



Tritium Laboratory
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SWAB REPORT # 1120

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R/V Marcus Langseth
UNOLS Cold Van #625.2.01-3 & Rad Van #625.1.01-2

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COMMENTS TO SWAB REPORTS

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The LSC is now a Quantulus GCT 6220, with the SWAB counting assay having background cpm of 0.3 & 1.2 for ^3H & ^{14}C . This replaces an LSC with background cpm of 1.6 & 5.5 for ^3H & ^{14}C .

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. All activities significantly above background will be in **bold**.

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 dpm/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 institution promptly by phone or email.

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LOCATION: San Diego, CA
VESSEL: *R/V Marcus Loangseth*

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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	28	± 21	-21	± 37
<u>Dey Lab (Figure 1)</u>					
3	Aft center benchtop	21	± 24	-19	± 34
4	Forward center benchtop	22	± 18	-10	± 18
5	Aft port benchtop	24	± 21	-11	± 20
6	Forward port benchtop	32	± 18	-2	± 8
7	Forward starboard benchtop	37	± 21	-14	± 25
8	Inside laminar flow hood	21	± 32	-27	± 48
9	Forward benchtop	26	± 21	-15	± 27
10	Deck at forward entrance	45	± 22	-8	± 23
11	Deck at aft entrance	7	± 10	4	± 14
12	Deck in corner near fume hood and sink	22	± 28	-25	± 44
<u>Wet Lab (Figure 2)</u>					
13	Port aft benchtop	-1	± 1	-9	± 16
14	Forward center benchtop	23	± 18	-9	± 16
15	Center benchtop	37	± 20	-10	± 18
16	Aft center benchtop	33	± 19	-9	± 16
17	Sink area	19	± 17	-7	± 18
18	Top of chest freezer	42	± 21	-12	± 22
19	Deck by aft port door	32	± 19	0	± 2
20	Deck by aft starboard door	-9	± 13	9	± 16
21	Deck in front of sink	29	± 18	2	± 9
22	Deck by aft entrance	-5	± 6	6	± 16
<u>Port Lab (Figure 3)</u>					
23	Port Lab Center benchtop	45	± 21	-2	± 7
24	Aft center benchtop	52	± 26	-8	± 22
25	Aft starboard benchtop	23	± 19	-8	± 21
26	Forward starboard benchtop	35	± 24	-19	± 33
27	Deck by aft entrance	36	± 20	-6	± 15
28	Deck by starboard entrance	62	± 25	-18	± 32

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	<u>Main Lab (Figure 4)</u>				
29	Center benchtop	-1	± 1	-13	± 23
30	Deck by forward port entrance	43	± 23	-25	± 44
	<u>OBS Deck (Figure 5)</u>				
31	Deck where Rad Van door was	44	± 23	-13	± 24
32	Deck near incubators	31	± 20	-12	± 20
	<u>Cold Van 625.2.01-3 (Figure 6)</u>				
33	Benchtop near door	-3	± 4	-1	± 4
34	Benchtop across from sink	44	± 21	-9	± 17
35	Benchtop near air intake	26	± 22	-21	± 38
36	Inside fume hood	31	± 18	-8	± 21
37	Sink area	11	± 15	-6	± 15
38	Deck near sink	40	± 18	8	± 12
39	Center deck	29	± 18	-9	± 23
40	Deck near door	19	± 13	6	± 13
	<u>Rad Van 625.1.01-2 (Figure 7)</u>				
41	Inside fume hood	92	± 27	-9	± 17
42	Benchtop next to fume hood	109	± 20	*212	± 23
43	Benchtop next to sink	58	± 21	2	± 6
44	Sink area	*549	± 62	10	± 4
45	Benchtop next to LSC	61	± 22	6	± 10
46	Benchtop with LSC	25	± 14	8	± 13
47	Inside refrigerator	36	± 18	3	± 9
48	Inside freezer	102	± 27	14	± 11
49	Deck near fume hood	360	± 51	5	± 4
50	Center deck	347	± 50	11	± 6
51	Deck near entrance	123	± 31	8	± 9
52	Final bucket blank	17	± 16	-8	± 22

Comments

Please note that the error reported for each isotope is the two-standard deviation counting error. Reports may now contain values less than zero. 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. Please note that we are now using a Quantulus 6220 LSC which counts very near natural background. While the cleanup standards have not changed all values above background will now be in bold. All areas sampled from the ship and the cold van were free from isotope contamination requiring

cleaning. Minor ^3H and ^{14}C contamination was found in the Rad van. No action is necessary.

