



Tritium Laboratory  
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SWAB REPORT #1100

SWAB DATE: 3 August 2024

*R/V Atlantis & Rad Van #625.6.03*

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## COMMENTS TO SWAB REPORTS

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Typical LSC instrument background values for  $^3\text{H}$  and  $^{14}\text{C}$  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  $\text{dpm}/\text{m}^2$ . Bucket blank activities are not subtracted. Counting errors (2 standard deviations) are also reported in  $\text{dpm}/\text{m}^2$ . An error larger than the activity indicates that the activity is not significantly different from zero.

### Criteria for SWAB Results

Category	$^3\text{H}$ ( $\text{dpm}/\text{m}^2$ )	$^{14}\text{C}$ ( $\text{dpm m}^2$ )	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:  $^{14}\text{C}$  and  $^{35}\text{S}$  have peak energies of 156 and 167 KeV, respectively; thus  $^{35}\text{S}$  will be registered as  $^{14}\text{C}$  by our counting techniques. Categories A, B and C are not a health hazard.

### Recommended Cleaning Procedure

Wearing ordinary household rubber gloves:

$^3\text{H}$ : 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.

$^{14}\text{C}$ : 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  $^3\text{H}$ .

### 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: Newport, OR  
VESSEL/LAB: *R/V Atlantis*

DATE: 3 August 2024  
TECHNICIAN: Charlene Grall

Sample #	Sample Identification	<sup>3</sup> H dpm/m <sup>2</sup>		<sup>14</sup> C dpm/m <sup>2</sup>	
		activity	error	activity	error
1	1st Vial Bkgnd	0 ±	0	0 ±	0
2	Initial bucket blank	-29 ±	20	2 ±	51
	<u>Bio-Analytical Lab (Figure 1)</u>				
3	Deck in front of fume hood	-14 ±	94	<b>36 ±</b>	<b>16</b>
4	Benchtop across from forward sink	18 ±	24	3 ±	11
5	Benchtop adjacent to aft sink	-15 ±	54	<b>45 ±</b>	<b>16</b>
6	Benchtop across from aft sink	-13 ±	11	<b>99* ±</b>	<b>19</b>
7	Deck inside aft entrance	3 ±	4	<b>31 ±</b>	<b>15</b>
8	Aft sink area	-39 ±	127	<b>98* ±</b>	<b>19</b>
9	Inside Cospolich refrigerator	-28 ±	54	6 ±	18
10	Inside Cospolich freezer	-13 ±	13	<b>87* ±</b>	<b>18</b>
11	Inside Frigidaire refrigerator	-33 ±	26	<b>150* ±</b>	<b>21</b>
12	Inside Frigidaire freezer	-21 ±	29	<b>17 ±</b>	<b>15</b>
13	Forward sink area	-17 ±	65	<b>16 ±</b>	<b>15</b>
14	Deck in front of refrigerators	<b>9 ±</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>52* ±</b>	<b>16</b>
15	Deck inside starboard entrance	-33 ±	25	-8 ±	12
16	Port benchtop	5 ±	21	-16 ±	15
17	Inside fume hood	-34 ±	26	5 ±	21
18	Forward benchtop	-10 ±	9	3 ±	17
19	Starboard benchtop	-2 ±	2	-18 ±	17
	<u>Main Lab (Figure 2)</u>				
20	Inside fume hood	-32 ±	25	0 ±	1
21	Deck inside forward port entrance	19 ±	24	4 ±	11
22	Benchtop adjacent to port sink	-34 ±	27	-8 ±	11
23	Port sink area	-50 ±	21	1 ±	2
24	Deck inside port entrance located aft of sink	-22 ±	30	4 ±	19
25	Starboard benchtop forward of ice machine	20 ±	38	-13 ±	20
26	Starboard benchtop forward of fume hood	-1 ±	6	7 ±	14
27	Deck inside aft port entrance	-5 ±	25	<b>20 ±</b>	<b>15</b>
28	Deck inside aft entrance	-40 ±	17	12 ±	17
29	Starboard sink area	-21 ±	28	-7 ±	11
30	Benchtop aft of starboard sink	-14 ±	97	0 ±	1
31	Deck in front of starboard sink	0 ±	3	5 ±	14
	<u>Miscellaneous Areas (Figure 3)</u>				
32	Deck between walk in coolers	-18 ±	25	13 ±	15
33	Deck outside entrance of Science Storeroom	-20 ±	27	15 ±	16
34	Deck inside starboard entrance of Comp. Lab	-17 ±	23	1 ±	175

