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SWAB REPORT # 952

SWAB DATE: 13 July 2019

R/V Atlantic Explorer

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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 institution promptly by phone or email.

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LOCATION: St. Georges, Bermuda
VESSEL: R/V Atlantic Explorer

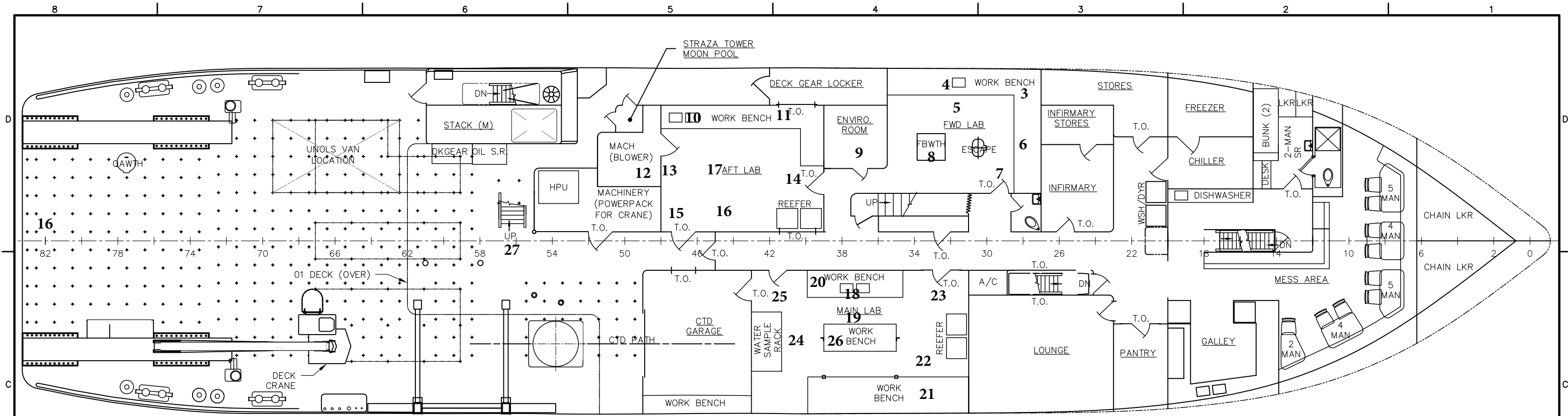
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| Sample # | Sample Identification | ^3H dpm/m ² | | ^{14}C dpm/m ² | |
|----------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------|------------------------------------|-------|
| | | activity | error | activity | error |
| 1 | 1st Vial Bkgnd | 0 | ± 0 | 0 | ± 0 |
| 2 | Initial bucket blank | -34 | ± 45 | 4 | ± 76 |
| | <u>Forward Lab (Figure 1)</u> | | | | |
| 3 | Port benchtop forward of sink | 17 | ± 75 | -11 | ± 38 |
| 4 | Sink area | -8 | ± 19 | -8 | ± 43 |
| 5 | Deck in front of sink | 4 | ± 35 | -27 | ± 52 |
| 6 | Forward benchtop | 3 | ± 43 | -13 | ± 47 |
| 7 | Deck inside starboard entrance | -4 | ± 72 | -11 | ± 35 |
| 8 | Center benchtop | -14 | ± 31 | 11 | ± 41 |
| 9 | Deck inside Enviro Room | 12 | ± 48 | -25 | ± 19 |
| | <u>Aft Lab (Figure 1)</u> | | | | |
| 10 | Port sink area | 41 | ± 73 | -24 | ± 42 |
| 11 | Benchtop forward of sink | 5 | ± 26 | -29 | ± 28 |
| 12 | Inside fume hood | -1 | ± 34 | -3 | ± 15 |
| 13 | Deck in front of fume hood | 20 | ± 101 | -20 | ± 63 |
| 14 | Deck inside forward entrance | 58 | ± 65 | -20 | ± 39 |
| 15 | Inside aft entrance | 9 | ± 153 | -12 | ± 71 |
| 16 | Deck below -80 °C freezer | -14 | ± 37 | 5 | ± 44 |
| 17 | Center benchtop | 7 | ± 44 | -29 | ± 37 |
| | <u>Main Lab (Figure 1)</u> | | | | |
| 18 | Port sink area | 4 | ± 19 | -14 | ± 93 |
| 19 | Deck in front of sink | -1 | ± 22 | -4 | ± 82 |
| 20 | Benchtop aft of sink | 7 | ± 96 | -5 | ± 53 |
| 21 | Inside laminar flow hood | 4 | ± 36 | -16 | ± 46 |
| 22 | Deck in front of laminar flow hood | -7 | ± 28 | 6 | ± 41 |
| 23 | Deck inside forward entrance | -28 | ± 39 | 1 | ± 18 |
| 24 | Deck below CTD racks | 24 | ± 51 | 3 | ± 28 |
| 25 | Deck inside aft entrance | -2 | ± 70 | -22 | ± 46 |
| 26 | Center benchtop | -36 | ± 99 | -5 | ± 37 |
| | <u>Aft Deck (Figure 1)</u> | | | | |
| 27 | Deck at bottom of stairs to 01 Deck | -4 | ± 32 | -20 | ± 34 |

