



DYNASIM[©]

A PC Based
Ship Maneuvering Simulator

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Definition

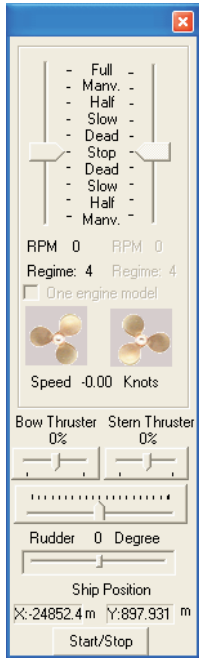
- DYNASIM[®] is a user-friendly ship simulator that utilizes ship maneuvering characteristics to faithfully reproduce ship motion in the presence of:
 - winds
 - waves
 - currents
 - obstacles
 - other ships....etc.
- Multi-threading enables simultaneous simulation of multiple ships.
- An auto-pilot following traffic regulation enables traffic simulation in harbors and waterways



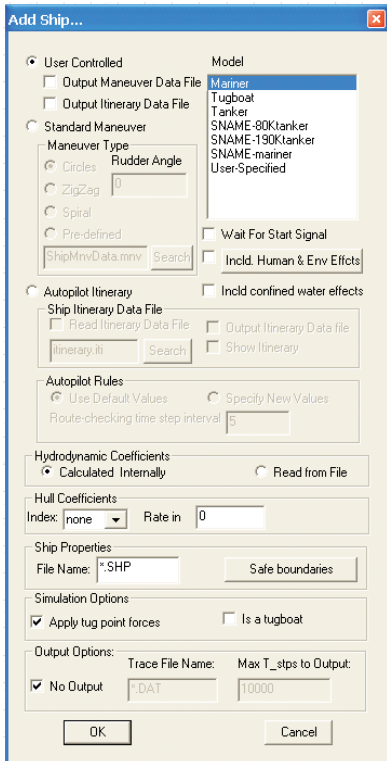
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Capabilities

- DYNASIM[®] incorporates state of the art models of ship motion and is capable of executing real time simulations of ship maneuvers in complex environments in real or accelerated time.
- DYNASIM[®] employs modular mathematical models for the various components of the ship (hull, propellers, rudders, thrusters) and environmental effects (wind, current, waves) and waterways (bottom, pier walls) to achieve a sophisticated and faithful mathematical model for ship maneuvers. These models are based on collective experience resulting from the development of several ship maneuvering software.
- DYNASIM[®] runs on a Windows operating system and has a user-friendly interactive graphic interface. It achieves capabilities on par with expensive stand-alone full-mission simulators.



Ship control panel

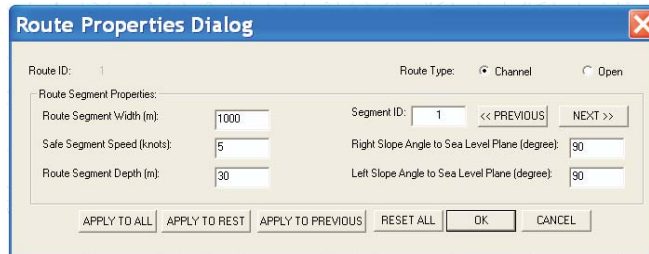


Ship definition panel

Applications

DYNASIM[®] is suitable for the following applications:

- Training of master pilots
- Traffic safety evaluation in harbors
- Safety study of vessel types, traffic densities, waterway geometries
- Harbor structures design
- Navigation channels design
- Port traffic planning
- Marine/navigation regulation development
- Tug operation optimization

