

of the fuel-oil consumption if the self-polishing alternative had been chosen instead of the advanced antifouling system for a same out-docking AHR value of 125um/50mm. This percentage is then multiplied by the daily fuel-oil consumption and the number of days at sea per month which gives the fuel-oil consumption difference in metric tons per month of the two alternatives.

The third column indicates the present value of the fuel-oil price month after month. The program has the flexibility of changing the monthly rate of increase of the fuel-oil price.

Assumptions can be made with no marine fuel-oil price increase during the whole drydocking interval period or that fuel-oil price will steadily increase during the first months then stabilizes during few other months and finally decreases steadily until the end of the drydocking interval. The marine fuel-oil price variation has indeed a great repercussion on the pay-back period especially if a sensible fuel-oil price variation occurs towards the end of the drydocking interval period were the compared savings in terms of fuel-oil quantity are highest.

Tables 11 and 12 show the influence of marine fuel-oil price changes on the pay-back period.

The fourth column represents the fuel-oil saving value also on a month by month basis. This saving value represents actually the compounded value of savings to that particular time within the dry-docking period.

The fifth column represents the Net Present Value of fuel-oil savings. The decision of choosing a particular paint system instead of an other paint system involves a difference in costs. The savings of fuel-oil earned by choosing the most "energy saving" alternative can in fact be considered as a flow of revenues that are received in the future while the difference in cost considered above has to be paid right at the out-docking of the ship. This introduces us to the concept of Net Present Value.

A dollar received today is worth more than a dollar received next year, which in turn is worth more than a dollar received the following year. The reason for this is that a dollar held today may be deposited in a bank or other interest earning security and at the end of one year it will be worth the original dollar plus the interest earned on that dollar. Looking at this from the reverse aspect, a dollar earned one year from today is worth less than a dollar that is held today.

The discounting rate is depending on the shipowner's policy. This appropriate discounting rate is called the "Opportunity" discount rate.

This is actually the rate of interest or return the shipowner could earn in his best alternative use of funds at the same level of risk. The alternative use of the funds must involve the same level of risk or uncertainty, since many other alternative uses of the funds will be more or less risky or uncertain and are, thus, not strictly comparable with the present proposal.

An opportunity discount rate of 15% is what is generally encountered among shipowners today.

The sixth column represents the pay-back period of one alternative against the second one. The figure on the first row represents the cost difference of the two alternatives which has, as explained above, to be paid in one way or an other when the ship is leaving the drydock. Then, the net present value of the fuel-oil savings is subtracted to the previous figure. This gives a very clear pay-back period image and one can easily plot whenever profits may be realised or not.

XV RUNNING OF THE PROGRAM

The major parameters needed to run the program are either fixed parameters or variable parameters. These are:

- (i) ship measurements
- (ii) daily fuel-oil consumption
- (iii) number of steaming days a year
- (iv) running cost per day
- (v) off-hire cost per day
- (vi) fuel-oil price per day
- (vii) paint type prices per liter
- (viii) out-docking roughness of two different paint systems inquired depending upon the age of the ship.

The operator then chooses two of the six maintenance program alternatives which are:

- Alternative 1 : new building with advanced antifouling system
- Alternative 2 : drydocking of an advanced antifouling going over to a self-polishing copolymer system
- Alternative 3 : drydocking of an advanced antifouling going over the same paint system as previously
- Alternative 4 : new building with a self-polishing copolymer system
- Alternative 5 : drydocking of a SPC system going over to a new SPC system
- Alternative 6 : drydocking of a SPC system going over to an advanced antifouling system.

Then, the monthly hull roughness changes have to be given for both alternatives.

The output is a table showing the pay-back period followed by the drydocking interval end period hull roughness of both alternatives.

