

Laura Bassi – The latest Antarctic Expedition, new installations and

.... Other contingencies

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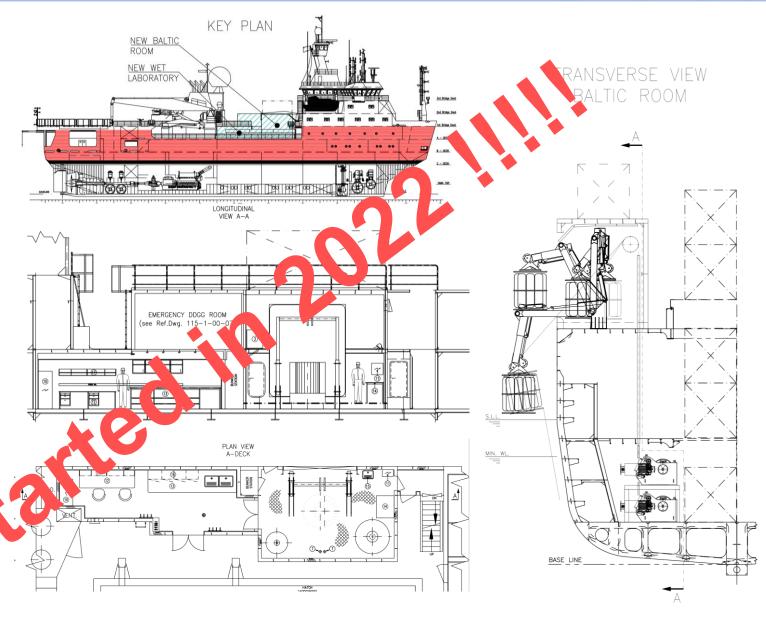


### • Goals:

- Reduce motions
- Increase distance from propellers
- Straightforward deployment in air conditioned room

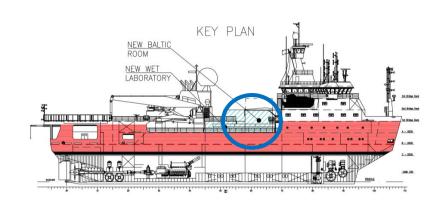
### Constraints:

- Keep load capacity
- · Add a clean rosette

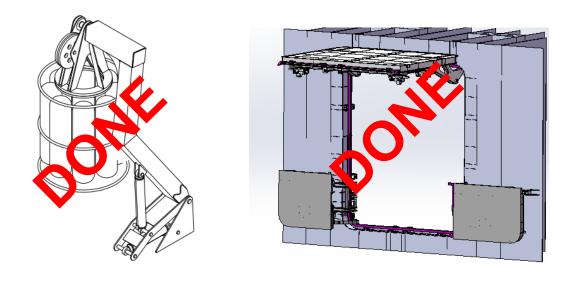








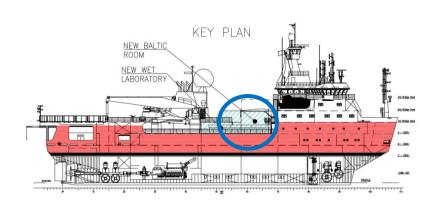
What was missing last year....











..... The treat/Adf system



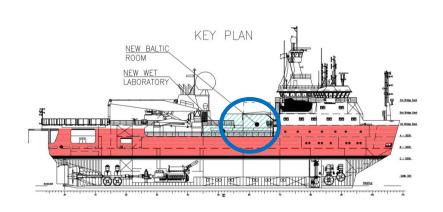












### ....The new CTD rosette LARS







## Just a step back.... 2023 – the year of the record



78° 44.280′ S,

Bay of Whales

Laura Bassi traveled to the further point south in the Ross Sea in Antarctica (OGS photo)

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## .... but 2025 was the year of record low temperature!



