

VARD™
a Fincantieri company

Vard Marine

Research Vessel Design Approach - IRSO

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Vard Marine at a glance

Employees

150

Product lines

17

Unique designs

250+

Design offices

5

Vessels delivered
and under contract

160+

HQ in

Vancouver, Canada

VARD and Fincantieri
corporate support

Vard Marine is the
expert in tailored offshore
ship design solutions

THE VARD MARINE VISION

The ship designer of
choice for sustainable
tailored solutions.



OUR PRODUCT RANGE



Offshore Patrol Vessels



Naval Auxiliary Vessels



Offshore Supply Vessels



Icebreaking Vessels



Research Vessels

Passenger & Vehicle Ferries



Energy Infrastructure



Compact Semi-Submersibles



Offshore Support Vessels



Offshore Renewable Vessels

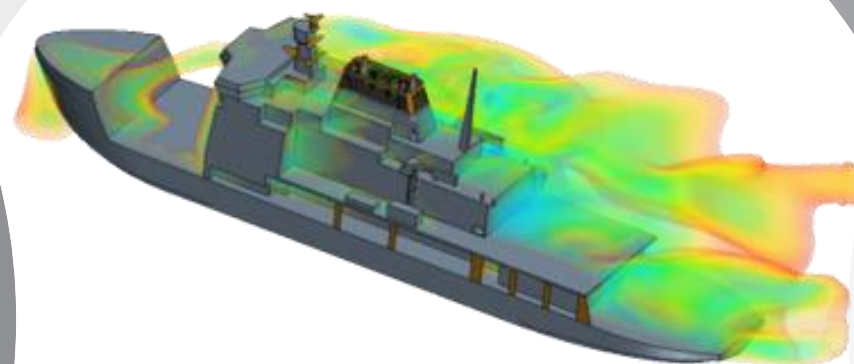


OUR SERVICES



Conceptual Development

- Basic naval architecture
- Feasibility studies
- Cost estimates
- Vessel specification
- Trade-off studies
- HAZID/HAZOP analysis
- Condition analysis



Engineering Analysis

- Naval architecture
- Structural designs
- Machinery arrangements
- Electrical system design
- Equipment selection
- Outfit drawings
- Environmental applications



Shipyard Support

- Functional design package
- Construction specifications
- Production and detail design
- Build support
- On-site supervision
- Trials supervision
- Equipment procurement

VESSELS CONSTRUCTED

Vard Marine - Research and Hydrographic



(Photo Credit: Canadian Coast Guard)

CCGS John Tully



(Photo Credit: US Coast Guard)

USCGC Icebreaker Healy



(Photo Credit: Navy Lookout)

HMS Echo



(Photo Credit: Seaspan Corporation)

CCG Offshore Fisheries Science Vessel



(Photo Credit: ASMAR)

Chilean Navy Antarctica Icebreaker



CGG Offshore Oceanographic Science Vessel*



* Under Construction

VESSELS

Contemporary Group Projects



(Photo Credit: Institute of Marine Research)

RV Kronprins Haakon – Fincantieri Group



(Photo Credit: REV Ocean)

REV Ocean – Vard Group



(Photo Credit: VARD)

Ocean Infinity – Vard Group

Science & Research Community Impact

Early-stage design influence and critical design inputs

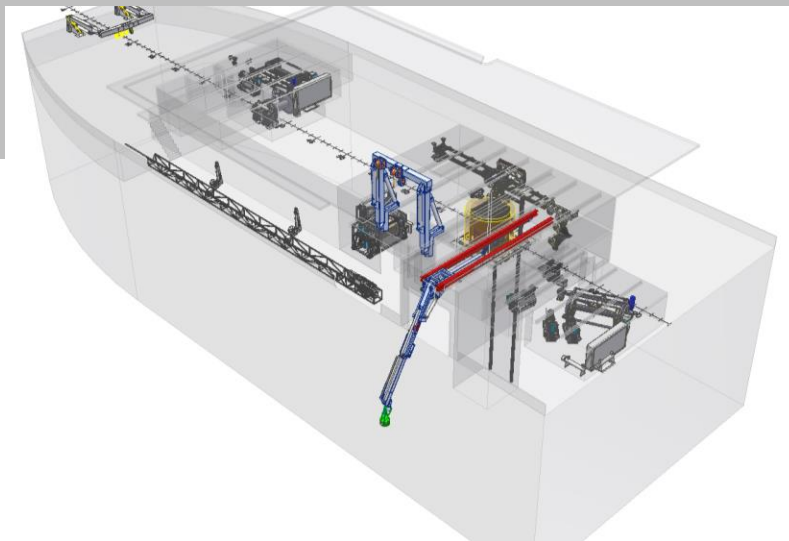
1. Class notations and regulatory regimes
2. Length, beam and draft restrictions
3. SAR and other organizational requirements
4. Mission profiles – Benthic, Arrays, Coring, Geophysics
5. Bubble sweepdown
6. URN
7. Crew and science complements
8. Wet and dry labs
9. Workflow
10. LARS and over the side equipment, ramps and access
11. Cranes and A frames
12. CTD spaces
13. Coring
14. ROVs/AUV
15. Gondolas and drop keels
16. Helo facilities
17. Sensor interaction/interference
18. Dynamic positioning and station-keeping
19. Seakeeping and anti-roll systems
20. Modularity and mission containers
21. Compressed air and on deck power/water
22. Areas of operation and endurance
23. Ports of operation
24. Ice class
25. Propulsion fuel availability
26. Propulsor preferences – shafts, pods, Voith
27. IMO emissions requirements – Urea, scrubbers
28. Existing equipment compatibility
29. Preferred vendors and makers