XVI DISCUSSION

For all the tables in the appendix, the following fixed parameters have been taken:

- * 150 000 dwt tanker
- * 15 390 square meters total wetted hull surface (to fully loaded line)
- * \$ 10 000 off-hire
- * \$ 8 000 running cost a day
- * \$ 8 self-polishing copolymer per liter
- * \$ 6 advanced antifouling per liter
- * \$ 3 coal tar epoxy per liter
- * \$ 4 sealer coat per liter
- * \$ 3.5 blast primer per liter
- * \$ 3.5 shop primer per liter
- * \$ 1 spraying of antifouling per square meter
- * \$.5 spraying of other paint types per square meter
- * \$ 10 shot blasting per square meter
- * \$ 180 per metric ton of marine fuel-oil
- * 100 metric tons a day fuel-oil consumption
- * 300 steaming days a year
- * 15% opportunity discount rate
- * 8% yearly compounding rate of fuel-oil price

16.1 First case study: Cost and pay-back period comparison at the new building stage. See tables IV and V.

Total cost of SPC paint system: \$ 246 955

Total cost of advanced antifouling system: \$ 115 810

Cost difference of the two above alternatives: \$ 131 145

The two alternatives have the same out-docking roughness of 125um/50mm. The SPC ship's hull smoothes at a rate of -0.5um/50mm per month. The advanced antifouling ship's hull roughens at a rate of +2.5um/50mm per month. No fuel savings are made at the end of the first month in-service because of the same out-docking roughness of the two alternatives.

The pay-back period is between the 21st and 22nd month and the total savings at the end of the 30th month are \$ 113 565.

The following in-docking roughness of both alternatives are:

SPC ship: 110um/50mm

Advanced antifouling ship: 200um/50mm

The savings would have been greater if the ship had a greater number of steaming days per annum. A lower opportunity discount rate than 15% would also give a higher saving value. A discount rate of 12% gives a final saving value of \$ 124 880 which represents an additional saving of \$ 11 315 compared with a 15% discount rate.

16.2 Second case study: Cost and pay-back period comparison after the second drydocking i.e. ships of five year age. See tables VI and VII.

The first alternative is the ship with advanced antifouling system going over to an SPC system while the second alternative is the same ship which keeps the same paint system as previously i.e. an advanced antifouling system.

Here, the total paint cost difference between the two alternatives is very high: \$ 438 279. This is explained by the fact that the ship going over to an SPC system has to be shot-blasted entirely. The drydocking duration is therefore much greater (12 days) than the ship keeping the same paint system (6 days).

However, the out-docking AHR of the ship keeping the same paint system is much higher than the ship going over to an SPC system. The latter will recover its new-building AHR of 125um/50mm while the advanced antifouling alternative will have an out-docking AHR of 250um/50mm.

During the first month in-service, large fuel-oil savings are already noticeable. The pay-back period is 18 months and the total savings at the end of the drydocking interval are \$ 354 081.

16.3 Third case study: See tables VIII and IX.

Let one imagine that the shipowner decides to sell the tanker at the next drydocking period. He has then to decide whether it is worthwhile to paint the ship which had a previous SPC system with a new SPC system or with an advanced antifouling system.

The cost difference of the two alternatives is \$ 51 641. Let one assume that the ship is 10 years of age. The in-docking AHR is 230um/50mm and the out-docking AHR would most probably be around 260um/50mm for both alternatives.

The pay-back period is 17 months and the total savings at the end of the drydocking interval is \$ 104 869.

It is interesting to notice that the shipowner still has the freedom of selling the ship even before the date fixed previously without losing money. The other bonus is that a ship having an SPC system would probably be sold at a higher price than the same ship having an advanced antifouling paint system.

XVII CONCLUSION

The study has been built on a number of assumptions. The backbone of the study lays on the quantification of fuel-oil saved while comparing two different alternatives. This was based on the ITTC's formula of 1978.

This may not be the proper formula for all kinds of ships since it derives from ship model research and ship trials of a specific ship type. However, the percentage of fuel-oil saved given by using the above mentioned formula does agree with what is generally found out by the technical management departments where engine performances have been well followed from the new building stage. Therefore, the fuel-oil consumption changes are surely correlated with the increased hull resistance solely and not with changes of engine efficiency.

The program is opened to any further research. New factors as well as factors which were not taken into consideration e.g. the loading factor, can be easily introduced to assess the effect of hull roughness and fouling on ship efficiency.

