

Justin R. Warren, P.E. Applications Engineer The **Flexifloat Construction System** is a combination of portable, interlocking modular barges and attachments used for inland marine construction, bridging and material transport applications.

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The **Flexifloat Construction System** was invented by Alces Paul Robishaw in 1955.

1955 – First Flexifloat application was in Manila, UT by Associated Pipeline Contractors.

Model J Series Flexifloats (30' & 15' x 7.5' x 42")

- 1956 Robishaw Engineering, Inc. is incorporated.
- 1959 Robishaw began building the H50 Series Flexifloats (30' & 15' x 7.5' x 46")
- 1960 Robishaw began building the S50 Series Flexifloats (40' & 20' x 10' x 5')
- 1968 Robishaw began building the S70 Series Flexifloats (40' & 20' x 10' x 7')







Flexifloat pontoons are built in three "series" or hull depths with two standard lengths per series.



Series H-50 (3.8' Hull Depth) Unit Width 7.5' / Length 15' & 30'

S-50

H-50

S-70

Series S-50 (5' Hull Depth) Unit Width 10' / Length 20' & 40'

Series S-70 (7' Hull Depth) Unit Width 10' / Length 20' & 40'

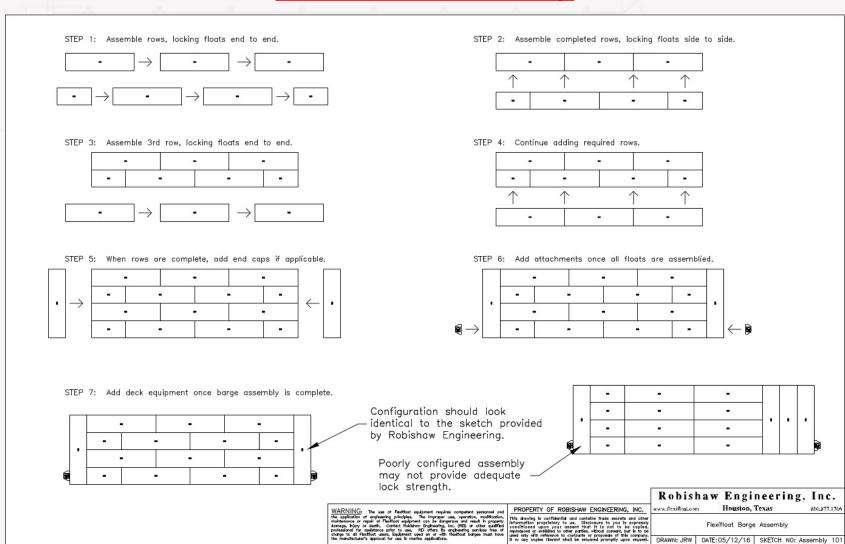
Flexifloat Assembly

Flexifloats are typically delivered to the jobsite by tractor trailer and unloaded using a crane. They are designed to be assembled in the water using ropes, 5' pry bar, & a sledge hammer.





