



## Analysis of Ship Motion Response to Hull Line Redesign of The Manado Prototyped Small Purse Seiner

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### ABSTRACT

Hull line determines the ship motions in adapting to the ocean conditions, and therefore, ships require a flexibly appropriate hull line to have a highly safe sailing trip. This study aims to determine influence of small purse-seiner hull line redesign on the ship's motion, namely rolling, heaving, and pitching which can be observed as a Response Amplitude Operator (RAO) due to the sea conditions. The hull lines were redesigned by manipulating the ship's breadth (B) and depth (D) based on the Manado prototype, resulting in three new hull forms (ships B, C, D) and one prototype control (ship A). Data input and simulation used the Maxsurf Modeler Advanced and Maxsurf Motions Advanced applications to analyze motion responses at different wave angles (head sea 180°, bow quartering sea 135°, and beam sea 90°) under average load and service speed conditions. The findings demonstrated that each ship had a unique RAO for heave, roll, and pitch motion. In heave and pitch motion, ship D had a best RAO, but in roll motion, ship C had the best RAO. The rolling and pitching motions of all ships have met the minimum standard of the general operability limiting criteria for ships at all conditions, while the rolling motion at the wave coming of 90° was met at the slight and moderate conditions.

**Keywords:** Heaving motion, North Sulawesi-Indonesia, pitching motion, rolling motion, ship motion

### INTRODUCTION

Indonesian fishing boats with a size below 25 meters are generally still planned and made traditionally (Mulyatno *et al.* 2019). Traditional fishermen have long used a fleet of wooden boats and even there are recently still many fishermen using it due to its cheaper manufacturing procedure than that of steel boats (Chrismianto *et al.* 2020; Liu *et al.* 2019). A purse seiner is one of the fishing vessels with distinctive shapes based on the locality where the ship is made. Although the

shape and size are different with the locality, they are all intended for the purpose of ship activities where the ship's motion response capability is absolutely needed to support the secure fishing operation of the purse-seiner in the ocean. In addition to the ship shape coefficient itself, the principal dimensions such as the ship's length (L), breadth (B), and depth (D) and their comparison will also determine and reflect the ship's performance on the water, including stability, resistance, load ability, and motion (Pamikiran *et al.* 2017; Pamikiran *et al.* 2020; Prabowo *et al.* 2022;



Saifullah *et al.* 2024; Dien *et al.* 2025). There are six known ship motions (rotational motion and linear motion), namely yaw, pitch, roll, heave, sway, and surge (Alqurashi *et al.* 2022; Darmawan *et al.* 2022) (Fig. 1).

A ship's Response Amplitude Operator (RAO) is the ship's ability to respond to sea conditions in three forms of motion: heaving, rolling, and pitching (Fajar *et al.* 2017; Ghassemi *et al.* 2015). Moreover, the relationship between the amplitude of an ocean wave and the amplitude of a ship's response is represented by the Response Amplitude Operator (RAO), also referred to as the Transfer Function (Rahmaji *et al.* 2022). Due to waves striking the hull structure within a specific frequency band, RAO is a transfer function. RAO is a transfer function due to waves hitting the hull structure in a certain frequency range. These three movements (rolling, heaving, and pitching) are oscillatory movements due to the effect of the damping force when the ship changes from its equilibrium position. The ship does not return to its initial equilibrium position while surging, swaying, or yawing, unless the force or moment causing the change acts from the opposite direction.

In the phenomenon of ship movement, the forward or backward movement, if the ship moves at a constant speed, then the wave will appear to be faster than the actual frequency of the sea waves it faces. The observed frequency is called an encounter frequency. Like waves, encounter frequency has an encounter period ( $T_e$ ), the time a ship takes to move from one wave peak to another. The encounter period is a function of the wave period ( $T$ ), the ship's velocity ( $V$ ), and the angle of encounter ( $\mu$ ). RAO analysis is used to estimate the maximum transfer function for every movement of the ship (heave, roll, and pitch) at the encounter frequency and at the frequency of the incoming waves. This implies that by determining the natural frequency of the waves and the ship's motion, it is possible to identify a potential resonance between the wave frequency and the ship's motion frequency. This resonance can be detected through the maximum transfer function observed in the ship's motion.

The Operator's Amplitude Response (RAO) is the term used to describe the motion of a structure in regular waves that represents the relationship between the amplitude of the structure's movement and the amplitude of the wave (Ghadimi *et al.* 2020; Heriyanty *et al.* 2019; Kusumah *et al.* 2018). Information on the maximum transfer function at each ship's movement can indicate the quality of the ship design, in which a good design is indicated by a small maximum transfer function value. There are many ways to find out the RAO, ranging from the tests using models in the towing tanks to numerical and analytical approaches using either manual or certain programs. It is important to understand how the ship will react or maneuver when waves strike the ship's structure (Suzuki *et al.* 2023). RAO is used to forecast ship movement reactions, including heave, roll, and pitch, using numerical models (Ibinabo & Tamunodukobipi 2019; Virliani *et al.* 2017). Purse seine fisheries in North Sulawesi Province are located in several regions, such as Bitung, Molibagu, Belang, and Manado, but the ship shapes are different with regions. Previous findings Pamikiran *et al.* (2017) indicate that the purse seiner of Manado has the best technical ability among the others. Manado purse seiners is well known to have a good technical capability of movement response (rolling, heaving, and pitching). However, since they are traditionally made, the stability performance could still be increased through hull shape modifications. The hull redesign can yield better movement response which also impacts on the safety and the comfort of the ship crews in various ocean conditions. Therefore, this design is adopted as a prototype to make a new design to be able to increase its technical ability, particularly the ship motion. The study on the Response Amplitude Operator (RAO) of the redesigned purse seiner is important to ensure the ship safety in different ocean conditions of the fishing operations. Therefore, it focused on determining the influence of small purse-seiner hull line redesign on the ship's motion response, namely rolling, heaving, and pitching which can be observed as a Response Amplitude Operator (RAO) due to the sea conditions.