The last but not least assumption concerns the quality of work while the ship is being painted. Although it is reflected by the AHR figure, the savings expected will be made only if the right application scheme has been chosen since a non proper paint or dryfilm thickness or shot blasting quality may lead to a huge loss of money.

The study of a whole ship's life may easily be achieved assuming that the hull roughness evolution is known.

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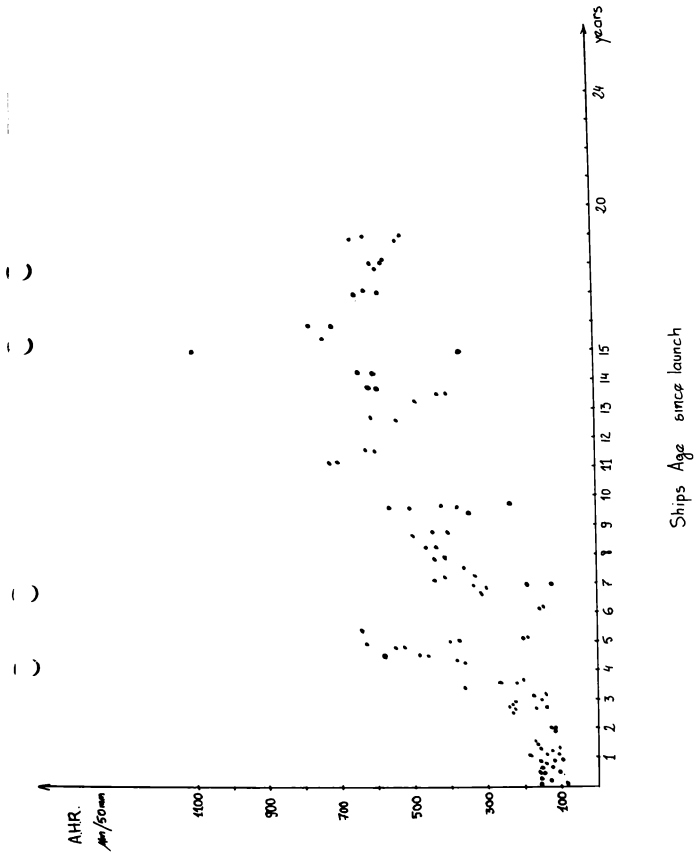
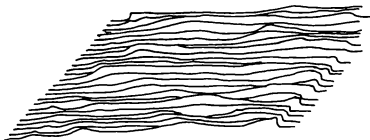


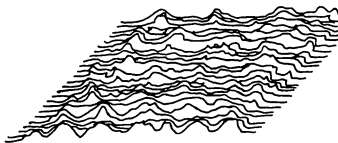
Fig 1: Roughness of hulls of various ages, excluding re-blasted hulls

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Fig. 2: Two surfaces of different topography but equal A.H.R.

