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SWAB REPORT # 1018

SWAB DATE: 16 November 2021

R/V Sally Ride & Radioisotope Van 625.1.05-1

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COMMENTS TO SWAB REPORTS

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Typical LSC instrument background values for ^3H and ^{14}C are 2 and 5 cpm, respectively. The LSC is a Tricarb 2910 TR with the low level counting option.

All samples are counted for 60 minutes, the instrument background is subtracted, and activities are reported in dpm/m^2 . Bucket blank activities are not subtracted. Counting errors (2 standard deviations) are also reported in dpm/m^2 . An error larger than the activity indicates that the activity is not significantly different from zero.

Criteria for SWAB Results

Category	^3H (dpm/m^2)	^{14}C (dpm m^2)	Recommendations
A	<500	<50	No action
B*	500-10,000	50-10,000	Needs cleaning before any natural tracer work. Decks in radiation vans with activities above $1000 \text{ dpm}/\text{m}^2$ should be cleaned.
C**	10,000-100,000	10,000-50,000	Must be cleaned before any use.
D***	>100,000	>50,000	May be a health hazard. Notify local radiation safety official.

Note: ^{14}C and ^{35}S have peak energies of 156 and 167 KeV, respectively; thus ^{35}S will be registered as ^{14}C by our counting techniques. Categories A, B and C are not a health hazard.

Recommended Cleaning Procedure

Wearing ordinary household rubber gloves:

^3H : Wash and scrub with radioactive cleanup detergent such as COUNT-OFF (50 ml COUNT-OFF to 4 liters of water), using sponges to distribute solution and reabsorb it.

^{14}C : Wash with 1% sulfuric or 2% hydrochloric (muriatic) acid with good ventilation (will dissolve carbonates, releasing $^{14}\text{CO}_2$). Follow up with wash as if for ^3H .

Disposal of Cleaning Materials (gloves, sponges, etc)

Categories A & B dispose as ordinary garbage, C & D contact your institution's radiation safety office.

Note: If category C or D is encountered, we try to notify the insitution promptly by phone or email.

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LOCATION: San Diego, CA
VESSEL: R/V Sally Ride