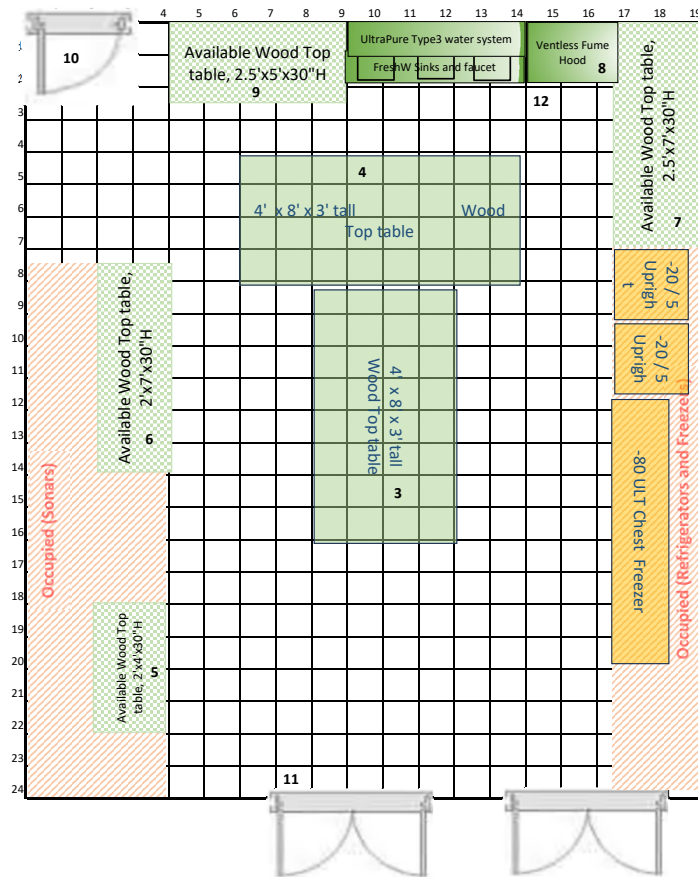
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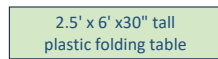
R/V Marcus G. Langseth Main Deck Dry Lab

Figure 1
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Drawn to Scale, Cells Grid
represents 1' x 1'



Shipwide Available Tables
Qty 10: 4'x8'x3' Wood top table
Qty4: 2.5'x6'x2.5' Plastic folding table