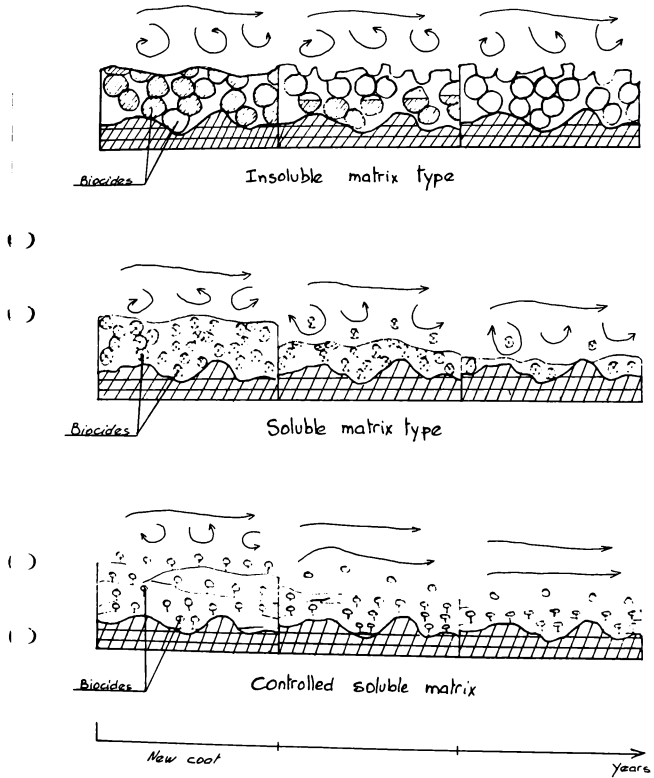
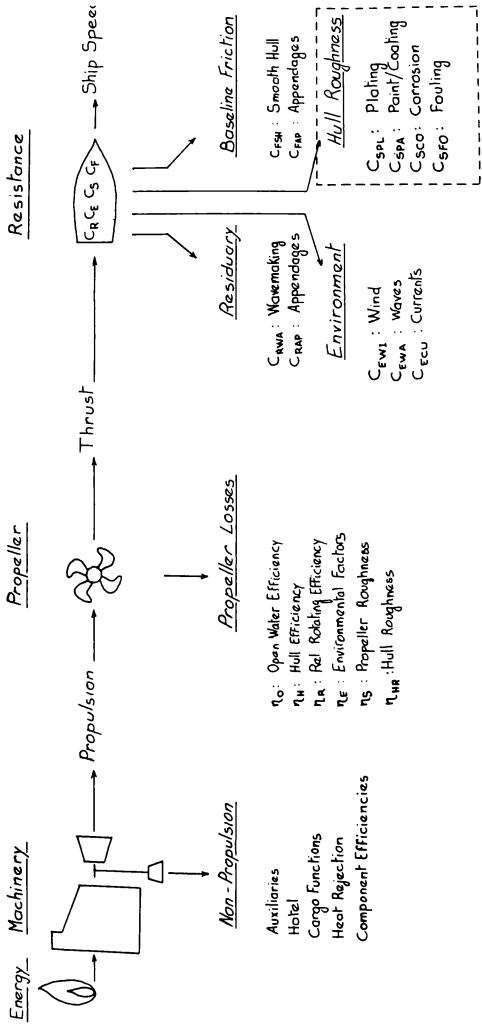


Fig:3: Advanced Antifouling and SPC Mechanisms

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PAINT COST NEW-BUILDING WITH ADV.AF

LITERS	USD	
7465	37785 Anticorrosion paint
1500	12946 Shop-primer "
5716	65077 Advanced Antifouling paint
TOTAL	115810	

BLAST. AND WATER CLEAN.	0
BLAST. AND WATER CLEAN.	0
TOTAL	0

TOTAL PAINTING COST: \$ 115810

OUT-DOCKING ROUGHNESS: 125 um/50mm

PAINT COST NEW BUILDING SPC

LITERS	USD	
7465	37785 Anticorrosion paint
1500	12946 Shop-primer
18756	196222 Self-ablishing Copolymer paint
TOTAL	246955	