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|----------|--|---------------------------------|-------|------------------------------------|-------|
| | | activity | error | activity | error |
| | <u>01 Deck (Figure 2)</u> | | | | |
| 28 | Deck outside aft entrance from sleeping quarters | -21 | ± 39 | 3 | ± 62 |
| 29 | Deck at top of aft stairs | -37 | ± 46 | 5 | ± 65 |
| 30 | Deck outside Rad Van door | 40 | ± 92 | -21 | ± 25 |
| | <u>02 Deck (Figure 2)</u> | | | | |
| 31 | Top of stairs to science study | 24 | ± 67 | -11 | ± 43 |
| 32 | Deck inside aft entrance next to head | 4 | ± 51 | -20 | ± 37 |
| | <u>03 Deck (Figure 3)</u> | | | | |
| 33 | Top of stairs to bridge | -5 | ± 90 | -4 | ± 26 |
| 34 | Intermediate bucket blank | 13 | ± 107 | -14 | ± 30 |
| | <u>Radiation Van #625.5.02 (Figure 4)</u> | | | | |
| 35 | Sink area | 205 | ± 66 | 8 | ± 17 |
| 36 | Benchtop adjacent to sink | 247 | ± 63 | 11 | ± 17 |
| 37 | Benchtop adjacent to fume hood | 3 | ± 17 | 12 | ± 38 |
| 38 | Deck between LSC and fume hood | 134 | ± 61 | -7 | ± 23 |
| 39 | Top of LSC | 271 | ± 65 | 40 | ± 29 |
| 40 | Benchtop adjacent to LSC | 113 | ± 54 | 30 | ± 33 |
| 41 | Inside freezer | 110 | ± 61 | -9 | ± 28 |
| 42 | Inside refrigerator | 81 | ± 27 | 213* | ± 44 |
| 43 | Deck in middle of van | 207 | ± 65 | -3 | ± 13 |
| 44 | Benchtop across from sink | 12 | ± 55 | -2 | ± 29 |
| 45 | Deck inside entrance | 79 | ± 55 | 4 | ± 18 |
| 50 | Final bucket blank | -3 | ± 32 | -17 | ± 51 |