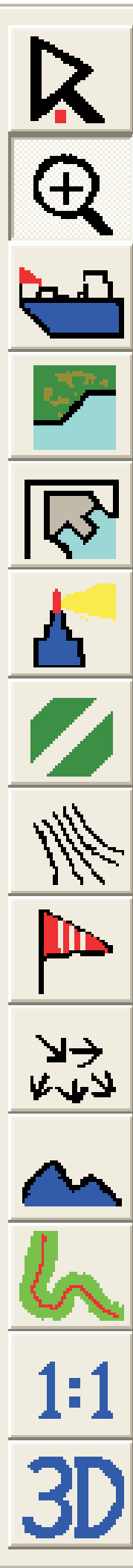


Route properties panel

Advantages & Features

DYNASIM[®] includes the following:

- Advanced mathematical modeling of ship maneuvering hydrodynamics
- Environmental effects: wind, wave, current, bathymetry,...
- User input ship data file
- Ship characteristics: type, geometry, twin screw, bow/stern thrusters, tugs,...
- Simulation of IMO standard ship maneuvers
- Autopilot with collision avoidance
- Configurable preplanned routes and ship schedules
- Harbor/waterway system safety metric
- Fuel consumption calculation
- Tug operation simulation by a user controlled tugboat and/or by tabulated force vectors
- Human errors and delays
- Graphic User Interface with user control input through a keyboard, a mouse, and a joystick
- Technical support and flexible customization



DYNASIM® Simulation Modes

DYNASIM® has three basic simulation modes:

- **User controlled mode:** in DYNASIM® the user controls the rudder, the engine, and any lateral thrusters through a graphic control panel to simulate the navigation of a ship.
- **Standard maneuver mode:** DYNASIM® can simulate a ship performing one of the classical maneuvers (turning circle, zigzag, spiral) recommended by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) for certification and evaluation of ship hydrodynamic characteristics and maneuverability.
- **Computer controlled navigation mode:** DYNASIM® can model ship traffic in the open ocean or in a restricted environment. The behaviors of the auto-piloted ships along prescribed routes in the simulation are based on the U.S. Code of Conduct of Vessels. Traffic central parameters can also be adjusted by the user.



Session recording and replaying

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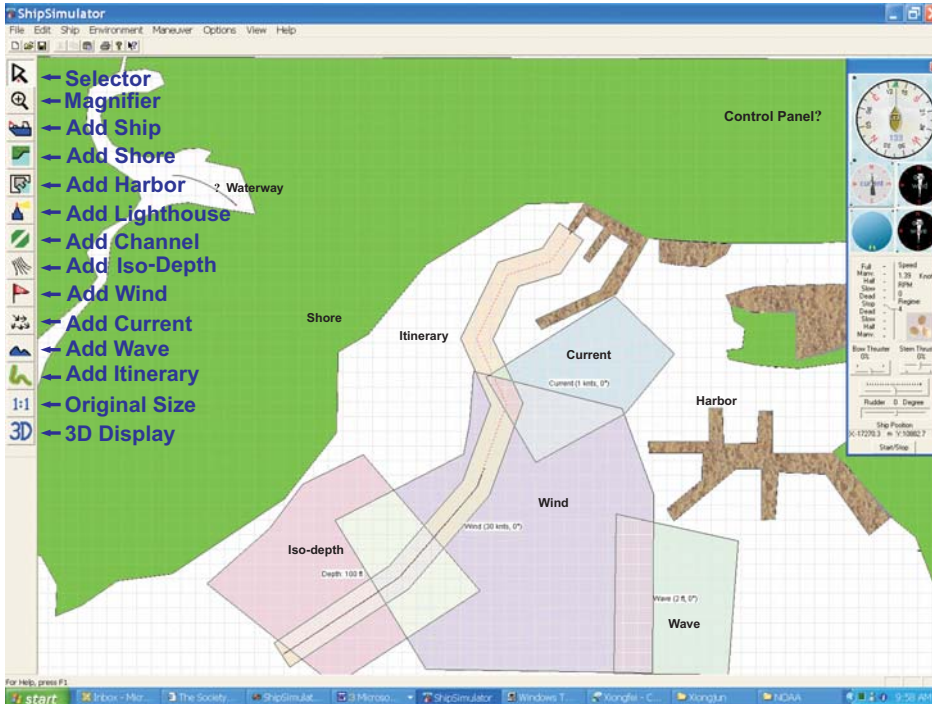
- Target Advance Distance:** Radio buttons for "Use Default Distance" (selected), "User Specified Distance" (with a text box containing "50"), and "User Fixed Segment End Point".
- Turning Characteristics:** Radio buttons for "Earliest Turn" (selected), "Ending-point Turn", and "User Specified Early Turn Distance" (with a text box containing "500 m").
- Emergency Situation:** Text boxes for "Action Distance: 500 m", "Minimum Safe Clearance: 300 m", and "Course Angle Change: 30 deg".
- Head-on Situation:** Text boxes for "Action Distance: 3000 m", "Minimum Safe Clearance: 500 m", and "Course Angle Change: 30 deg".
- Over_taking Situation:** Text boxes for "Action Distance: 1000 m", "Minimum Safe Clearance: 500 m", and "Course Angle Change: 30 deg".
- Crossing Situation:** Text boxes for "Action Distance (CPA): 1000 m", "Minimum Safe Clearance: 400 m", and "Course Angle Change: 30 deg".