BLAST. AND WATER CLEAN.	0
BLAST. AND WATER CLEAN.	0
TOTAL	0

TOTAL PAINTING COST: \$ 246955

OUT-DOCKING ROUGHNESS: 125 um/50mm
 MONTHLY AHR INC. WITH ADV.AF: 2.5 um/50mm
 MONTHLY AHR INC. WITH SPC : -1.5 um/50mm

Table IV : First case study

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PAINT ECONOMICS

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MONTHS	FD SAV. 100 / 300		FD PRICE \$/TON	SAVING VALUE	NPV FD SAV. 15 %	PAY- BACK
	Daily FD Consumption	Days of sea per year				-13114
1	0		181.2	0	0	-13114
2	3.7		183.4	689	672	-12440
3	7.5		183.5	1380	1330	-11769
4	11.2		184.7	2074	1975	-11100
5	14.8		186	2769	2600	-10450
6	18.5		187.2	3467	3225	-9810
7	22.1		188.4	4160	3891	-9175
8	25.6		189.5	4859	4491	-8540
9	29.2		190.7	5553	5090	-7900
10	32.7		192	6250	5680	-7260
11	36.1		193.2	6950	6145	-6620
12	39.6		194.4	7650	6600	-5980
13	42		195.6	8341	7050	-5341
14	46.4		196.8	9144	7490	-4700
15	49.7		198.0	9850	8010	-4060
16	53.1		199.5	10599	8500	-3420
17	56.4		200.8	11352	9014	-2780
18	59.6		202.1	12090	9490	-2140
19	62.9		203.4	12809	10000	-1500
20	66.1		204.7	13500	10490	-860
21	69.3		206	14200	11000	-200
22	72.5		207	14900	11500	360
23	75.7		208.3	15600	12000	720
24	78.9		209.5	16300	12500	1080
25	82		211.1	17000	12990	1440
26	85.1		212	17700	13490	1800
27	88.2		214.1	18400	13990	2160
28	91.2		215.5	19100	14490	2520
29	94.3		216.9	19800	14990	2880
30	97.3		218.3	20500	15490	3240

INDICATING ROUGHNESS APPLIC. SUFF: 200 0.0675mm
 INDICATING ROUGHNESS SFC. COAT: 110 0.0675mm

Table V First case study

PAINT COST DRYDOCKING ADV.AF TO SPC

LITERS	USD	
7465	37785	Anti-corrosion
1500	12946	Blast-primer
18756	196222	SPC.
TOTAL	246955	

BLAST. AND WATER CLEAN.	153900
BLAST. AND WATER CLEAN.	15390
TOTAL	169290

DRYDOCK	60381
RUNNING COST	96000
OFF-HIRE	120000

TOTAL PAINTING COST: \$ 692627

OUT-DOCKING ROUGHNESS: 125 um/50mm

PAINT COST DRYDOCKING ADV.AF TO ADV.AF

LITERS	USD	
746	3778	Anti-corrosion
1600	14097	Sealer Coat
5716	65077	Advanced Antifouling
TOTAL	82953	

BLAST. AND WATER CLEAN.	15390
BLAST. AND WATER CLEAN.	15390
TOTAL	30780

DRYDOCK	32615
RUNNING COST	48000
OFF-HIRE	60000

TOTAL PAINTING COST: \$ 254348

OUT-DOCKING ROUGHNESS: 250 um/50mm
 MONTHLY AHR INC. WITH ADV.AF: 2.5 um/50mm
 MONTHLY AHR INC. WITH SPC : -1.5 um/50mm

Table VI : Second case study

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PAINT ECONOMICS

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MONTHS	FD SAV. 100 / 300	FD PRICE \$/TON	SAVING VALUE	NPV FD SAV. 15 %	PAY- BACK
					-43827
1	123.4	181.2	22771	22095	-41619
2	126	182.4	22991	22426	-39211
3	126.6	183.5	23250	22754	-36997
4	131.2	184.7	24343	23108	-34706
5	133.8	186	24992	23437	-32443
6	136.4	187.2	25545	23765	-30068
7	139	188.4	26197	24085	-27657
8	141.5	189.5	26845	24404	-25211
9	144.1	190.7	27501	24720	-22740
10	146.6	192	28161	25037	-20244
11	149.2	193.2	28825	25351	-17726
12	151.7	194.4	29494	25664	-15184
13	154.2	195.7	30161	25976	-12616
14	156.7	196.9	30834	26286	-9930
15	159.2	198.2	31506	26596	-7260
16	161.6	199.5	32177	26906	-4610
17	164.1	200.8	32849	27216	-1919
18	166.6	202.1	33521	27526	810
19	169	203.4	34195	27836	3510
20	171.5	204.7	34872	28146	6010
21	173.9	206	35551	28456	8510
22	176.4	207.3	36231	28766	11010
23	178.8	208.6	36915	29076	13510
24	181.2	209.9	37604	29386	16010
25	183.6	211.2	38297	29696	18510
26	186	212.5	38991	30006	21010
27	188.4	213.7	39685	30316	23510
28	190.8	214.1	40385	30626	26010
29	193.2	215.5	41121	30936	28510
30	195.6	216.9	41921	31246	31010
		218.3	42710	31556	33510