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	<u>Hydro Lab (Figure 4 )</u>				
35	Deck in front of port sink	-56 ±	24	1 ±	2
36	Deck inside starboard entrance	-10 ±	70	5 ±	15
37	Deck around the sink in ROV bay	-26 ±	50	15 ±	16
38	Intermediate bucket sample	-27 ±	51	-12 ±	18
	<u>Wet Lab (Figure 5)</u>				
39	Starboard benchtop	-31 ±	24	-3 ±	10
40	Inside fume hood	-15 ±	56	-8 ±	12
41	Port benchtop	13 ±	97	-21 ±	14
42	Forward sink area with wood benchtops	-29 ±	56	-5 ±	21
43	Deck inside starboard entrance	-2 ±	14	10 ±	14
44	Deck inside aft entrance	3 ±	5	26 ±	15
45	Deck inside port entrance	7 ±	10	27 ±	15
	<u>Radioisotope Van #625.6.03 (Figure 6)</u>				
46	Inside ATVIO refrigerator under bench	71 ±	30	19 ±	13
47	Inside fume hood	349 ±	52	90* ±	16
48	Benchtop adjacent to fume hood	174 ±	32	221* ±	23
49	Benchtop above ATVIO & Haier refrigerators	486 ±	48	711* ±	37
50	Sink area	649* ±	67	208* ±	21
51	Benchtop across from refrigerators	1497* ±	101	371* ±	26
52	Benchtop across from fume hood	1384* ±	101	122* ±	15
53	Inside Hotpoint refrigerator	167 ±	37	77* ±	16
54	Inside Hotpoint freezer	27 ±	18	38 ±	15
55	Inside Haier refrigerator	641* ±	67	187* ±	20
56	Benchtop across from sink next to LSC	547* ±	64	95* ±	15
57	Deck in front of fume hood	702* ±	73	118* ±	16
58	Deck between refrigerator and sink	797* ±	78	146* ±	18
59	Deck inside entrance	376 ±	55	152* ±	20
60	Final bucket blank	0 ±	0	-11 ±	16