Comments

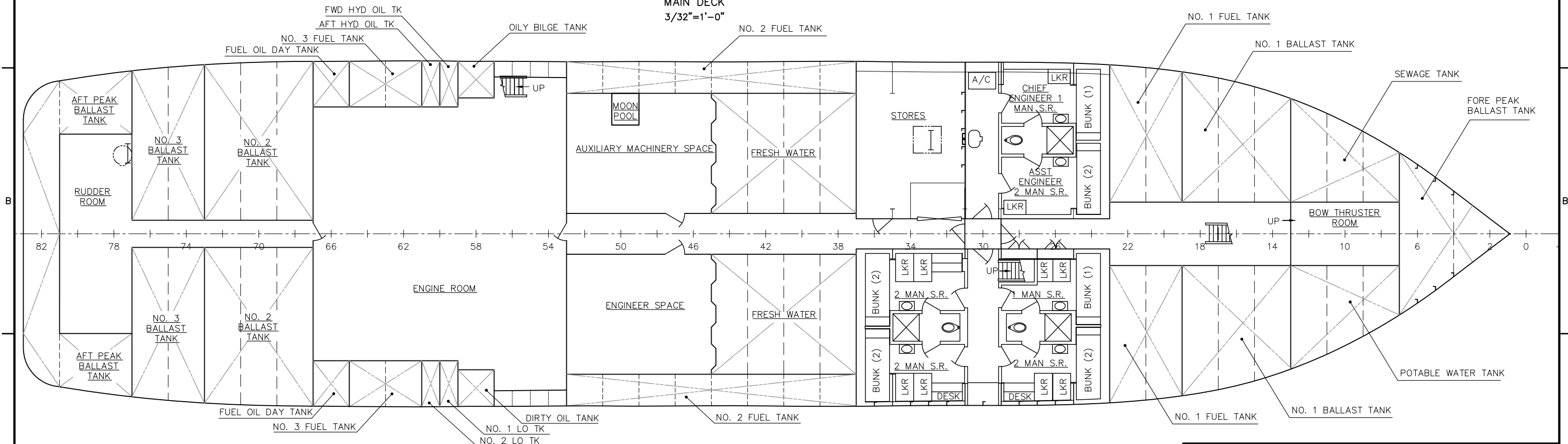
Please note that the error reported for each isotope is the two-standard deviation counting error. The reports may now contain values less than zero. When decay counting background samples will be distributed about the background vial, which means that negative values are possible. In the past we rounded 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 isotope contamination that requires cleaning. The refrigerator in the Rad Van had some minor ^{14}C contamination. No action is necessary in the van.



PLAN 2-5C

MAIN DECK

3/32"=1'-0"



PLAN 2-5A

HOLD LEVEL

3/32"=1'-0"

