

In[1051]:=

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Clear[radius, t, h, w, g, theta, delta, tsol, xrange, x0, dist, vboat, xboat, variation]
radius = 10;
h = 80;
w = 0.8; g = 9.81; theta[0] = 0;
delta = 0.01;
dist = 150; vboat = 10;
theta[n_] := theta[n] = theta[n - 1] + delta

x0[n_] := x0[n] = radius Sin[theta[n]]

tsol[n_] :=
  tsol[n] = t /. Solve[h + radius Cos[theta[n]] - w radius Sin[theta[n]] t - g t^2 / 2 == 0, t][[2]]

xrange[n_] := xrange[n] = x0[n] + w radius Cos[theta[n]] tsol[n]
xboat[n_] := xboat[n] = dist - vboat (tsol[n] + theta[n] / w)
variation[n_] := variation[n] = xboat[n] - xrange[n]

variationsolution = Catch[Do[If[Sign[variation[n] / variation[n - 1]] < 0,
  Throw[{n, theta[n], xrange[n], xboat[n], (theta[n] / w) + tsol[n]}], {n, 1, 4000}]];
Print["The variation solution finds that the beginning of the successful
  launch window occurs when theta = ", variationsolution[[2]],
  " radians = ", 180 variationsolution[[2]] /  $\pi$ , " degrees"]

Print[" "]

firstsol = Catch[Do[If[xrange[p] > xboat[p],
  Throw[{p, theta[p], xboat[p], xrange[p], theta[p] / w + tsol[p]}], {p, 4000}]];
Print["The beginning of the successful launch window occurs when theta = ",
  180 firstsol[[2]] /  $\pi$ , " degrees."]
Print["The person steps off the wheel at t = ", firstsol[[2]] / w,
  " seconds and hits the water at t = ", firstsol[[5]], " seconds."]
Print[" When the person hits the water, the front edge of the boat is at x = ",
  firstsol[[3]], " meters."]
lastsol = Catch[Do[If[(xrange[m] - xboat[m]) > 1, Throw[{m - 1, theta[m - 1], xboat[m - 1],
  xrange[m - 1], theta[m - 1] / w + tsol[m - 1], w radius Cos[theta[m - 1]}], {m, 4000}]];
Print[" "]
Print["The successful launch window ends when theta = ",
  (180 /  $\pi$ ) lastsol[[2]], " degrees."]
Print["The person steps off the wheel at ", lastsol[[2]] / w,
  " seconds and hits the water at ", lastsol[[5]], " seconds."]
Print["When the person hits the water, the front edge of the boat is at x = ",
  lastsol[[3]], " meters."]
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g1 = ListPlot[Table[{tsol[n] + theta[n] / w, xboat[n]}, {n, 0, 1500}], PlotStyle -> Red];
g2 = ListPlot[Table[{tsol[n] + theta[n] / w, xrange[n]}, {n, 1500}], PlotStyle -> Cyan];

Show[g1, g2, PlotRange -> All, AxesLabel -> {Time, Distance},
  LabelStyle -> Directive[Blue, 14, Bold]]

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The variation solution finds that the beginning of the successful launch window occurs when $\theta = 5.91$ radians = 338.618 degrees

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The person steps off the wheel at $t = 7.3875$ seconds and hits the water at $t = 11.9623$ seconds.

When the person hits the water, the front edge of the boat is at $x = 30.3772$ meters.

The successful launch window ends when $\theta = 340.91$ degrees.

The person steps off the wheel at 7.4375 seconds and hits the water at 11.983 seconds.

When the person hits the water, the front edge of the boat is at $x = 30.1705$ meters.

