Efficiency Unlocked: Fuel Tracking & Data-Driven Optimization 9 January 2025



The Most Sustainable Mode of Transportation

- AWO is the tugboat, towboat, and barge industry's advocate, resource, and united voice for safe, sustainable, and efficient transportation on America's waterways, oceans, and coasts
- The largest segment of the U.S.-flag domestic fleet
 - 5,000 towing vessels
 - 33,000 barges
 - 665 million tons of cargo annually
 - 90% less CO₂ than trucking









Fuel Consumption

ANNUAL ENERGY CONSUMPTION BY VESSEL CATEGORY

Large ocean-going vessels represent 66% of energy consumption in the U.S. maritime sector from fuels bunkered in the United States. Combustion from heavy fuel oil contributes to emissions and air pollutants that contribute to harmful public health impacts.



The American Waterways Operators

Regulation

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Efficiency Unlocked

Today's Discussion Fuel Tracking & Data-Driven Optimization



9 responses submitted

Do you use a fuel optimization strategy?



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What is your business reason for having a fuel optimization program? -Please rank from most important to least important

7 responses submitted

Internal ESG	Î
Customer Requests / Contracts	
Profitability	I
Competitiveness	
Regulation	
Reliability	•
Other	

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FUEL USAGE MATTERS

To effectively manage fuel usage for better results, data-driven strategies are essential







7 responses submitted

What types of tools do you use for measuring fuel burn?



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If you do use sensors, in a few words, why did you choose to use them?

External check individual levels usage and abnormalities effects Savings offered fuel on board

5 responses submitted



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Sustainable fleet performance. Secured

Presented by John Donovan – Vice president, Energy and Defense Solutions

Secure fuel efficiency

Optimize fuel consumption, reduce costs, and minimize carbon emissions

Annual fuel savings of between 10-15%

SELF-CONTAINED SMART MARITIME SOLUTION







In Focus

U.S. Inland and Near-Coastal Waterways



Fuel savings (gallons)



Total Potential Annual Cost Savings: \$149,996

Percentage reduction equivalent to 19.4%.

Pushboat Case Study



Fuel savings (USD)

³ yrs \$3.5MM

12.5% reduction





Wireboat & ITB Fleet Case Study

By utilizing BestEconomy[™] 57% of the time Secure sustainable fleet performance. Only with Fueltrax



6 responses submitted

Do you use remote tools for efficiency?

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83% Yes, I use them on barges, boats, or both. 16% No, we don't use any remote monitoring devices

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In a few words, can you describe any remote tools you use?

7 responses submitted

Web
Cloud-basedHistorical dataBoatIntegrationVESSEI
main enginesAnalytics on vessel vessel automation
Dashboard

Wordcloud All responses





BERGAN MARINE SYSTEMS





Accurate Data, Positive Impact

Creating A Strong Foundation for Your Fuel Management Program

Kyle Durden President & CEO of Bergan Marine Systems





Introduction

- As the industry transitions to a digital age, accurate data becomes more important than ever.
- Accurate data gives you a strong foundation to build analysis of your operations.
- A quality sensor and/or flow meter ensures the quality of your data.
- Choose a sensor or meter that best fits the needs of your vessel, cargo, budget and operations.



Coriolis Flow Meter



Ultrasonic (Clamp on) Flow Meter



Positive Displacement (PD) Flow Meter

Factors To Consider





Sensors

Laying a foundation for precise inventory control and fuel management.



Tank Level Sensors

Hydrostatic Level Sensors

- Hydrostatic sensors are rugged sensors that easily and accurately measure pressure readings in any environment.
- Sensors can be installed without tank entry- a major safety advantage.
- Suitable for fuel and lube oil submersion.

Radar Level Sensors

- Non-contact sensors that can provide very accurate readings (as low as +/- 1 mm)
- Versatile- multiple mounting options make it perfect for any tank gauging application.
- It can interface with tank temperature sensors.











Tank Level Sensors

Hydrostatic Sensor

Accuracy

• Moderately accuracy, within ±0.2% - ±0.25%.

Fluid

- Can be submerged in fuel and diesel.
 Installation
- Sensor can be installed without tank entry.

Maintenance

• Sensor is serviceable without tank entry.

Radar Sensor

Accuracy

• Often within ± 1 mm to ± 3 mm, depending on radar type.

Fluid

• Ideal for any tank gauging application.

Installation

• Smooth installation without in-tank structure interference.

Maintenance

• Non-contact, low maintenance.



Flow Meters

Which flow meter is best suited for your operations?



Coriolis Meter

An expensive, yet highly accurate method to measure diesel engine fuel consumption. Preferred for high-precision applications.

Accuracy

• High accuracy, often within $\pm 0.1\%$ to $\pm 0.2\%$.

Measurement

- Measures mass flow directly, especially important if fuel density fluctuates with temperature.
- Bidirectional measurement, providing a net fuel consumption figure.
- Provides fuel density and temperature measurements.

Maintenance

• No moving parts = reduced maintenance.

Cost

• High - \$\$\$\$

Installation

• Installation requires specific conditions.

Sensitivity

• External vibrations affect measurement accuracy.





Ultrasonic Flow Meter

A ultrasonic (clamp-on) flow meter utilize sound waves, sending ultrasonic pulses through fluid and measuring the time it takes for the pulse to travel.

Accuracy

• Lower accuracy (±1%-2%)

Cost

• Moderate to High - \$\$/\$\$\$

Fluid

• It can measure a wide range of fuels; however calibration is needed for each fuel type.

Maintenance

• With no moving parts, no maintenance is needed.

Installation

• Non-intrusive options available, easy installation on existing pipes.

Sensitivity

• Sensitive to fluid aeration and turbulence.





Positive Displacement (PD)

A PD flow meter measures the actual volume of fuel consumed by dividing the fuel into fixed increments and counting the number of times the chambers fill and empty.

Accuracy

• Moderately accuracy, often within $\pm 0.1\%$ to $\pm 1.0\%$.

Cost

• Moderate - \$\$

Installation

• Easy to install in tight spaces.

Fluid

• Works well with diesel and other low-viscosity fluids.

Maintenance

- Moving parts may require frequent maintenance, especially with fuel contaminants.
- Generally reliable with a long lifespan.

Sensitivity

 Accuracy can vary with changes in fuel temperature and viscosity.





Other Options

Turbine Flow Meters

- Moderately accuracy, often within $\pm 0.1\%$ to $\pm 1.0\%$.
- Works well with diesel and other low-viscosity fluids.
- Easy to install in tight spaces but requires adequate straight runs of piping before and after the meter for accurate readings.
- Pulsations in the flow or debris in fuel can affect performance.
- Cost is moderate \$\$

Hybrid System

- A hybrid system combines a less expensive flow meter with tank level sensors.
- Fuel meter provides real time consumption trends, while tank level sensors provide long-term inventory data.
- Cross checking data improves accuracy.
- Moderate cost.
- More complex data integration requires data processing and software support.
- Periodic maintenance may be required.

Differential Pressure (DP) Meters

- Simple and widely available.
- Relatively low cost for basic setups.
- Scalable for various pipe sizes.
- Less accurate (often >1%).
- Sensitive to density and temperature changes.
- Requires frequent calibration and maintenance.
- Cost is moderate \$\$.



Thank You For Your Time



Scan the QR code to download a flow meter reference chart



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Smart Fleet Management



Integrate your data silos to optimize the performance of your vessels and your organization



Moderated Panel





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