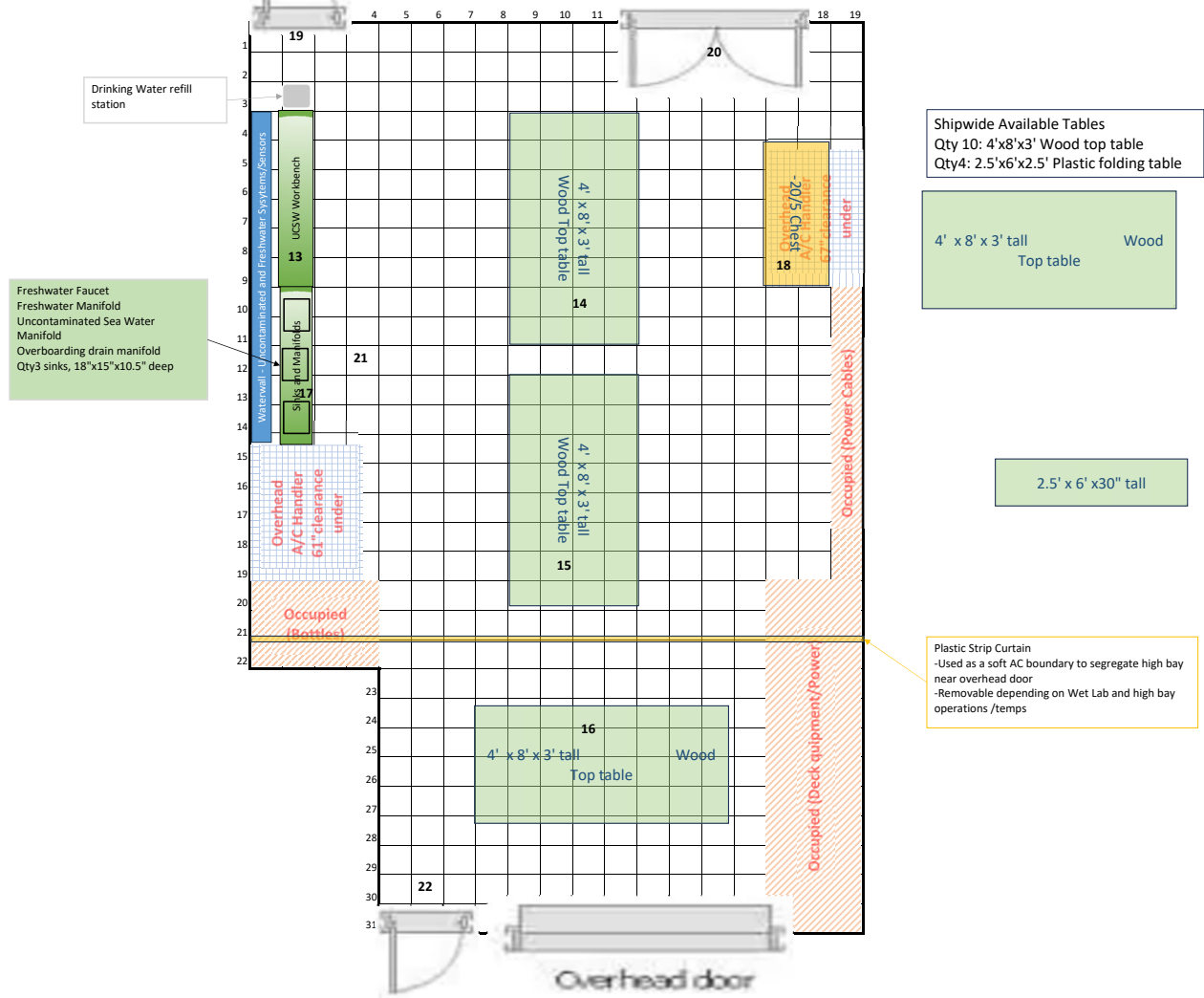
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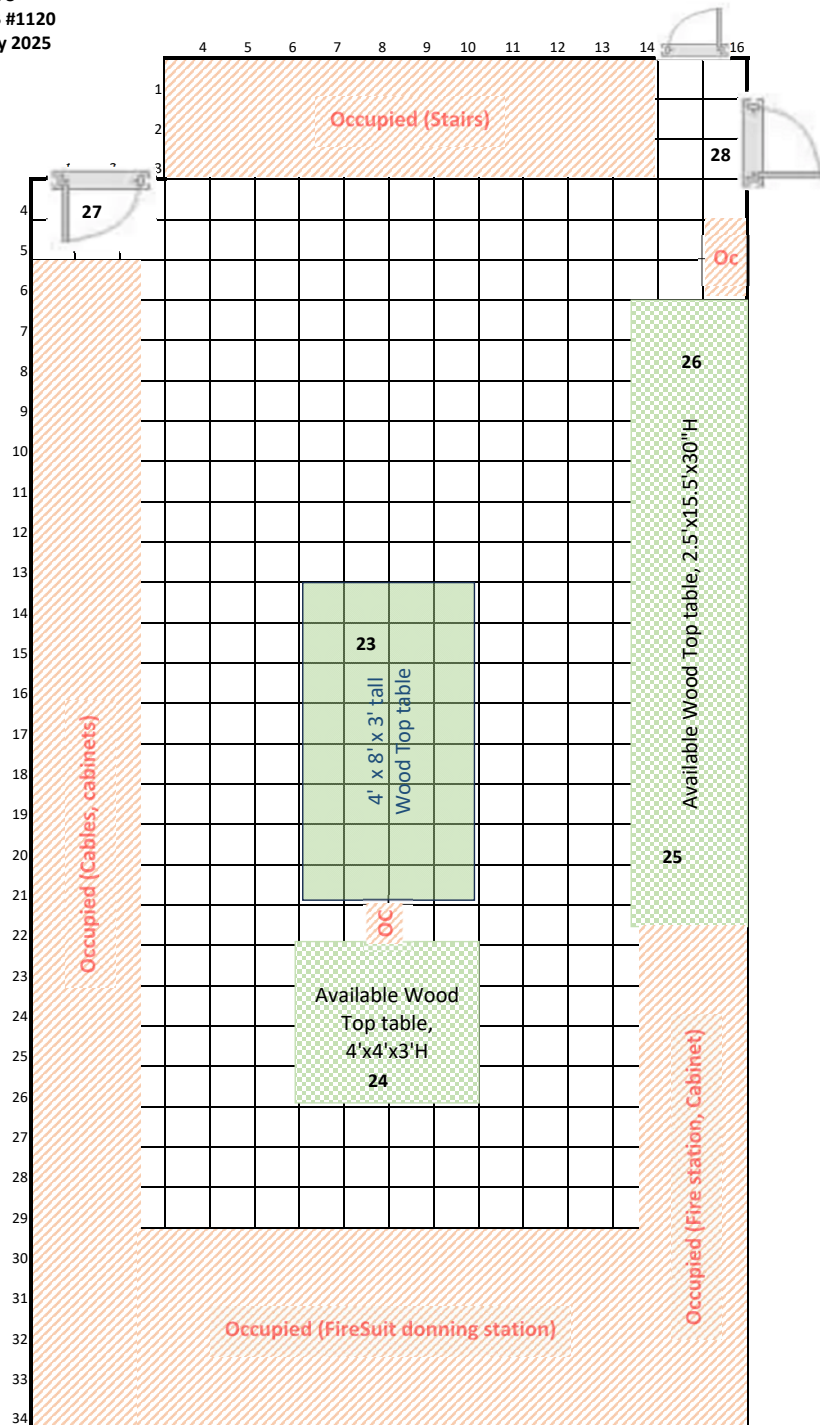
