



# Marine Composites

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## Design of Structural Details

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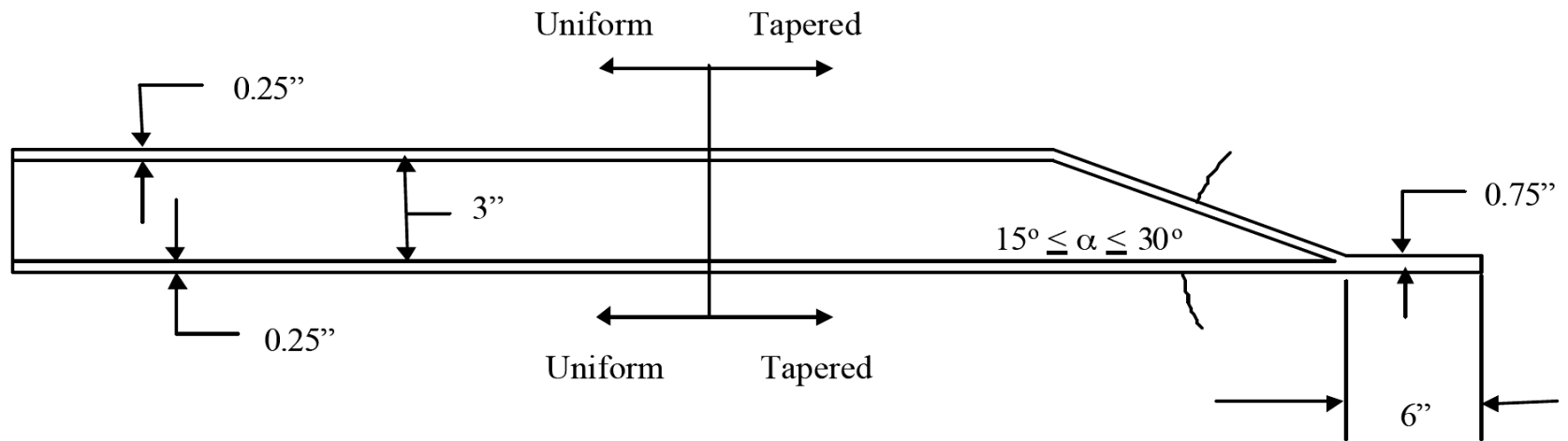
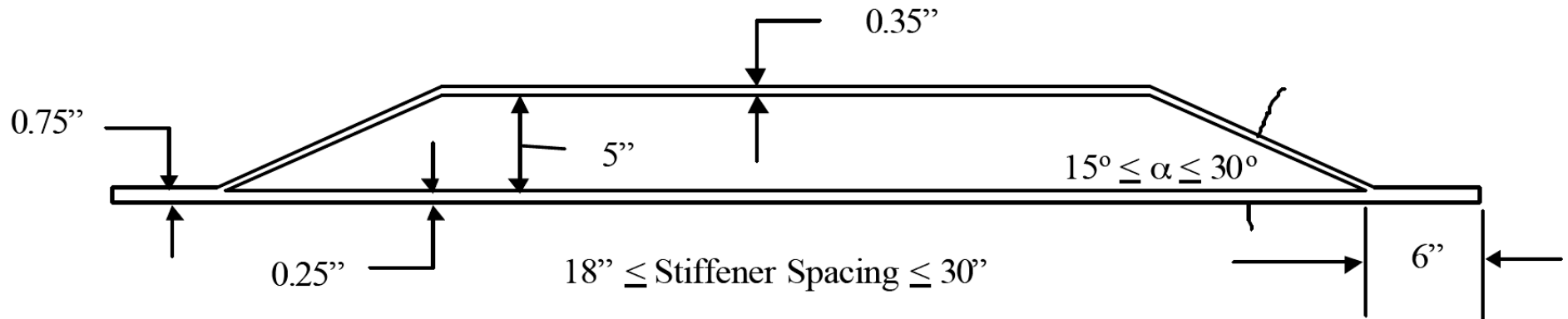
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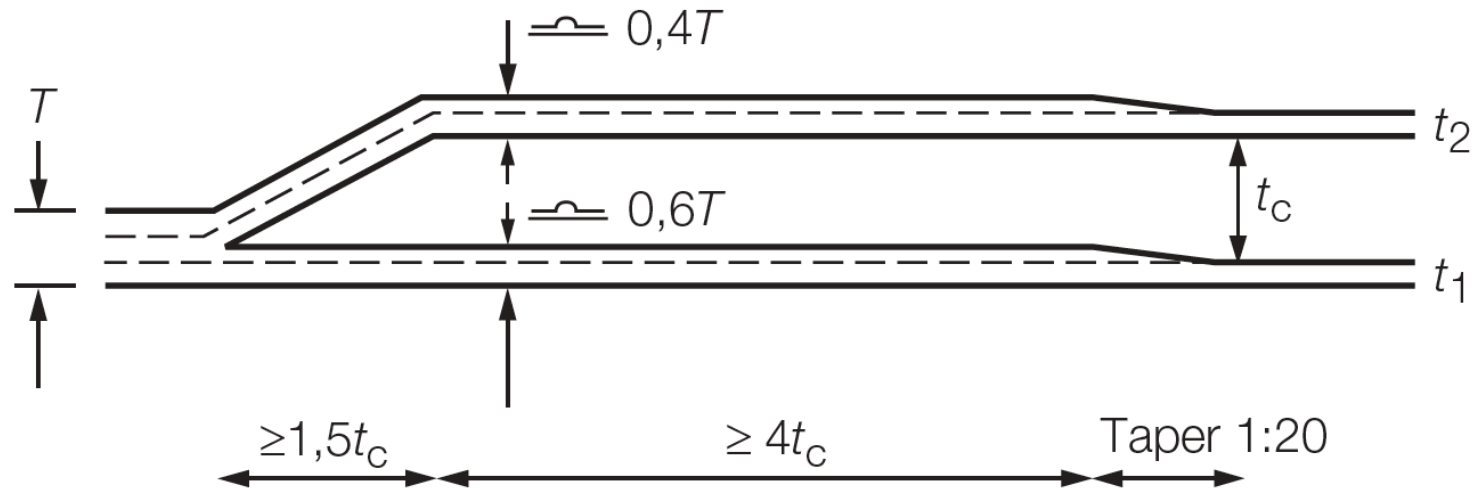


# Typical Parameters for Sandwich Panels

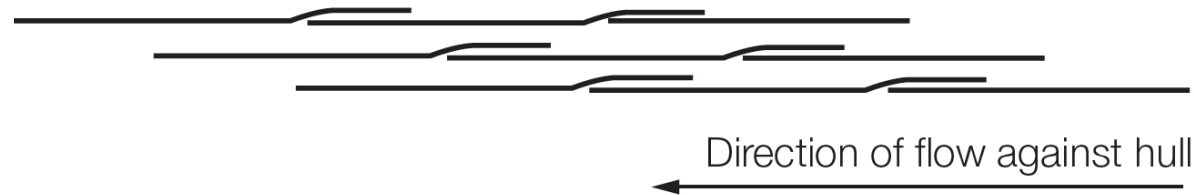




# Single Skin/Sandwich Skin Intersection Detail



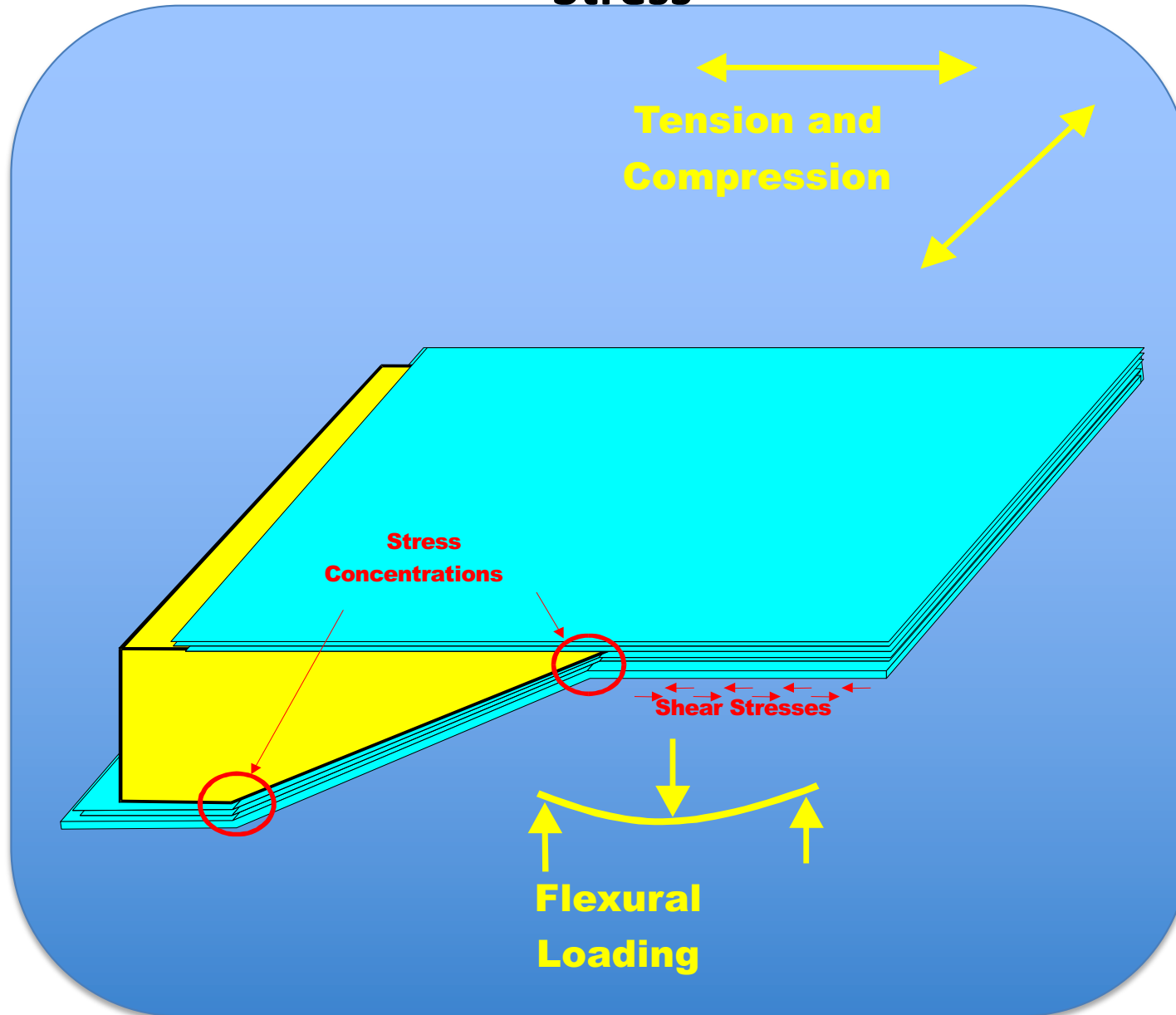
## Arrangement of hull reinforcement



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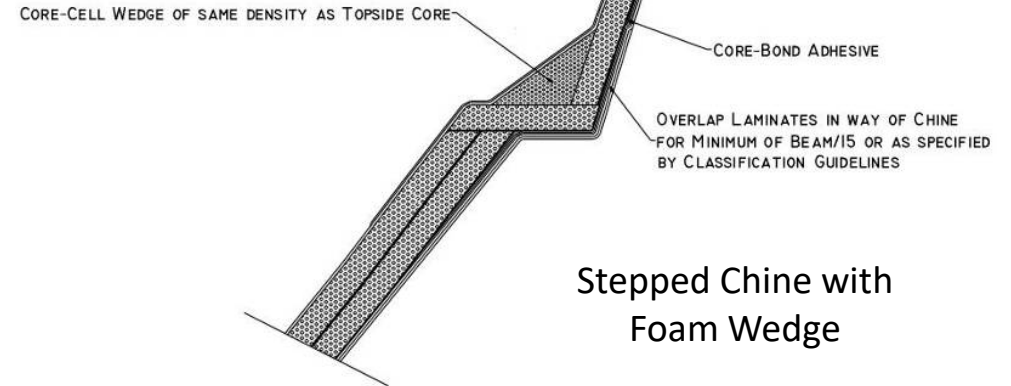
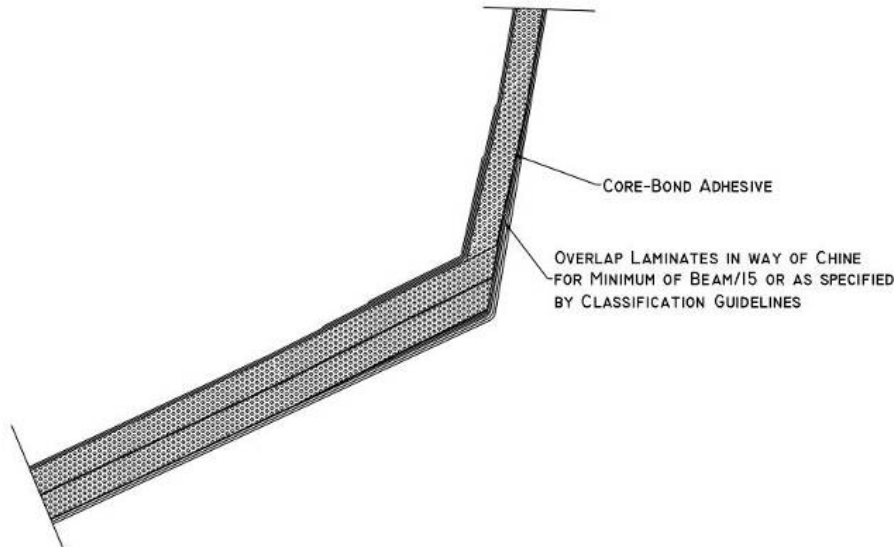