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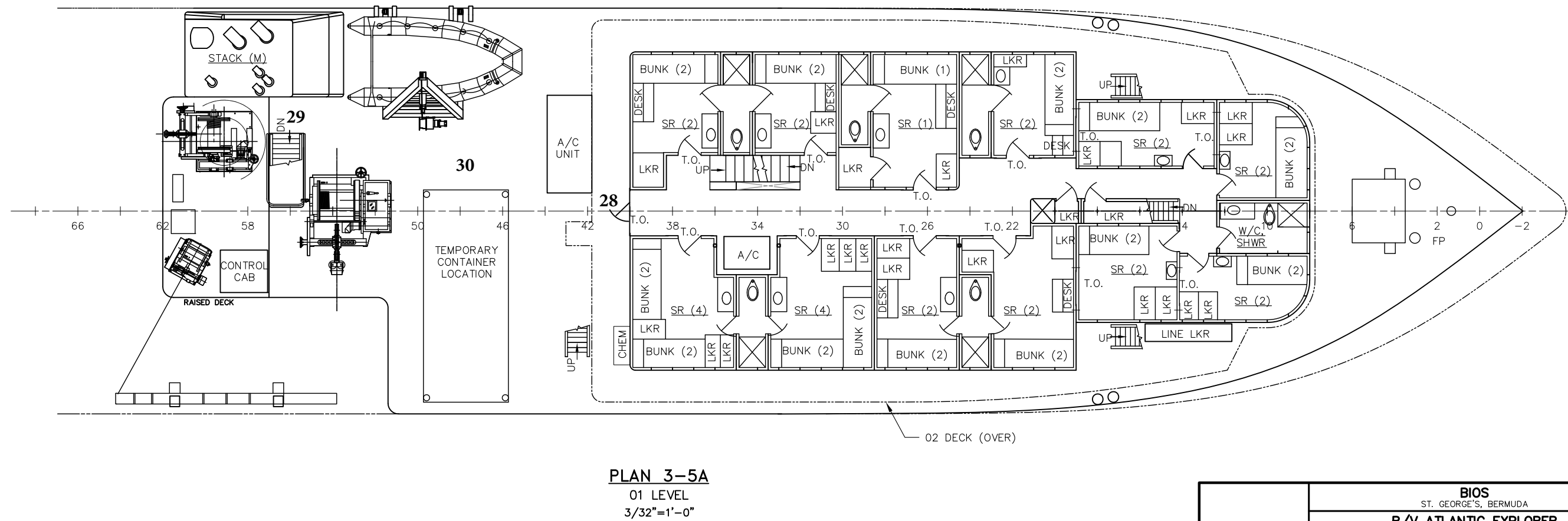
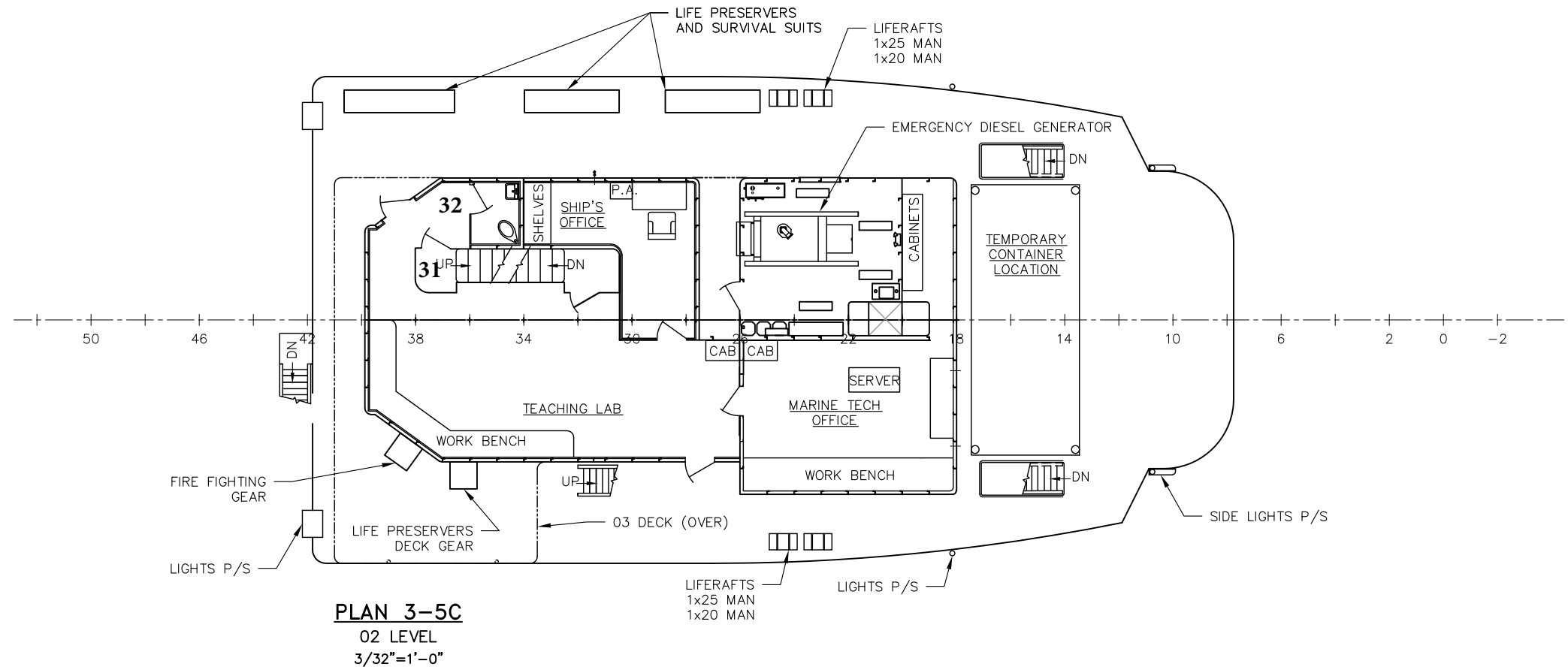
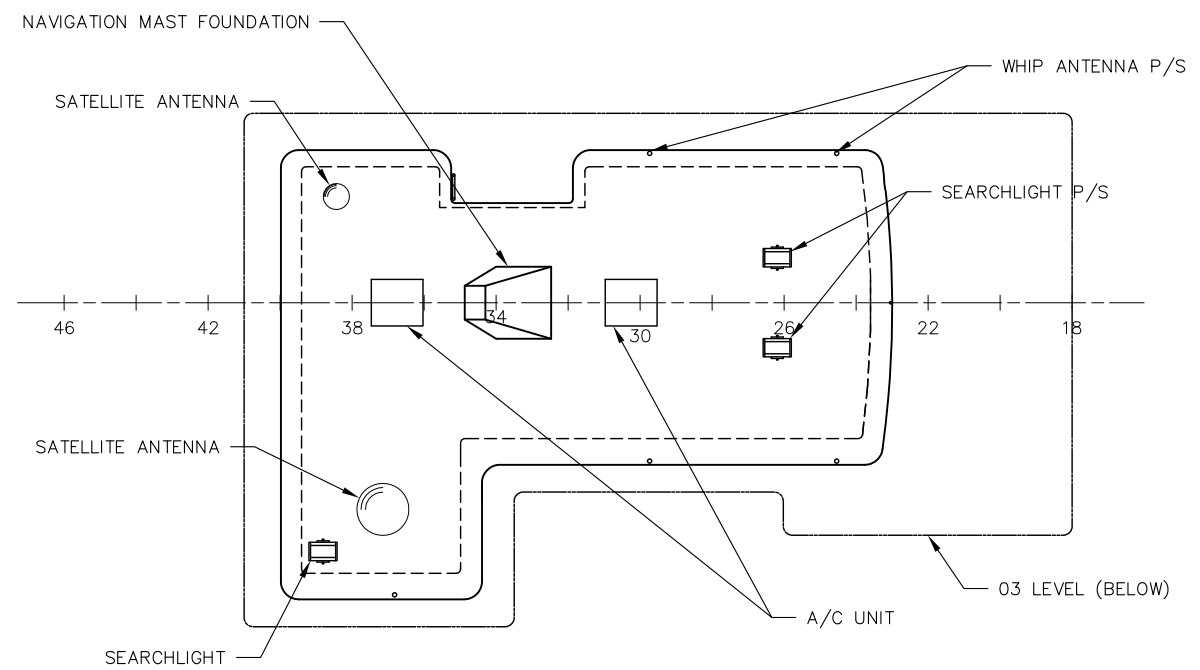
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