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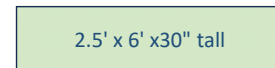
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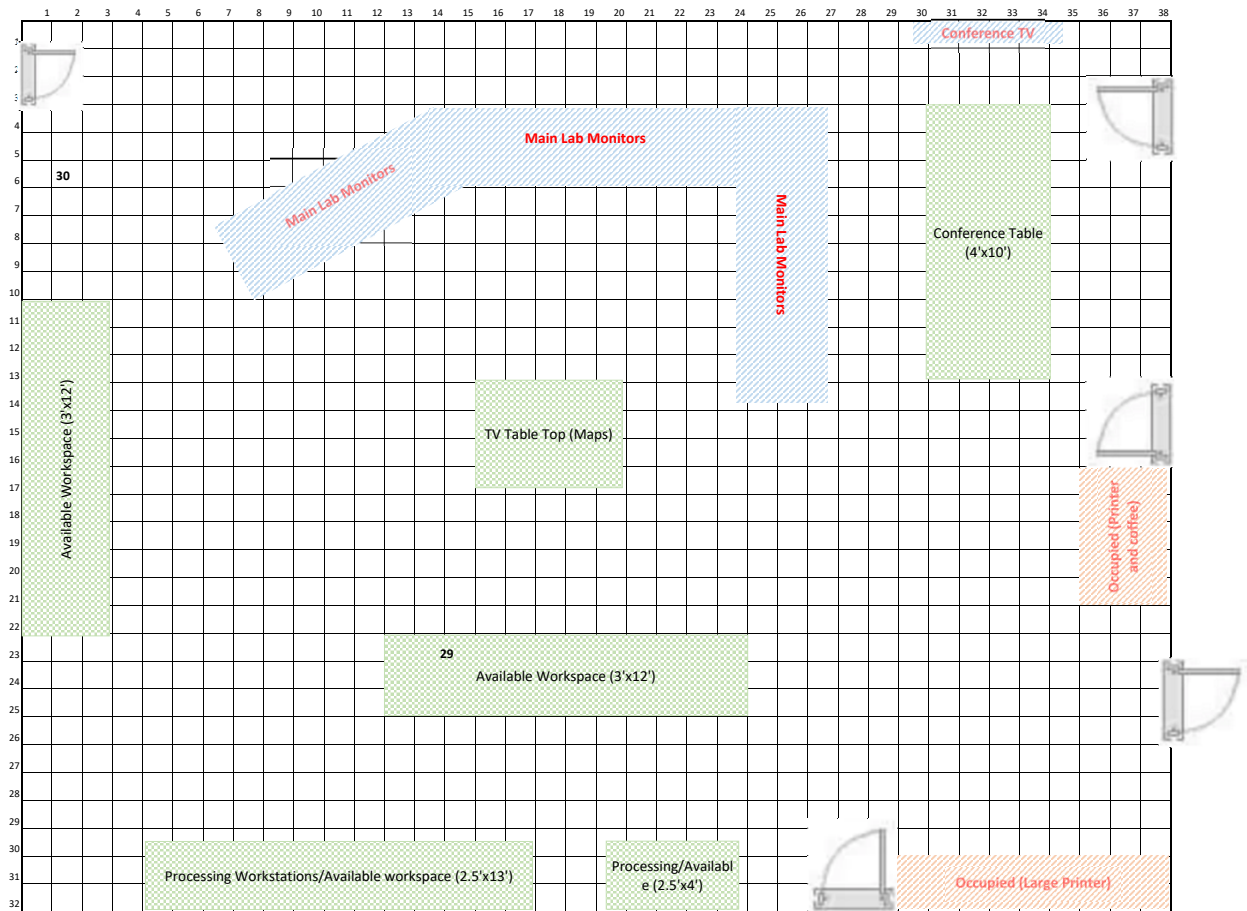
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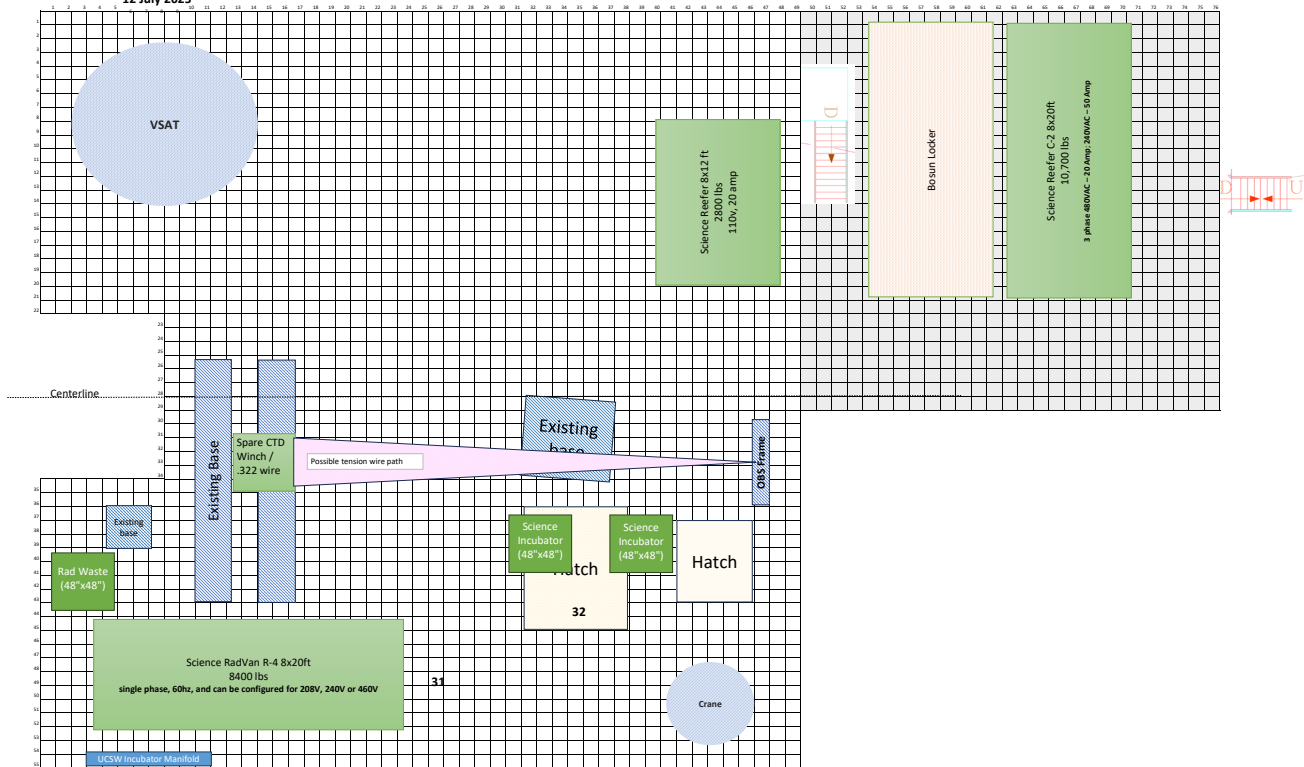