# Sandwich-to-Solid Transition Stress

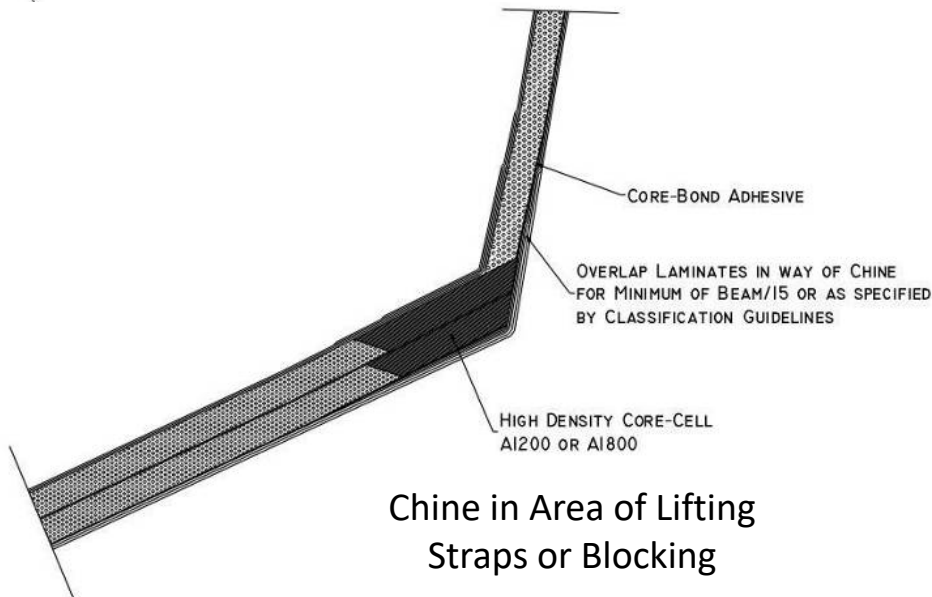




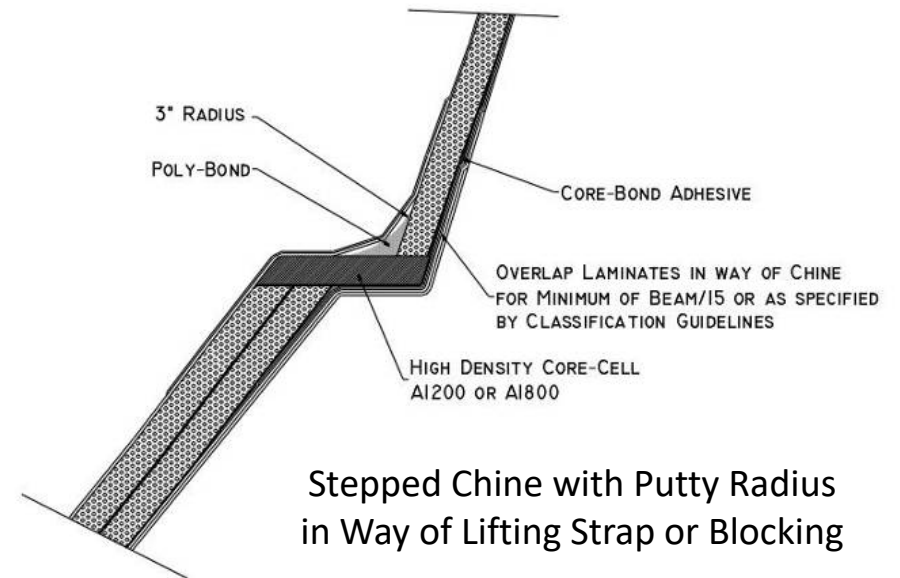
# Chine Details



Stepped Chine with  
Foam Wedge



Chine in Area of Lifting  
Straps or Blocking

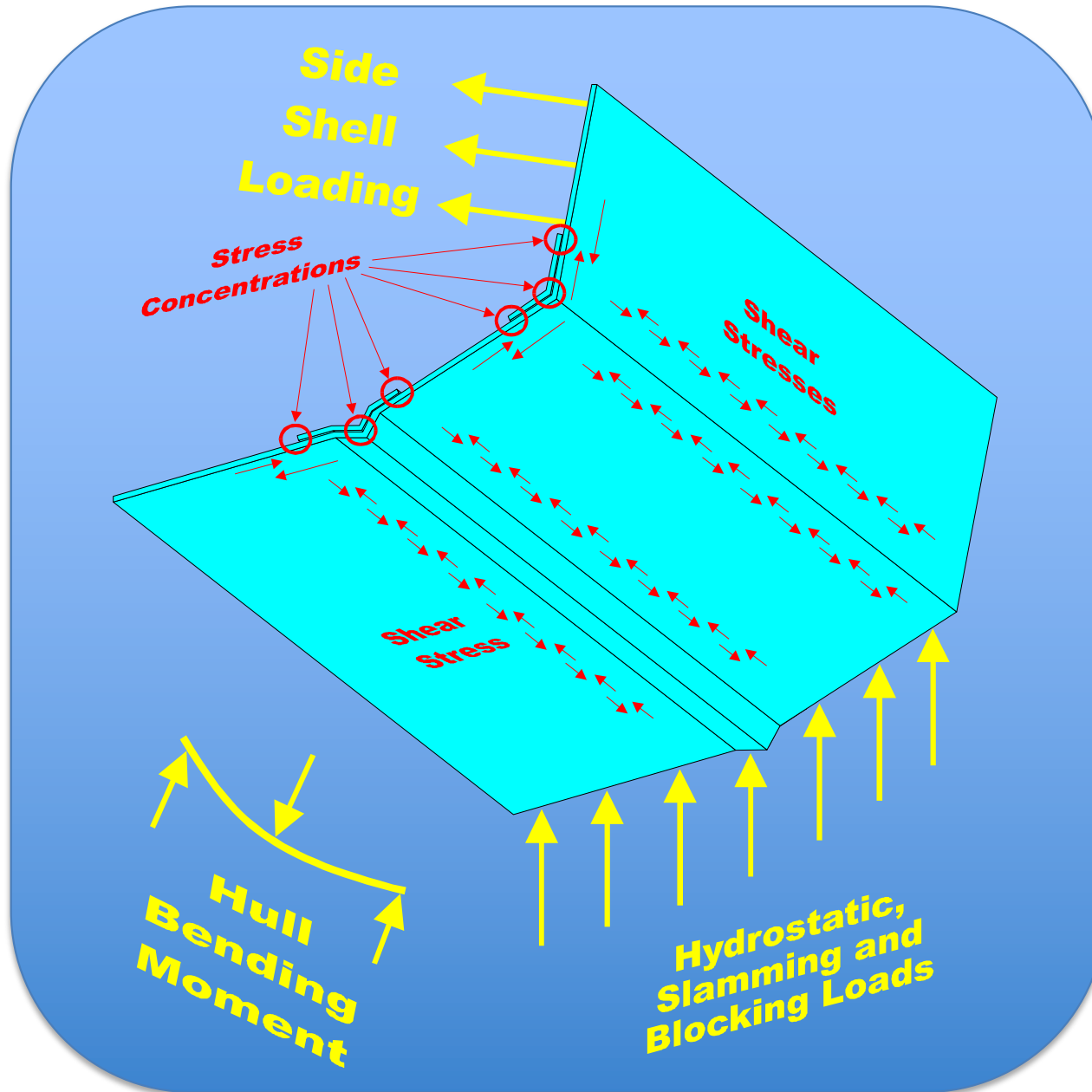


Stepped Chine with Putty Radius  
in Way of Lifting Strap or Blocking

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# Chine & Spray Strake Stress





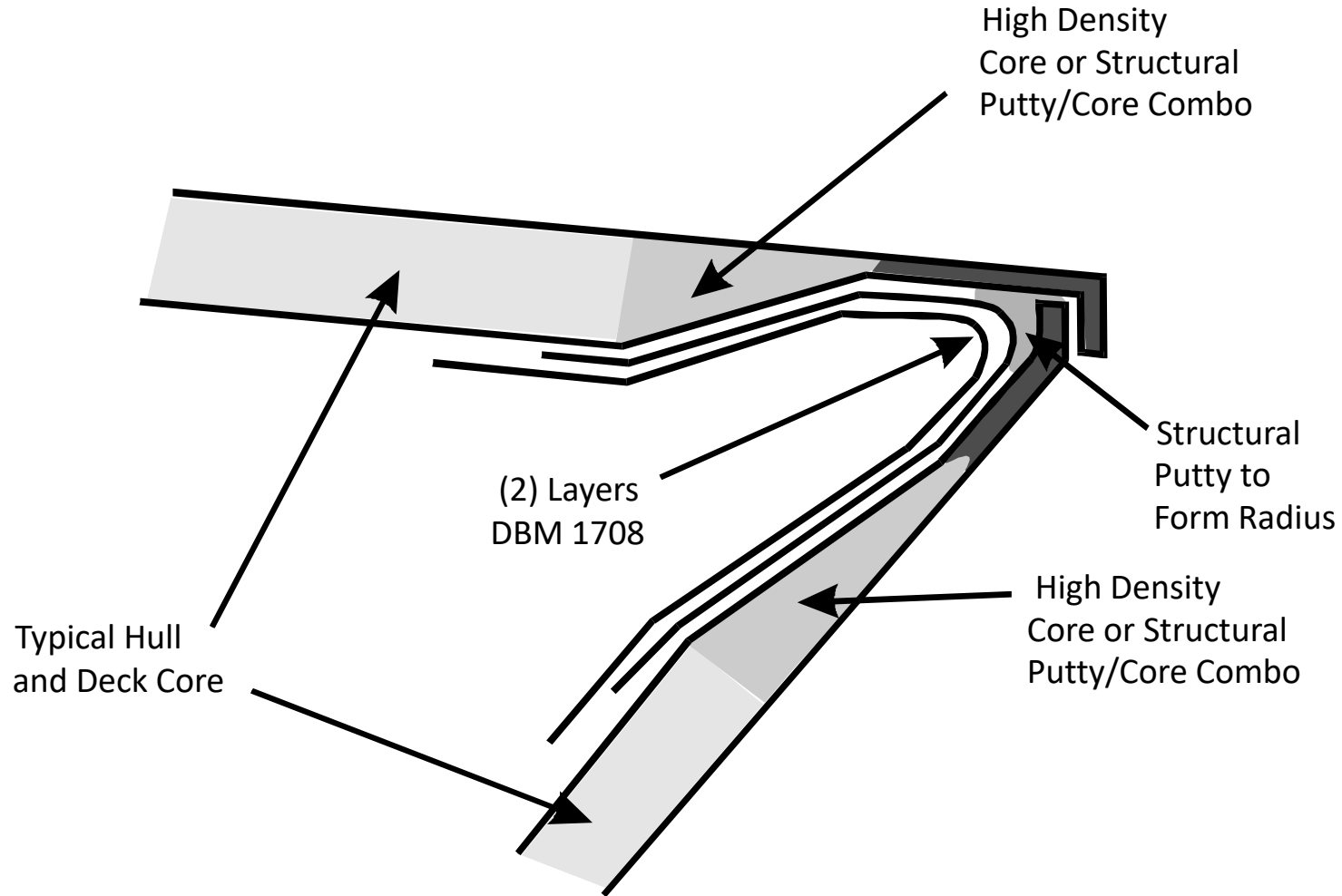
## Hull-to-Deck Joints

There are about as many specific ways to create an effective hull-to-deck joint as there are builders. Whether adhesive or fiberglass is used to create the watertight joint, some basic principles should be kept in mind:

- The effectiveness of the joint will be proportional to the width of the mating surface area so care should be exercised when trimming hull and deck flanges
- Adhere to prescribed flange and tabbing laminate schedule
- Building good joints in tight corners is difficult - use structural putties
- Flat mating surfaces will create a consistent bondline
- Some adhesives do not require sanding of mating surfaces. However, mating surface should always be clean regardless of bonding method