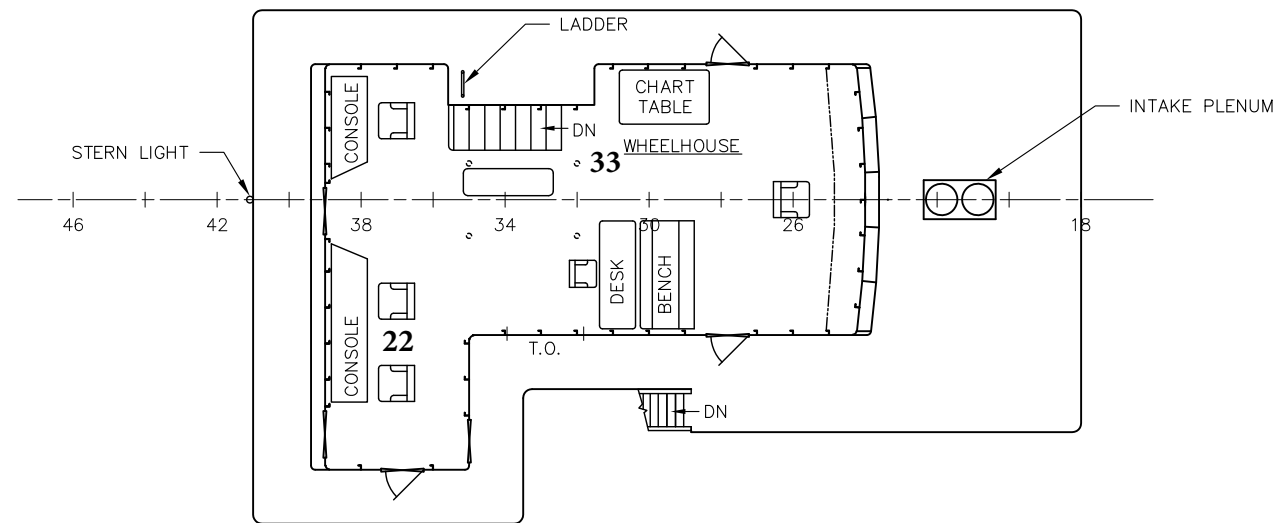
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PLAN 4-5C
HOUSE TOP / 04 LEVEL
3/32"=1'-0"



PLAN 4-5A
03 LEVEL
3/32"=1'-0"

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