INDOCKING ROUGHNESS ADV. AF SHIP: 325 um/50mm
 INDOCKING ROUGHNESS SFC SHIP : 110 um/50mm

Table VIII Second case study

PAINT COST DRYDOCKING SPC TO SPC

LITERS	USD	
746	3778	Anti-corrosion
12504	130814	SPC.
TOTAL	134593	

BLAST. AND WATER CLEAN.	15390
BLAST. AND WATER CLEAN.	15390
TOTAL	30780

DRYDOCK	32615
RUNNING COST	48000
OFF-HIRE	60000

TOTAL PAINTING COST: \$ 305988

OUT-DOCKING ROUGHNESS: 260 um/50mm

PAINT COST DRYDOCKING SPC TO ADV.AF

LITERS	USD	
746	3778	Anti-corrosion
1600	14097	Sealer coat
5716	65077	Advanced Anti-fouling
TOTAL	82953	

BLAST. AND WATER CLEAN.	15390
BLAST. AND WATER CLEAN.	15390
TOTAL	30780

DRYDOCK	32615
RUNNING COST	48000
OFF-HIRE	60000

TOTAL PAINTING COST: \$ 254348

OUT-DOCKING ROUGHNESS: 260 um/50mm
 MONTHLY AHR INC. WITH ADV.AF: 2.5 um/50mm
 MONTHLY AHR INC. WITH SPC : -1.5 um/50mm

Table VIII : Third case study

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PAINT ECONOMICS

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MONTHS	FD SAV. 100 / 300	FD PRICE \$/TON	SAVING VALUE	NPV FD SAV. 15 %
1	0	181.2	0	0
2	2.3	182.4	424	413
3	4.6	183.5	852	621
4	6.9	184.7	1283	1212
5	9.2	186	1717	1616
6	11.5	187.2	2155	2005
7	13.7	188.4	2596	2381
8	16	189.5	3041	2765
9	18.2	190.7	3489	3156
10	20.5	192	3941	3553
11	22.7	193.2	4396	3864
12	24.9	194.4	4854	4221
13	27.1	195.6	5316	4567
14	29.3	196.9	5782	4909
15	31.5	198.2	6252	5245
16	33.7	199.5	6725	5576
17	35.9	200.8	7213	5902
18	38	202.1	7696	6224
19	40.2	203.4	8182	6542
20	42.3	204.7	8673	6856
21	44.4	206	9167	7166
22	46.6	207.3	9665	7473
23	48.7	208.6	10166	7777
24	50.8	209.9	10672	8079
25	52.9	211.2	11182	8379
26	55	212.5	11695	8674
27	57	214.1	12212	8961
28	59.1	215.5	12734	9184
29	61.2	216.9	13261	9454
30	63.2	218.3	13793	9721

INDOCKING ROUGHNESS APV. AF SHIP : 335 um/50mm

INDOCKING ROUGHNESS SFC SHIP : 245 um/50mm

Table IX : Third case study

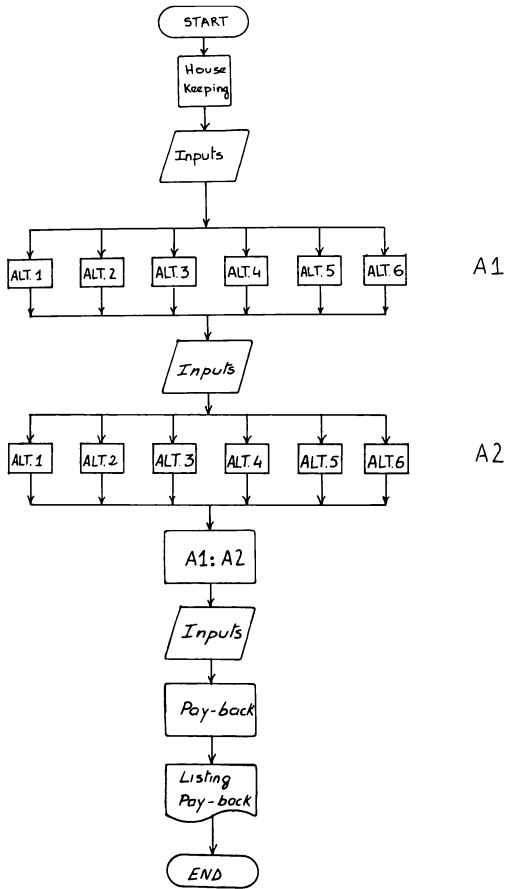


Table X
Flow chart diagram of the model Simulation program.