Impacts on design

Generic Requests from Operators that had severe impacts on design:

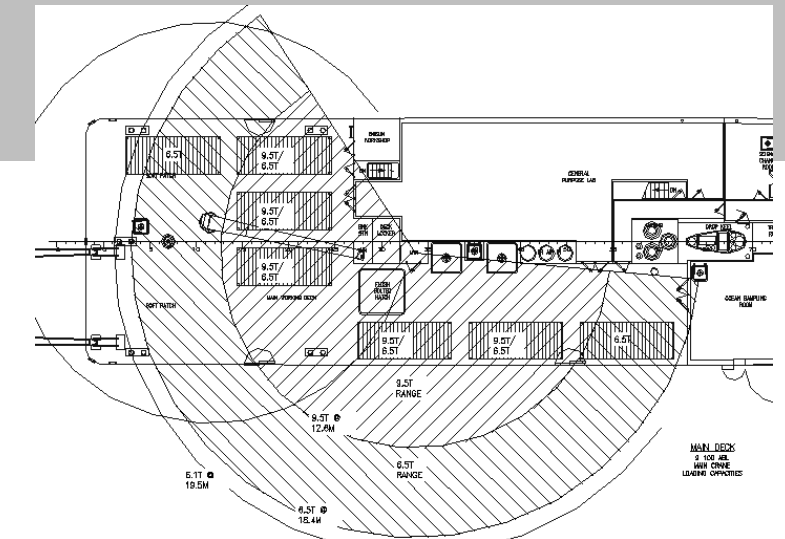
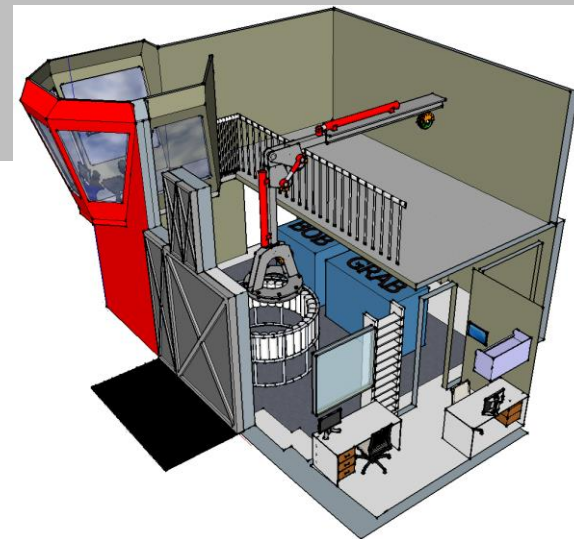
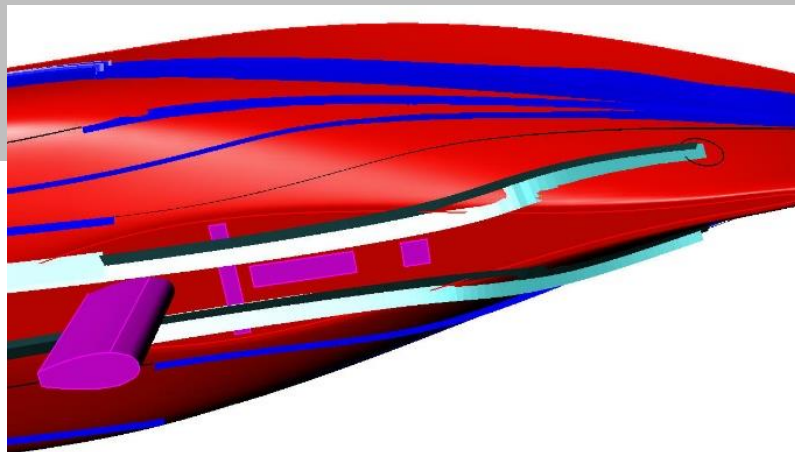
- 300m² of workshop space
- A moonpool
- A CTD LARS
- XYZ sensor suite
- Launch vehicles over the side



