

# Liberty Ship / Pipe Carrier Arthur M. Huddell

Design type: EC2-S-C1

## PRINCIPLE CHARACTERISTICS

ST. JOHN'S RIVER BUILDER:

SHIP-BUILDING.

1943 BUILT: 441'-6" LOA:

56'-103/4" BEAM: 25'-3/4" DRAFT: II KNOTS SPEED:

TWO OIL-FIRED BOILERS PROPULSION:

> TRIPLE EXPANSION STEAM ENGINE, 2,500 SHAFT-HORSEPOWER

7,9176 TONS (GROSS) TONNAGE:

4,380 TONS (NET)

14,257 TONS (FULL DISPLACEMENT:

LOAD) 3,486 TONS

(LIGHTWEIGHT)

COMPLEMENT: 41 OFFICERS I SINGLE 3" GUN ARMAMENT:

8 20MM ANTI-AIRCRAFT

GUNS

4 5"/38 DUAL PURPOSE

GUN



THE LIBERTY SHIP ARTHUR M HUDDELL, CIRCA 1943. U.S. NAVY PHOTO

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THE U.S. MARITIME COMMISSION ORDERED OVER 2,700 LIBERTY SHIP VESSELS DURING WORLD WAR II AND ARTHUR M. HUDDELL IS AN EXAMPLE OF THIS TYPE. THESE GENERAL-PURPOSE CARGO SHIPS PREFORMED A VARIETY OF MISSIONS FOR THE ALLIED FORCES. IN THE SUMMER OF 1944, THE MARITIME COMMISSION CONVERTED THE SHIP TO CARRY FUEL PIPELINE FROM THE UNITED STATES TO ENGLAND FOR USE IN OPERATION PLUTO (PIPELINE-UNDER-THE-SEA), WHICH WAS A SMALL, BUT CRUCIAL PART OF THE LARGER OPERATION FOR THE INVASION OF FRANCE, OPERATION OVERLORD (D-DAY). OPERATION PLUTO PROVIDED A MEANS TO SEND FUEL FROM ENGLAND TO FRANCE TO KEEP THE ALLIES SUPPLIED AFTER THE INITIAL INVASION. IN 1956, AMERICAN TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY (AT&T) UTILIZED THE SHIP TO LAY COMMUNICATION CABLE. DURING THE COLD WAR, THE U.S. NAVY ACQUIRED HUDDELL TO LAY CABLE FOR THE SOUND SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM (SOSUS) - SOSUS LATER BECAME THE INTEGRATED UNDERSEA SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM (IUSS). SHE SERVED IN THAT CAPACITY UNTIL 1984 WHEN THE NAVY DECOMMISSIONED HER. SHE WAS TRANSFERRED TO GREECE IN 2008 TO SERVE AS A MUSEUM SHIP IN THE PORT OF PIRAEUS UNDER NAME SS HELLAS LIBERTY.

#### HISTORIC AMERICAN ENGINEERING RECORD

#### Arthur M. Huddell

#### HAER No. VA-132

**Location:** James River Reserve Fleet, Newport News vicinity, Virginia

**Type of Craft:** EC2-S-C1/Auxiliary

**Trade:** Cargo/ Converted - Pipe/Cable Carrier

Class: Liberty

**Principal Dimensions:** Length (oa): 441'-6"

Beam (molded): 56'-10 3/4"

Draft: 25'-3 1/4"

Displacement: 14,257 (fl) tons

Maximum continuous shaft horsepower: 2,500

Service speed: 11 knots

(The listed dimensions are as built, but it should be noted that draft, displacement, and tonnages were subject to alteration over

time as well as variations in measurement.)

**Dates of Construction:** Keel laying: 25 October 1943

Launching: 7 December 1943 Commissioned: 16 December 1943

**Designer:** U.S. Maritime Commission and Gibbs & Cox, New York

**Builder:** St. Johns River Shipbuilding, Jacksonville, Florida

**Disposition:** Maritime museum in Greece

**Significance:** The *Arthur M. Huddell* is significant as an example of the

Liberty class, which have been described as the workhorses of World War II. The mass production of the Liberty class was possible because of their standardized design and use of prefabricated parts. These general-purpose cargo ships performed a variety of missions for the Allied Forces. The Arthur M. Huddell carried fuel pipeline from the United States to England for use in Operation PLUTO (pipeline-under-the-sea). The Huddell was later instrumental in efforts to lay communication cables for American Telephone and Telegraph Company (AT&T) and the Cold War's Sound Surveillance System (SOSUS), later the

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#### **BACKGROUND**

One of the first priorities of the United States upon entering World War II was the construction of ships. The global experience and ferocity of World War I taught the United States that World War II would be on a grander scale and in more places, involve more people, and require more equipment, in other words, total war. During World War II, the U.S. Maritime Commission became a pivotal force in the development and construction of ships, much like the U.S. Shipping Board had been in World War I. Established in 1936, the Maritime Commission succeeded the Shipping Board, but generally followed the same directive: the promotion of U.S. shipping interests. After the United States entered World War II, the Maritime Commission established the "Emergency Program," a massive ship construction plan that utilized new and existing shipyards across the United States.<sup>2</sup>

The need for the Emergency Program stemmed from the decline of the maritime industry in the inter-war years. After 1918, a majority of the ships in the Merchant Marine originated from the mobilization endeavor authorized by the United States Shipping Board to support American troops in World War I. The board approved the construction of 470 ships to support the war effort. Between 1918 and 1922, however, the board added 1,300 ships to the Merchant Marine, giving the United States a more robust presence in international shipping than it had had in seventy years. The U.S. stock market crash in 1929 and the Great Depression were major setbacks to the maritime industry. Many steamship companies were unable to replace or update aging ships—over 90 percent of the fleet was over twenty years old and had an average speed of between 10 and 11 knots.<sup>3</sup>