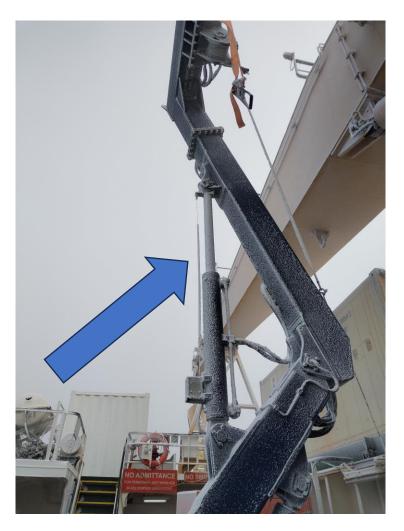






## ..... and too much cold is never a good thing!



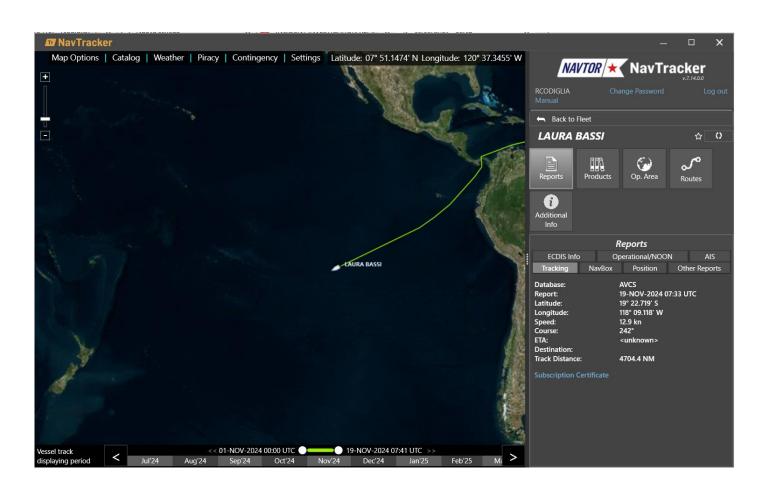








### ..... but those was not the worst things!



On the 19th of November 2024 at 19:35 LT, while the vessel was underway to Lyttleton, the port side main engine suffered a sudden "overspeed" which caused the damages to rocker arm and valves of cylinder head n. 6 and damages to high pressure fuel pump of cylinder n. 1

Vessel proceeded with only the starboard engine to Lyttleton reporting a delay of about 10 days.





## What happened?

- 1. The loss of oil due to the rupture of a small pipe actually inhibited the correct functioning of the governor
- 2. A faulty connector caused the engine's emergency stop to malfunction defective electrical connetor

#### **CONSEQUENCE....**

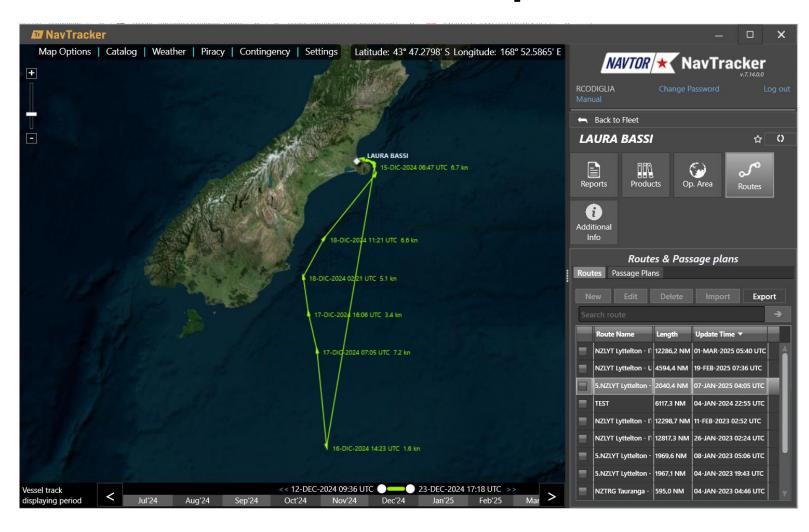
- 1. Damages to rocker arm and valves of all cylinder heads
- 2. Damages to high-pressure fuel pump
- 3. Suspect damages on the turbocharger







## ..... Errare humanum est perseverare autem diabolicum!



On the 14th of December 2024 while navigating in the South Pacific Ocean from Lyttelton to Mario Zucchelli Station, at 03:22 the alarm for "cylinder 2 deviation" on the main engine No. 1 (the port engine) is triggered, and a few seconds later, the alarm for "high temperature on cylinders 1-5-4-6-3" of the same engine is activated.

For the second time the vessel proceeded with only the starboard engine to Lyttleton.





## What happened?

One of the two exhaust valves of the Cylinder n°2 broke down

### **CONSEQUENCE....**

- Damages to rocker arm and valves of two cylinder heads
- 2. Damages to one liner
- 3. Severe damages on the turbocharger







## **RESULTS** of the expeditions...



- First leg deleted
- Second leg 100% completed
- ✓ 1 Hydrographic project of MM (Italian Navy)
- ✓ 3 Research projects funded by PNRA
  - GLOB (physical and chemical oceanography)
  - 2. IBIZA (marine biology)
  - 3. MORSEA (permanent ocean observatories)
- 1 reserach project OTAGO (geology, marine geophisics)





### Some number and result....

One leg

40 days non stop on sea

58 people onboard







## ...a brief summary of this unfortunate year

2 times engine failure



Costs approx. 1.000.000 euro

at least 3 PNRA poject to do next year

1 CTD Rosette lost



Costs approx 350.000 euro

to be repurchased within a year





### What now .....

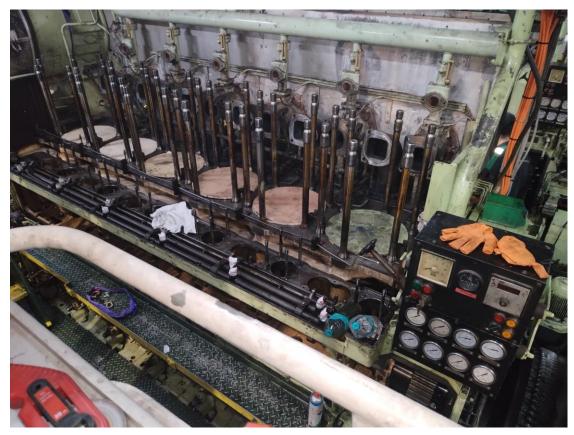
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### What now .....

### **Complete MMEE overhoul**





• Thank you!