Impacts on design

Overlooked concept decisions that were crucial for mission effectiveness

- Drop keel position and sizing
- Bubble sweep down
- Coring requirements
- Compressed air access
- Winch cable lengths
- Lab workflow
- Server room sizes
- Lifesaving requirements
- Crane reach
- Winterization





Operator Expertise

Improving the design

- Coring requirements
- Modularity improvements
- Workshop workflow
- Future mission and capability
- Autonomous technology and support
- Changing Arctic and Antarctic environments
- Underwater noise



Industry Expertise

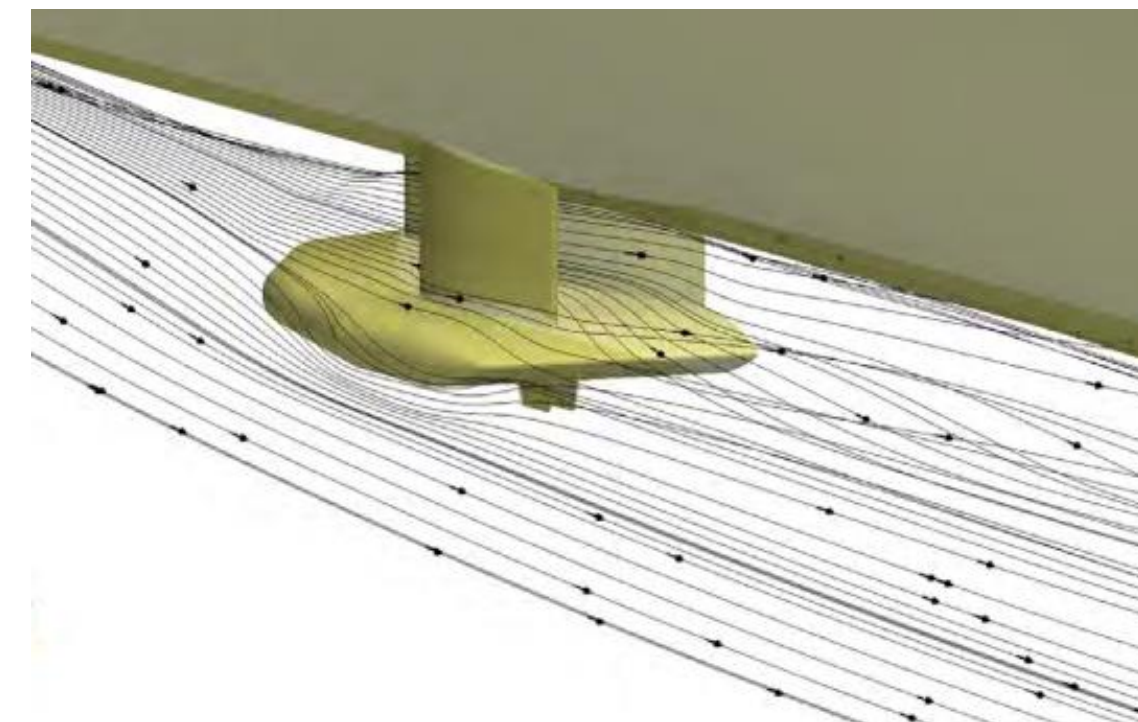
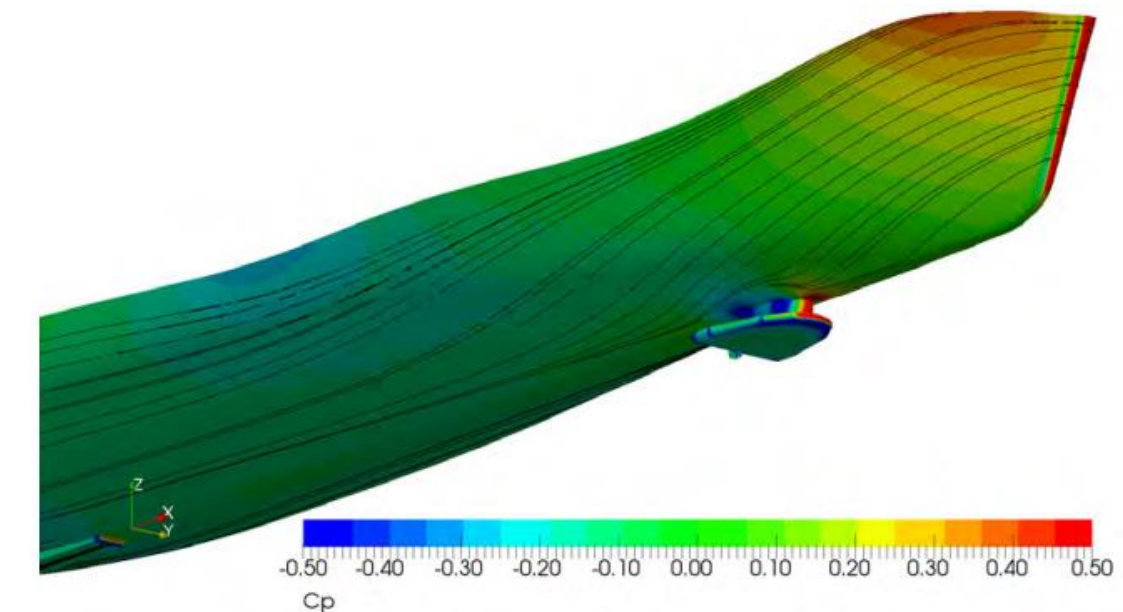