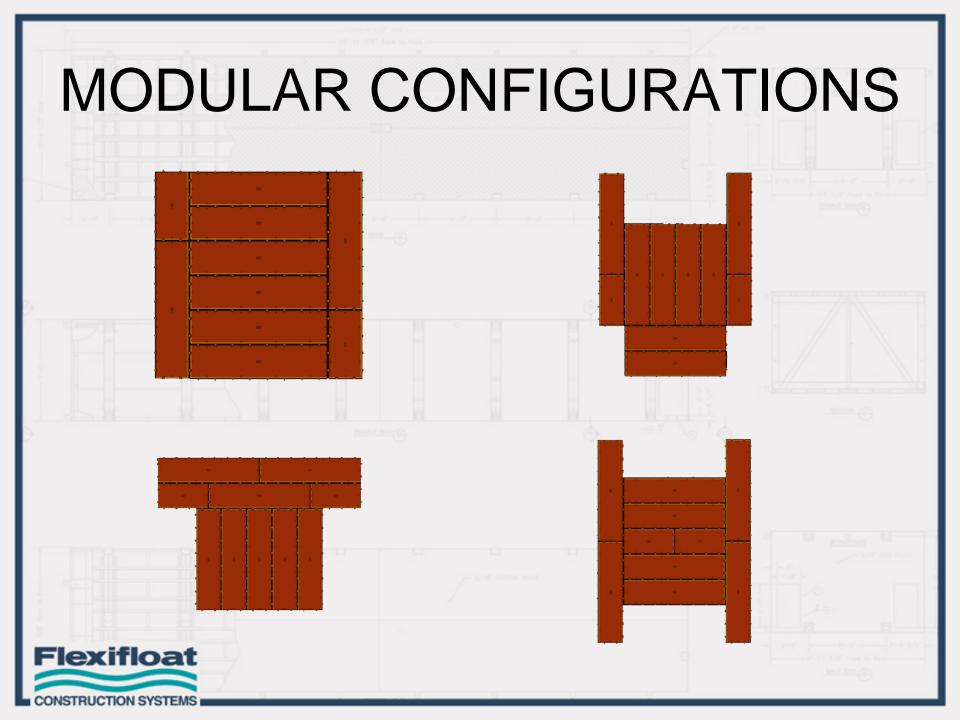
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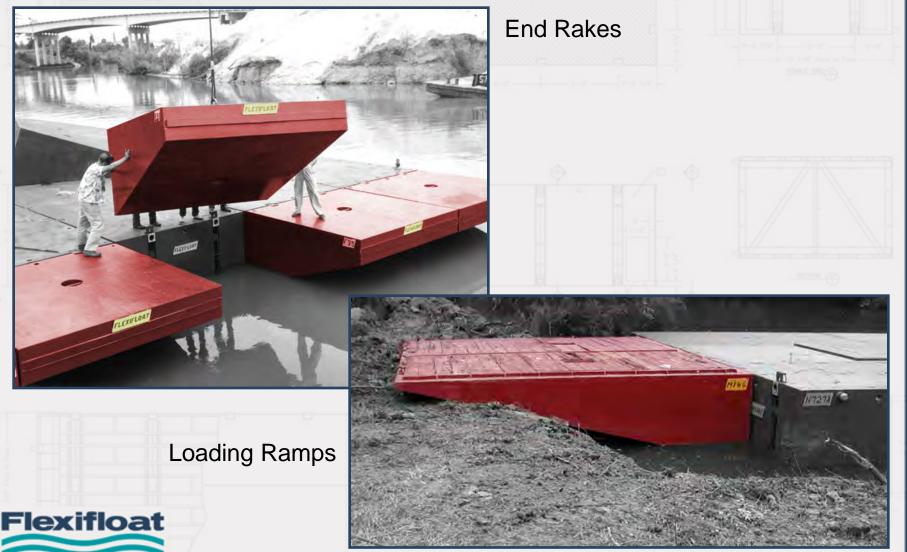
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A variety of special purpose pontoons are available within each series.



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Robishaw Engineering offers a variety of attachments for different Flexifloat applications.