In the mid-1930s, the U.S. government intervened with new legislation to aid the beleaguered maritime industry. President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal economic policies eventually helped revive the Merchant Marine when Congress passed the Merchant Marine Act of 1936. The act created the U.S. Maritime Commission, superseding the U.S. Shipping Board, and it infused new capital and ideas for rebuilding the fleet. In 1937, the U.S. Maritime Commission developed a long-range program for building 500 ships that were both contemporary and economical over a ten-year period. By 1939, the Maritime Commission had determined that the production quota of fifty ships per year was too low and doubled it. There were mounting concerns about the war in Europe and the success of the German U-boat campaign against English shipping, particularly since U.S. steamship companies traded with England and France. The U.S. also feared that Germany might next turn its attention to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Russell F. Weigley, *The American Way of War: A History of United States Military Strategy and Policy* (New York, NY: Macmillan Publishing Co., Inc., 1973), pp. xxi-xxiii.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> René De La Pedraja, *A Historical Dictionary of the U.S. Merchant Marine and Shipping Industry since the Introduction of Steam* (Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1994), pp. 563-566, 629-631. During World War II, the Maritime Commission received 5,777 ships. The commission issued contracts for 5,601 vessels; private firms built the remaining 111 ships while foreign firms built sixty-five.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Brian J. Cudahy, *Box Boats: How Container Ships Changed the World* (New York: Fordham University Press, 2006), pp. 2-3; L.A. Sawyer and W.H. Mitchell, *Victory Ships and Tankers: The History of the 'Victory' Type Cargo Ships and of the Tankers Built in the United States of American during World War II* (Cambridge, MD: Cornell Maritime Press, Inc., 1974), p. 15.

U.S. ships or U.S. trade routes. In response, the Maritime Commission raised its shipping quota once again in August 1940 to 200 ships per year.<sup>4</sup>

On 3 January 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt declared that the U.S. would begin building a standard 11-knot ship in mass quantity, later called the "Liberty" ship, as part of an Emergency Program guided by the Maritime Commission. The *Liberties* were not particularly aesthetically pleasing, nor were they fast, but their production in great numbers helped offset the German U-boat successes in the Atlantic campaign. There were five waves of *Liberty* ship construction, and by the end of the war, the Maritime Commission had produced over 2,700 of the ships.<sup>5</sup>

Working under a limited timeframe, the Maritime Commission based the design of the *Liberty* on a British freighter designed in 1879 by the firm of Joseph L. Thompson and Sons in Sunderland, United Kingdom. Thompson based the design on a basic freighter with a displacement around 10,000 tons and service speed of 10 knots. British shipping companies utilized this design, because it operated inexpensively, had a large carrying capacity, and was cheap to build. The British referred to ships built on this design as "powered scows." The Maritime Commission chose the design because it could be easily modified and had a proven track record of service in the Atlantic Ocean. During the first wave of construction, the British ordered sixty vessels, which the Maritime Commission called the *Ocean* class, and 200 corresponding *Liberty* ships.<sup>6</sup>

From the onset, the Maritime Commission was skeptical about the idea of the *Liberty* class. Adm. Emory S. Land (chairman) noted in 1940 that the *Liberty* class was "conceived of as an evil, perhaps a necessary evil, but an evil to be avoided if possible." Originally, the Maritime Commission thought of the emergency construction as a British need because the commission was already building fast and economical ships called the "standard types" (C1, C2, and C3).

The impetus for building the C-types stemmed from the experience of World War I and the decline of the U.S. Merchant Marine. The Maritime Commission did not want to repeat the Shipping Board's decision to authorize the construction of the "Hog Islanders" (mass-produced cargo and transport ships) during World War I since they ended up being slow and non-competitive for use in the Merchant Marine. In contrast, the C-types were fast and economical, which allowed the U.S. Navy to utilize them in time of war as auxiliaries. Shipping firms also found them to be efficient. Another asset was their longevity. As Admiral Land stated on 18 November 1940, "If it is decided to augment our own program,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Cudahy, Box Boats, p. 3; Sawyer and Mitchell, Victory Ships and Tankers, p. 15.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Sawyer and Mitchell, *Victory Ships and Tankers*, p. 16; Frederic C. Lane, *Ships for Victory: A History of Shipbuilding under the U.S. Maritime Commission in World War II* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins Press, 1951), pp. 42-43; John Gorley Bunker, *Liberty Ships: The Ugly Ducklings of World War II* (Annapolis: Naval Institute Press, 1927), p. 6. The first three waves of construction occurred before the attack on Pearl Harbor and two successive waves followed thereafter.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Bunker, *Liberty Ships*, p. 6; Lane, *Ships for Victory*, pp. 76-81.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Lane, Ships for Victory, pp. 27-29.

we should build ships for 20-years service life and have an eye on the future. Therefore build ships to our standard design."

The Maritime Commission had previously used standardized designs, but nothing compared to the building program of the *Liberty* ships. Shipyards under Henry J. Kaiser began using production line methods (prefabricated parts, assembly, construction of sections, and welding everything together) and one standardized design, which significantly increased ship production. Kaiser's systematic approach to construction was replicated across the United States, and the standardized plan allowed different companies to provide the machinery onboard, increasing the base of suppliers.<sup>9</sup>

#### **CONSTRUCTION**

During the fifth wave of shipbuilding expansion for the Emergency Program, Merrill-Stevens opened the St. Johns River Shipbuilding on the south side of Jacksonville, Florida, in April 1942. The shipyard was equipped with six ways to construct *Liberty* ships and could build vessels up to 450' long. The yard originally opened with 258 employees, but by August 1942, the labor force had grown to 7,000 people. During the height of production, the shipyard employed 20,000 men and women and produced eighty-two *Liberty* ships and twelve tankers (T1) for the war. In November 1945, the shipyard was put for sale, the first of the federally-built shipyards to be sold. <sup>10</sup>

The keel of the *Arthur M. Huddell*, St. Johns River Shipbuilding's twenty-third *Liberty* ship, was laid on 25 October 1943. The builders worked overtime to complete the vessel in time for its launching on 7 December 1943, the one-year anniversary of Pearl Harbor (the ship was originally scheduled for launching on 10 December 1943). The shippard completed outfitting the *Huddell* nine days later.