# Typical Hull-to-Deck Joint Construction

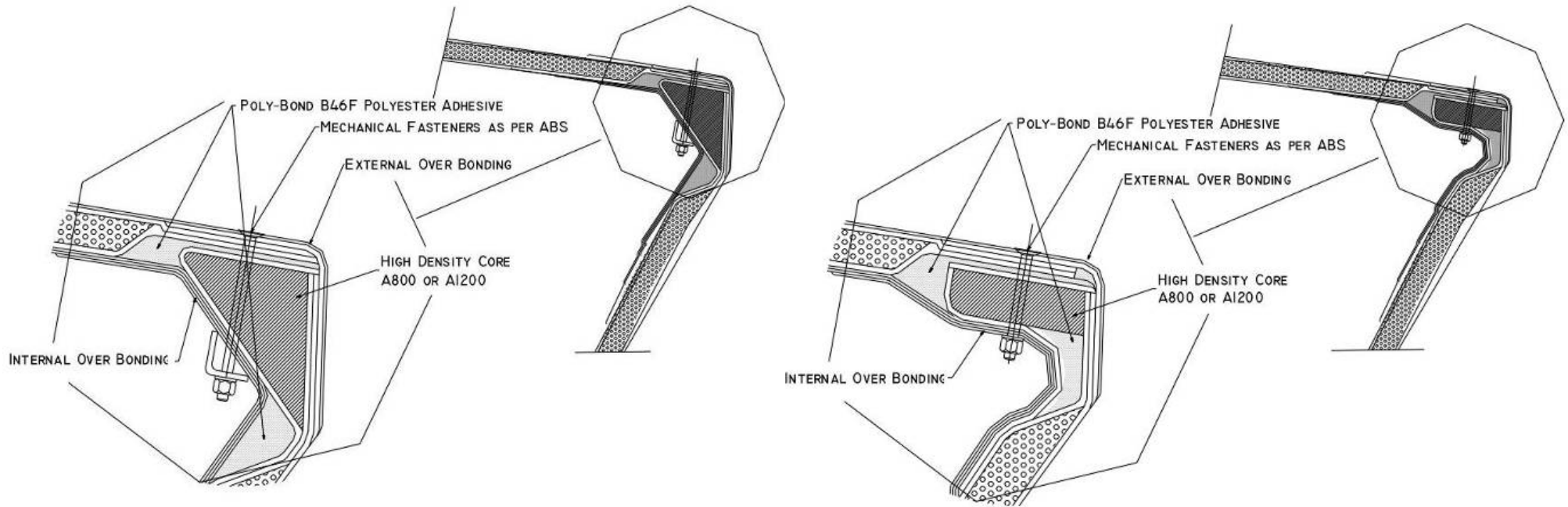


Typical Hull-to-Deck Joint Showing Structural Putty used to Reduce Stress Concentrations. Tight Corner for Laminating is One Reason Many Builders Now Use Adhesives to Obtain More Consistent Results





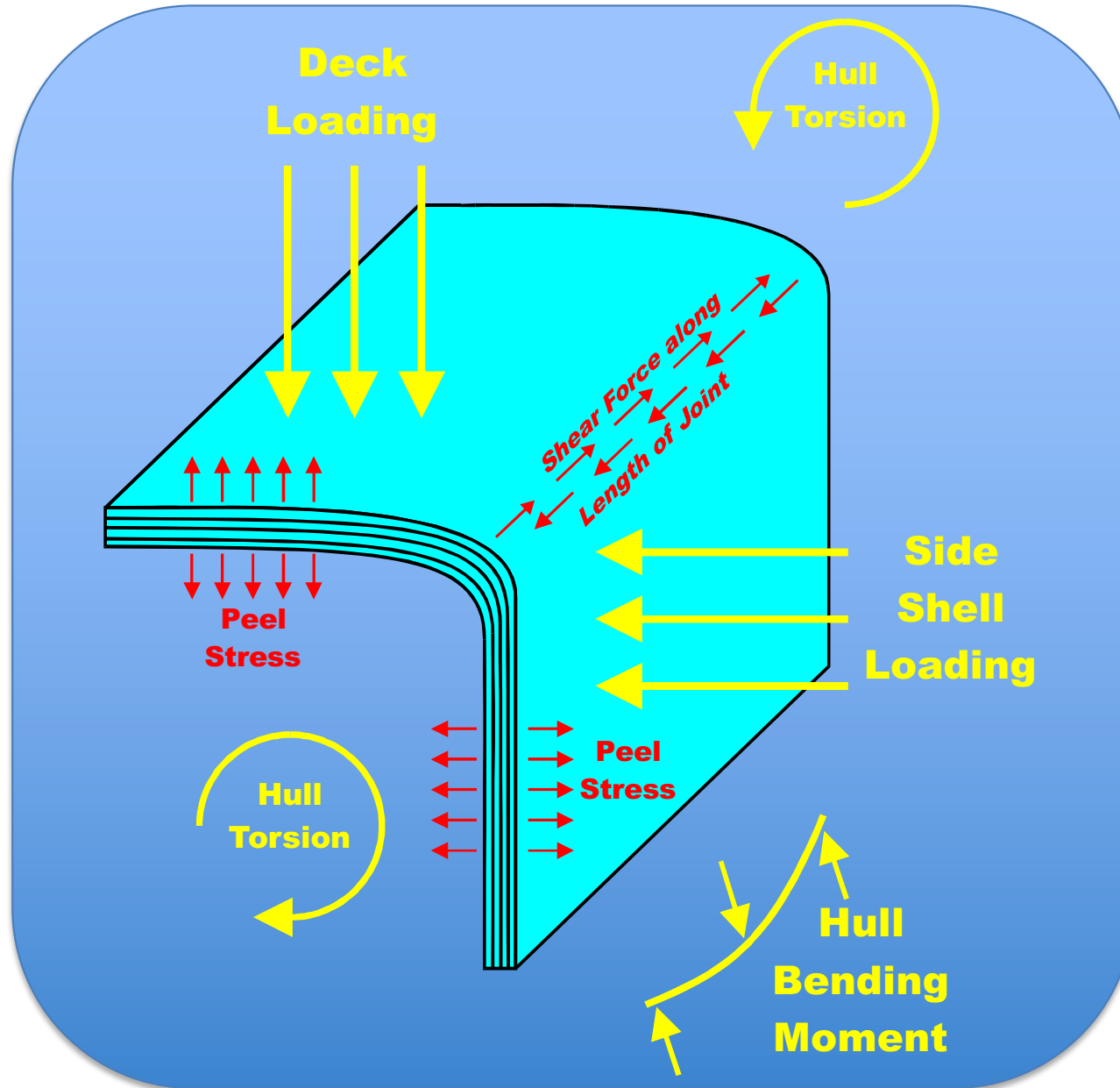
# Sandwich Hull-to-Deck Joint Detail



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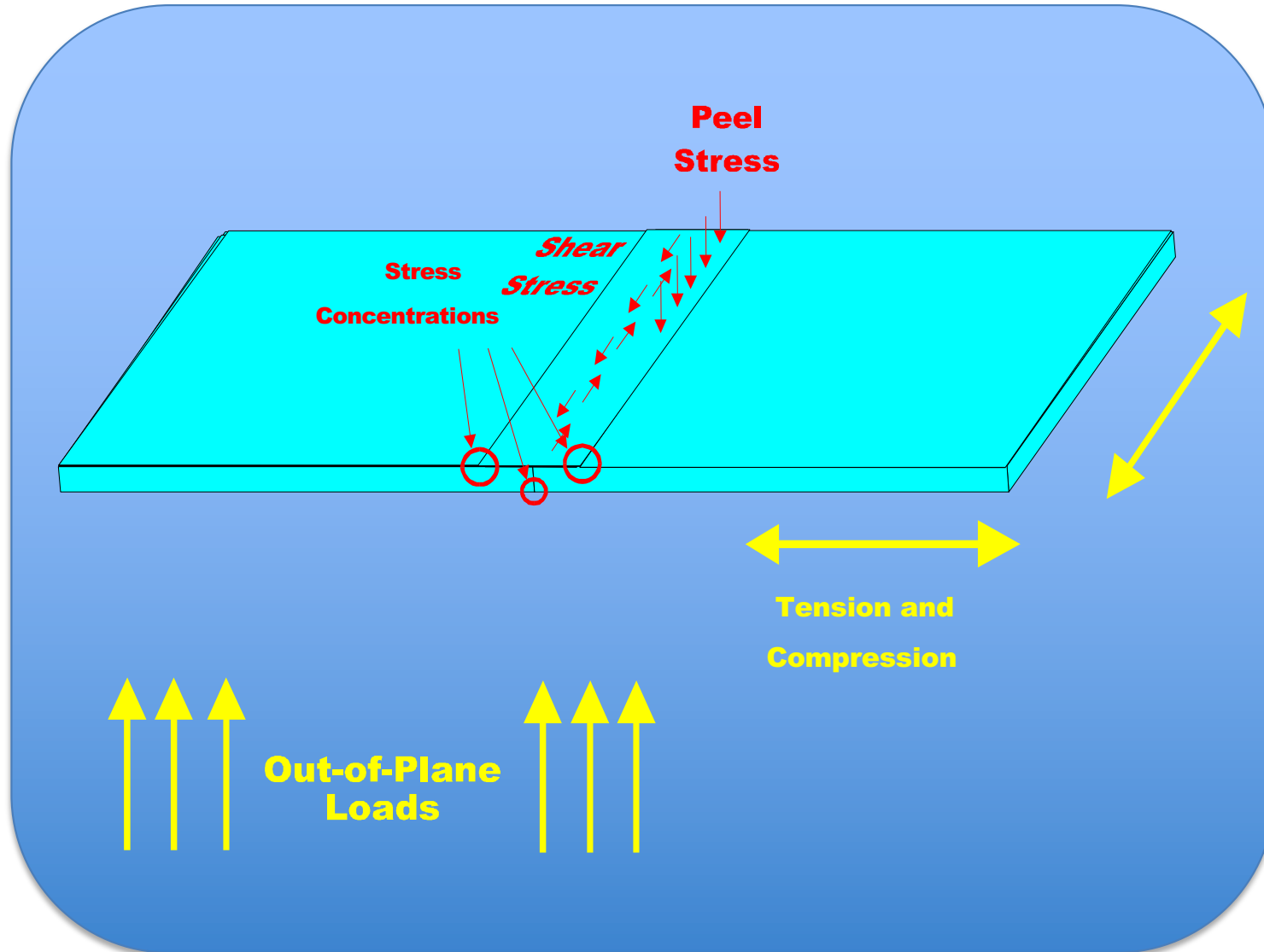


