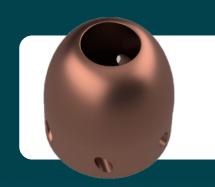


Eco Boss Cap: The Future of Propeller Efficiency

A cost-effective solution to reduce fuel consumption and carbon emissions.



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Reducing Carbon Emissions in Shipping



#Eco Boss Cap



What is the Eco Boss Cap?

The Eco Boss Cap is an innovative propeller boss cap that optimises flow dynamics improve propulsion efficiency, resulting in fuel savings and carbon reduction.

Up to 5% energy efficiency increase, dependent on ship type and operational profile.

The Eco Boss Cap cuts CO₂ by up to 4,500 tonnes per year from a 300 m vessel. Equivalent of removing 1,000 cars annually from the roads.

Reduces Under Water Noise & Rudder erosion.

Why the Eco Boss Cap?

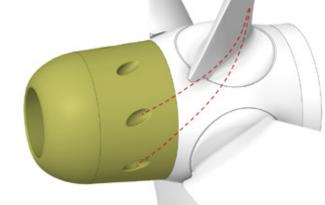
Advantage

01	Regulatory Pressure	Stricter IMO guidelines require compliance, or ship owners may face fines and operational restrictions.
02	Rising Fuel Costs	Propeller efficiency improvements can lead to significant fuel savings, thus improving profitability.
03	Sustainability Leadership	Emission reductions enhance a company's reputation, aligning with global sustainability initiatives.
04	Competitive	Energy-efficient ships enjoy lower operating costs.

increasing fleet profitability and market preference.



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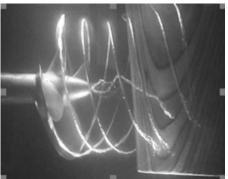
How does it work?

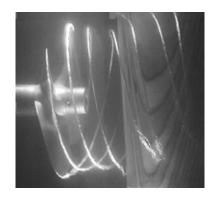
- Reduces propeller hub vortex cavitation and minimises associated efficiency loss.
- Optimises flow pressure by redirecting high-pressure flow through pressure relief holes.
- Eliminates the need for properller boss cap fins with Innovative chamber and hole features reduces the material weight.
- Performs effectively in various operational conditions, whether it is ballast or laden, offering a practical solution for different vessel types.

CFD Simulation, Optimization & Validation

Background







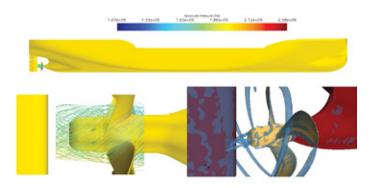
Five different boss caps were designed and tested without and with the presence of a rudder at the Emerson Cavitation Tunnel of the Newcastle University, in "reverse pod condition".

Standard cone shape, a cylindrical shape and three cylindrical caps with fins, trailing edge flaps and slots.

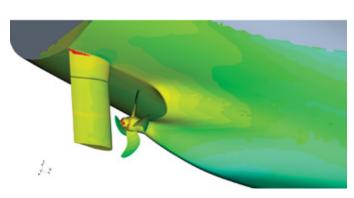
Cavitation characteristics for all the caps tested indicated the most favourable performance with the slot type cap with a considerable loss in the propeller efficiency requiring further investigation.

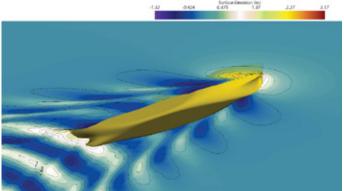


CFD Simulation, Optimization



- 1. High Fidelity Optimization to enhance propeller efficiency and performance.
- 2. CAESES parametric model
- 3. StarCCM+ High Fidelity CFD Simulations
- 4. Improve Propulsive efficiency
- 5. Reduce Cavitation volume

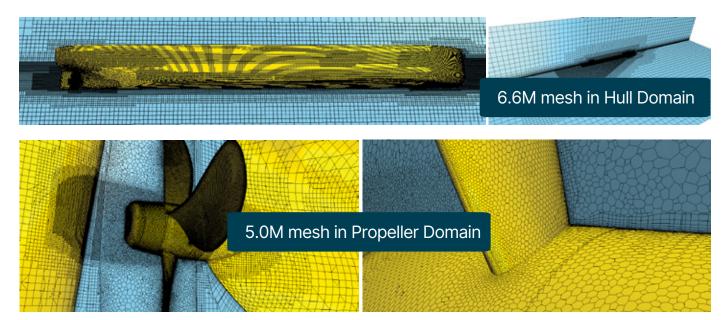






The calculations were conducted for the full-scale ship Free-surface effect included at the design speed (16.46 knots), Propeller's design pitch angle.

Considering the purpose and computational cost, the average Y+ value is aimed at 50.