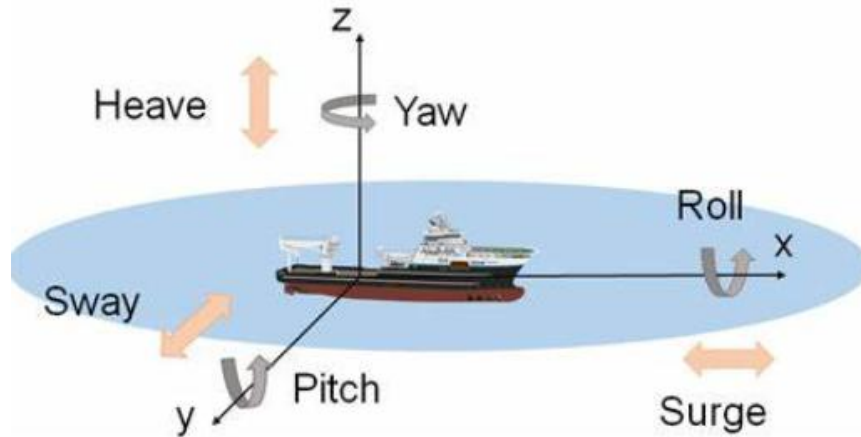


Figure 1 Six degrees illustration of freedom for the ship movement

**METHODS**

**1. Data Sources**

The study was accomplished from November 2019 to April 2021 covering field data collection, measurements, and analysis. The redesigned ship model was adopted from the original ship shape of Manado that has the best resistance and stability among the purse seiners in North Sulawesi Province. The hull line measurement of the prototype ship's hull line from Manado city was utilized as the basis of the data (Pamikiran *et al.* 2017). The hull line of the Manado prototype ship was redesigned by manipulating the ship's width (B) and depth (D). Therefore, the hull line structure design changed in a three dimensional direction. The ratio between the principal dimensions of Length (L), Width (B), and Depth (D) were set for the purse seiner as  $L/B = 3.10 - 4.30$ ,  $B/D = 2.10 - 5.00$ , and  $L/D$

$= 9.50 - 11.00$ , respectively (Fyson 1985). The dimension ratio midpoints ( $L/B = 3.7$ ,  $B/D = 3.5$ , and  $L/D = 10.25$ ) were adopted to obtain 3 new hull line forms, with the prototype ship as control and coded as A (prototype), B, C, and D. The hull line drawings and the main sizes of the ships are presented in Figure 1, 2, 3, and 4 (Pamikiran *et al.* 2020). The use of 3 hull line designs is based on Pamikiran *et al.* (2017) who to examine the velocity and stability at 3 different locations (Bitung, Manado, and Molibagu), this process led to the selection of the vessel with the best stability (Manado prototype) which then became the subject of a stability analysis for its redesigned hull lines (Pamikiran *et al.* 2020). Then, currently, research is being continued on the ship's motion response, namely rolling, heaving, and pitching, which can be observed as Response Amplitude Operators (RAO) due to sea conditions during fishing operations.

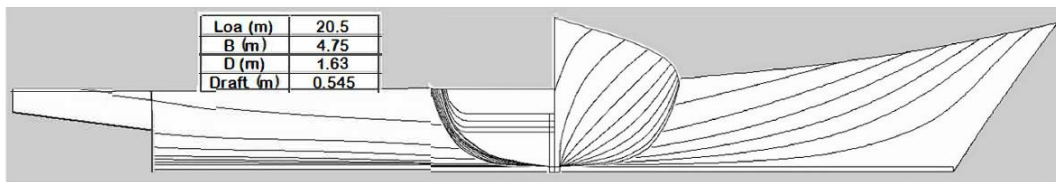


Figure 2 Hull line and principal dimension of ship A (prototype)

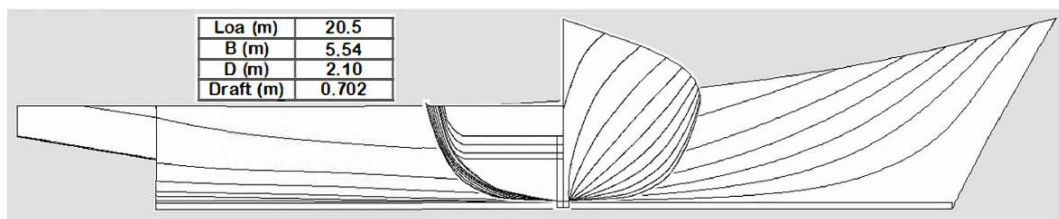


Figure 3 Hull line and principal dimension of ship B (1<sup>st</sup> redesigned)