# Hull-to-Deck Joint Stresses



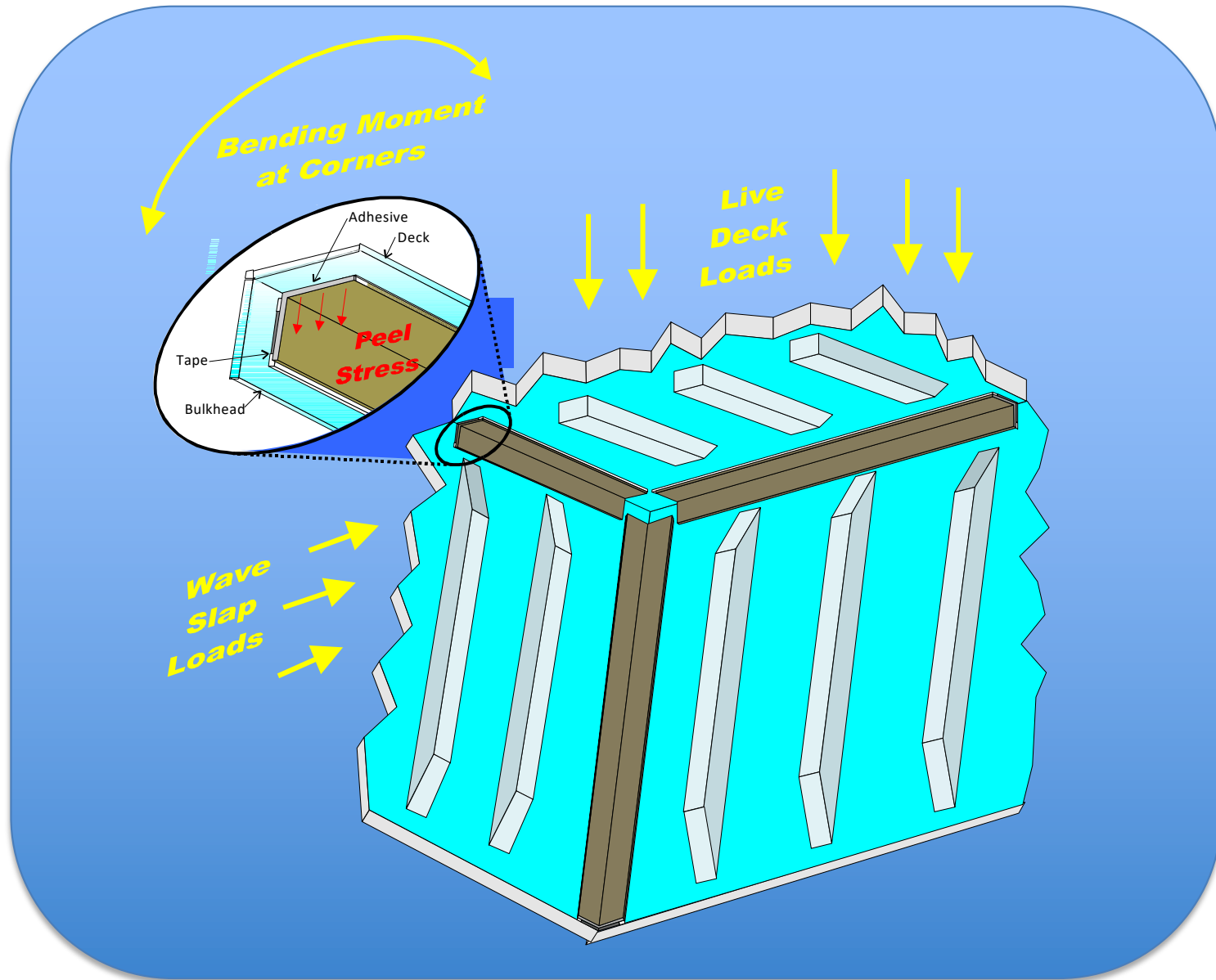


# Secondary Bonded Joint Stress



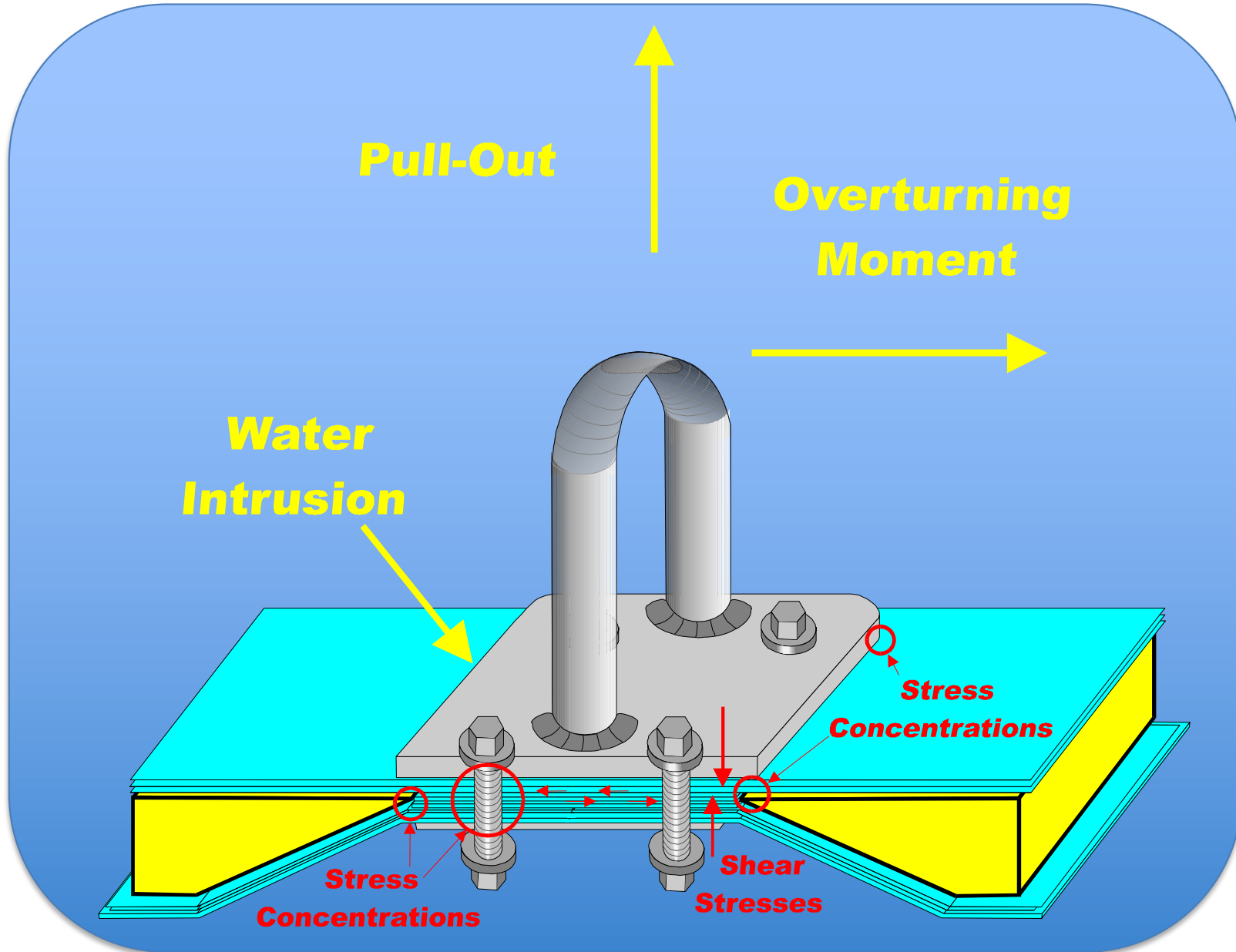


# Adhesively Bonded Joint Stress



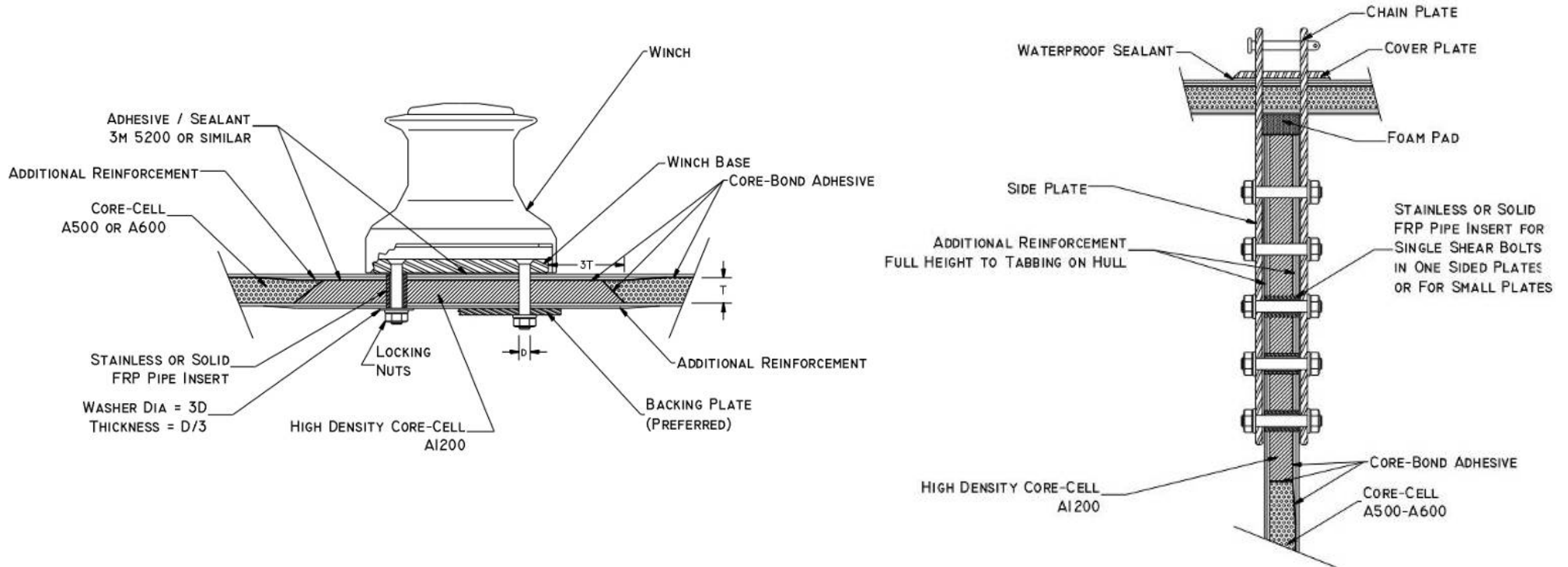


# Deck Hardware Stresses





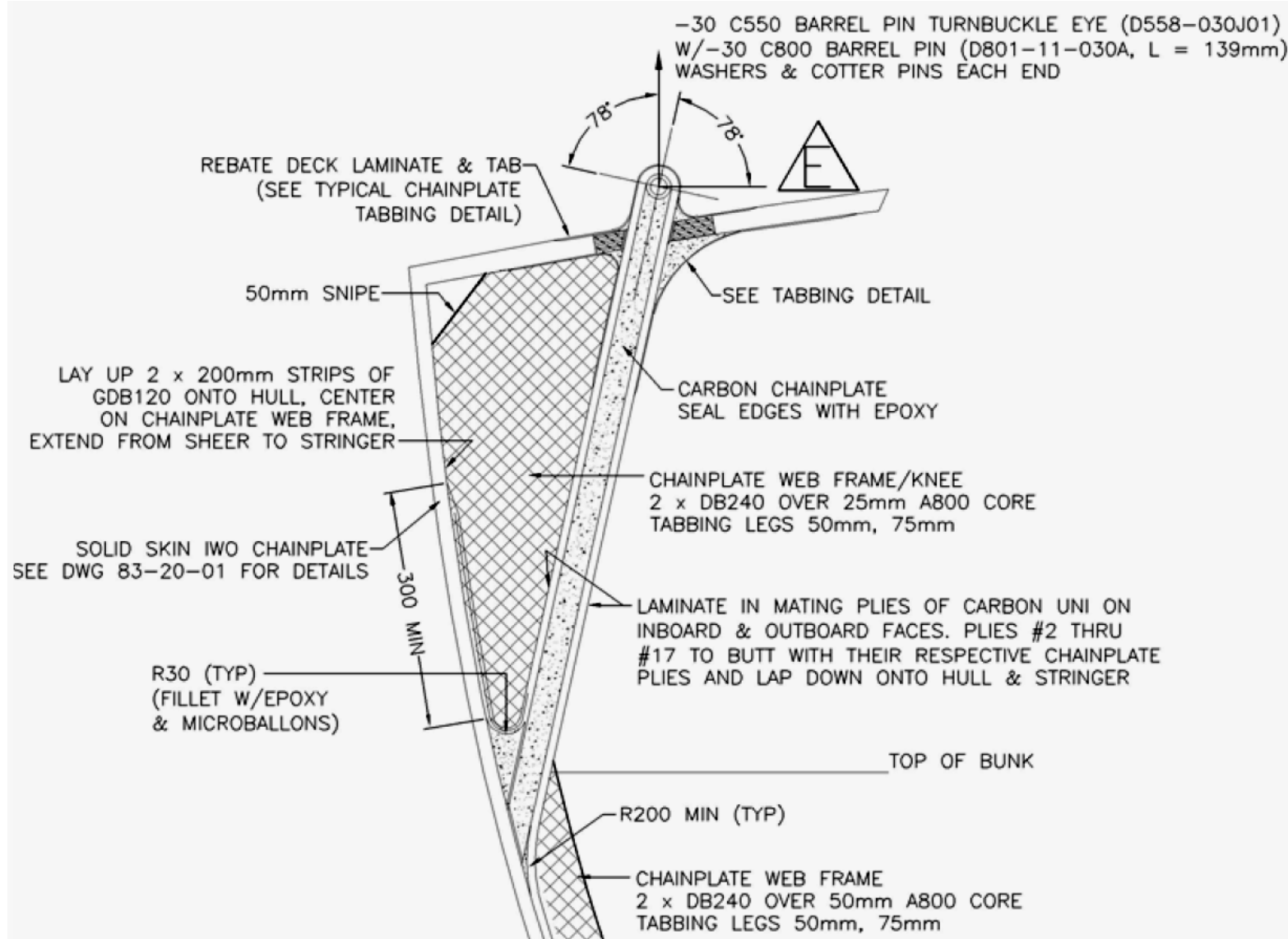
# Sailboat Hardware



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# Carbon Fiber Chainplates



David Pedrick & Gram Schweikert, "Design of the Navy 44 STC MKII," Annapolis, MD, April, 2005





# Examples of Composite Chainplates



Composite chainplates featured on 15 meter IMS racer built by New England Boatworks