Liberty ships were named for significant deceased Americans; in this case, the ship was named for union leader Arthur M. Huddell (1869-1931). Originally from Massachusetts, Huddell held a number of positions within various unions, including president of the Boston Central Labor Union and vice president of the International Engineers' Union. Prior to his untimely death in 1931, he was president of the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE), which represented operators of heavy construction equipment and was a member organization of the American Federation of Labor. On 22 May 1931, Huddell and two other union officials had been eating lunch in Washington, D.C. outside the IUOE's headquarters when an unknown gunman attacked them. Huddell was apparently unhurt as the bullet had been absorbed by a notebook that he carried on his person, but he died 1 June 1931 of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Lane, Ships for Victory, pp. 21, 27-28, 43-44. Quote from p. 44.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Lane, Ships for Victory, pp. 212-213; Sawyer and Mitchell, Victory Ships and Tankers, p. 32.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Lane, *Ships for Victory*, pp. 40-41; http://shipbuildinghistory.com/history/shipyards/4emergencylarge/wwtwo/stjohnsriver.htm, accessed September 19, 2011; http://www.museumoffloridahistory.com/exhibits/permanent/wwii/sites.cfm?PR\_ID=199, accessed September 19, 2011; "U.S. Shipyard for Sale," *New York Times*, November 4, 1945, p. 45; "U.S. Starts First Sale of Wartime Shipyard," *The Baltimore Sun*, November 1, 1945, p. 15.

pneumonia caused by a cerebral hemorrhage. William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, put forth Huddell's name as a possibility for a *Liberty* ship. At the launching on 7 December 1943, Huddell's widow and daughter (Mrs. Ina Huddell Raiche of Springfield, Massachusetts) were in attendance. 12

#### **DESCRIPTION**

The modified *Liberty* ship design incorporated many of the British features. *Liberty* ships measured 441'-6" long and 56'-10 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" abeam and had drafts of 25'-3 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>". There were two key requirements for the new class: the deadweight had to equal 10,000 tons, and the minimum speed had to be 11 knots. The design included five holds, three forward and two aft, with fuel oil and ballast tanks underneath.

The *Arthur M. Huddell*'s propulsion plant consisted of a Filer and Stowell triple expansion, reciprocating engine rated at 2,500-shaft horsepower (shp). It turned an 18'-6" propeller 76 revolutions per minute (rpm) for a top speed of 11 knots. The tanks carried 12,240 barrels of fuel oil. The ship had a cruising distance of 19,000 nautical miles. Two oil-fired boilers manufactured by Combustion Engineering used forced draft air to create 450-degree Fahrenheit steam at 220 pounds per square inch (psi).<sup>13</sup>

The machinery space also included ancillary equipment required for the ship's operation. Three reciprocating steam generators were located above the generator room on the starboard flat. The D.C. generators delivered 20 kilowatts apiece and were individually rated at 120 volts. A small storeroom and machine shop for making minor repairs were on the opposite flat. An evaporator (located on the port side of the bottom deck) provided drinking water for the crew and fresh water for the boiler at a rate of 30 tons/day. A fire pump on the starboard side could handle onboard fires while the cargo holds had a steam smothering system.<sup>14</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> This was not Huddell's first brush with death. In 1907, Huddell had been injured in an attack by John A. Steele, who had recently been released from an insane asylum, as he waited with some other labor leaders to meet with the Governor of Massachusetts. See: "Lunatic Wounds 3 Labor Leaders," December 6, 1907, p. 1; "Maniac, Hunting Guild, Shot Two," *The New York Times*, December 6, 1907, p. 1; "Boston Madman Indicted," *The Washington Post*, December 8, 1907, p. 8.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> "Huddell to Assume Snellings' Duties," *Boston Daily Globe*, June 10, 1921, p. 11; "Pneumonia is Fatal to Union President," *The Washington Post*, June 2, 1931, p. 1; "Frank Langdon, 72, is Hit by Two of Eight Bullets from Two Pistols," *The Washington Post*, May 21, 1931, p. 1; Westbrook Pegler, "Fair Enough," *Los Angeles Times*, October 5, 1943, p. A.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> "Liberty Ship, U.S. Maritime Commission Emergency Cargo Vessel EC2-S-C1," National Historic Mechanical Engineering Landmark, designated by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, 17 September 1984, available online at http://files.asme.org/asmeorg/Communities/History/Landmarks/3126.pdf, accessed 28 February 2008.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Description based on U.S. Maritime Commission (USMC), Emergency Ship Construction Division, Design No. EC2-S-C1, "Capacity Plan"; USMC, Emergency Ship Construction Division, "Inboard Profile and Holds"; USMC, Emergency Ship Construction Division, "Arrangement of Machinery Sections," all in The Maritime Administration Collection of Ship Plans (1939-1970), National Museum of American History, Washington, DC; also "Liberty Ship: U.S. Maritime Commission Emergency Cargo Vessel EC2-S-C1."

The bridge deck contained a number of spaces related to the navigation of the vessel and berthing arrangements. The bridge included a compass, helm, and an engine order telegraph. The helm sent electric signals to the steering room where an electric-hydraulic ram turned the rudder. A radio room was located off the wheelhouse and on the port side, while the chart room was on the starboard side. The captain's quarters were aft of the chartroom while opposite were the quarters for two cadets and a radio operator.

The remaining ship's crew and messes were in the amidships house while the safety equipment was housed outside. On the boat deck were the officer's quarters and below on the upper deck were the crew's quarters, as well as the crew's mess and officer's wardroom. Below, on the second deck, were the dry and refrigerated storerooms. The boat deck included four lifeboats, two per side, to accommodate everyone onboard. Four additional life rafts rested on the second and third mast in the event of a rapid sinking.