New-Building stage.

** F A I N T E C O N O M I C S **					
MONTHS	FO SAV. 100 / 300	FO PRICE \$/TON	SAVING VALUE	NPV FO SAV. 15 %	PAY- BACK
					-13114
1	0	181.2	0	0	-13114
2	3.7	182.5	687	673	-12947
3	7.5	183.8	1362	1272	-12779
4	11.2	185	2037	1873	-12612
5	14.9	186.1	2712	2410	-12445
6	18.5	187.6	3387	3233	-12278
7	22.1	189	4062	3694	-12114
8	25.6	189	4737	4111	-11949
9	29.2	189	5412	4567	-11784
10	32.7	189	6087	5045	-11620
11	36.1	189	6762	5512	-11455
12	39.6	189	7437	5972	-11290
13	43	189	8112	6465	-11125
14	46.4	189	8787	6941	-10960
15	49.7	189	9462	7407	-10795
16	53.1	189	10137	7867	-10630
17	56.4	189	10812	8326	-10465
18	59.6	189	11487	8776	-10300
19	62.9	189	12162	9214	-10135
20	66.1	187.6	12837	9649	-9970
21	69.3	186.3	13512	10089	-9805
22	72.5	185	14187	10531	-9640
23	75.7	183.7	14862	10972	-9475
24	78.9	182.4	15537	11412	-9310
25	82	181.2	16212	11856	-9145
26	85.1	179.9	16887	12300	-8980
27	88.2	178.6	17562	12746	-8815
28	91.2	177.4	18237	13192	-8650
29	94.3	176.1	18912	13638	-8485
30	97.3	174.9	19587	14084	-8320

INDOCKING ROUGHNESS ADV. AF SHIP: 200 um/50mm
 INDOCKING ROUGHNESS SFC SHIP: 110 um/25mm

Table II Influence of marine fuel-oil price changes on the pay-back period and Total Savings

New-building stage

** PAINT ECONOMICS **					
MONTHS	FO SAV. 100 / 300	FO PRICE \$/TON	SAVING VALUE	NPV FO SAV. 15 %	PAY- BACK
					-13114
1	0	180	0	0	-13114
2	3.7	180	680	607	-12441
3	7.5	180	1357	1204	-11767
4	11.2	180	2020	1704	-11093
5	14.8	180	2683	2307	-10419
6	18.5	180	3345	2900	-9745
7	22.1	180	3981	3489	-9071
8	25.8	180	4622	4082	-8397
9	29.2	180	5258	4672	-7723
10	32.7	180	5888	5251	-7049
11	36.1	180	6512	5821	-6375
12	39.6	180	7132	6391	-5701
13	43	180	7746	6957	-5027
14	46.4	180	8355	7521	-4353
15	49.7	180	8957	8089	-3679
16	53.1	180	9552	8651	-3005
17	56.4	180	10144	9210	-2331
18	59.8	180	10745	9761	-1657
19	63.2	180	11331	9989	-983
20	66.1	180	11911	9941	591
21	69.2	180	12491	9760	1317
22	72.5	180	13072	9498	2043
23	75.7	180	13654	9023	2769
24	78.9	180	14232	8438	3495
25	82	180	14804	7744	4221
26	85.1	180	15372	6944	4947
27	88.2	180	15935	6044	5673
28	91.2	180	16491	5044	6399
29	94.2	180	17041	3944	7125
30	97.3	180	17585	2744	7851

INDOCKING ROUGHNESS ADV. AF SHIP: 200 μ m/50mm
 INDOCKING ROUGHNESS SPC SHIP : 110 μ m/50mm

Table XII: Influence of marine fuel-oil price changes on the pay-back period and Total Savings.