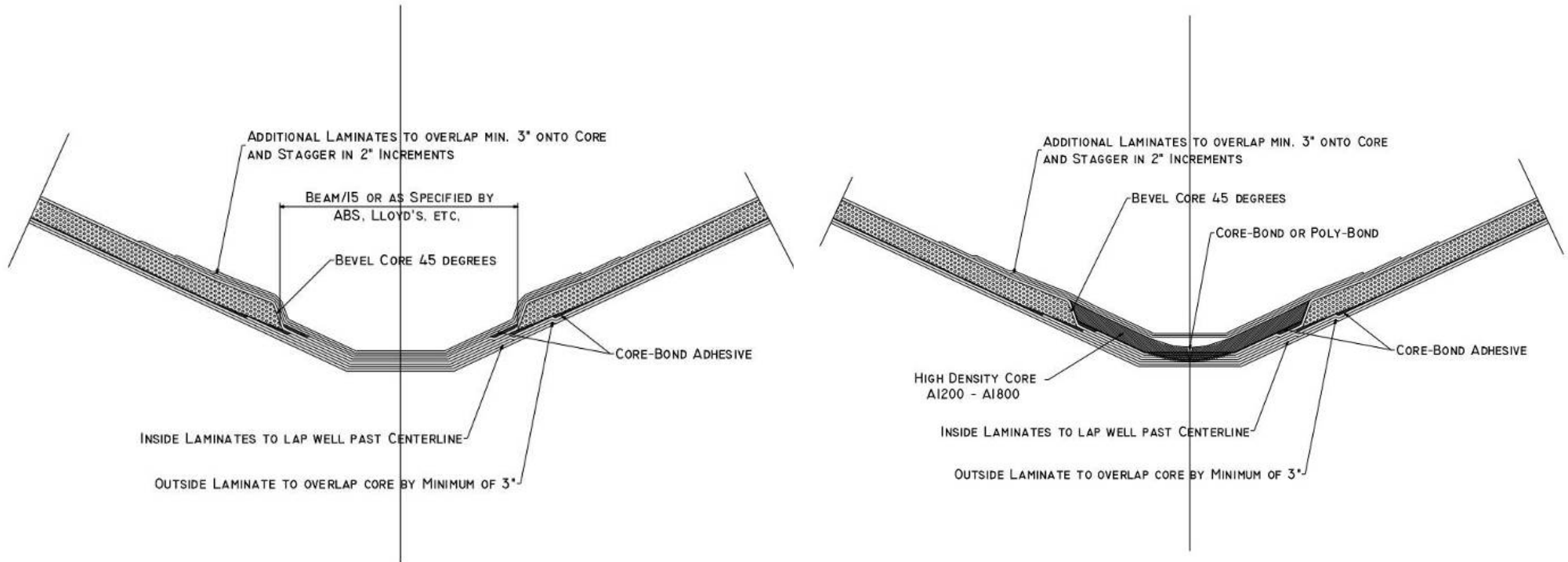


Composite chainplates developed by Van Gorkom Yacht Design





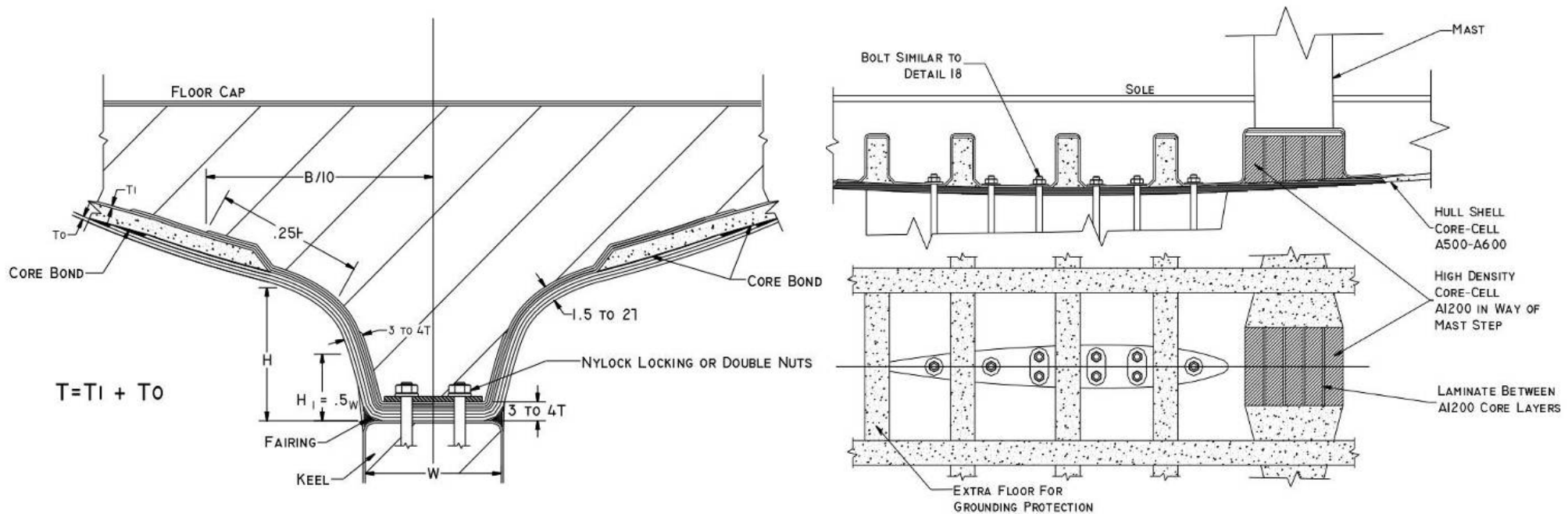
# Solid Centerline Detail



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# Keel Attachment Detail

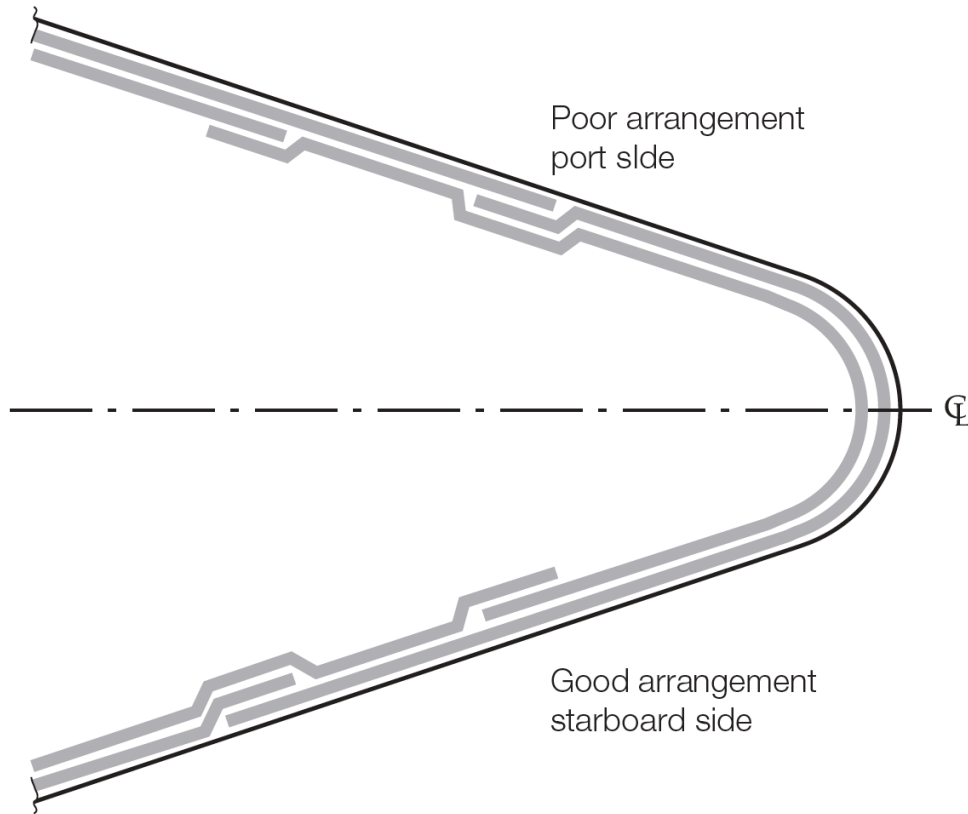


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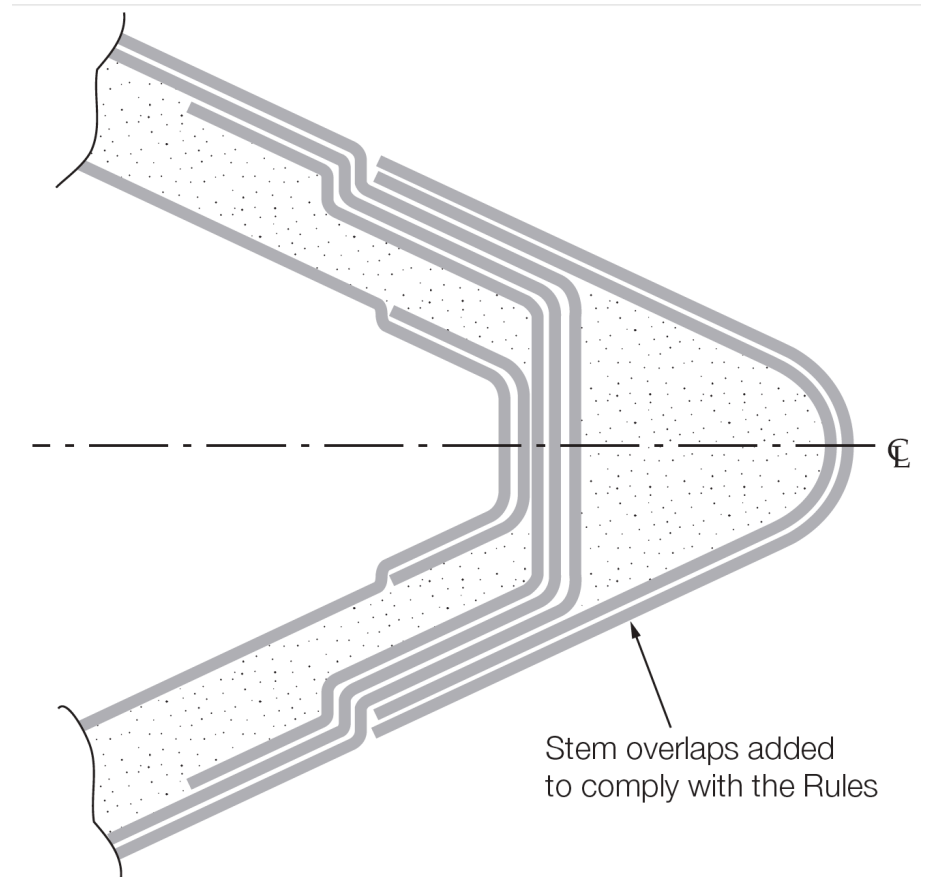


# Bow Laminate Details

## Arrangement of laminate in way of forefoot and stem



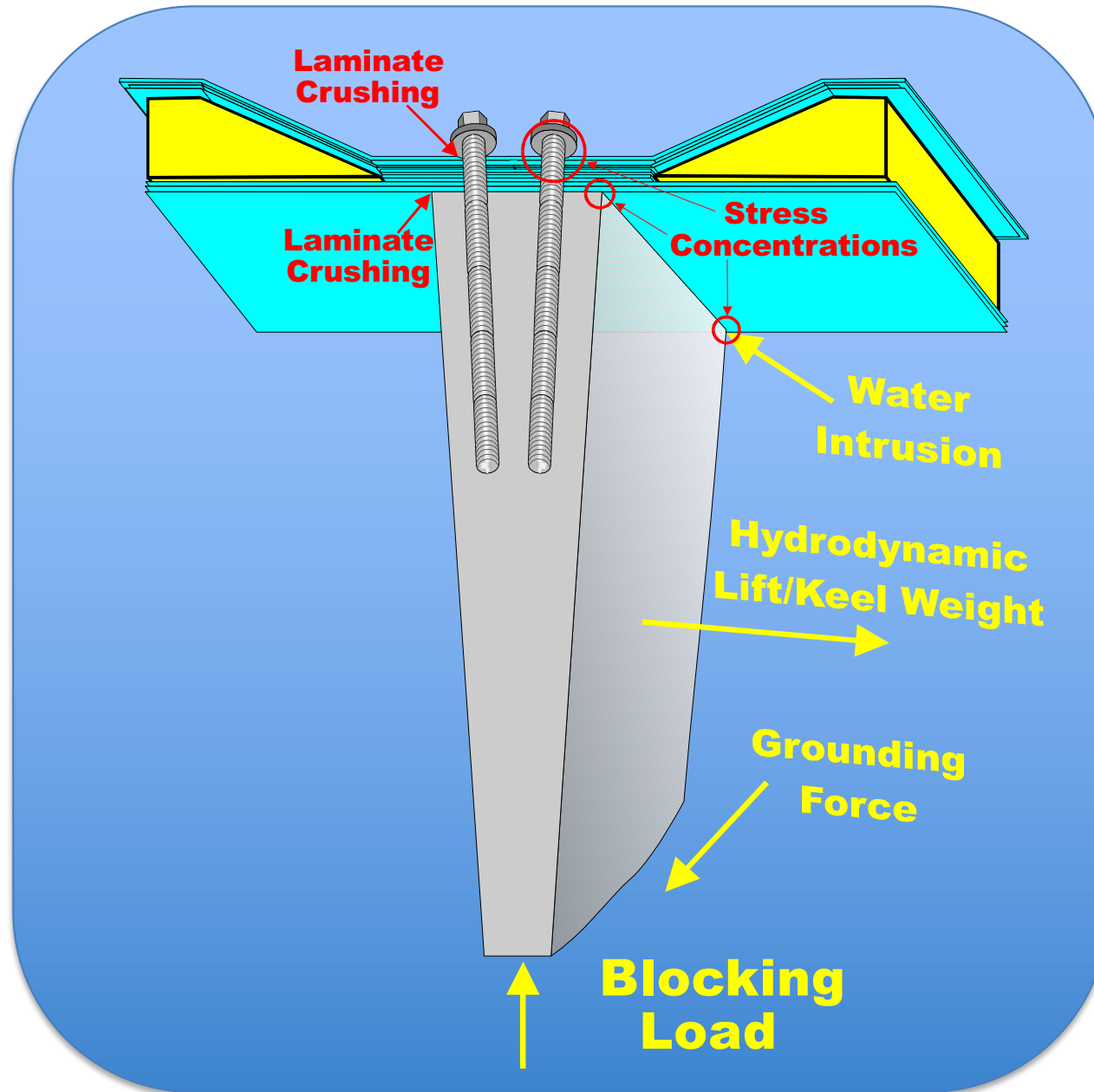
## 'Sacrificial nose'