Winch SystemsHolding SpudsElevating Systems

•Ancillary Attachments











Excavator Barge Applications

Minimum information required for quote

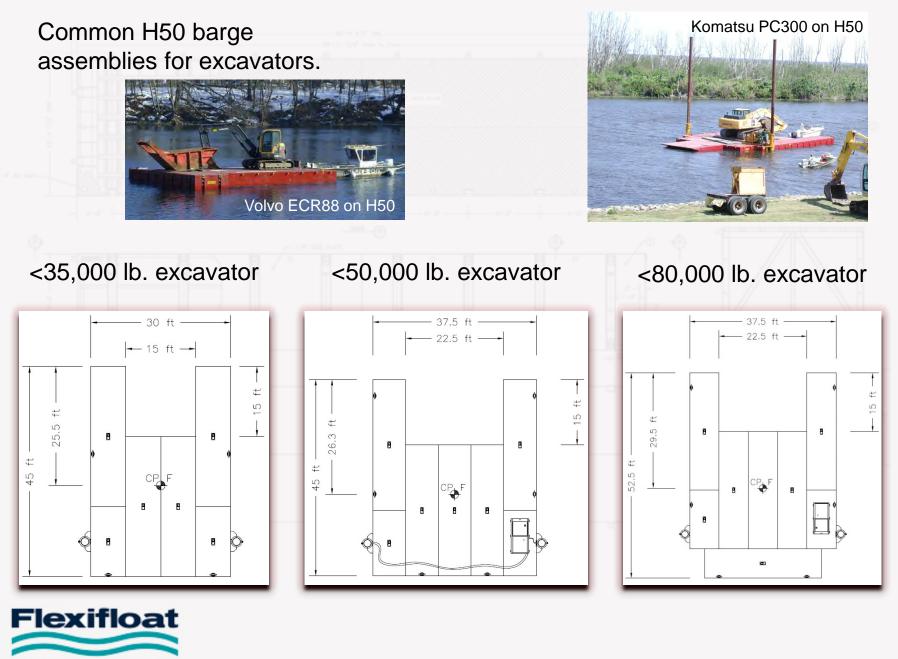
- Size/Weight of excavator?
- Job Location?
- Water Depth?
- When are Flexifloats needed?
- How long are Flexifloats needed?