DATE: 16 November 2021
TECHNICIAN: Jim Happell

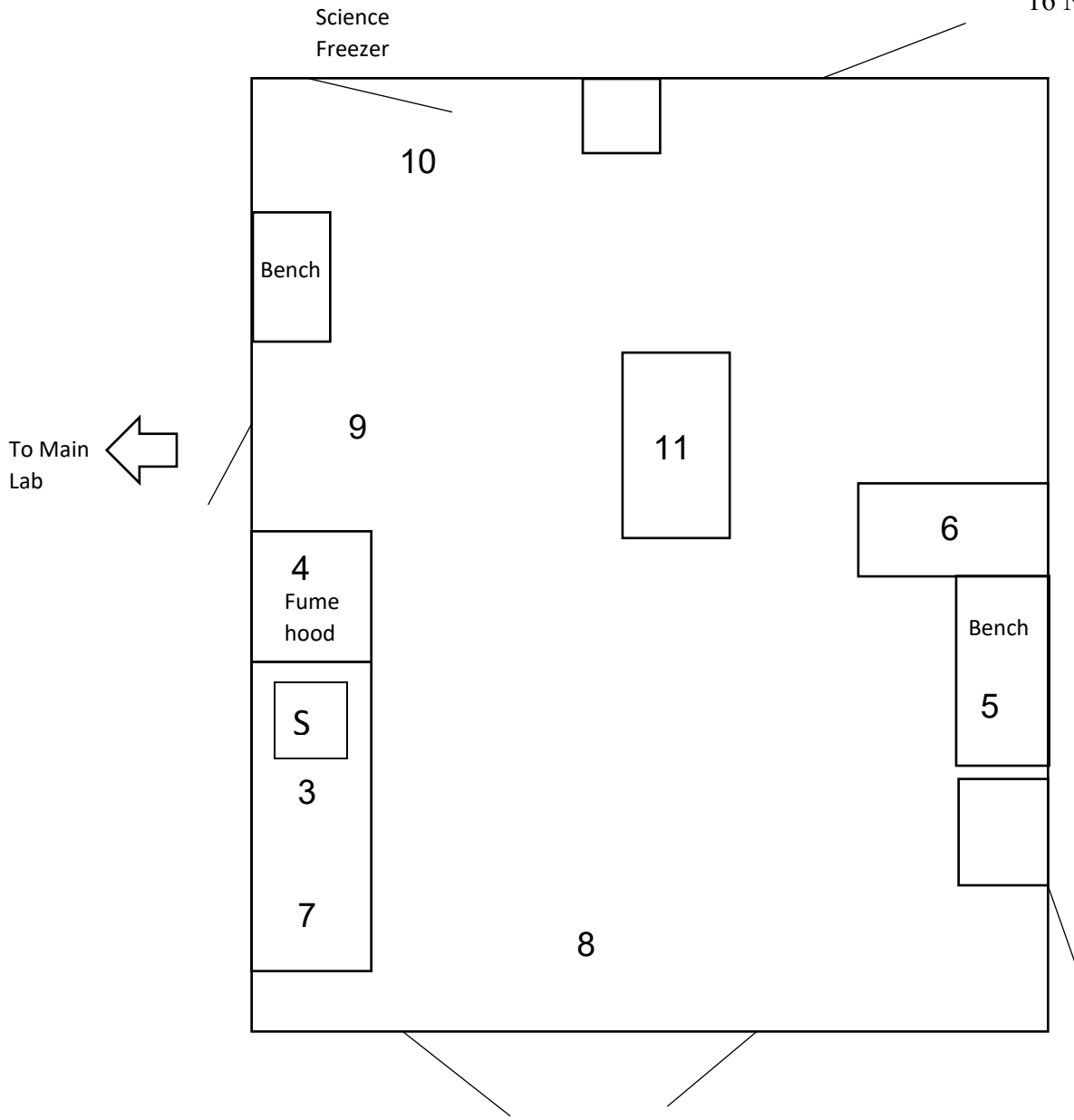
Sample #	Sample Identification	³ H dpm/m ²		¹⁴ C dpm/m ²	
		activity	error	activity	error
1	1st Vial Bkgnd	0	± 0	0	± 0
2	Initial bucket blank C.O. # 1	6	± 36	3	± 33
	<u>Wet Lab (Figure 1)</u>				
3	Sink area	-4	± 340	-9	± 29
4	Inside fume hood	15	± 46	0	± 0
5	Starboard bench	72	± 34	12	± 27
6	Wooden benchtop forward of starboard benchtop	-20	± 54	16	± 40
7	Benchtop aft of sink	12	± 50	-3	± 21
8	Deck inside aft entrance	9	± 142	-14	± 37
9	Deck inside port entrance	16	± 36	11	± 34
10	Deck in front of Science Freezer	11	± 49	-2	± 19
11	Benchtop opposite of port entrance	-8	± 34	0	± 0
	<u>Main Lab (Figure 2)</u>				
12	Starboard sink area	10	± 46	0	± 159
13	Inside starboard fume hood	8	± 669	-18	± 46
14	Inside port fume hood	20	± 55	-7	± 48
15	Deck in front of port fume hood	26	± 43	4	± 27
16	Deck in front of starboard fume hood	24	± 38	13	± 33
17	Aft section of port benchtop	41	± 53	-12	± 38
18	Forward section of port benchtop	-4	± 362	-7	± 44
19	Aft section of center benchtop	8	± 35	5	± 34
20	Forward section of center benchtop	-66	± 35	13	± 51
21	Deck in front of Science Freezer	-31	± 51	-7	± 45
22	Deck inside forward entrance to lab	22	± 57	-12	± 37
23	Benchtop across from starboard fume hood	11	± 53	-4	± 29
24	Deck at aft entrance between starboard benches	4	± 367	-9	± 29
25	Benchtop opposite of starboard aft entrance	-4	± 311	-5	± 37

Sample # Sample Identification	³ H dpm/m ²		¹⁴ C dpm/m ²	
	activity	error	activity	error
<u>Main Deck (Figure 3)</u>				
26 Deck in front of lockers in Mud Room	-5	± 420	-18	± 46
27 Starboard working deck outside door to Wet Lab	-21	± 54	-1	± 5
28 Deck between Main Lab and Computer Lab	-1	± 109	-9	± 27
29 Deck where CTD rosette was located	-18	± 47	-10	± 31
30 Forward deck of Staging Bay outside aft entrance	9	± 39	3	± 31
31 Deck below entrance to Radioisotope Van	5	± 378	-16	± 41
<u>Radioisotope Van 625.1.05-1 (Figure 4)</u>				
32 Benchtop next to sink	321	± 75	*82	± 34
33 Benchtop next to fume hood	130	± 35	*195	± 42
34 Inside fume hood	102	± 39	*85	± 37
35 Benchtop next to LSC	46	± 48	-2	± 54
36 Benchtop across from sink	286	± 27	*1584	± 76
37 Inside freezer	110	± 6	*6447	± 140
38 Inside refrigerator	68	± 36	*59	± 36
39 Deck between LSC and fume hood	148	± 44	*207	± 43
40 Deck in center of van	102	± 46	*76	± 37
41 Deck near shoe change area	-10	± 43	19	± 38
42 Sink area	21	± 47	-4	± 25
43 Final bucket sample	9	± 37	-2	± 19