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R/V Marcus G. Langseth OBS Deck

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R/V Marcus G. Langseth Paravane Deck



COLD VAN 625.2.01-3

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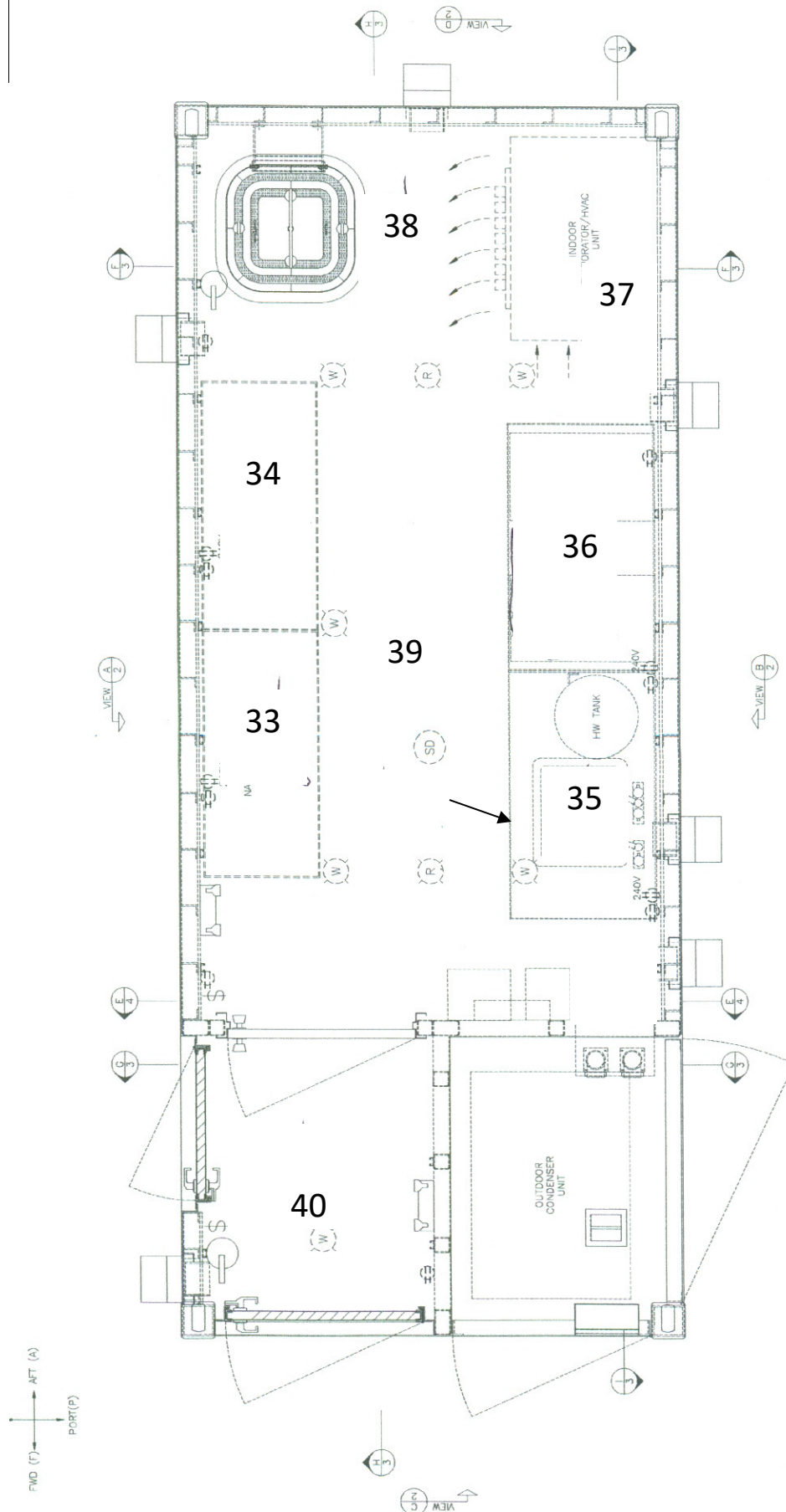


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