

# PIAS

SOFTWARE FOR  
NAVAL ARCHITECTS



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# WHAT IS **PIAS**?

Professional ship design software with modules for modelling of ships, intact stability and damage stability and much, much more. Naval architects around the world use PIAS on a daily basis to create, calculate and analyze ship designs. PIAS assists in all stages of naval architecture: from the first preliminary sketch up to the final design.

## What characterizes PIAS?

- PIAS is a toolbox for naval architects.
- PIAS is a product of SARC, created by a team of experienced naval architects with hands-on experience.
- PIAS is used by the vast majority of Dutch design offices and yards and many others worldwide.
- PIAS calculations are accepted by all major classification societies.
- PIAS calculations are presented in comprehensive reports.
- PIAS is fully menu-operated, thus reducing the learning curve and errors associated with software using script programming.
- Continuous developments of new methods, modules and options ensure state-of-the-art software.
- PIAS is modular: only purchase the modules as required; additional modules can be provided overnight.
- Frequent updates.
- Unsurpassed support by trained and experienced naval architects.

- PIAS can deal with:
  - single, composed and asymmetric hull forms, catamarans, trimarans, semi-submersibles, and odd shapes.
  - actual CoG of fluids in tanks (for heel and trim),
  - loss of cargo for open hopper vessels,
  - loss of tank contents in damage stability calculations,
  - ducted and controllable pitch propellers,
  - (damage) stability in waves,
  - user-defined and pre-defined stability criteria,
  - etc.



# WHAT CHARACTERIZES PIAS?





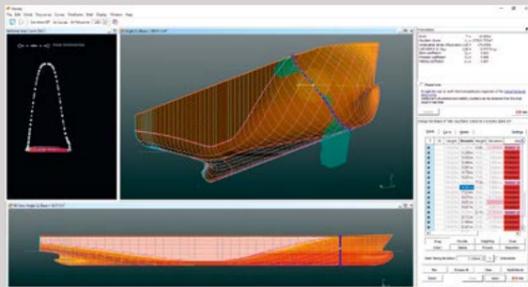
# MODULES

## PIAS' FAIRWAY MODULE

*For ship hull design*

### What does Fairway do?

- Fairway is software for design, fairing, manipulation of ship hull forms and conversions of models from other design software.
- Using Fairway is much like drafting a lines plan on paper, only better.



### How does Fairway work?

- The hull surface is shaped through lines that lie on the surface.
- 3D surface geometry is automatically created on basis of these lines.
- User has full control over line geometry, via coordinates of points, defined tangents, line types, etc.
- Contains versatile fairing options, recreating the use of spline and battens, with user-defined accuracy and stiffness of the spline.
- Changes in line geometry are automatically included in connected lines.
- New lines, following the surface, can be added by the push of a button.

### Why is Fairway better than NURBS surface modellers?

- Fairway offers direct control over hull coordinates, as opposed to indirect control via 'network control points', 'vertices', 'nodes', 'master lines' and other artificial phenomena associated with NURBS surfaces.
- Ship hulls generally require an irregular network of lines to describe them: It will take multiple NURBS surfaces to model even the simplest of ships. Thus, the designer is burdened with manipulation, selection and modification of multiple separate surfaces. In Fairway, the network is just a result of the design process, not the governing principle.

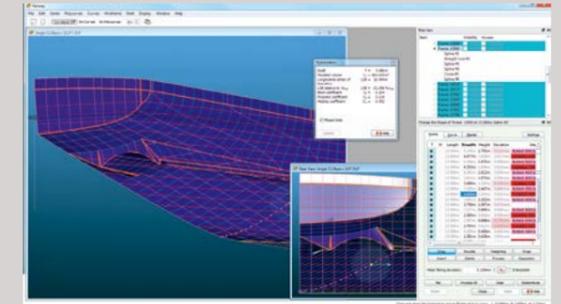
### What is Fairway used for?

- Hull form design, starting with a basic shape or a previously defined hull form.
- Hull design guided by a designed sectional area curve, to meet preset hull parameters.
- Design modification at any design stage.
- Hull form transformation and scaling.
- Completion of partial lines plans.
- Shell plate expansions of developable and double curved plates including templates.
- Manipulations on multiple solids for hull, superstructures, bow thrusters, etc.
- Fairing with user-defined accuracy, up to and beyond production tolerances.
- Export of hull form data to downstream, engineering software, Finite Element, CFD, DXF, IGES, VRML, tables of offsets, etc.

- Generation of lines plans and tactile scale models (Rapid Prototyping, 3D printing).
- Import of DXF and IGES wire frame models, as well as IGES NURBS surface models.

### Which tools are available in Fairway?

- Views on frames, waterlines and buttocks at any design stage.
- Rendered graphics.
- Generation of frames, buttocks, waterlines and diagonals on user-defined positions.
- Projection of curved lines onto defined models.
- A library of simple curve elements.
- User-defined geometric relations between lines to define bottom rake, fixed shear strake height, etc.
- Hydrostatic analysis, and a direct link to all PIAS' modules for further more complex analyses.
- Automatic modification of the hull to fit developable plates.
- An expandable library of hull models that may be used as start-off for new projects.
- Scaling, frame shifting, 'point-based deformations'.







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