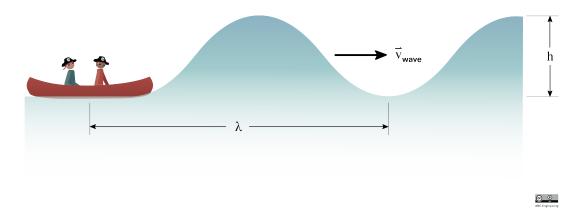
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A small boat sits anchored in the ocean. If the waves are measured to have a wavelength $\lambda=15$ m, height h=1 m, and a horizontal velocity of $\vec{v}_{\rm wave}=1\hat{i}$ m/s with respect to the boat, what is the vertical displacement of the boat as a function of time? Take the starting displacement of the boat to be $y(0)=-\frac{h}{2}$ m.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} v_w &= \lambda f \\ f &= \frac{v_w}{\lambda} \\ \omega_0 &= 2\pi f = 2\pi \frac{v_w}{\lambda} = 2\pi \frac{1}{15} = 0.419 \text{ [rad/s]} \\ A &= \frac{h}{2} = 0.5 \text{ [m]} \\ y(t) &= A\cos(\omega_0 t + \phi) \\ y(0) &= \frac{h}{2}\cos(\phi) = -\frac{h}{2} \Rightarrow \cos(\phi) = -1 \Rightarrow \phi = \pi \\ y(t) &= 0.5\cos(0.419t + \pi) \\ y(t) &= -0.5\cos(0.419t) \end{aligned}$$