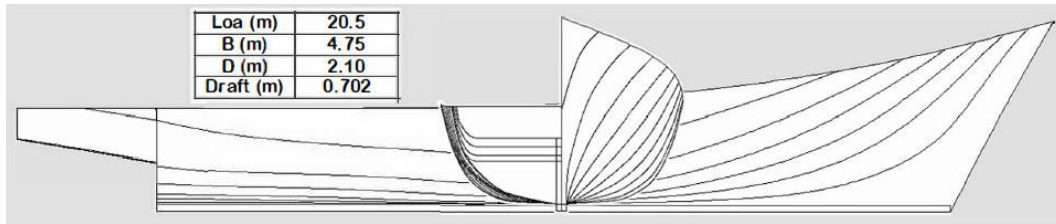


Figure 4 Hull line and principal dimension of ship C (2<sup>nd</sup> redesigned)

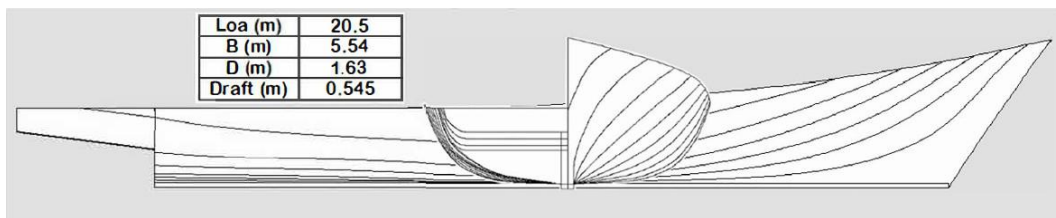


Figure 5 Hull line and principal dimension of ship D (3<sup>rd</sup> redesigned)

The Maxsurf Modeler Advanced application was used to input the image data of the ship's hull line, as this study utilized virtual simulations. The image data of the hull line and the main dimension were formatted appropriately (msd) for RAO analysis using the Maxsurf Motions Advanced application. Wave arrival data, such as beam sea (90°), bow quartering sea (135°), head sea (180°), and mean load and ship's speed, were also involved.

The research methodology in this study was conducted computationally through three key stages: first, modeling the hull lines of ships A, B, C, and D into 3D models using Maxsurf Modeler Advanced; second, simulating ship motion responses (heave, roll, pitch) to varying wave directions (90°, 135°, 180°) under operational load and speed conditions using Maxsurf Motions Advanced to generate Response Amplitude Operator (RAO) curves; and third, analyzing maximum RAO values and simulating actual ship motions using the JONSWAP wave spectrum to evaluate performance and compliance with operability criteria across different sea conditions.

**2. Data Analysis**

For the purposes of ship motion analysis, hull line data were inputted together with other supporting data into the Maxsurf Motions Advanced application. The formulation of several parameters related to the ship's motion was referred to Bhattacharya (1978) as follows:

$$T_e = \frac{L_w}{V_w - V \cos \mu} \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

$$\omega_e = \omega_w (1 - \frac{V}{V_w} \cos \mu) \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

Where:  
 Te = encountering period(s)  
 we = encountering frequency (rad/sec)  
 ωw = wave frequency (rad/sec)  
 Vw = wave speed (m/s)  
 Lw = wave length (m)  
 V = ship speed (knots), and  
 μ = angle of incidence wave

The Response Amplitude Operator (RAO) serves as a transfer function that helps transfer external loads, such as waves, into responses for a structure (Bhattacharya, 1978). RAO is expressed in mathematical form as ζ-response/ζ-wave, where the amplitude of the response can be motion, tension, or vibration.

$$RAO = \frac{X_p(\omega)}{\eta(\omega)} \dots\dots\dots(3)$$

Where:  
 Xp (ω) = amplitude of ship movement  
 η (ω) = amplitude of the wave incidence

Heaving movement is the vertical movement of the ship. It was analysed as follows:

$$a\ddot{z} + b\dot{z} + cz = F_0 \cos \omega t \dots\dots\dots(4)$$

Where:  
 aḡ = inertial force Fa  
 bḡ = damping force Fb  
 cḡ = restoring force Fc  
 F0 Cos ωt = exciting force

The rolling movement is the movement of the ship around the axis when a longitudinal

rolling occurs alternately towards the right and the left side. The rolling movement analysis used the following formula:

$$a \frac{d^2\phi}{dt^2} + a \frac{d\phi}{dt} + c\phi = M_o \cos \omega_e t \dots \dots \dots (5)$$

Where:

- $a \frac{d^2\phi}{dt^2}$  = inertial moment
- $a \frac{d\phi}{dt}$  = damping moment
- $c\phi$  = restoring moment
- $M_o \cos \omega_e t$  = exciting moment

The pitching movement is the motion of the ship that causes the ship trim either bow or stern part occur alternately. This movement was analysed as follows:

$$d\ddot{\theta} + e\dot{\theta} + h\theta = M_o \cos \omega_e t \dots \dots \dots (6)$$

Where:

$$d \frac{d^2x\theta}{dt^2} = \text{inertial moment}$$

$$e \frac{d\theta}{dt} = \text{damping moment}$$

$$H\theta = \text{restoring moment}$$

$$M_o \cos \omega_e t = \text{exciting moment}$$

### RESULTS

The analysis of ship motion, i.e. heave, roll, and pitch, was applied to four different ships by considering the three-angle approach in beam sea (90°), bow quartering sea (135°), and head sea wave (180°) conditions at average load conditions and the ship's operational speed. The RAO curve as an effect of the various states applied to the four vessels of the object, and the encounter frequency, wave frequency, and transfer function values of each heave, roll, and pitch ship motion are presented in figure 6-13. The RAO for the maximum transfer function on the ship motion range is presented in Table 1.