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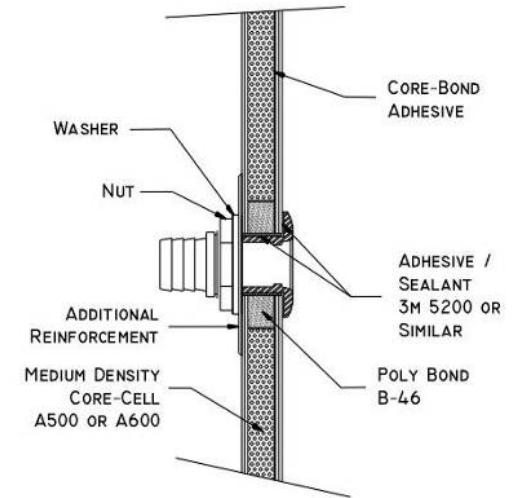
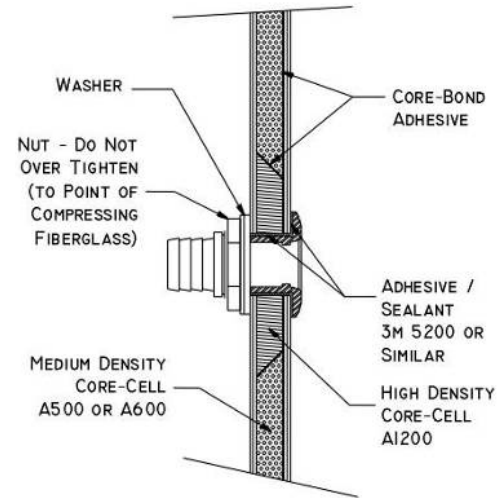
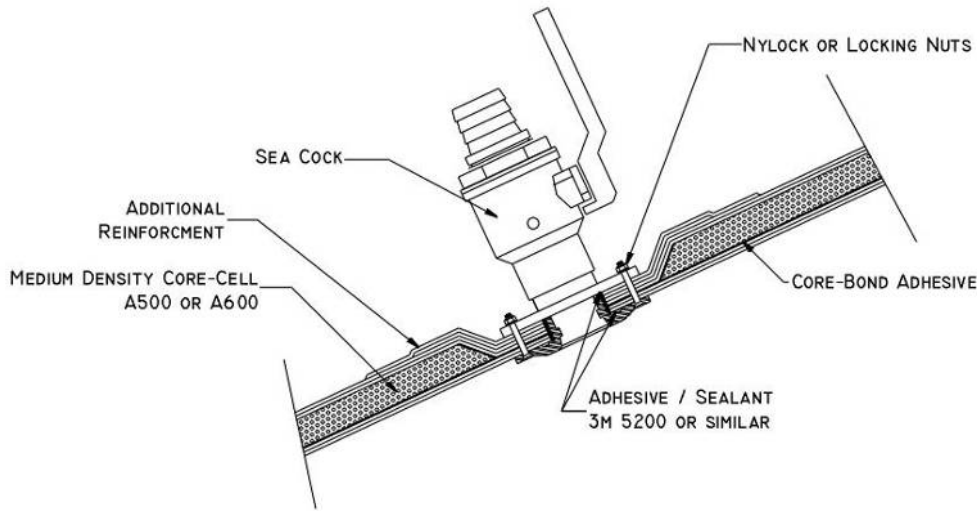


# Sailboat Keel Loads





# Through-Hull Fitting Details



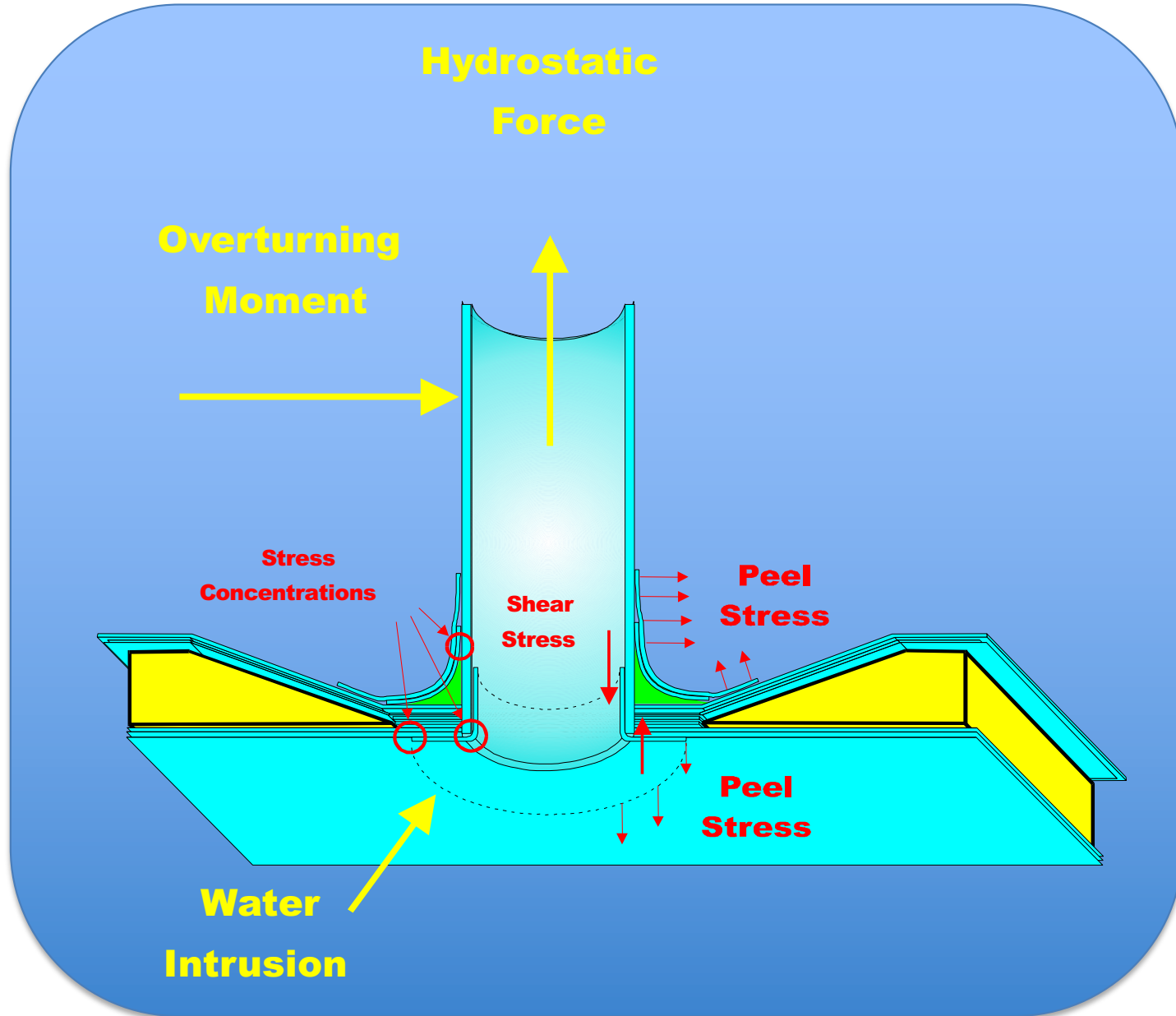
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Example of through-hull close-out showing putty used to create fillet