Comments

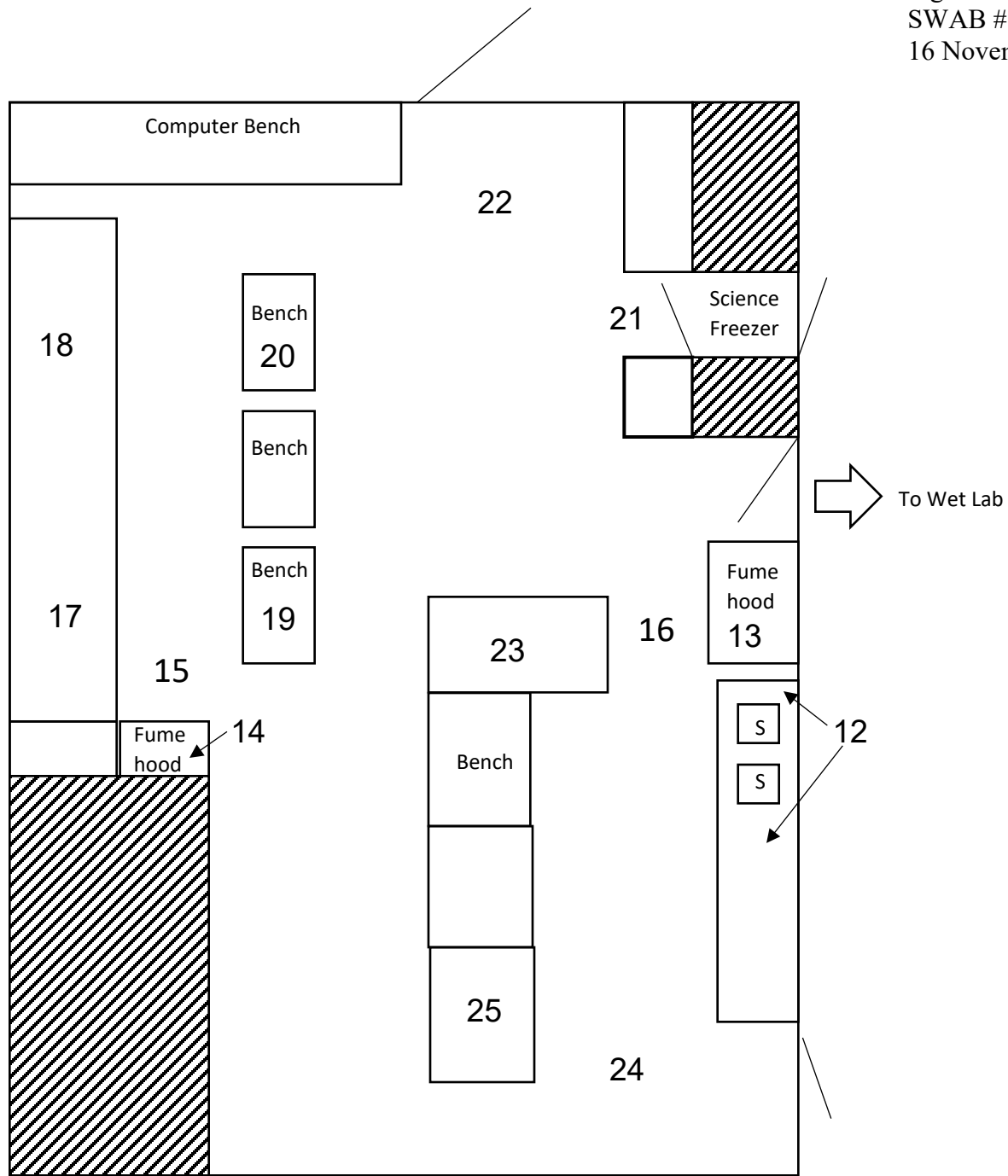
Please note that the error reported for each isotope is the two-standard deviation counting error. The reports may now contain values less than zero. When decay counting background samples will be distributed about the background vial, which means that negative values are possible. In the past we rounded the negative values to zero. Values are only significantly above background when they are positive and larger than the error. All areas tested on the ship were free from any isotope contamination that requires cleaning. Minor ¹⁴C contamination seen in the rad van; no cleaning necessary.