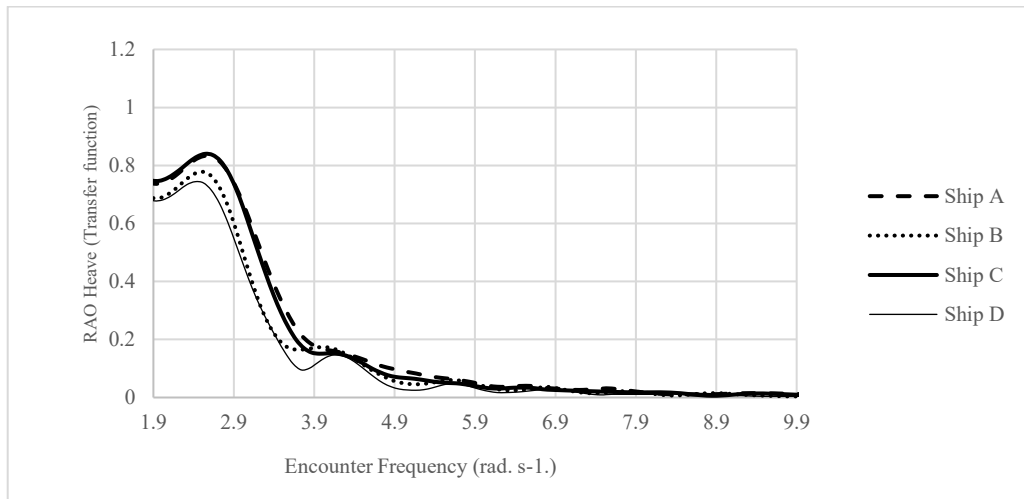


Figure 6 RAO heave of the ship prototype (Ship A) and the ship redesigned (Ship B, C and D) at 8.56 knots and the encounter angle of 90°

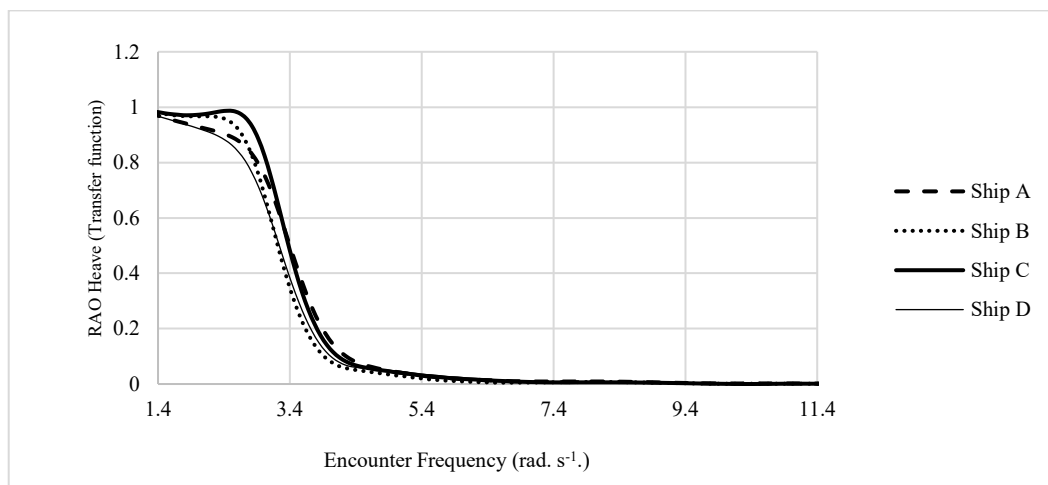


Figure 7 RAO heave of the ship prototype (Ship A) and the ship redesigned (Ship B, C and D) at 8.56 knots and the encounter angle of 135°

