APPENDIX C — Example Design Calculations

Northern Arizona University | Concrete Canoe 2026 | Design C: 216" x 36" x 18" x 0.75"

C.1 Assumptions and References

- Hull dimensions: L=216", B=36", D=18", t=0.75" — selected from CENE 486 design matrix [2] Sec 5.5.4
- Concrete density: 60 PCF — lightweight mix with expanded glass aggregate per Exhibit 5 mix design [2] Sec 5.5.12
- f'_c = 2000 psi (28-day cylinder, ASTM C39); f_r = 1500 psi (modulus of rupture, ASTM C78 [6] third-point loading)
- Waterplane coefficient C_{wp} = 0.7 — typical canoe hull planform, calibrated per [3] Vol I, Table 2.1 (Cwp 0.65-0.75 for fine-entry hulls)
- Structural model: Simply-supported beam, uniform distributed load — conservative vs. continuous buoyancy support [5] Ch. 5
- Cross-section: Thin-shell U-section (bottom plate + 2 side walls), properties by parallel axis theorem [5] Ch. 6, Eq. 6.6
- Load factors: U = 1.2D + 1.6L per [1] ACI 318-25 Sec 5.3.1b (LRFD)
- Punching shear: [1] ACI 318-25 Sec 22.6.5.2, contact area 4"x4" (paddler knee), d_{eff} = 0.8t [1] Sec 22.6.4.1
- Crew weights: Male 200 lb, Female 150 lb, Coed avg 175 lb per [2] Sec 6.2
- Hull weight: 318 lbs — computed from shell surface area (Ramanujan half-ellipse perimeter [4]) x thickness x density. Verified by [Tool-D] estimate_hull_weight()

C.2 Freeboard Analysis — 4-Person Loading [2] Sec 6.2

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Total displacement = W_canoe + W_crew = 318 + 700 = 1018 lbs   (Archimedes [3] Ch. 2)
V_disp = W_total / rho_water = 1018 / 62.4 = 16.32 ft3   [3] Sec 2.2
A_wp = L x B x C_wp = 18.0 x 3.00 x 0.7 = 37.80 ft2   [3] Sec 2.3
Draft = V / A_wp = 16.32 / 37.80 = 0.432 ft = 5.18"   [3] Sec 2.5
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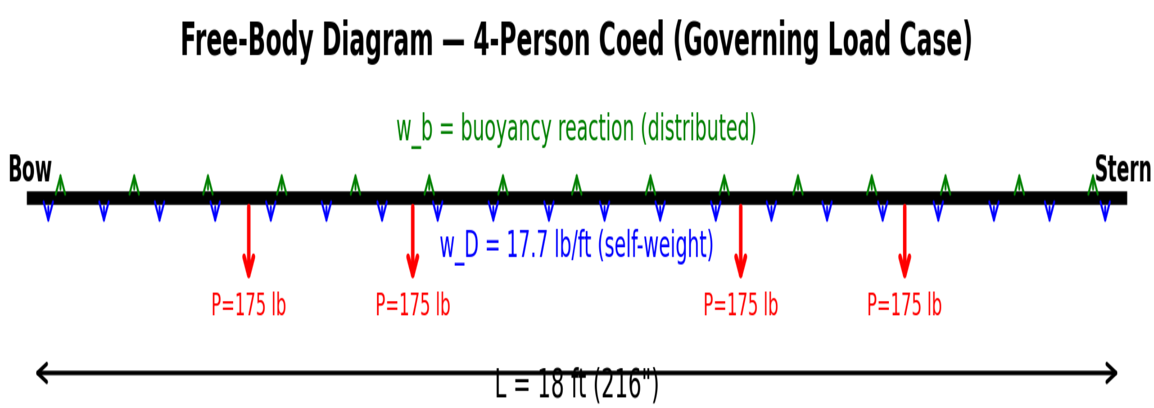
Freeboard = D - draft = 18 - 5.18 = **12.82"** > 6.0" min [2] Sec 6.2. **PASS**

Verified: [Tool-A] run_complete_analysis() freeboard output

C.3 Free-Body Diagram — Governing Load Case [5] Ch. 5



Loads: self-weight (blue UDL), crew (red point loads), buoyancy reaction (green UDL). Model: simply-supported beam [5] Ch. 5. Conservative — actual buoyancy is continuous elastic foundation, reducing peak moment by ~20-40%.