By late 1942 the Maritime Commission had begun arming the *Liberty* class. There was a single, 3" gun on the bow, and four 20-millimeter anti-aircraft guns on the weather deck (two forward and two aft). Another four were located above the bridge, while a 5"/38 dual-purpose gun was on the stern of the ship. Ammunition trunks below the main deck serviced the weapons. The armed guard unit, who operated the weapons, had living quarters in the amidships deckhouse and aft deckhouse to provide easy access to their positions on the ship.

Since *Liberty* ships were designed to have a high-carrying capacity of around 9,000 tons of cargo, the *Arthur M. Huddell* was outfitted with five cargo holds and sufficient cargohandling equipment to independently load and off-load freight. Three masts supported ten booms able to lift between 5 and 30 tons of cargo. Three of these holds were located forward of the engine room and two were aft, with seven divisional bulkheads separating them. Steam winches topside provided the means to lift and lower the cargo, and the booms extending off each mast positioned it. The ship carried varying loads, often more than the 9,000 tons for which it was designed, so ballast water in the forepeak, deep, and after peak tanks balanced and trimmed the ship during its voyage.<sup>15</sup>

#### **OPERATIONAL HISTORY**

After commissioning on 16 December 1943, the *Arthur M. Huddell* made its first stop in Jacksonville, Florida, where the U.S. Navy loaded it with 2,100 pounds of explosives and general cargo. In February 1944, the ship sailed to New York and then continued across the Atlantic to London as part of a convoy. The ship returned to the United States the following month, landing at Norfolk, Virginia. It was then used to transport cargo from the East Coast and made one more voyage from Charleston, South Carolina, to Oran, Algeria, carrying high explosives at the end of April 1944. The ship returned to New York at the end of the following month. <sup>16</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> The appendix to this report provides the dimensions and loads of each hold.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> U.S. Navy Armed Guard Reports, "Arthur M. Huddell," in Box 41, Record Group 38, National Archives and Records and Administration-College Park, Maryland.

During the summer of 1944, the Maritime Commission converted the *Huddell* to carry fuel pipeline within two of its holds as part of Operation PLUTO (pipeline-under-the-sea). After the Allied invasion of France in June 1944, the military needed a system of delivering fuel from England to France. The threat of German U-boats resulted in the British using an underwater pipeline linking the south coast of England with the Normandy landing site instead of using traditional tankers. The *Huddell*'s No. 4 and No. 5 holds carried the pipeline, manufactured by the Siemens Brothers, to England. Cable ships then deployed the pipe from England to France. On 22 September 1945, the *Huddell* left New York as part of convoy carrying 70 miles of pipeline and general cargo. The ship spent eighty-four days in port in London, discharging 17 miles of pipeline to a cable ship and unloading the remaining pipeline at the dock. The *Huddell*'s trial run carrying the PLUTO pipeline was the first and last of this type of mission.<sup>17</sup>

For the remainder of the war and after, the *Huddell* carried coal, general cargo, and personnel. In February 1945, the *Huddell* sailed from Hampton Roads, Virginia, in a convoy bound for Marseilles, France, carrying coal. The ship returned the following month to Philadelphia. In May 1945, the ship sailed to Naples, Italy, and Oran, Algeria, carrying general cargo before returning to New York. Even after the war in Europe ended on 8 May 1945, the *Huddell* continued bringing supplies to war-torn Europe. In June 1945, the *Huddell* returned to Marseilles, France, carrying a supply of coal and then continued to the Port de Bouc where it loaded 619 French and Moroccan troops. The ship next sailed to Oran, Algeria, where the troops disembarked. In July, the *Huddell* sailed back to the United States and moored in Baltimore, Maryland. The ship made one final voyage up the East Coast to New York before the Maritime Commission laid up the ship in the National Defense Reserve Fleet in Suisun Bay, California.<sup>18</sup>

In 1956, American Telephone and Telegraph Company (AT&T) chartered the *Huddell* to lay cable from the West Coast, via Hawaii, to the Arctic where the United States was building radar stations for the Distant Early Warning (DEW) line. The United States developed a system, the DEW line, using linked radar stations across Canada to detect Soviet bombers crossing over the Arctic. With the advent of the intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) and the ballistic missile submarine (SSBN), the DEW line lost its strategic significance, but the U.S. Navy found the *Huddell* to be an excellent platform for another Cold War application. To combat the Soviet submarine threat, the navy developed the Sound Surveillance System (SOSUS), a system of underwater hydrophones used to detect the presence of submarines. The *Huddell* laid cable for the operation and continued in this capacity until 1984, when the U.S. Navy decommissioned the vessel. <sup>19</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> U.S. Navy Armed Guard Reports. The Maritime Commission converted a second *Liberty* ship, the *Joseph Henry*, to carry pipeline in World War II to supplement the *Huddell*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> U.S. Navy Armed Guard Reports.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> "Huddell: The Man, The Ship, The Story," available at http://www.btconline.us/mt/2005/05/huddell\_the\_man.html, accessed 20 February 2008.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Critical to the Allied success in World War II was the U.S. Maritime Commission and the ships it produced. The Maritime Commission helped develop and construct a variety of military and civilian ships for use during the war, and the Liberty class was one example. The *Liberties* were primarily point-to-point cargo vessels, and their design allowed the commission to utilize the ship in different configurations, such as a hospital ship or for troop transport. The *Liberty* cargo vessel was a small component of the overall war effort, but it was critical in moving personnel, supplies, and equipment, both in times of war and peace. The *Huddell* carried a variety of cargo during World War II, including coal, explosives, general cargo, pipeline, and troops, and sailed the entire East Coast of the United States to ports in England, France, and the Mediterranean. The *Huddell*'s service continued post-World War II and into the Cold War. As technologies advanced, the antiquated ship served as a useful platform linking emerging defenses used to combat Soviet offensive weapons, including the DEW line and SOSUS listening devices.