Figure 1
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R/V Sally Ride
WET LAB

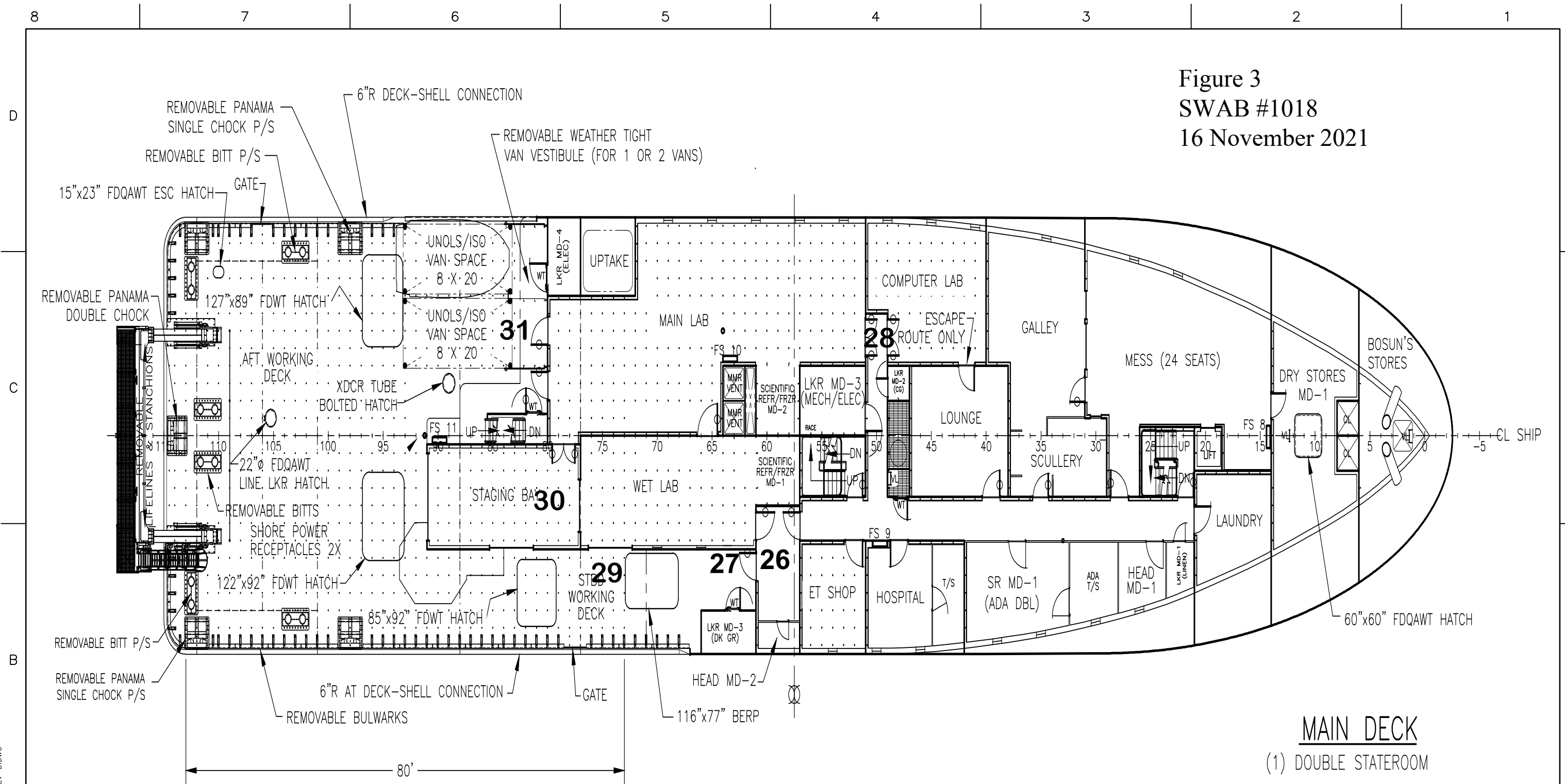
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R/V Sally Ride

MAIN LAB

Figure 3
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MAIN DECK
(1) DOUBLE STATEROOM

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PLOT TIME: 11:29:35 am
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