

NAU ASCE CONCRETE CANOE 2026

PLUTO JACKS — Design A | Northern Arizona University

NAU CHAPTER PROFILE

Northern Arizona University ASCE Student Chapter, Flagstaff AZ. Active in regional and national competitions. Committed to sustainable infrastructure and hands-on engineering education.

PROTOTYPE SPECIFICATIONS

DIMENSIONS

Length	192" (16.0 ft)
Beam	32" (2.67 ft)
Depth	17" (1.42 ft)
Wall Thickness	0.5"

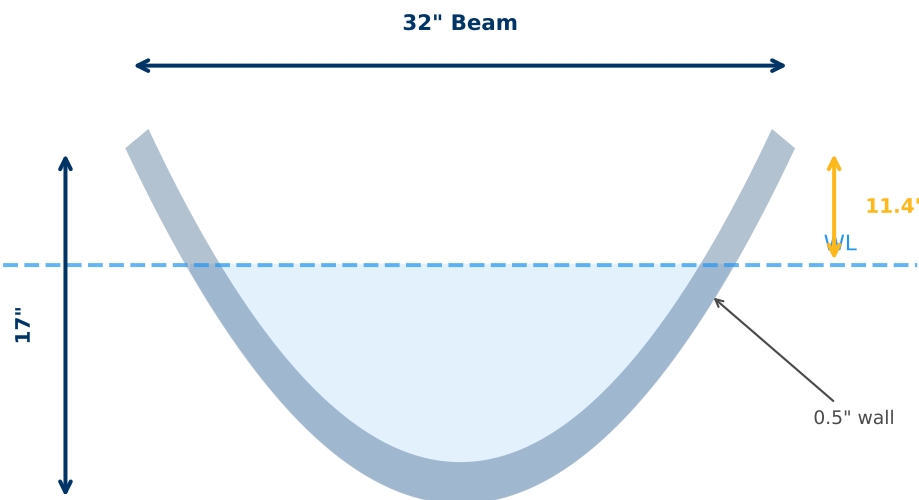
WEIGHT

Total Weight	174.3 lbs
Concrete Shell	163.1 lbs
Reinforcement (PVA)	8.2 lbs
Finish / Sealant	3.0 lbs

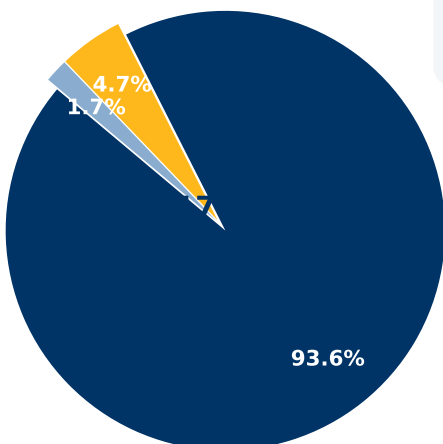
STRUCTURAL

Flexural Strength	1,500 psi
Compressive Strength	2,000 psi

Hull Cross-Section (Midship)



Weight Breakdown



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- Finish / Sealant (3.0 lbs)

INNOVATIVE FEATURES

- Lightweight concrete with Poraver expanded glass aggregate
- Computational hull optimization exploring 3 candidate designs
- AI-assisted structural analysis and verification
- CO₂-cured mix design for improved sustainability
- PVA fiber mesh reinforcement (42% POA)

MIX DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS

Wet Density	~80 PCF
Oven-Dried Density	60 PCF
Slump	4 - 6 in.
Air Content	8 - 12%
Compressive Strength	2,000 psi
Flexural Strength	1,500 psi

ASCE COMPLIANCE

Requirement	Actual	Required	Status
Freeboard	11.4"	≥ 6.0"	✓ PASS
Metacentric Height	8.68"	≥ 6.0"	✓ PASS
Safety Factor	2.30	≥ 2.0	✓ PASS
Canoe Weight	174.3 lb	≤ 237 lb	✓ PASS
Cement Ratio	0.35	≤ 0.40	✓ PASS
Reinforcement POA	42%	≥ 40%	✓ PASS

174.3lbs

Total Weight

2.30

SF

Safety Factor

11.4"

Freeboard

8.68"

GM Height