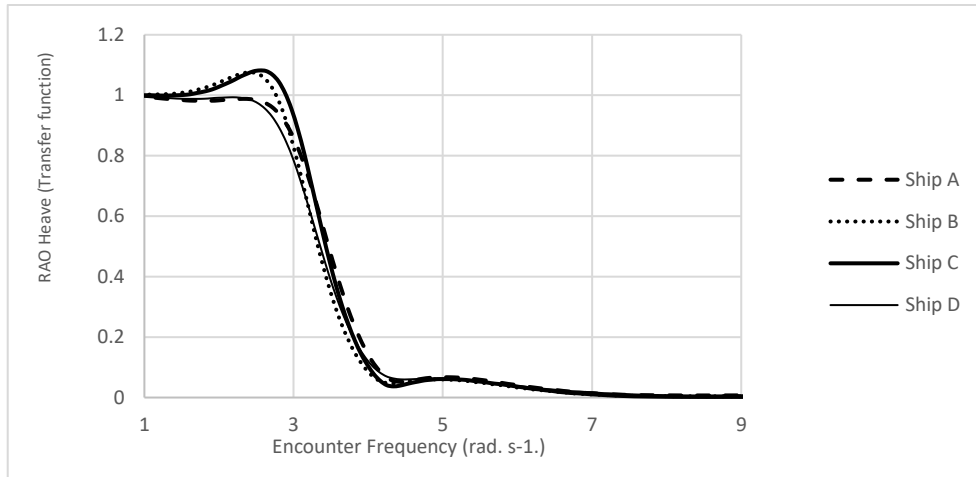


Figure 8 RAO heave of the ship prototype (Ship A) and the ship redesigned (Ship B, C and D) at a speed of 8.56 knots and the encounter angle of 180°.

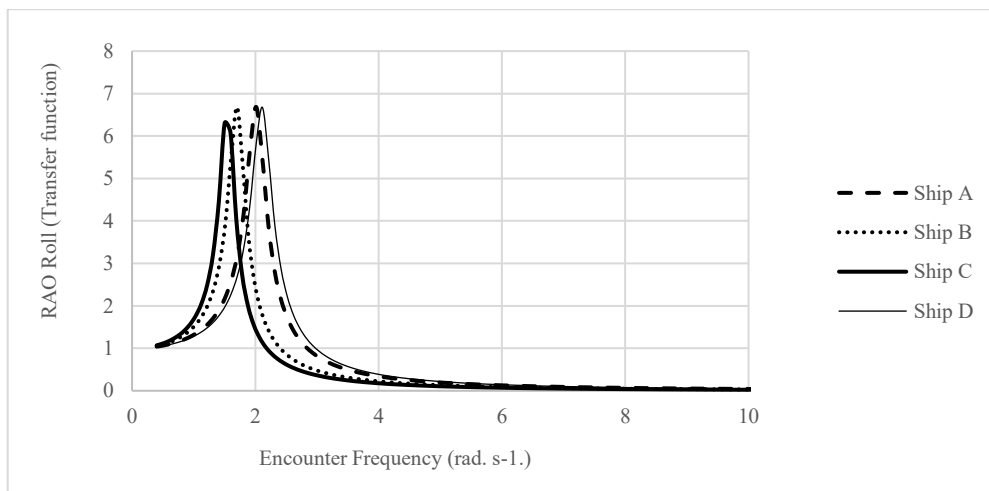


Figure 9 RAO roll of the ship prototype (Ship A) and the ship redesigned (Ship B, C and D) at 8.56 knots and the encounter angle of 90°

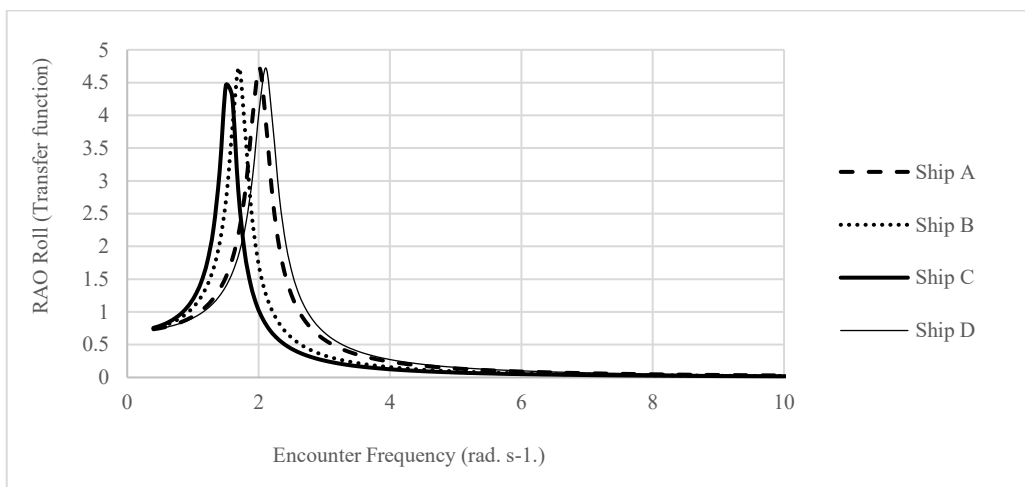


Figure 10 RAO roll of the ship prototype (Ship A) and the ship redesigned (Ship B, C and D) at 8.56 knots and the encounter angle of 135°