At the bottom of the dialog are "OK" and "Cancel" buttons.

Auto-Pilot navigation rules

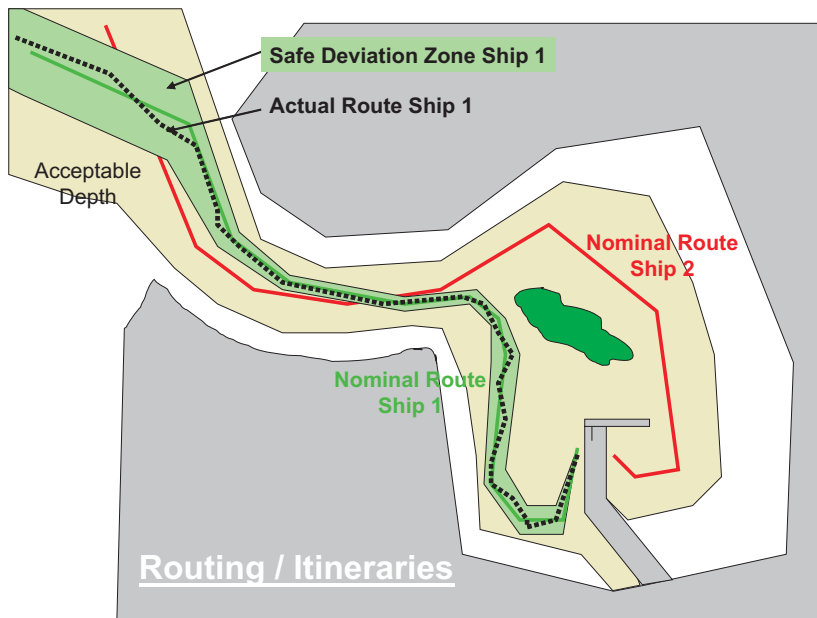
Environment Definition

Environmental conditions can be user input and drawn with a set of tool bars or can be read from an environmental data file.



