

COMBUSTION OF THE FUEL–AIR MIXTURE IN THE CAVITY UNDER THE BOAT BOTTOM: EXPERIMENT AND SIMULATION

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Abstract: Experimental studies of pulsed combustion of propane–air mixture in a model cavity under a boat bottom (without boat contours), immersed in a pool with quiescent water, are carried out. In the experiments, air and fuel consumption, flame propagation, as well as buoyancy and propulsive forces acting on the model cavity are recorded. The experimental results are compared with the results of three-dimensional calculations based on the physical and mathematical model of combustion of a premixed fuel–air mixture in a semiclosed volume above a free surface of water, developed earlier: by the shape and position of the flame front and the gas–water interface at different times and in dynamics of the forces acting on the cavity. Satisfactory qualitative and quantitative agreement is obtained between the results of calculations and measurements.

Keywords: boat with a gas cavity; fuel–air mixture; pulsed combustion in the cavity; experiment; mathematical model; flame propagation; propulsive force; buoyancy force

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