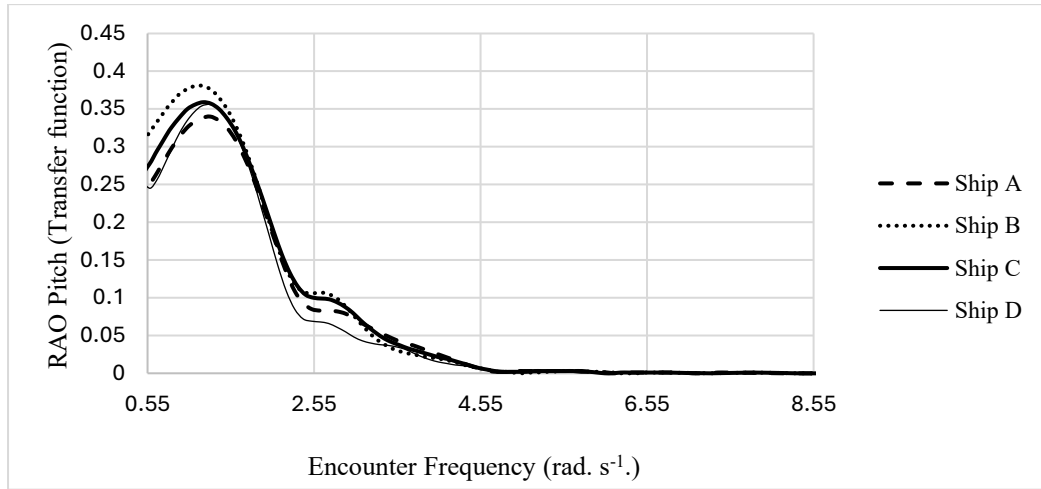


Figure 11 RAO pitch of the ship prototype (Ship A) and the ship redesigned (Ship B, C and D) at 8.56 knots and the encounter angle of 90°.

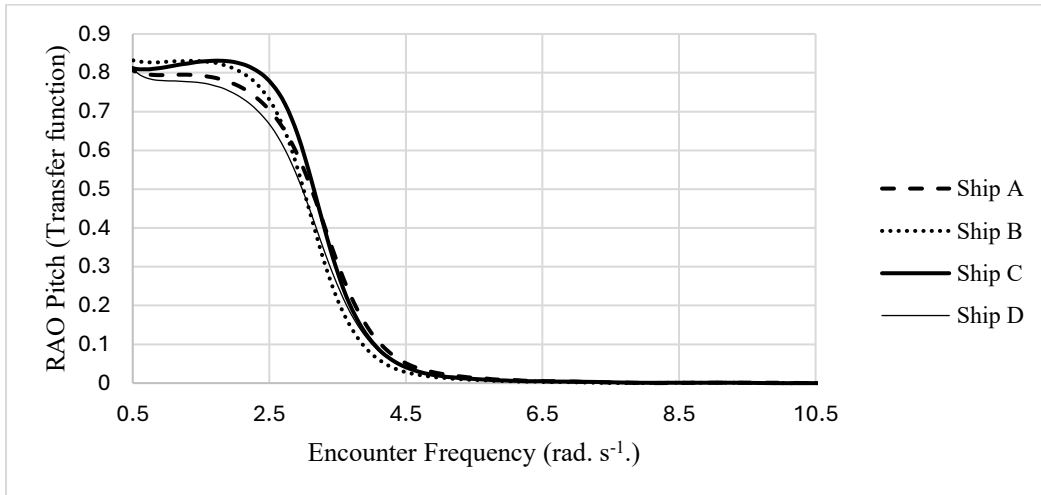


Figure 12 RAO pitch of the ship prototype (Ship A) and the ship redesigned (Ship B, C and D) at 8.56 knots and the encounter angle of 135°

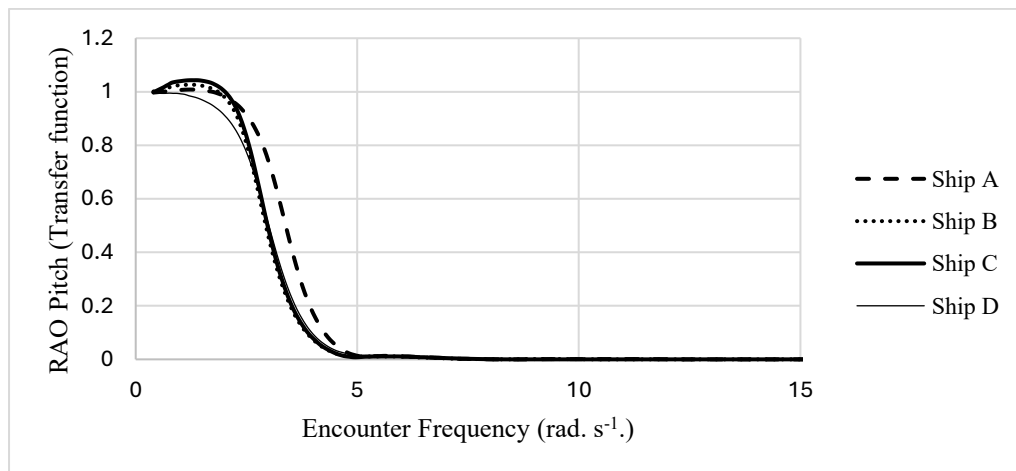


Figure 13 RAO pitch of the ship prototype (Ship A) and the ship redesigned (Ship B, C and D) at 8.56 knots and the encounter angle of 180°



Table 1 RAO values of ships based on the encounter angle on the prototype ship (A) and the three redesigned ships (B, C, and D)