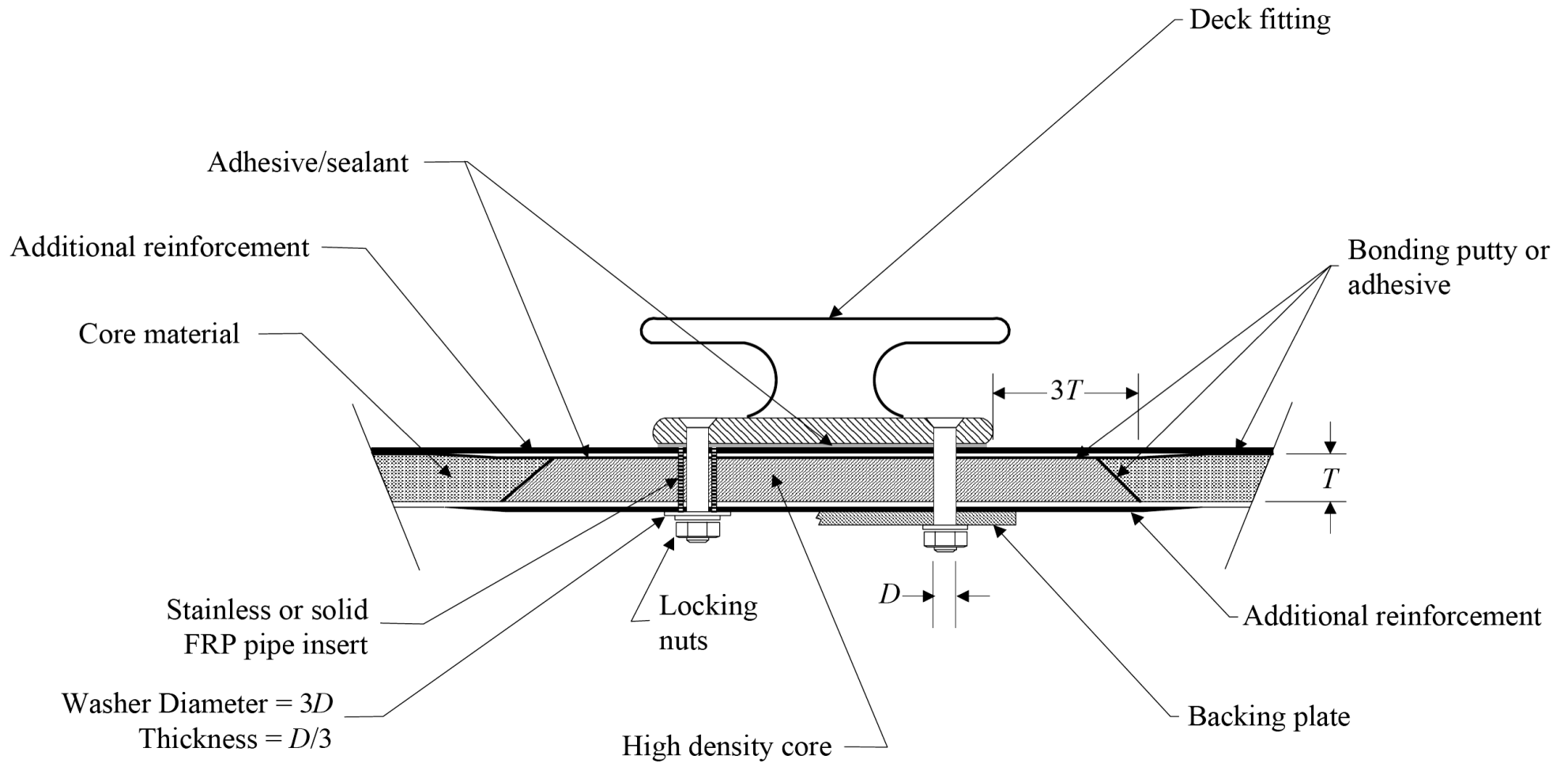


# Through-Hull Penetration Stress





# Deck Fittings

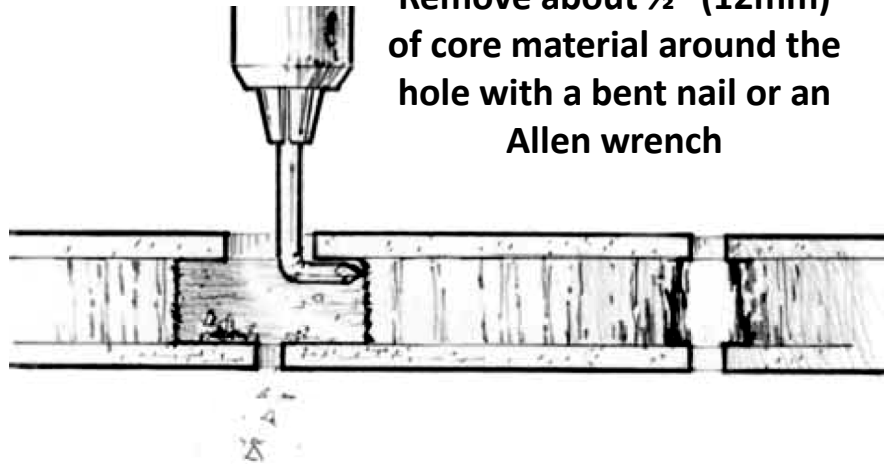




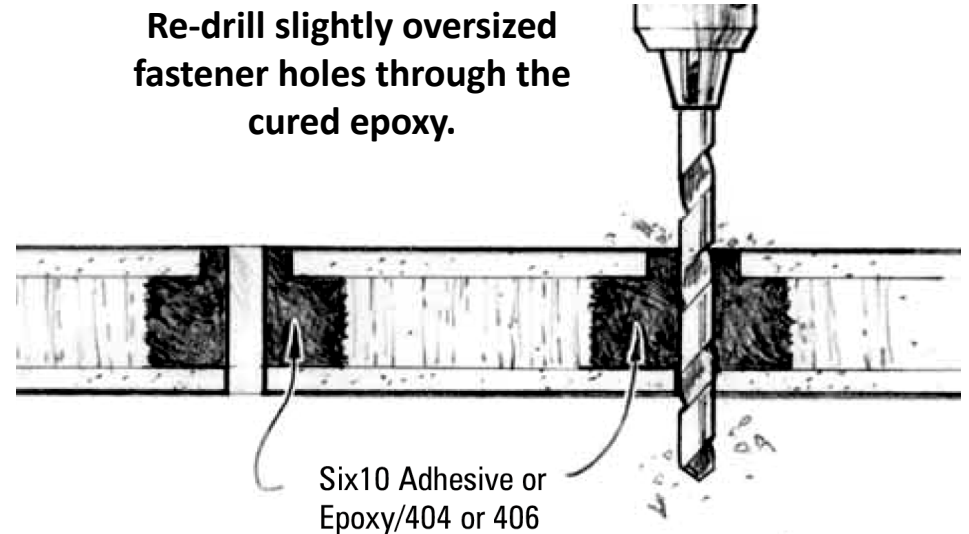


# Fasteners with Sandwich Laminates

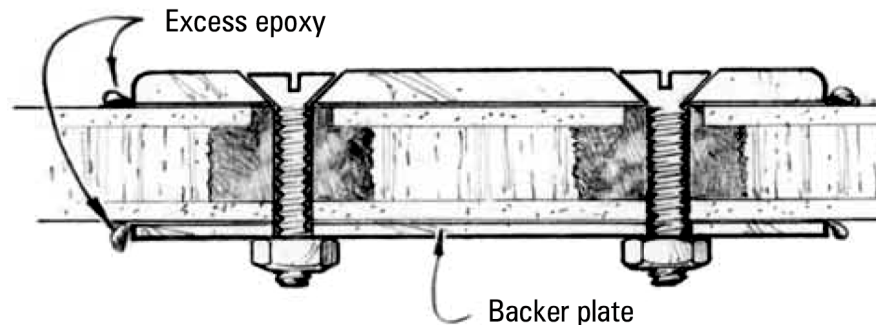
Remove about ½" (12mm) of core material around the hole with a bent nail or an Allen wrench



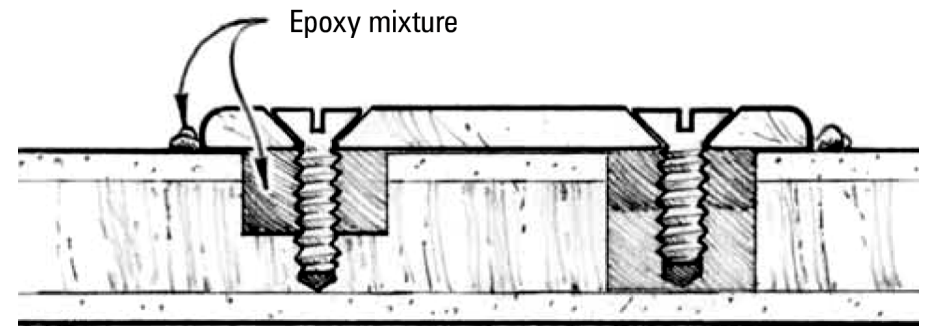
Re-drill slightly oversized fastener holes through the cured epoxy.



Tighten the nuts until epoxy begins to squeeze from the sides of hardware item and backing plate.



Partially fill with epoxy if core is too damaged to hold fastener.



Gougeon Brothers Inc., "WEST System Fiberglass Boat Repair & Maintenance," 15th Edition, April 2011





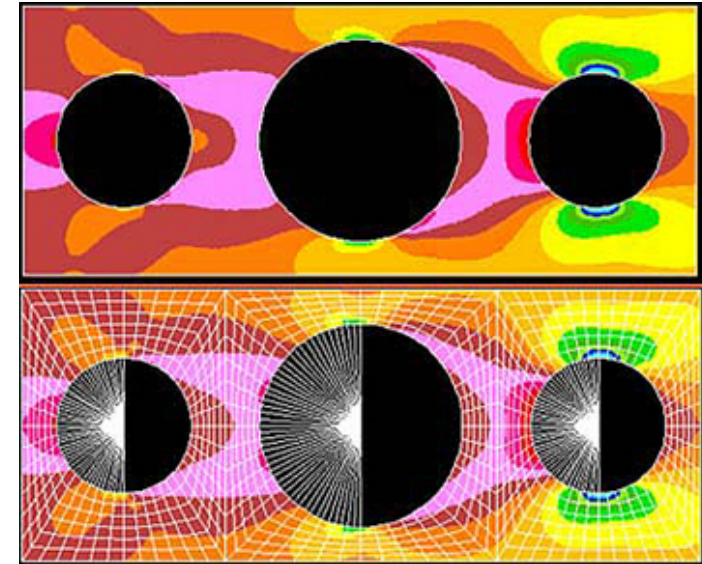
# Fastener Holding Power

## Holding forces in mat/polyester laminates

Thread Size	Axial Holding Force				Lateral Holding Force			
	Minimum		Maximum		Minimum		Maximum	
	Depth (ins)	Force (lbs)	Depth (ins)	Force (lbs)	Depth (ins)	Force (lbs)	Depth (ins)	Force (lbs)
<b>Machine Screws</b>								
4 - 40	.1250	40	.3125	450	.0625	150	.1250	290
6 - 32	.1250	60	.3750	600	.0625	180	.1250	380
8 - 32	.1250	100	.4375	1150	.0625	220	.1875	750
10 - 32	.1250	150	.5000	1500	.1250	560	.2500	1350
¼ - 20	.1875	300	.6250	2300	.1875	1300	.3125	1900
⅕ - 18	.1875	400	.7500	3600	.1875	1600	.4375	2900
⅜ - 16	.2500	530	.8750	5000	.2500	2600	.6250	4000
⅞ - 14	.2500	580	1.0000	6500	.3125	3800	.7500	5000
½ - 13	.2500	620	1.1250	8300	.3750	5500	.8750	6000
⅝ - 12	.2500	650	1.2500	10000	.4375	6500	.9375	8000
⅝ - 11	.2500	680	1.3750	12000	.4375	6800	1.0000	11000
¾ - 10	.2500	700	1.5000	13500	.4375	7000	1.0625	17000
<b>Self-Tapping Thread Cutting Screws</b>								
4 - 40	.1250	80	.4375	900	.1250	250	.1875	410
6 - 32	.1250	100	.4375	1100	.1250	300	.2500	700
8 - 32	.2500	350	.7500	2300	.1875	580	.3750	1300
10 - 32	.2500	400	.7500	2500	.1875	720	.4375	1750
¼ - 20	.3750	600	1.0625	4100	.2500	1600	.6250	3200
<b>Self-Tapping Thread Forming Screws</b>								
4 - 24	.1250	50	.3750	500	.1250	220	.1875	500
6 - 20	.1875	110	.6250	850	.1250	250	.2500	600
8 - 18	.2500	180	.8125	1200	.1875	380	.3125	850
10 - 16	.2500	220	.9375	2100	.2500	600	.5000	1500
14 - 14	.3125	360	1.0625	3200	.2500	900	.6875	2800
⅝ - 18	.3750	570	1.1250	4500	.3125	1800	.8125	4400
⅝ - 12	.3750	700	1.1250	5500	.3750	3600	1.0000	6800

Gibbs and Cox, Marine Design Guide for FRP, 1960

## Typical bolted joint stress field



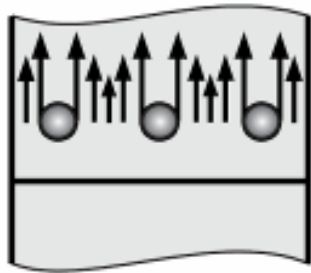
## DDG 100 deckhouse joint



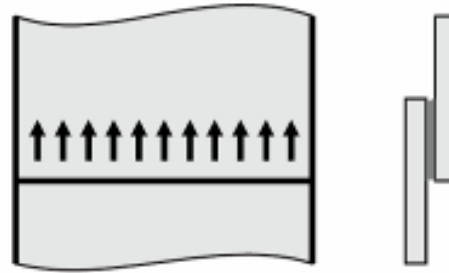
Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding



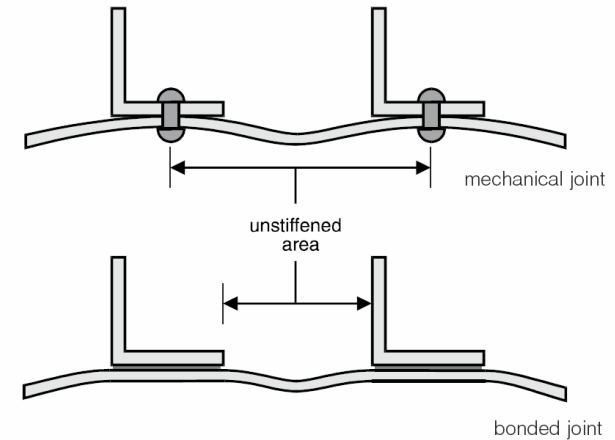
# Compare Bolted and Bonded Joints



mechanical joint



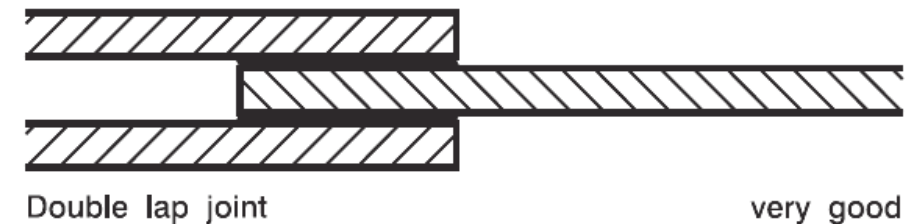
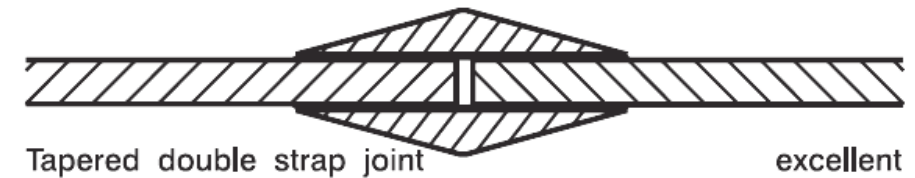
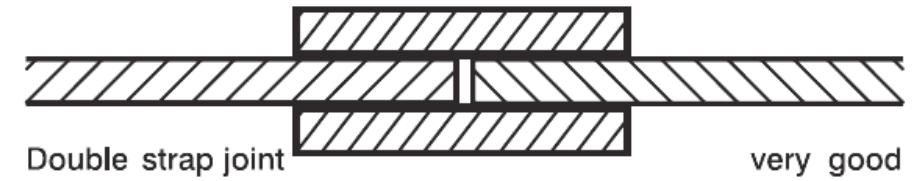
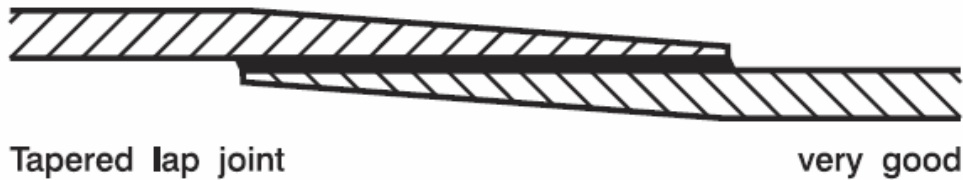
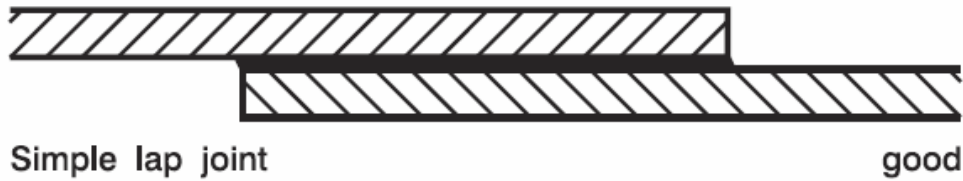
bonded joint