Solver Settings	Unit	Base Boss Cap	Design V1	Design V2	Design V3
Propeller Thrust, T	kN	584.4	538.3	582.0	553.1
Propeller Thrust, Q	kN.m	505.9	495.3	496.5	486.4
Propeller Thrust, N	RPM	103.5	102.3	102.5	102.8
Delivered Power, P _D	kW	5483.4	5306.1	5329.3	5236.2
Power Saving	%		3.3%	2.9%	4.7%
Boss Cap FX	kN	75.36	75.43	74.77	75.20
Boss Cap M	kN.m	0.213	0.076	0.017	-0.044
Rudder FX	kN	-18.79	-19.25	-18.84	-19.42
Rudder FY	kN	-4.58	-2.44	-3.80	-1.20

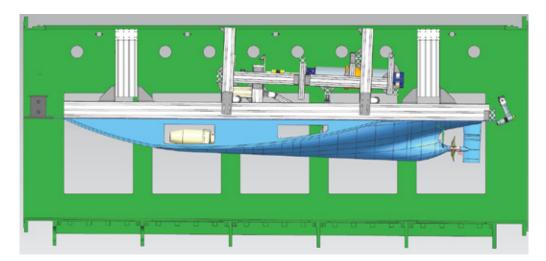


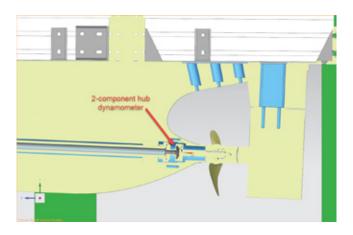


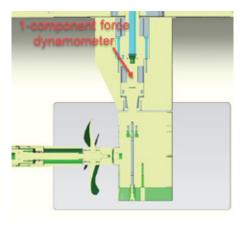
Cavitation Tunnel T-31					
Kempf & Remmers – Hamburg					
Build year	1970				
Tunnel volume	394 m³				
Drive engine	1000 kW				
Total height	12 m				
Total length	23 m				
Measuring section					
Height	1500 mm				
Width	800 mm				
Length	4 m				
Water velocity	12 m/s				
Absolute pressure	max 100 kPa min 5 kPa				

Cavitation Tunnel T-32					
KMW					
Build year	1970				
Tunnel volume	117 m³				
Drive engine	250 kW				
Total height	8 m				
Total length	14.5 m				
Measuring section					
Height	800 mm				
Width	800 mm				
Length	2.5 m				
Water velocity	14 m/s				
Absolute pressure	max 200 kPa min 15 kPa				

Validation Test: Dummy Hull





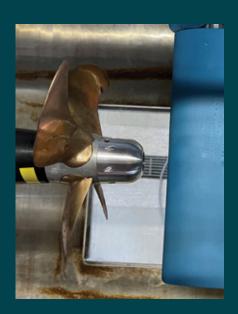




Validation Test: Behind Wake Screen







Towing Tank Test

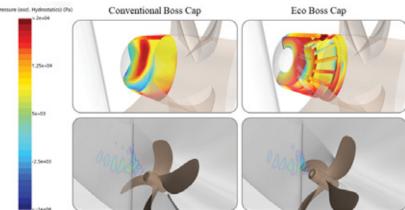


Pd [MW]	Setup	Efficiency
10.158	Stock propeller + Stock rudder + Stock hub cap	
9.826	Optimized Propeller + Stock rudder + Eco Boss Cap	-3.27%



Pilot Installations

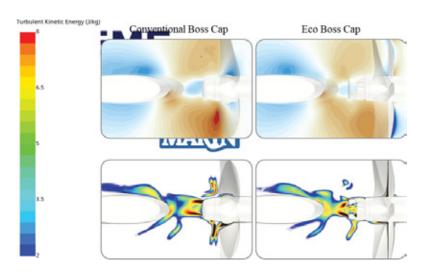










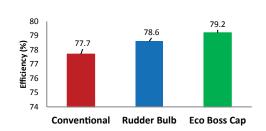


Summary

Prototype Testing at Kongsberg Marine (TRL 6) shows up to 2.1% Propeller Efficiency Improvement

Towing tank test results showing 3.27% reduction in delivered power

Patent application submitted September 2023
Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) in September 2024
Pilot Installation in Q1 2025 with Tsakos Energy Navigation
Innovate UK Funding of £300k at 100%
Rol of less than 6 Months





From CFD to Sea Trials:

Our Roadmap to Full Scale Adoption

01 DESIGN & CFD OPTIMISATION

Parametric modeling, High Fidelity Computational Fluid Dynamics Simulations for Optimisation and Detailed Manufacturing Drawings, geometry finalisation

MANUFACTURING & CLASS APPROVAL

Moulding, casting, machining, surface finishing; liaising with Class Societies.

03 INSTALLATION & TRIALS

Drydock scheduling, installation on Target vessel, pre and post-installation data comparision.

O4 COMMERCIAL ROLL-OUT

Partnerships with major propeller manufacturers, distribution deals, route to broader market.

Environmental Benefits

Every voyage will count towards a greener future and our innovations will deliver measurable environmental advantages;

Cut CO_2 by up to 4,500 tonnes per year. This is based on a typical 300m vessel, which is the equivalent of removing 1,000 cars annually from the roads.

Reduce underwater noise & rudder erosion through the optimisation of water flow and turbulence around the propeller, our technology significantly reduces cavitation, benefits marine life and minimises rudder erosion, which in turn reduces maintenance costs and expands vessel lifespan.

Aligning with IMO 2030 Targets by lowering fuel consumption and CO₂ emissions, vessels can improve their environmental ratings, avoid penalties, and secure a competitive edge in a low-carbon shipping market.



Charting a Greener Future and How You Can Be Part of It

Eco Boss Cap can benefit ship owners who are looking to increase fuel efficiency

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