Propeller geometrie definitie – Waar kunst overgaat in techniek





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Cylindrical cross section of propeller blade

Propeller reference plane: perpendicular to shaft, through midchord of root section



Geometry of propeller blade section



Different definitions of camber and pitch



Expanded cylindrical cross section of propeller



Most important propeller parameters

- Diameter
- > Pitch, Blade Area Ratio, Number of Blades
 - See also B-series designation e.g. B4.70
- Pitch and Camber



Longitudinal cross section of a propeller with rake

Effects of rake:

- change in wetted surface
- change in effective diameter of streamtube
- change in prop-hull clearance
- notice def. of thickness



Contours and blade areas

Expanded blade contours matters hydrodynamically: Ae/A0 or Ap/A0





a. Projected and developed area b. Expanded area

Projected and expanded contour of propeller with skew





Example of a propeller drawing



Effects of skew and rake in a propeller drawing



Without skew and rake



With rake



With skew







Propeller design

- Series open water characteristics for parametric design
- Lifting line
- Systematic variation of parameters and analysis
- Optimization techniques (e.g. steepest gradient, genetic algorithms)