### COMMENTS

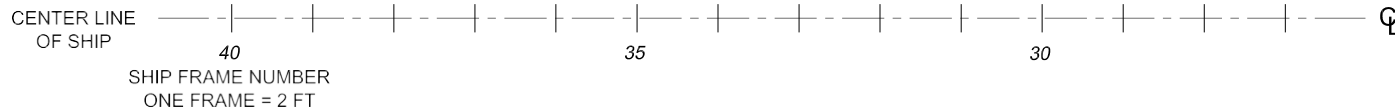
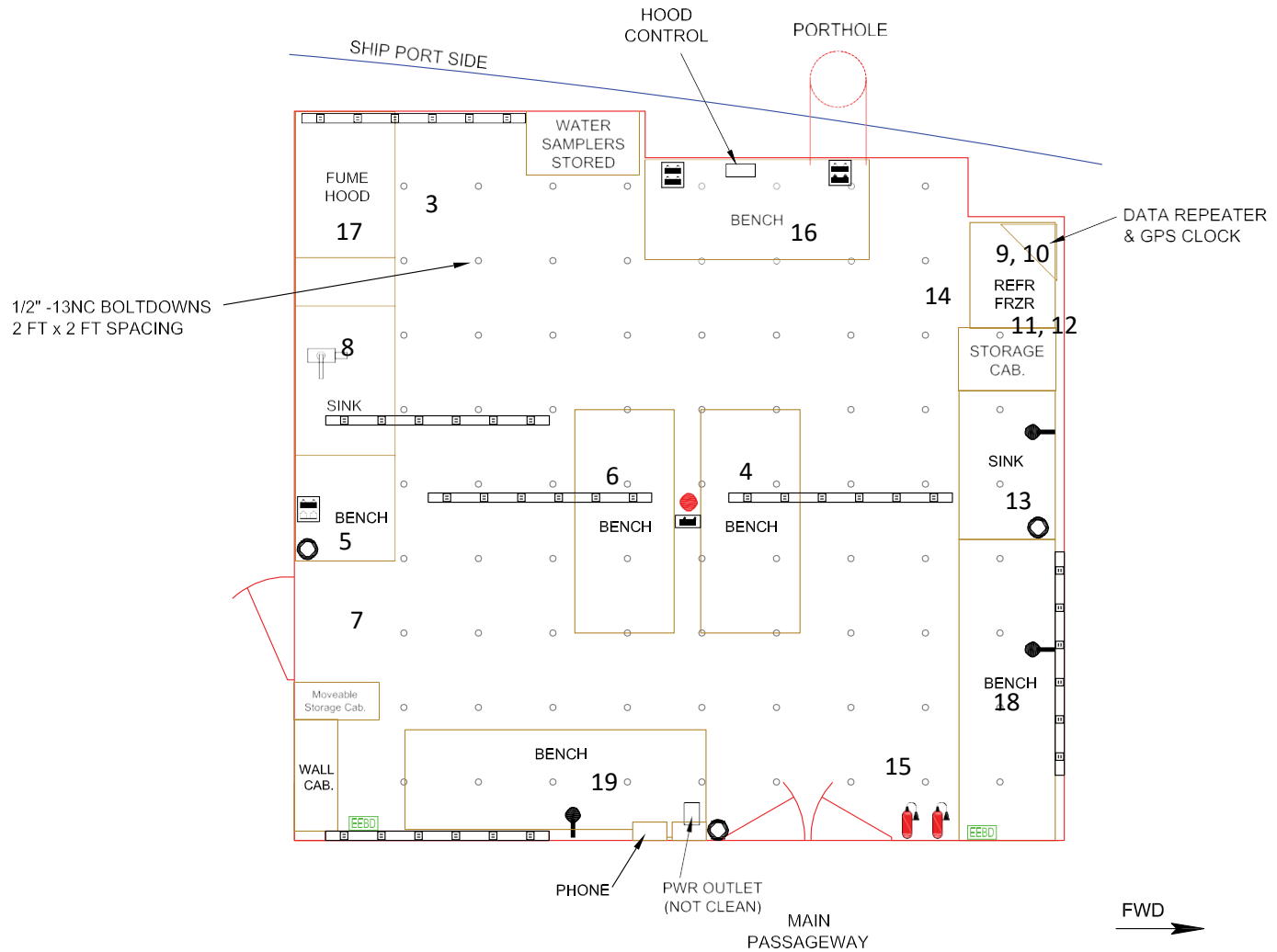
Please note that the error reported for each isotope is the two-standard deviation counting error. The reports may now contain values less than zero. When decay counting background samples will be distributed about the background vial, which means that negative values are possible. In the past we rounded the negative values to zero. Values are only significantly above background when they are positive and larger than the error. There is still what appears to be <sup>14</sup>C contamination in the Bioanalytical Lab, but this is most likely remnant <sup>35</sup>S from SWAB 1096, so action is needed. There is minor <sup>3</sup>H and <sup>14</sup>C contamination in the Rad Van. No action is needed.

**KEY**

-  COMPUTER HUB
-  SHIP EQUIP -KEEP CLEAR
-  EMERGENCY ESCAPE BREATHING DEVICE
-  72" POWER STRIP, 6 PLUGS
-  FIRE EXTINGUISHER
-  SCIENCE SEA WATER
-  CABLE PASS THRU
-  COMPRESSED AIR

**Figure 1**  
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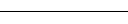







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OVERHEAD FORE/AFT,  
FULL LENGTH OF LAB  
  