After forty years of service, the ship was retired to the National Defense Reserve Fleet in James River, Virginia. In 2008, the ship was one of three remaining *Liberty* ships afloat in the United States. The other two, the *John W. Brown* (Baltimore) and *Jeremiah O'Brien* (San Francisco), have been fully restored and operate as museum ships. In January 2009, after several years of negotiations and mitigating hazardous substances still onboard, the ship was transferred to Greece. After extensive renovations, the ship (now known as the *Hellas Liberty*) is a maritime museum in Piraeus Harbor, Greece.<sup>20</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Ernest M. Imhoff, "SS HUDDELL: The Very Last Liberty Ship Becomes a Floating Museum in Greece," *Sea Classics* (January 2009), at http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi\_qa4442/is\_200901/ai\_n31170107/pg\_2, accessed February 2011 and Scott Harper, "WWII Liberty Ship May Go from the Ghost Fleet to Greece," *The Virginian-Pilot*, June 7, 2008, available at http://hamptonroads.com/2008/06/wwii-liberty-ship-may-go-ghost-fleet-greece, accessed February 2011.

#### **Appendix: Dimensions of Cargo Spaces**

Hold #	Hatch Size (w x l)	Cargo Capacity (cu.ft.)
1	19'-10" x 33'-10"	77,077
2	19'-10" x 34'-10"	134,638
3	19'-10" x 19'-10"	83,697
4	19'-10" x 34'-10"	82,263
5	19'-10" x 34'-10"	82,435

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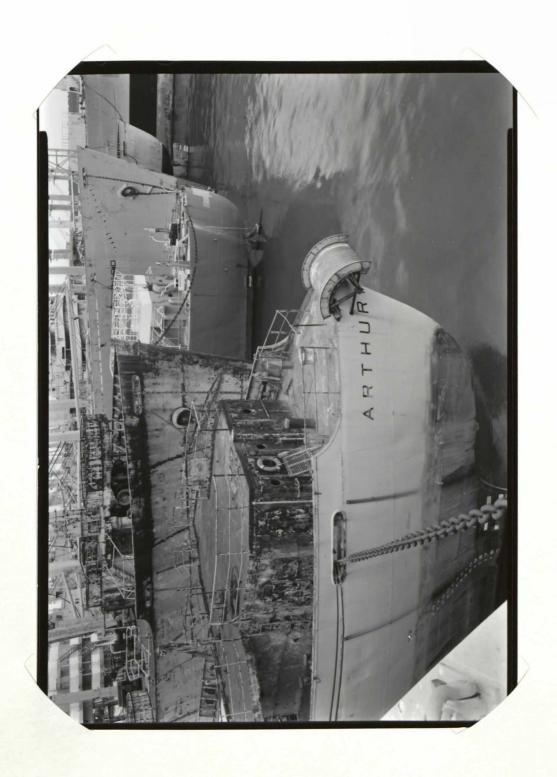
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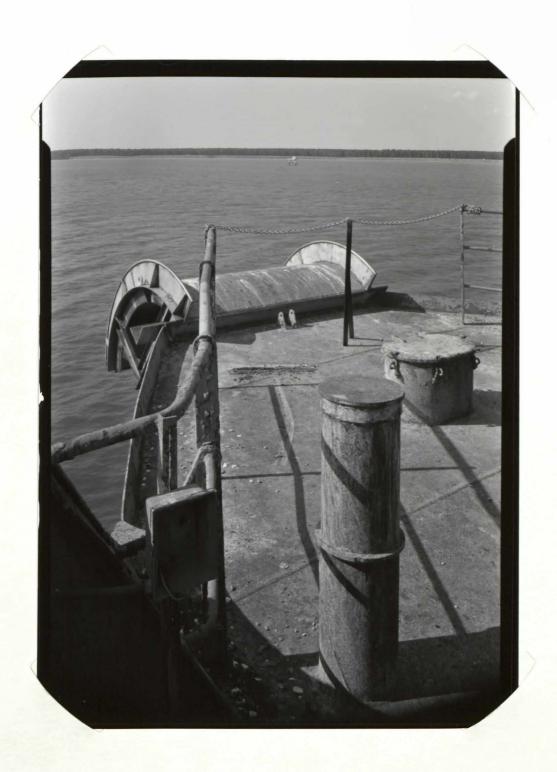
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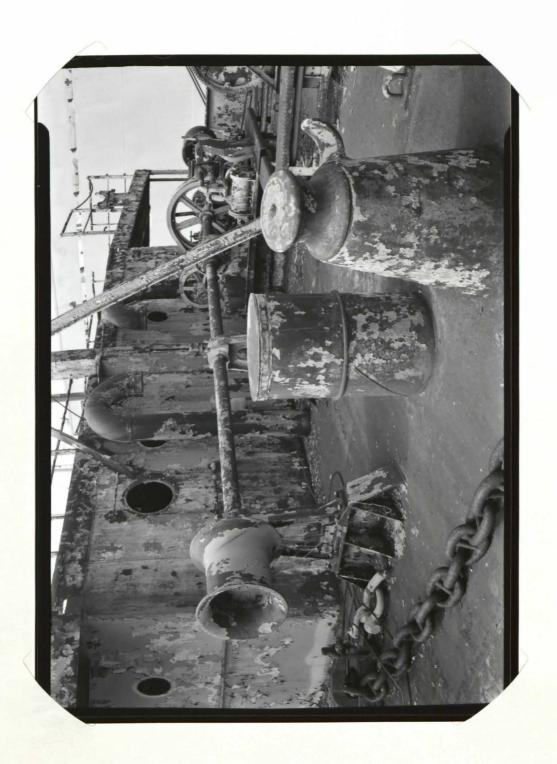


