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INTRODUCTION

The principal aim of this guide is to depict recommended practices related to the design of ship structural details. The importance of structural details is clear:

1) Their layout and fabrication represent a sizable fraction of hull construction costs.

2) Details are often the source of cracks and other failures which, under certain circumstances, could lead to serious damage to the ship hull girder.

3) The trend toward decreasing ship hull scantlings (that is, increasing average hull stresses) has the potential of increasing the damage to details.

4) Researchers have largely neglected the analysis of structural details at least in part because the configuration and purpose of these details vary greatly and are not commonly described or discussed in the literature.

Due to lack of analytical and experimental effort devoted to structural details, their determination has been left up to draftsmen and designers, with very little engineering input.

In two comprehensive reviews[2,3] of the performance of structural details, 86 ships were surveyed. These included naval and commercial ship types. The commercial ships included both U.S. and foreign built. The vessels ranged from 428 to 847 feet in length, from 18,000 to 90,000 tons in displacement, and from five to twenty-six years in age. The details obtained were grouped into 12 typical families. Knife Edge Crossings (Family No. 6) and Structural Deck Cutout Details (Family No. 9) are shown but not covered in detail in this guide. The remaining ten detail families were further categorized into 53 groups comprising a total of 611 detail configurations. A number of these configurations are very similar to others in detail geometry and such duplicates have been excluded from this guide. A number of others were eliminated because of relatively infrequent observed use. As a result, a total of 414 details are included herein. However, all 611 details can be found in "Structural Details,"[4] if desired.

In total, 607,584 details were observed with a total of 6,856 failures. Failures were attributed to one or a combination of five categories: design, fabrication, welding, maintenance, and operation (see 4.1 through 4.1.5). This extensive, well documented research, together with engineering judgement, provides the principal support for this guide.

1. Scope

1.1 This guide provides a recommended list of selected ship structure details for use in ship construction.

1.2 Structural details which have failed in service and are not recommended for use in ship construction are included as well.

1.3 This guide is intended to convey the lessons learned on different configurations of ship structure details, not the dimensions, thickness, or construction methods which would result from structural calculations.[4]

2. Terminology

2.1 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:*

2.1.1 *Terms:*

[1] This practice is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee F25 on Ships and Marine Technology and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee F25.01 on Structures.

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