ALL POWER CLEAN UNLESS NOTED



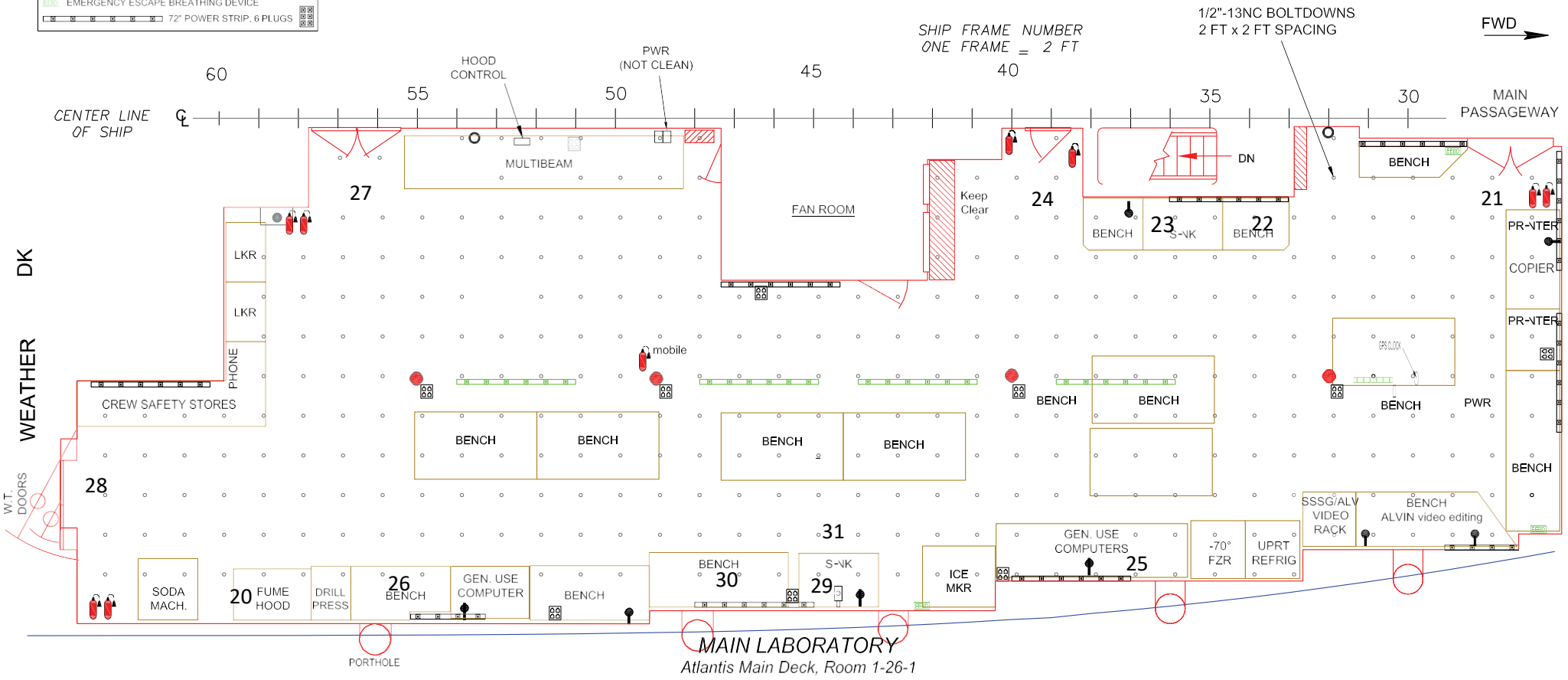
**BIOLOGICAL/ANALYTICAL CLEAN LABORATORY**

Figure 2  
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**MAIN LABORATORY**  
Atlantis Main Deck, Room 1-26-1