Ship	Encounter angle (degree)	Response Amplitudo Operator (RAO)	Encounter frequency (rad. s <sup>-1</sup> )	Transfer function (m or degree)
A	90	Heave	2.927	0.725
B	90	Heave	2.907	0.596
C	90	Heave	2.921	0.724
D	90	Heave	2.927	0.528
A	135	Heave	2.419	0.902
B	135	Heave	2.443	0.955
C	135	Heave	2.448	0.987
D	135	Heave	2.419	0.881
A	180	Heave	2.519	0.983
B	180	Heave	2.461	1.075
C	180	Heave	2.546	1.082
D	180	Heave	2.231	0.993
A	90	Roll	2.013	6.684
B	90	Roll	1.702	6.685
C	90	Roll	1.502	6.303
D	90	Roll	2.114	6.675
A	135	Roll	2.013	4.727
B	135	Roll	1.702	4.727
C	135	Roll	1.502	4.457
D	135	Roll	2.114	4.720
A	180	Roll	-	-
B	180	Roll	-	-
C	180	Roll	-	-
D	180	Roll	-	-
A	90	Pitch	1.302	0.340
B	90	Pitch	1.145	0.381
C	90	Pitch	1.218	0.359
D	90	Pitch	1.302	0.356
A	135	Pitch	1.708	0.787
B	135	Pitch	1.794	0.822
C	135	Pitch	1.786	0.831
D	135	Pitch	1.708	0.766
A	180	Pitch	1.302	1.008
B	180	Pitch	1.238	1.026
C	180	Pitch	1.313	1.043
D	180	Pitch	1.302	0.981

To support the outcome above, the ship movements were analysed using Joint North Sea Wave Project (JONSWAP) application at the wave spectra for Indonesian Sea conditions, particularly Northern Sea and archipelagic conditions (Gustiarini *et al.* 2017; Mazzaretto *et al.* 2022). The wave condition categories followed the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) as presented in Table 2.

Table 3 demonstrates the lowest movements at different encounter angle and different redesign simulations that at the encounter angle of 90°, the lowest heave movement was recorded in ships B and D, 0.211 m (slight), B and D, 0.460 m (moderate), and B and D, 0.802 m (rough); the roll movements occurred only in ship C at all coming angles and sea conditions; pitch was recorded in ships A and D at different coming angles and sea conditions.

Table 2 Ocean condition categorized by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

Sea State Code	Significant Wave Height (m)		Description
	Range	Means	
3	0.5 – 1.25	0.875	Slight
4	1.25 – 2.5	1.875	Moderate
5	2.5 – 4.0	3.25	Rough

Source: metservice.com

Table 3 Roll, heave, and pitch amplitude of prototype vessels (A) and redesigned vessels (B, C, and D) simulations result in encounter angle (90°, 135°, and 180°) for each ocean condition (slight, moderate, rough)

Encounter angle		Slight			Moderate			Rough		
		Heave (m)	Roll (deg.)	Pitch (deg.)	Heave (m)	Roll (deg.)	Pitch (deg.)	Heave (m)	Roll (deg.)	Pitch (deg.)
90° /	A	0.213	3.62	0.35	0.462	5.72	0.58	0.804	8.22	0.85
	B	0.211	3.54	0.40	0.460	5.62	0.66	0.802	8.10	0.98
	C	0.213	3.47	0.37	0.463	5.53	0.62	0.806	7.99	0.91
	D	0.211	3.64	0.35	0.460	5.74	0.58	0.802	8.25	0.86
135° /	A	0.214	2.15	0.85	0.464	3.46	1.43	0.807	5.02	2.14
	B	0.215	2.09	0.87	0.465	3.40	1.48	0.809	4.95	2.21
	C	0.216	2.03	0.89	0.466	3.33	1.50	0.810	4.88	2.24
	D	0.214	2.17	0.82	0.463	3.48	1.39	0.806	5.04	2.08
180° /	A	0.215	0	1.03	0.465	0	1.74	0.808	0	2.61
	B	0.218	0	1.04	0.469	0	1.77	0.813	0	2.64
	C	0.218	0	1.07	0.468	0	1.81	0.813	0	2.70
	D	0.215	0	0.99	0.465	0	1.70	0.808	0	2.54

**DISCUSSION**

The maximum heave motion at the wave angles of 90°, 135°, and 180°, occurs at an angle of 180°, and it is in accordance with the previous finding Putranto & Sulisetyono (2015); Romadhoni (2019); Harry-Ameh *et al.* (2021). The motion of RAO heave at the wave incidence angle of 90°, two small maximum transfer function value occurs on ships B (encounter frequency of 2.907 rad. s-1, with the transfer function of 0.596 m) and D (encounter frequency of 2.927 rad. s-1, with the transfer function of 0.528 m). The motion of RAO heave at the angle of arrival of wave 135°, two small maximum transfer function value occurs on ships A (encounter frequency of 2.419 rad. s-1, with the transfer function of 0.902 m) and D (encounter frequency of 2.419 rad. s-1, with the transfer function of 0.881 m). At 180° of the coming wave angle, two small maximum transfer function values occur on ship A (encounter frequency of 2.519 rad. s-1, with the transfer function of 0.983 m) and ship D (encounter frequency of 2.231 rad. s-1, with transfer function of 0.993 m).

In the three directions of the coming wave ( $\mu$ ), the RAO heave motion that occurs on ships A and D is smaller than ships B and C, because the height of ships B and C is

greater than that of ships A and D, which can lead to an increase in the value of the ship's displacement ( $\Delta$ ) and will ultimately affect the heave response value of these ships and the sailing comfort.