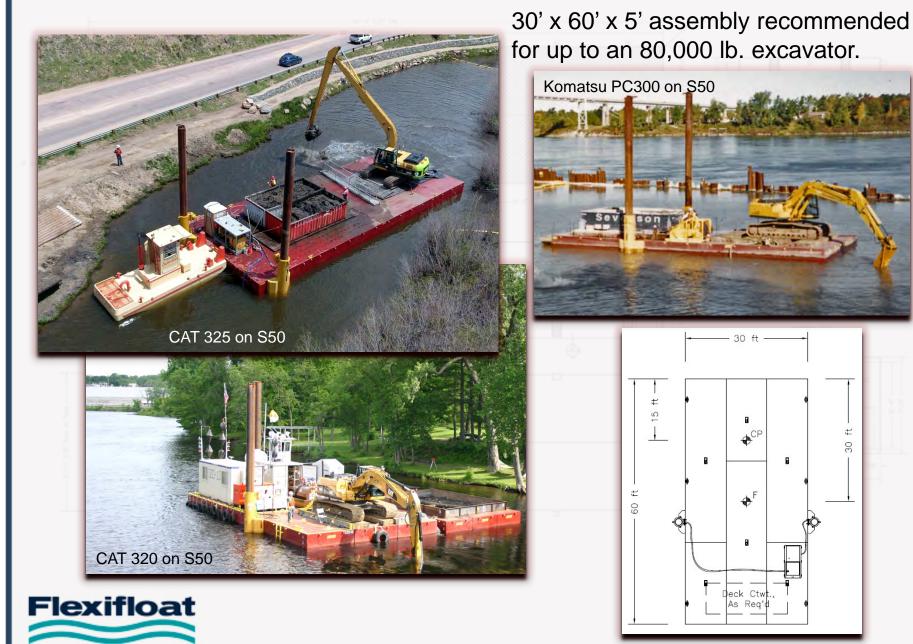








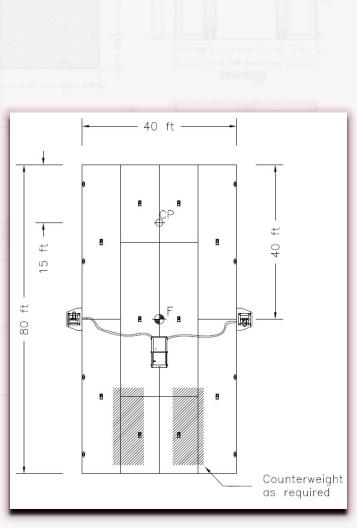
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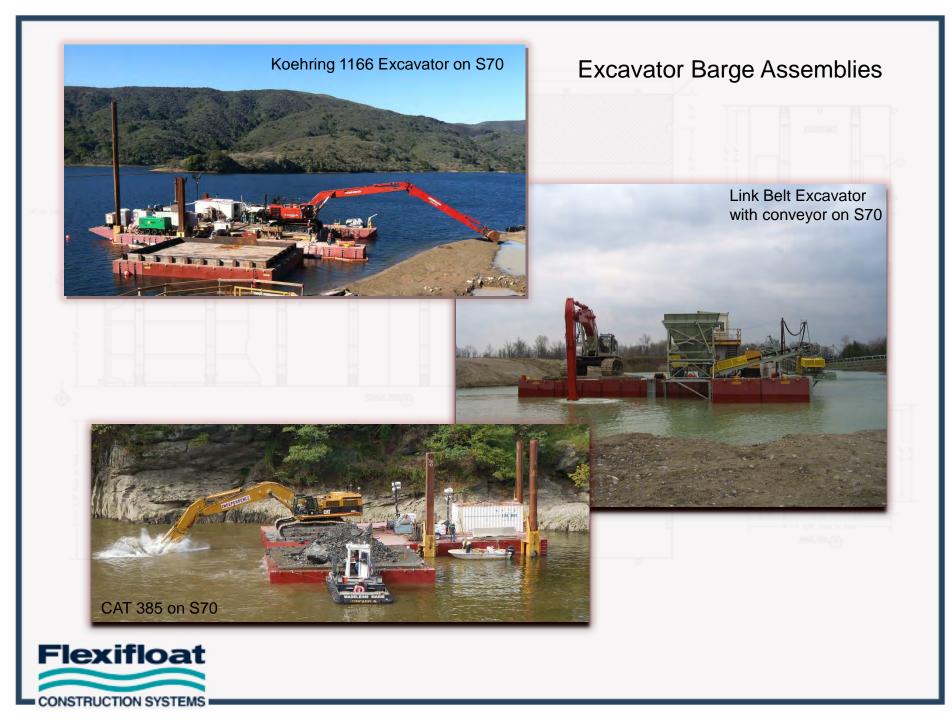
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40' x 80' x 7' assembly recommended for an 180,000 lb. excavator.







Crane Barge Applications

Minimum information required for quote

- Crane Capacity?
- Job Location?
- Water Depth?
- When are Flexifloats needed?
- How long are Flexifloats needed?

<u>Capacities</u> H50s support up to 40 ton crawler cranes.

S50s support up to 110 ton crawler cranes.

S70s support up to 400 ton crawler cranes or 4100 Ringer cranes.