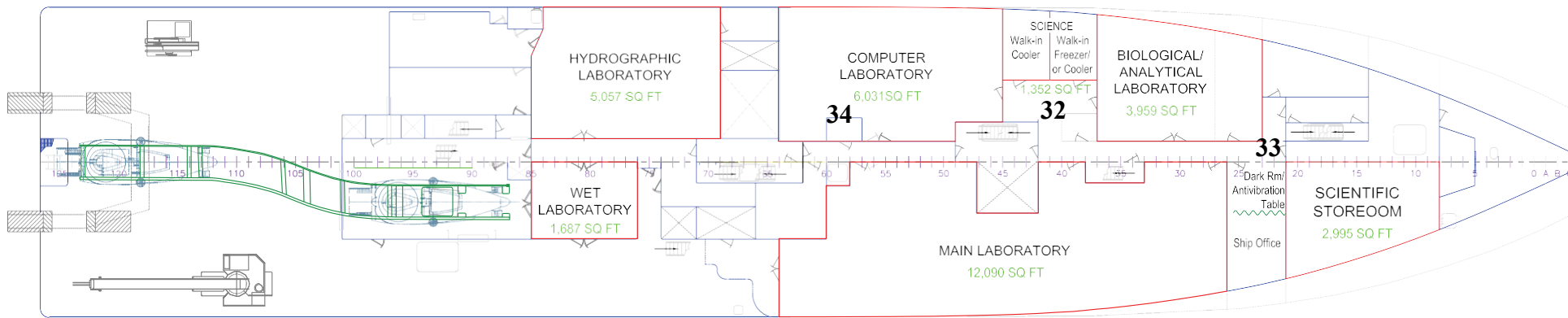


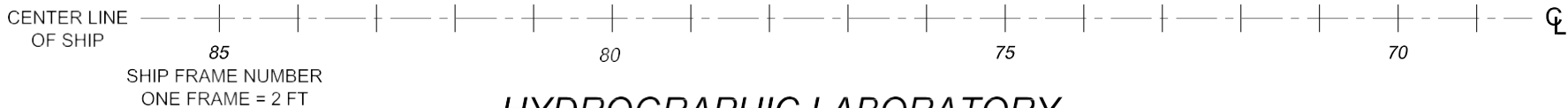
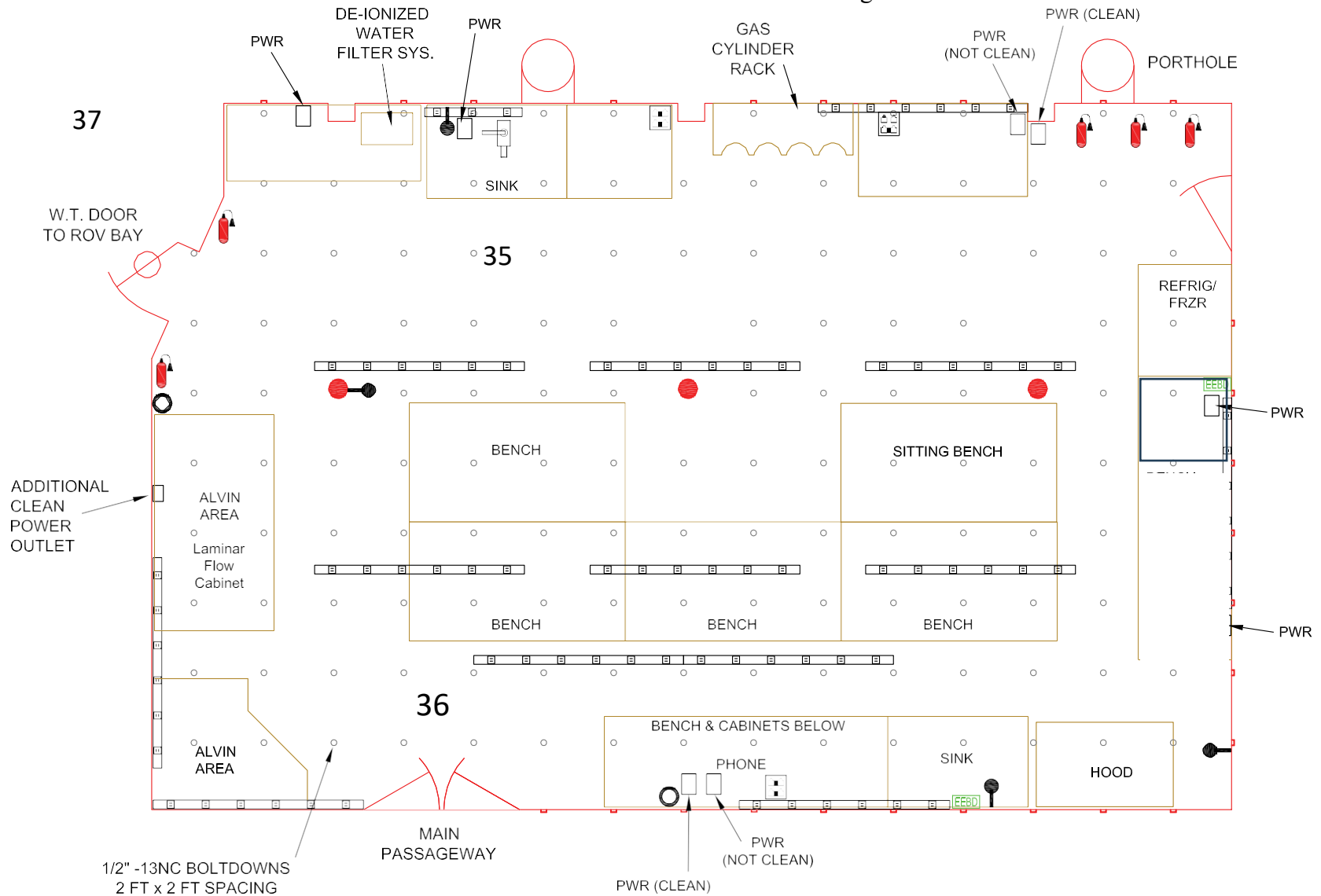
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Atlantis Laboratories and Scientific Storeroom General Locations