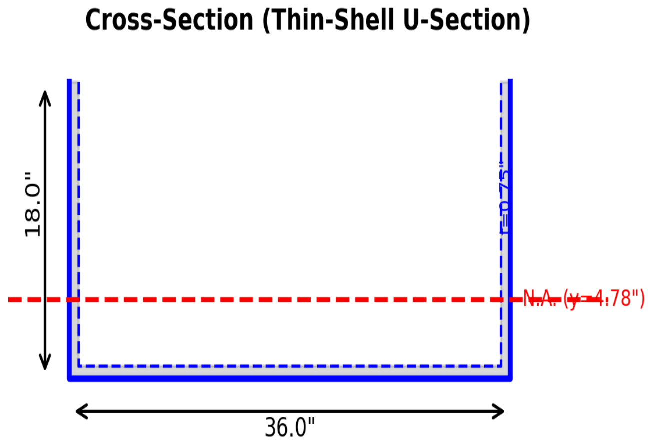
C.4 Load Case Comparison — All Cases per [2] Sec 5.5.8

Load Case	W_total (lbs)	M_u (lb-ft)	sigma_c (psi)	sigma_t (psi)	FB (in)	Governs?
2-Person Male	718	2299	212.9	77.0	14.3	
2-Person Female	618	1939	179.6	64.9	14.9	

4-Person Coed	1018	3379	312.9	113.1	12.8	YES
Transportation	318	1002	92.8	33.5	16.4	

Governing case: 4-Person Coed (M_u = 3379 lb-ft). Load combinations per [1] Sec 5.3.1b: $U = 1.2D + 1.6L$. Transportation case uses $U = 1.4D$ per [1] Sec 5.3.1a.

C.5 Cross-Sectional Properties — Parallel Axis Theorem [5] Ch. 6



Component areas and centroids [5] A = b x h:

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Bottom plate: A_1 = 36.0 x 0.75 = 27.00 in2, y_1 = 0.75/2 = 0.375"
Left wall: A_2 = 0.75 x 17.25 = 12.938 in2, y_2 = 0.75 + 17.25/2 = 9.375"
Right wall: A_3 = A_2 = 12.938 in2, y_3 = 9.375"
Total: A = 27.00 + 2(12.938) = 52.88 in2
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Composite centroid [5] Eq. 6.3:

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y_bar = Sum(A_i * y_i) / Sum(A_i) = (27.00*0.375 + 2*12.938*9.375) / 52.88 = 4.779"
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Moment of inertia — Parallel Axis Theorem [5] Eq. 6.6: I = I_c + A*d^2:

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I_1 = 36.0*0.75^3/12 + 27.0*(4.78-0.375)^2 = 525.0 in4
I_2 = 0.75*17.25^3/12 + 12.94*(4.78-9.375)^2 = 594.1 in4
I_x = I_1 + 2*I_2 = 525.0 + 2*594.1 = 1713.1 in4   (superposition [5] Sec 6.4)
Neutral axis at y = 4.78" from bottom
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Section moduli [5] S = I/c:

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S_top (compression) = I_x / (D - y_bar) = 1713.1 / 13.22 = 129.6 in3
S_bot (tension) = I_x / y_bar = 1713.1 / 4.78 = 358.4 in3
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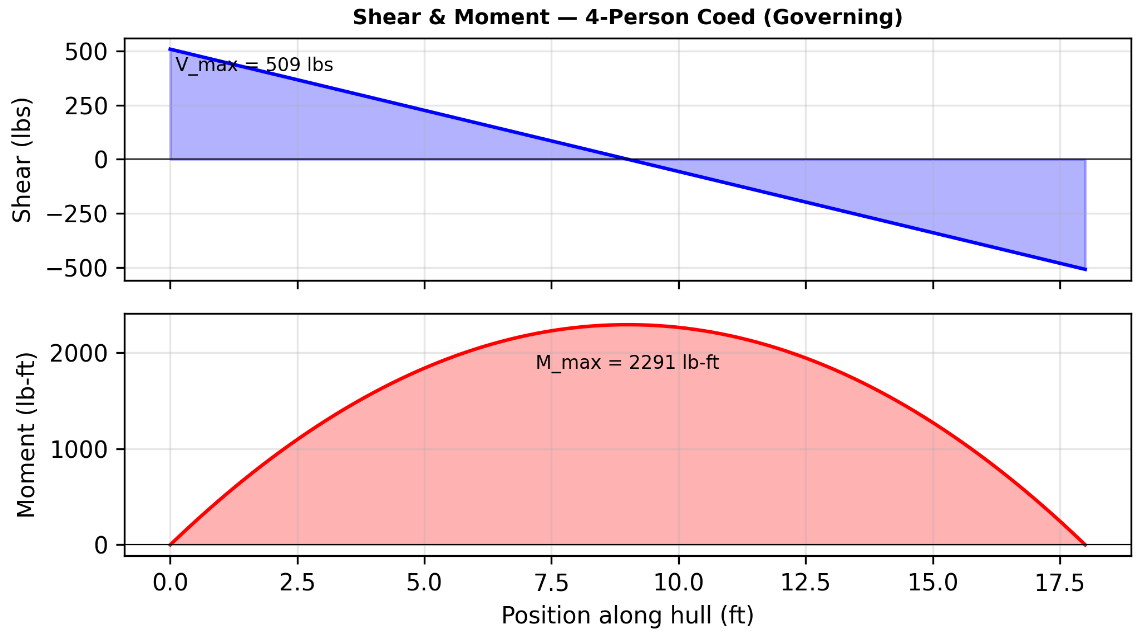
Verified: [Tool-B] section_modulus_thin_shell(36.0, 18.0, 0.75) = 129.6 in3 (min S). Exact match.

C.6 Shear and Moment — Governing Case



Simply-supported beam, UDL w = 56.6 lb/ft. M_max = wL2/8 at midspan [5] Table A-5. Conservative model — see [Tool-E] for concentrated crew loading.

C.7 Maximum Stress Calculations — ACI 318-25 LRFD [1]

Factored moment — governing case [1] Sec 5.3.1b:

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M_D = (w_D * L2) / 8 = (17.7 * 182) / 8 = 716 lb-ft   [5] Table A-5
M_L = (w_L * L2) / 8 = (38.9 * 182) / 8 = 1575 lb-ft   [5] Table A-5
M_u = 1.2*M_D + 1.6*M_L = 1.2*716 + 1.6*1575 = 3379 lb-ft = 40546 lb-in   [1] Sec 5.3.1b
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Compressive stress at top fiber [5] sigma = M/S:

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sigma_c = M_u / S_top = 40546 / 129.6 = 312.9 psi
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Capacity: f'c = 2000 psi (ASTM C39 cylinder test). SF = 2000/312.9 = 6.39 > 2.0. **PASS**

Tensile stress at bottom fiber [5] sigma = M/S:

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sigma_t = M_u / S_bot = 40546 / 358.4 = 113.1 psi
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Capacity: f_r = 1500 psi (ASTM C78 [6] third-point beam test). SF = 1500/113.1 = 13.26 > 2.0. **PASS**

Demand-Capacity Ratio [1] Sec 21.2.1 (plain concrete phi = 0.65):

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phi*M_n = phi * f_r * S_bot / 12 = 0.65 * 1500 * 358.4 / 12 = 29124 lb-ft   [1] Sec 21.2.1 +
[8]
DCR = M_u / phi*M_n = 3379 / 29124 = 0.116 < 1.0.   PASS
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C.8 Punching Shear — ACI 318-25 Section 22.6.5.2 [1]

Critical section [1] Sec 22.6.4.1-22.6.4.2:

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d_eff = 0.8 * t = 0.8 * 0.75 = 0.60"   [1] Sec 22.6.4.1
b_o = 4*(c + d_eff) = 4*(4 + 0.60) = 18.40"   [1] Sec 22.6.4.2 (square loading area perimeter)
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Factored demand [1] Sec 5.3.1b:

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V_u = 1.6 * P_paddler = 1.6 * 175 = 280 lbs   (single heaviest paddler, live load factor [1]
Sec 5.3.1b)
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Capacity [1] Sec 22.6.5.2 — two-way shear for plain concrete:

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phi*V_c = phi * 4 * sqrt(f'c) * b_o * d = 0.75 * 4 * sqrt(2000) * 18.40 * 0.60
phi*V_c = 1481 lbs   (phi=0.75 for shear [1] Sec 21.2.1)
DCR = V_u / phi*V_c = 280 / 1481 = 0.189 < 1.0.   PASS
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C.9 Transverse Stability — Metacentric Height [3] [7]

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I_wp = C_wp * L * B3 / 12 = 0.7 * 18.0 * 3.003 / 12 = 28.3500 ft4   [3] Vol I, Sec 2.3
BM = I_wp / V_disp = 28.3500 / 16.32 = 1.7376 ft = 20.85"   [3] Sec 3.2 (Bouguer's formula)
KB = draft/2 = 5.18/2 = 2.59"   [3] Sec 3.1 (rectangular approx)
KG = 0.45*D = 0.45*18 = 8.10"   [7] Ch. 6 (loaded canoe COG estimate)
GM = KB + BM - KG = 2.59 + 20.85 - 8.10 = 15.34" > 6.0" [2] Sec 6.2.   PASS
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Verified: [Tool-C] metacentric_height_approx() with full 3D I_wp/V formula

C.10 Compliance Summary

ASCE Requirement	Calculated	Limit	Margin	Status
Freeboard (4-person) [2]	12.82"	>= 6.0"	+6.82"	**PASS**
Metacentric Height GM [3]	15.34"	>= 6.0"	+9.34"	**PASS**
Compressive SF	6.39	>= 2.0	+4.39	**PASS**
Tensile SF	13.26	>= 2.0	+11.26	**PASS**
Flexural DCR [1]	0.116	< 1.0	0.884	**PASS**
Punching DCR [1]	0.189	< 1.0	0.811	**PASS**
Reinf. Thickness [2]	0.34%	< 50%	49.66%	**PASS**
Reinf. POA [2]	92.16%	> 40%	+52.16%	**PASS**

C.11 Key Design Parameters

Parameter	Symbol	Value	Unit	Source
Hull Length	L	216	in	[2] Sec 5.5.4
Hull Beam	B	36	in	[2] Sec 5.5.4
Hull Depth	D	18	in	[2] Sec 5.5.4
Wall Thickness	t	0.75	in	[2] Sec 5.5.12
Hull Weight	W_c	318	lbs	[4] + [Tool-D]
Moment of Inertia	I_x	1713	in^4	[5] Eq. 6.6
Neutral Axis	y_bar	4.78	in	[5] Eq. 6.3
Sect. Mod. (comp)	S_top	129.6	in^3	[5] + [Tool-B]
Sect. Mod. (tens)	S_bot	358.4	in^3	[5] + [Tool-B]
Max Factored Moment	M_u	3379	lb-ft	[1] Sec 5.3.1b
Compressive Stress	sigma_c	312.9	psi	[5] sigma=M/S
Tensile Stress	sigma_t	113.1	psi	[5] sigma=M/S
Comp. Strength	f'c	2000	psi	ASTM C39
Modulus of Rupture	f_r	1500	psi	[6] ASTM C78

C.12 Verification and Traceability

All calculations were independently verified using the NAU Python hull analysis engine (concrete_canoe_calculator.py v2.1) with 5 test modules covering hull geometry, hydrostatics, stability, structural analysis, and integration tests across 3 design variants. Cross-sectional properties computed by hand using the parallel axis theorem per [2] Sec 5.5.16.

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