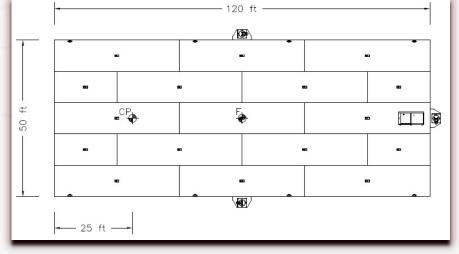




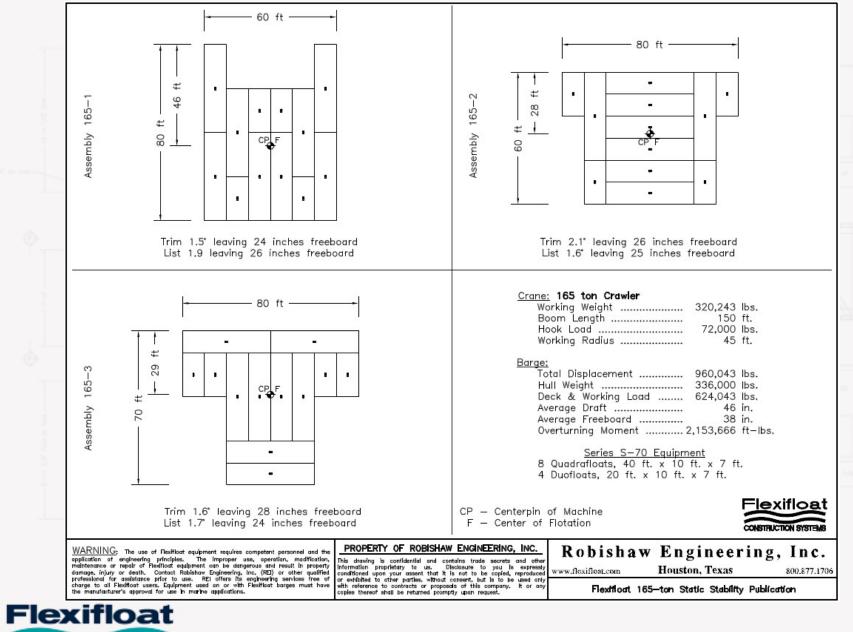




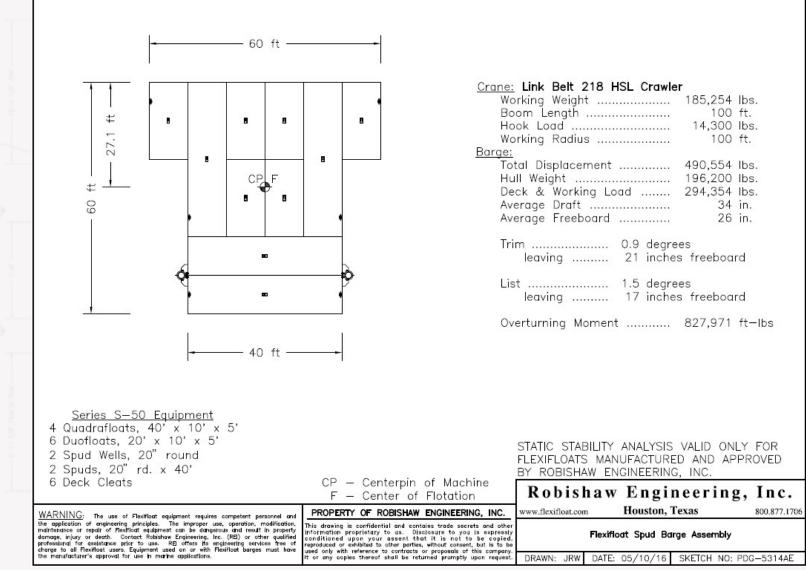
50' x 120' x 7' assembly most often used for Manitowoc 4600 Clamshells/Draglines.







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Self-Elevating Platform (SEP) Applications

<u>Flexifloat SEP</u> S70 Series only Support up to a 100 ton capacity crane. For purchase only from Robishaw Engineering. Standard 36" Dia. Columns at 80' length.







Flexifloat Advantages

- Flexifloats are primarily used in waters not accessible to conventional barges.
- Flexifloats can be configured to fit inside jobsite constraints.
- Configuration can be used to move center of flotation.
- *Possible to use 360 degree ground charts on Flexifloats.
- * Must be approved by crane manufacturer.