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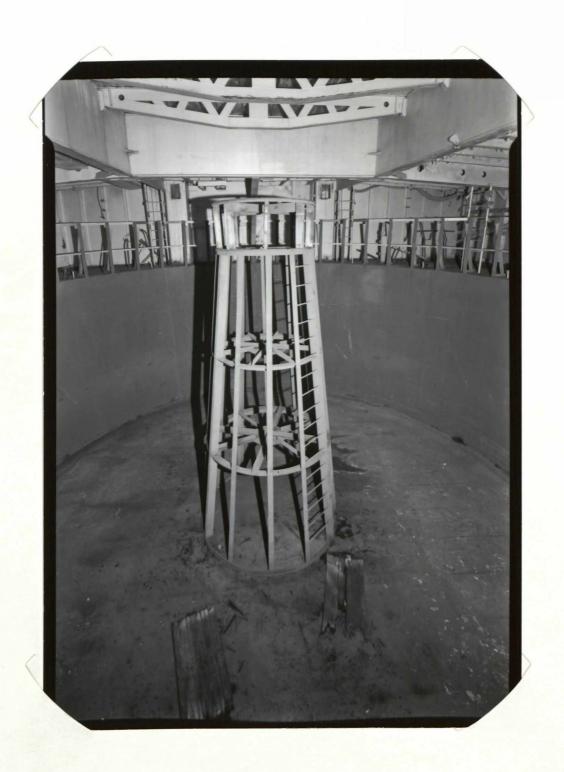


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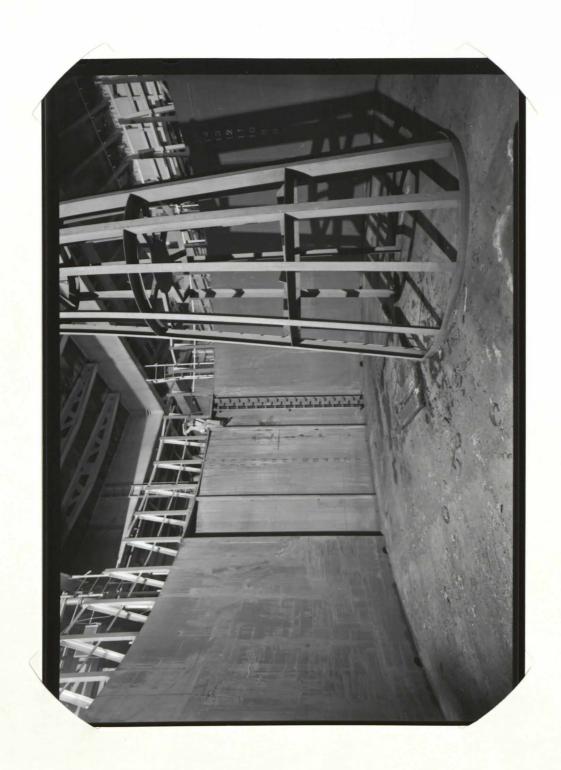


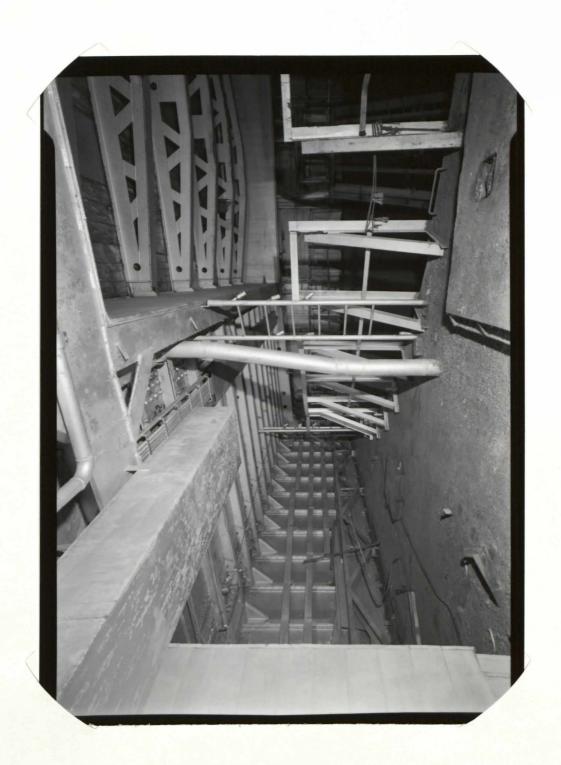
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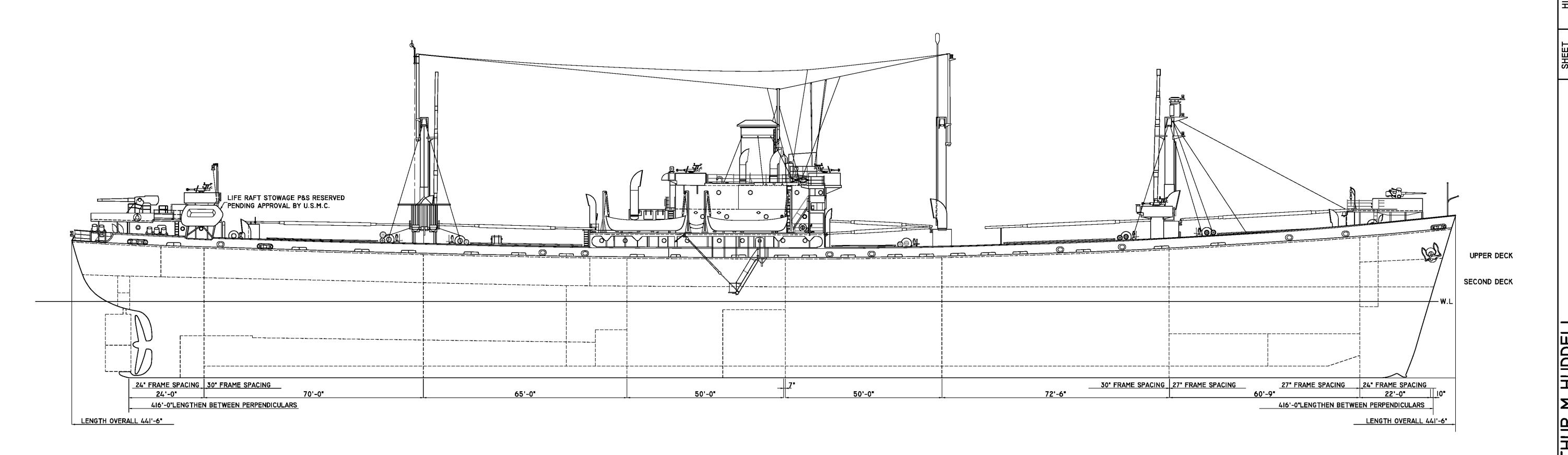








