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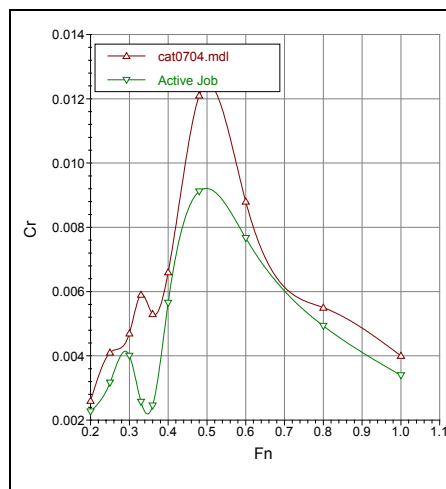
Catamaran Analysis in NavCad 2004

HydroComp has developed a catamaran interference drag prediction model for NavCad 2004. This report presents a brief validation of the method.

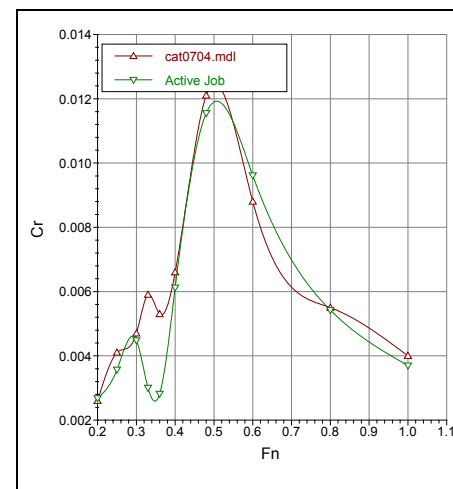
Predicting drag for catamarans has long been a challenge for marine designers as they struggle with the hydrodynamic effects of *interference* – those changes in drag when hulls are in close proximity to each other. To address the need for a reliable and useable tool to predict catamaran resistance, HydroComp has recently developed an *interference drag prediction model* based on the methodology proposed by Insel & Molland.

Implemented in *NavCad 2004*, this approach builds on NavCad's large collection of bare-hull prediction methods with a new prediction model for viscous and wake-making interference factors. The numerical algorithms for these interference factors were developed through investigation of model tests, CFD analyses, and full-scale trials.

The first plot below illustrates a prediction of the residuary resistance coefficient for the bare-hulls alone (i.e., without interference). The predicted C_R curve (in green) is compared to a model test of the catamaran (in red). The second plot illustrates the excellent accuracy attained when the new interference drag prediction model is applied.



C_R prediction without interference model



C_R prediction with interference model

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