The roll motion does not occur at the wave angle of 180° because the coming wave is perpendicular to the ship. It is in accordance with that rolling movement usually occurs at the angle of arrival of waves 90° and 135°, and maximum at an angle of 90° (Göksu & Bayramoğlu 2021; Romadhoni 2016; Romadhoni 2019). At the roll angle of 90°, small maximum transfer functions occur on ships C (encounter frequency of 1.502 rad. s-1, with the transfer function of 6.303°). The roll motion at the wave arrival angle of 135° gave small maximum transfer function values on ship C (encounter frequency of 1.502 rad. s-1, with the transfer function of 4.457°).

Similar to the heave motion, the pitch motion occurs at the coming wave angle of 90°, 135°, and 180°, where the maximum value occurs at an angle of 180° as stated in the previous study (Fitriadhy & Adam 2017; Rahmaji *et al.* 2022). The pitch motion at the wave arrival angle of 90°, two small maximum transfer functions occur on ships A (encounter frequency of 1.302 rad/s, with transfer function



value of  $0.340^\circ$ ) and D (encounter frequency of 1.302 rad. s<sup>-1</sup>, with the transfer function of  $0.356^\circ$ ). At the wave arrival angle of  $135^\circ$ , the pitch motion yielded two small maximum transfer functions on ships A (encounter frequency of 1.708 rad. s<sup>-1</sup>, with the transfer function of  $0.787^\circ$ ) and D (encounter frequency of 1.708 rad. s<sup>-1</sup>, with the transfer function of  $0.766^\circ$ ). The pitch motion at the wave angle of  $180^\circ$  yielded two small maximum transfer functions on ship A (encounter frequency of 1.302 rad. s<sup>-1</sup>, with transfer function value of  $1.008^\circ$ ) and ship D (encounter frequency of 1.302 rad. s<sup>-1</sup>, at the transfer function of  $0.981^\circ$ ).

Ships A and D have better RAO values than those of B and C, meaning that the ship's response values to the two vessel's Heave and Pitch at the different arrival wave angles ( $90^\circ$ ,  $135^\circ$ , and  $180^\circ$ ) are smaller than the other two vessels (B and C). The better RAO value of ships A and D compared to ships B and C could result from the condition of the shape and the ratio of the main dimension, especially the ship's height against the ship's width and length which contributes positively to the ship stability, both transversely and longitudinally, and ultimately contributes to the RAO value of ships A and D. For the rolling movement at the encounter angle of  $90^\circ$  and  $135^\circ$ , ship C had the smallest maximum response among the others (A, B, and D) reflecting that the ship C has a better rolling movement than ships A, B, and D at these encounter angle.

At the encounter angle of  $135^\circ$ , the lowest heave occurred in ships A and D at the slight condition, while at the moderate and rough conditions, the lowest heave occurred only in ship D; the lowest roll was recorded only in ship C at all sea conditions, while the lowest pitch occurred only in ship D. Moreover, at the encounter angle of  $180^\circ$ , the lowest heave was recorded in ship A and D in all sea conditions, except that there is no roll movement due to its perpendicular position to the roll direction; the lowest pitch was recorded in ship D at all sea conditions. Based on the simulation results, the best encounter angle of  $90^\circ$  for heave and pitch movements was found in ship D, and the roll in ship C; at the encounter angle of  $135^\circ$ , the best heave and pitch were found in ship D, while the best roll was recorded in ship C; at the angle of  $180^\circ$ , the best heave and pitch were found in ship D.

These findings indicated that ship D, in general, has the best performance in heave and pitch at all angles, while ship C showed

the best performance only at the encounter angle of  $90^\circ$  and  $135^\circ$  for the roll movements. Both roll and pitch parameters are used to meet the general operability limiting criteria for ships (Ghassemi *et al.* 2015),  $6^\circ$  (Root Mean Square, RMS) for rolling and  $3^\circ$  (RMS) for pitching. The standard rolling and pitching have been met by all ships at various sea conditions, while at the encounter angle of  $90^\circ$ , the roll performance occurs only up to the moderate condition.

## CONCLUSION

All ships used in the study met the standard criteria for rolling and pitching motions across all sea conditions (slight, moderate, and rough); however, rolling motion at a wave angle of  $90^\circ$  was only fulfilled under slight and moderate sea conditions. Ship D consistently demonstrated better RAO performance in heave and pitch motions than ships A, B, and C. This superiority can be attributed to the optimized main dimension ratios resulted from the hull redesign simulation, The ratio between the principal dimensions of Breadth-to-Depth (B/D) and Length-to-Depth (L/D) ratios, which improved its longitudinal stability and dampened vertical motion responses. Ship C had the best RAO for roll motion, benefitting from a lower centre of gravity and favourably transverse stability characteristics. The rolling motion at a wave angle of  $90^\circ$  was only fulfilled under slight and moderate sea conditions. These findings underscored the direct influence of principal dimension adjustments on motion response and support the adoption of dimension-driven hull redesign for enhanced seakeeping performance in small purse-seine vessels.

## SUGGESTION

This finding has given useful information on the vessel's RAO. Future studies need to integrate the RAO analysis with a full stability assessment following the IMO/FAO guidelines for fishing vessels, particularly hull line design to ensure a safe and efficient sailing during the fishing operation.

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