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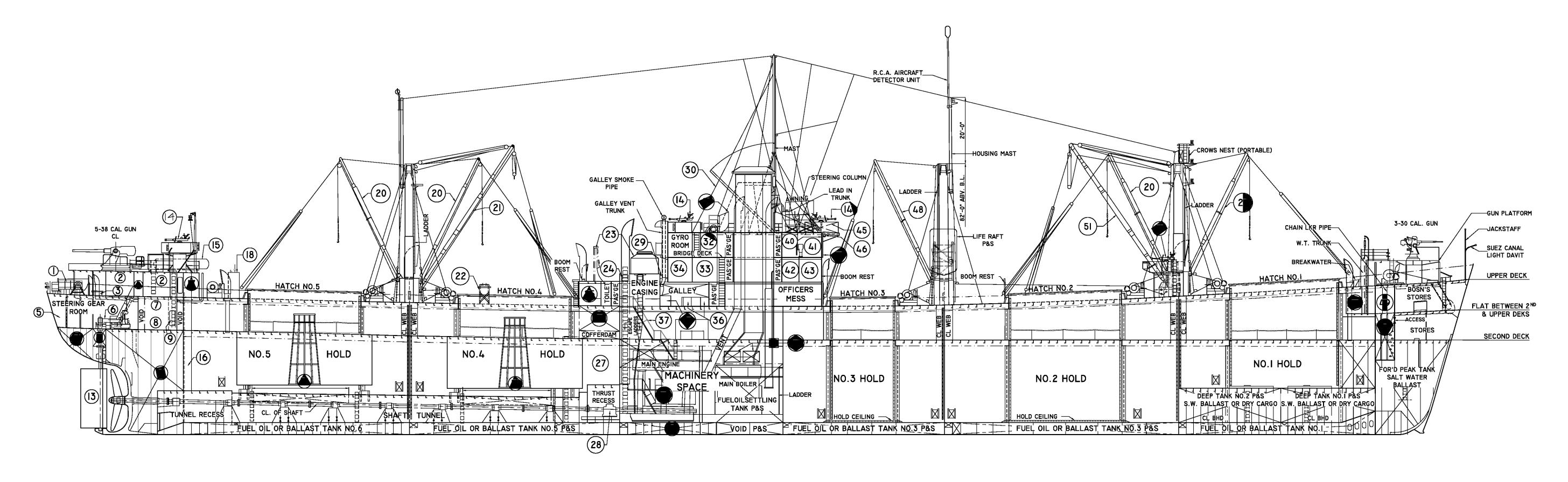
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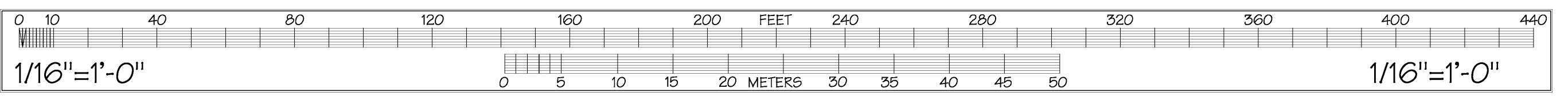
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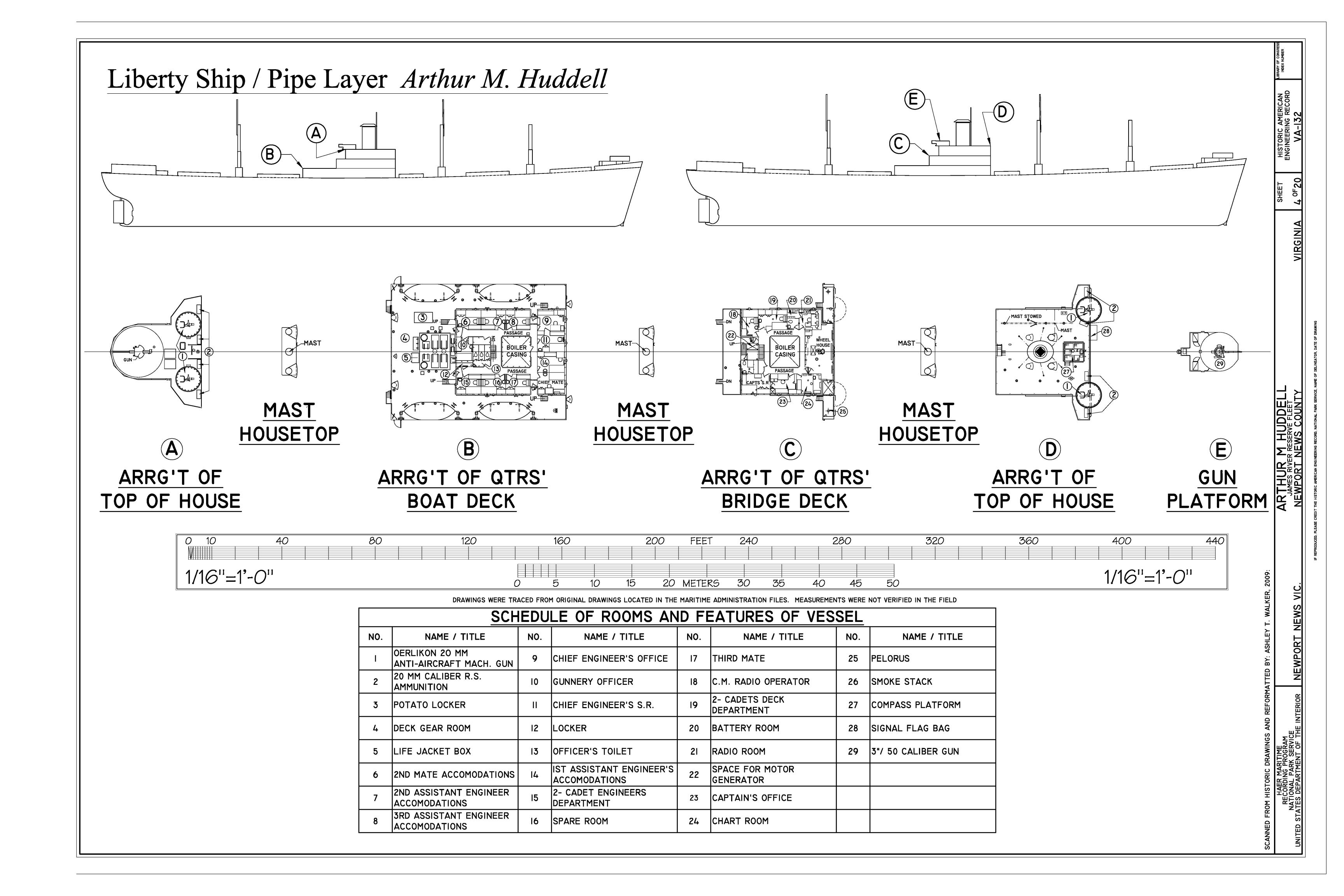
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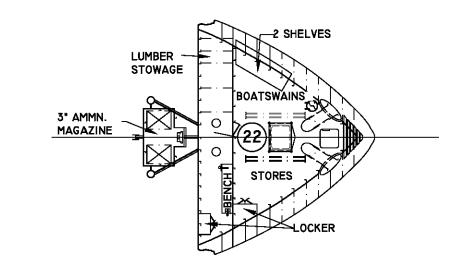
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1	SMOKE FLOATS P&S	9	ACCESS AMMUNITION TRUNK	17	TOILET AND SHOWER	25	HOSPITAL	33	OFFICERS SHOWERS	41	WHEEL HOUSE	49	CARPENTER'S SHOP
2	GUNNERS ACCOMODATIONS	10	VOID SPACE	18	HYDROGEN BOTTLE HOUSE	26	FRESH WATER TANK P&S	34	JR. 3RD ASSISTANT ENGINEER	42	CHIEF ENGINEER'S TOILET AND SHOWER	50	3" AMMUNITION MAGAZINE
3	POSITION BUOYS P&S	П	RUDDER TRUNK	19	PORTABLE SECTION FOR SHIPPING OF SHAFT	27	DEEP TANKS NO.3 P&S DRY CARGO BALLAST, CARGO OIL OR FUEL OIL	35	RANGE UPPER DECK	43	CHIEF ENGINEER'S STATE ROOM	51	30 TON BOOM 51'-0" LONG ON C.L.
4	PASSAGE	12	AFT PEAK TANK OR FRESH VANISHING WATER	20	5 TON BOOM 55'-0" LONG P&S	28	THRUST BEARING	36	SERVER	44	LUB. OIL STORAGE TANK (S)	52	CHAIN LOCKER
5	CENTER LINE WEB	13	RUDDER	21	15 TON BOOM 51'-0" LONG ON C.L.	29	GALLEY SKYLIGHT	37	I500 GAL. STORAGE OIL TANK POD GALLEY RANGE	45	PLASTIC ARMOR SHEILD IN WAY OF MACHINE GUNS		
6	STEERING GEAR	14	20MM MACHINE GUN P&S	22	GASOLINE DRUM STOWAGE P&S	30	MAST IN TEMPORARY STOWAGE	38	MAIN CONDENSER	46	WATCH BELL		
7	SMALL ARMS MAGAZINE (P)	15	LIFE RAFT AT SIDE OF DECK HOUSE P/S	23	ENGINE ROOM SKYLIGHT	31	SIGNAL FLAG BAG AND PLATFORM	39	RESERVE FEED WATER TANK P&S	47	4" PLASTIC ARMOR AT SIDES		
8	5" FIXED AMMUNITION MAGAZINE (S)	16	SHAFT TUNNEL ESCAPE TRUNK	24	ENGINE ROOM VENT	32	DECK LOCKER	40	2" PLASTIC ARMOR ON HOUSE TOP	48	5 TON BOOM 47'-0" LONG P&S		