FULL LENGTH OF LAB  
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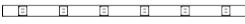




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**HYDROGRAPHIC LABORATORY**  
*Atlantis Main Deck, Room 1-64-2*

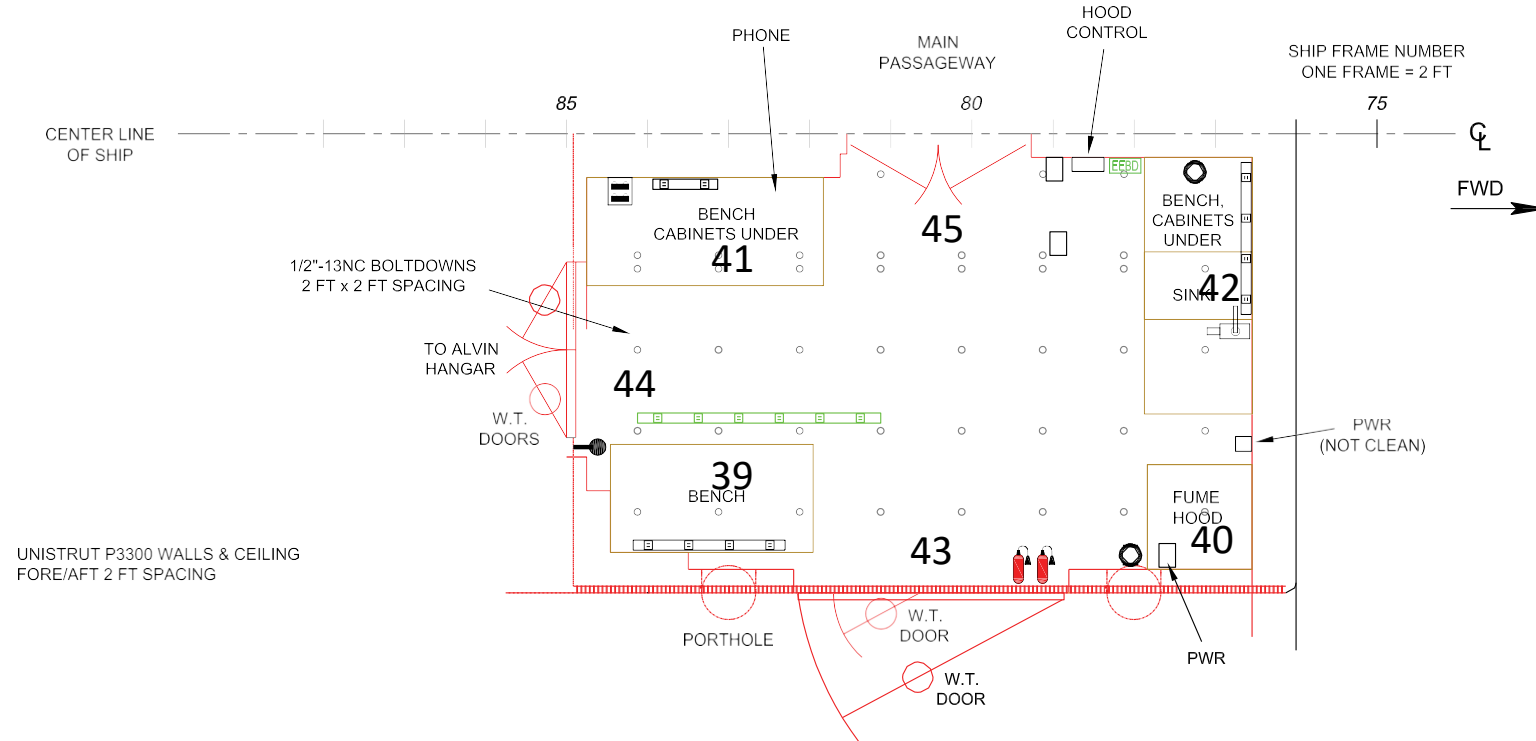


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**Figure 5**  
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**WET LABORATORY**  
*Atlantis Main Deck, Rm 1-76-1*

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