Screen shot of simulator with environmental conditions

Traffic Modeling



Route evaluation and traffic planning



DYNASIM[®] Commercial Versions

DYNASIM[®] Basic

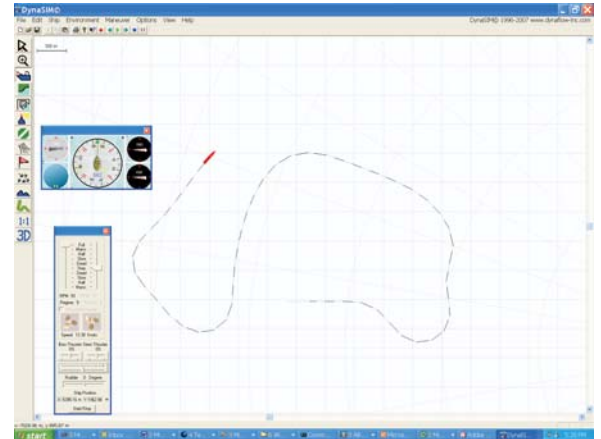
- Basic ship maneuvers using a keyboard and a mouse or a joystick
- User configurable environments (coastline, wind, wave, current, bathymetry, channels, etc.)
- Simulation of IMO standard ship maneuvers (turning circle, zigzag, spiral)
- Editable ship data files (tankers, containers, mariners)

DYNASIM[®] Traffic

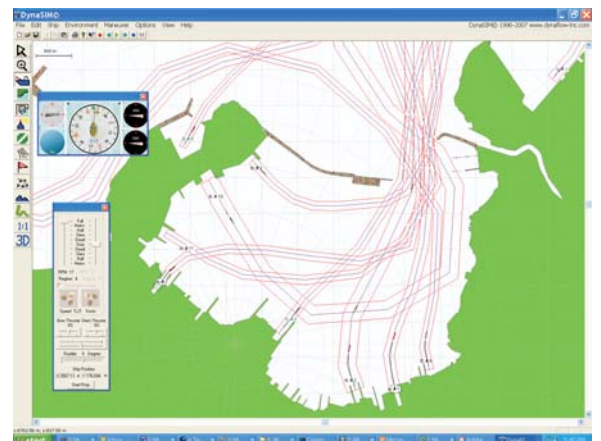
- All features of DYNASIM[®] Basic version, plus computer controlled maneuvers along pre-planned routes
- Collision avoidance following navigation rules
- Harbor simulation with prescribed ship schedules
- Calculation of system safety and fuel consumption

DYNASIM[®] Tug Boat

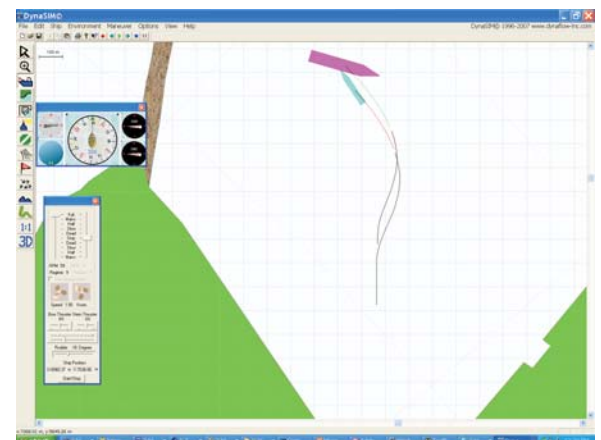
- All features of DYNASIM[®] Traffic version plus tugboat in user controlled mode
- Simulation of tugboats as tabulated point force vectors
- Twin engines/screws with separate controls for each engine



Basic Version



Traffic Version



Tug Boat Version

Hardware Requirements

Minimum Requirements

CPU: P3 400 KHz
Memory: 128 MB
Free disk space: 256 MB
Monitor resolution: 1024 x 768

Recommended Hardware

CPU: P4 2.8 GHz or better
Memory: 512 MB or more
Free disk space: 1 GB or more
Monitor resolution: 1280 x 1024 or higher
OS: Windows XP or above
Joystick

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Parallel Developments

- The hydrodynamic characteristics implemented in DYNASIM[®] can be updated using the results from advanced computational hydrodynamics codes such as DYNAFLOW's 3DYNAFS[®], which can handle nonlinear, large amplitude vehicle motion, high waves, surf zone waves, etc.
- An additional major characteristic of DYNASIM[®] is the incorporation of a multi-objective system identification technique to determine the vehicle parameters. This enables the autopilot to adjust the vehicle parameters based on feedback from ship response to pilot commands.



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