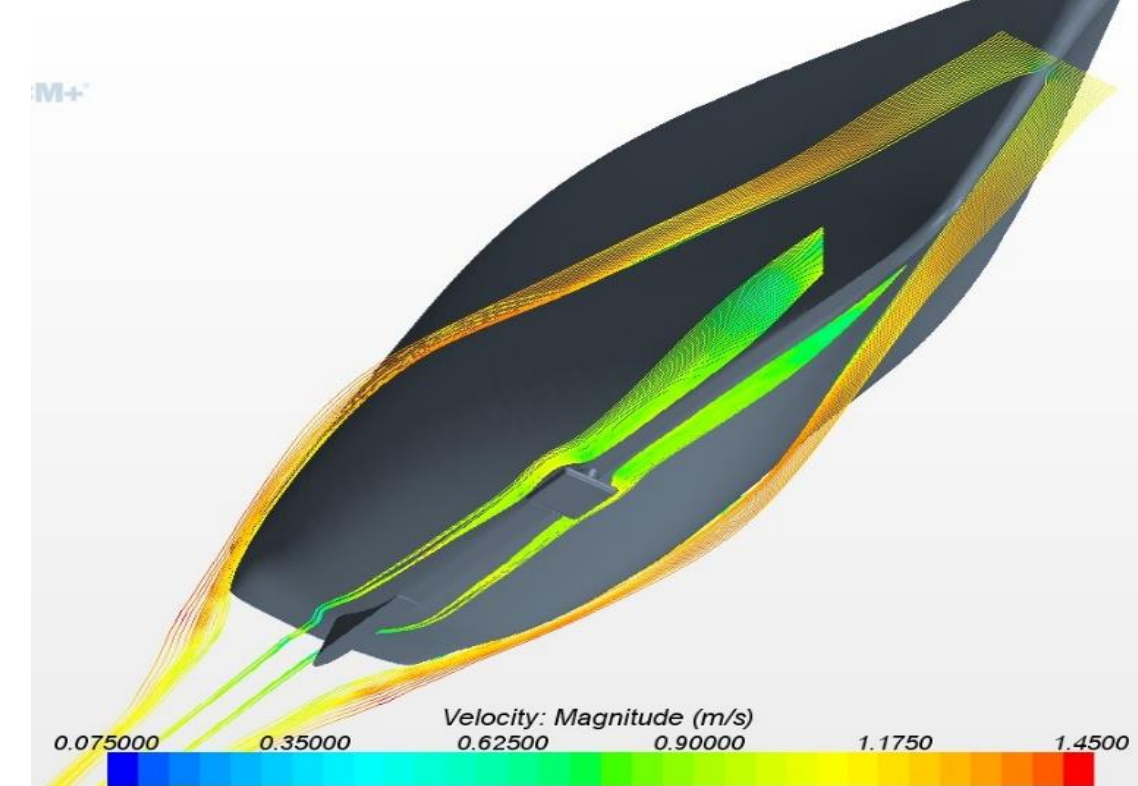
Improving the design

- Autonomous vehicle advancements
- Sensors and acoustic advancements
- Handling systems
- Emissions reduction
- Digital twin and AI integration
- Data transfer and communications

Vard Marine Expertise

Improving the design

- Requirements clarification
- Hybrid propulsion and alternative fuels
- Modularity integration
- Noise & vibration / URN
- Motions and seakeeping
- Dynamic positioning
- Bubble sweep down
- Drop keel and gondola optimization
- Workflow and ergonomics
- Ice class determination
- LARS optimization
- Reduced crewing and autonomy



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