- Bonded joints avoid stress concentrations at bolt holes
- More surface area is involved with bonded connections
- Bonded joints not subject to corrosion degradation
- Bolted connections are easier to inspect
- Requirement to disassemble structure for maintenance may dictate use of mechanical fasteners
- Mechanical fasteners need less accurate part fit-up
- Careful design of bonded joints is critical to avoid peeling



# Guidelines for Bonded Joints



From Redux Bonding Technology, publication  
RGU 034c, July, 2003, Hexcel Corporation

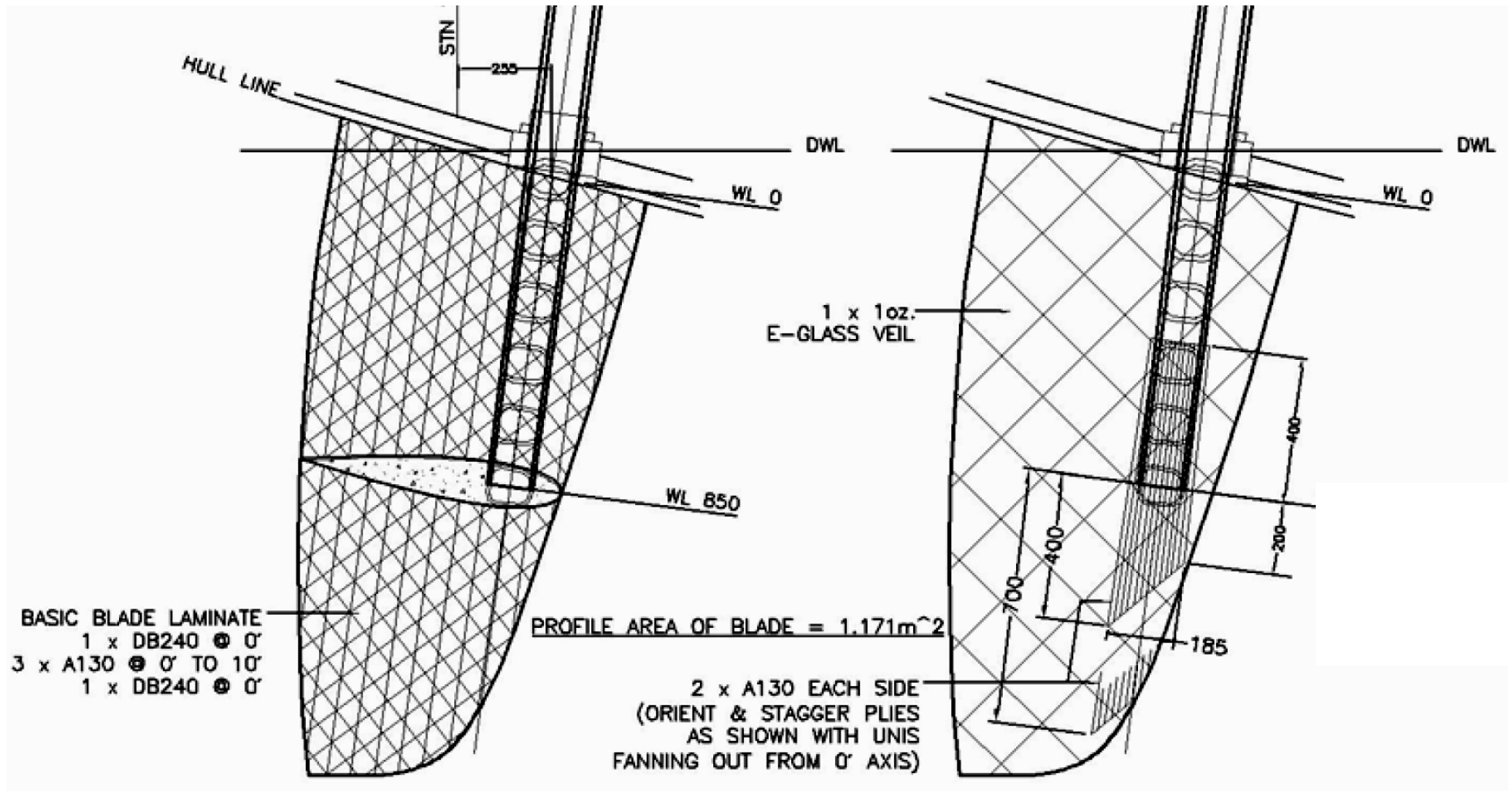


# Joining Technology Summary

- In-plane strength of secondary bonds can never match the primary laminate
- Automation techniques not as mature as metal construction
- Surface preparation, laminating environmental conditions and worker skill significantly influence the strength of composite material structural joints



# Spade Rudders



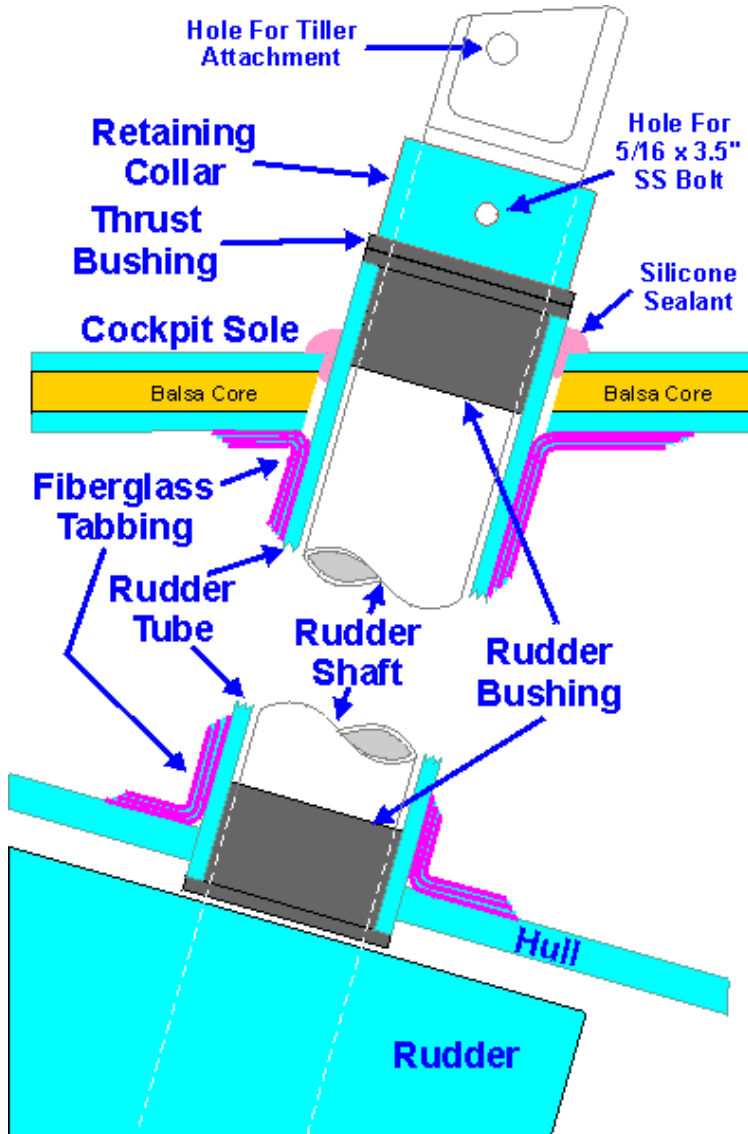
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# Rudder Bearing Support

## Pearson 26 bearing attachment

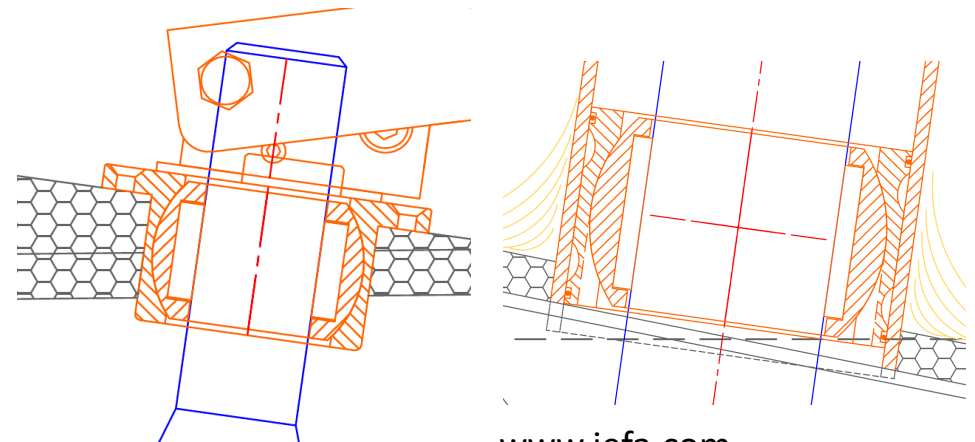


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## J42 rudder bearing attachment



## Recommended Jefa bearing installation detail for tiller steering



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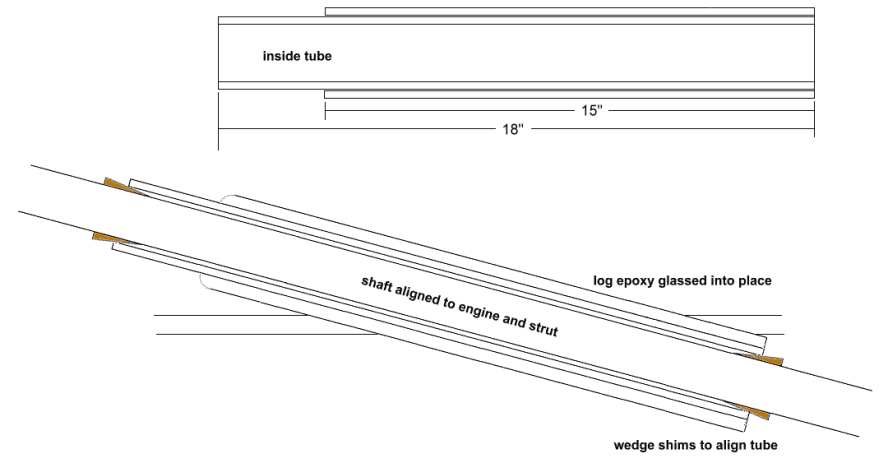


# Shaft Logs

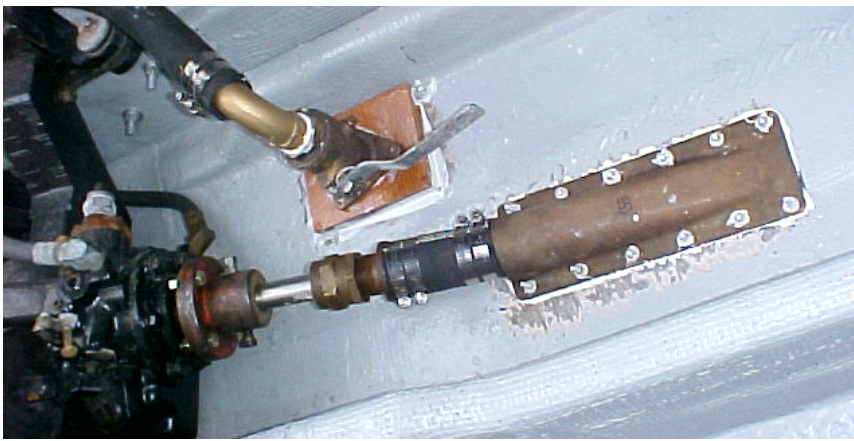
## Installation Examples



## Suggest method for aligning new shaft log installation



## Metal Shaft Log



[http://www.bertram31.com/proj/tips/shaft\\_logs.htm](http://www.bertram31.com/proj/tips/shaft_logs.htm)