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*Happy Easter*

Wishing all our customers a joyful Easter! We will be taking a short break for the holidays on Thursday 2nd and Tuesday 6th of April.

But don't worry, our customer support team will be back and ready to assist you from Wednesday 7th of April.

**AzureProject 7.4 New Version Highlights**

We have been working behind the scenes to enhance your sail design experience! Here is a roundup of recent improvements in AzureProject:



**Enhanced 3D rendering control**

The new version introduces improved 3D rendering with more realistic lighting, including a zenithal light source and subtle reflections from the waterplane, helping to better visualise both sail shapes and the wetted hull area.

New parameters—light intensity, specular, and shininess—are now directly accessible from the properties interface and can be adjusted in real time, allowing users to immediately see the effect of their changes. This provides greater flexibility in tailoring the visual output, from sharper highlights that enhance surface curvature to softer reflections suited for presentation purposes.

**Port and starboard side visualisation consistency**

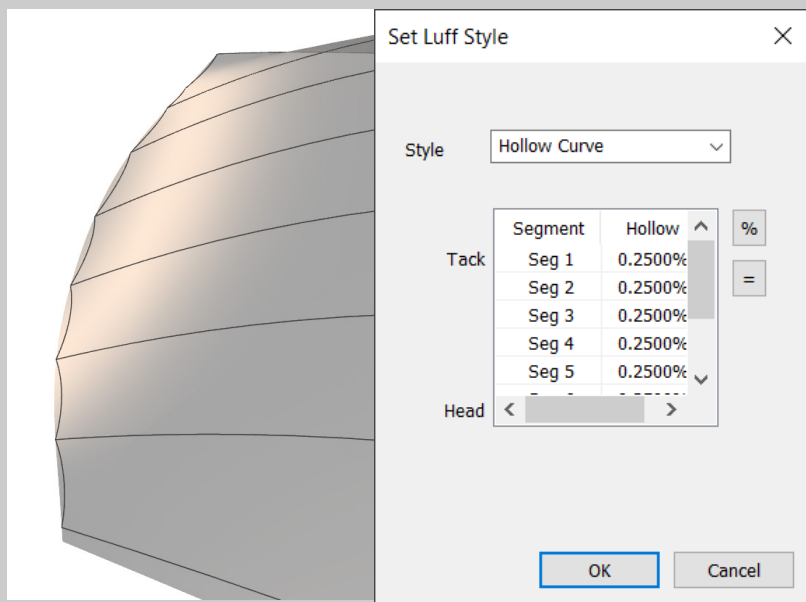
A new option allows sails to be consistently displayed on either port or starboard side across all 2D and 3D views. This includes fibre layouts, sail previews, and aerodynamic, structural, and aeroelastic plots.

Additionally, the “opposite tack” option in the 3D view enables users to virtually tack the sailplan independently of the global setting. This improves consistency and reduces ambiguity when comparing shapes across different views.

**Luff hollow between full battens**

A new option allows the definition of luff hollow between full battens. The sail mould and original luff curve remain unchanged, while a secondary luff is generated within the mould based on the selected luff style, introducing straight or hollow segments between batten positions. These segments act as the effective panel edges.

This approach provides greater control over panel shaping without altering the fundamental sail geometry, maintaining consistency with the original mould. Currently, the feature applies only to full battens; integration with slide eyelets may be considered in future updates.



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