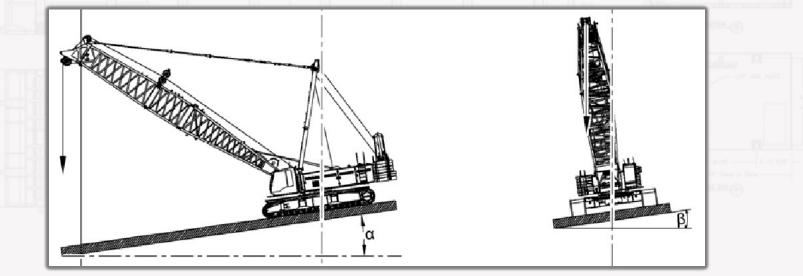




Barge List vs Machine List

 α = Barge list (inclination) refers to the angle that the barge is out of level with horizontal. Barge inclination will cause machine trim, but will not cause machine list if barge inclination is in the same direction as the crane boom.

 β = Machine list, as defined by Manitowoc Engineering Co., describes a side to side out of level condition which normally effects the crane capacity rating and is measured by the angle between horizontal and a line drawn through the centerline of the boom hinge pins.





Loading Equipment

Lower spuds & tie assembly securely to shore. Lay appropriate matting across shore to barge transition.





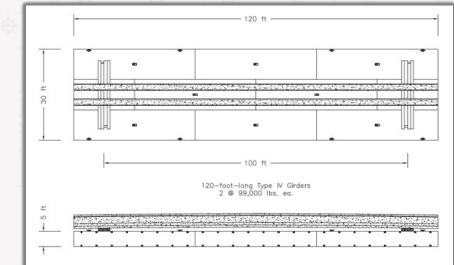




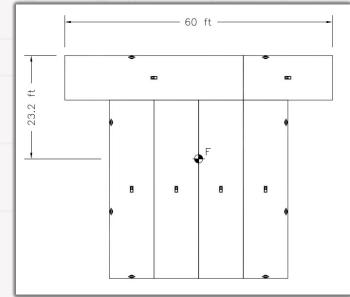
Transport Barge Applications

Information required for quote

- Load on deck?
- Estimated CG of load in X, Y, & Z axis?
- How must load be supported?
- How is load being added and removed?
- Job Location?
- Water Depth?
- When are Flexifloats needed?
- How long are Flexifloats needed?

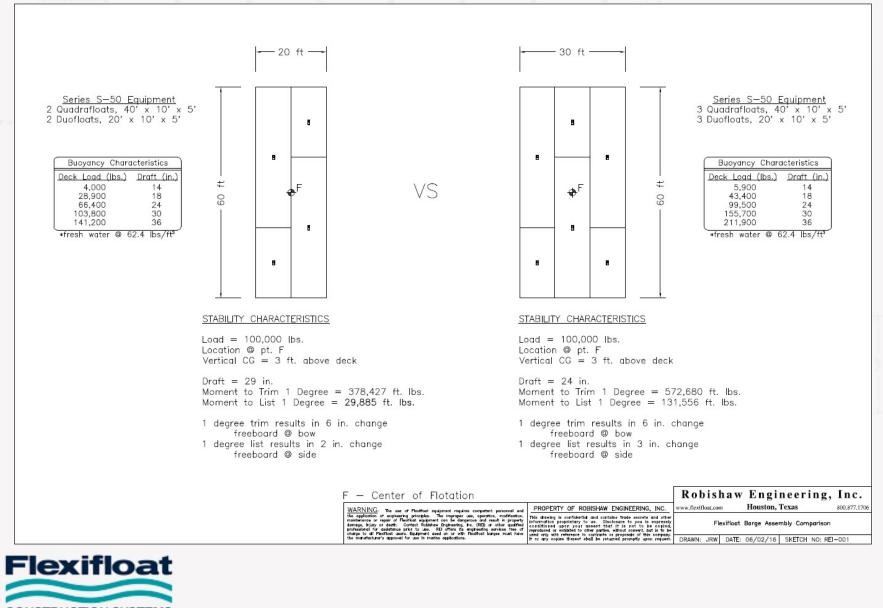








Barge Stability Comparison



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Anatomy of a Flexifloat Lock

Top View of Lock



Side View of Lock Locking Bar Top Female Assembly Lock Casting XIFLOAT Friction Bolt **Bottom Female** Lock Casting