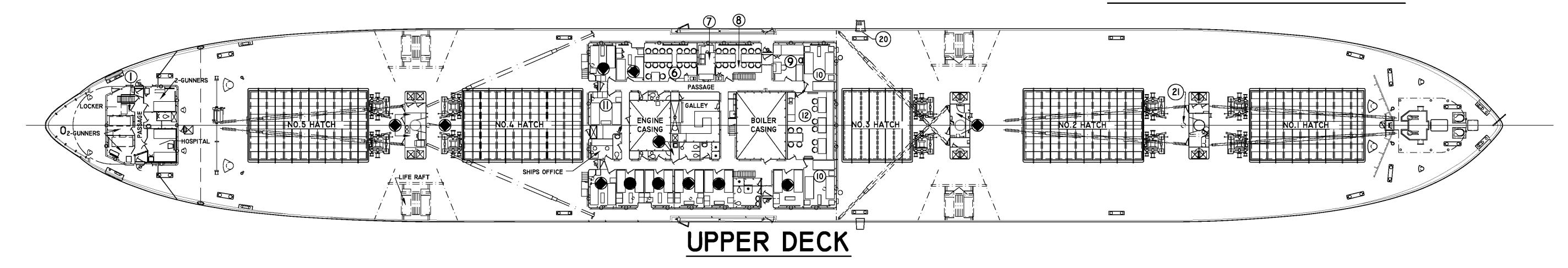
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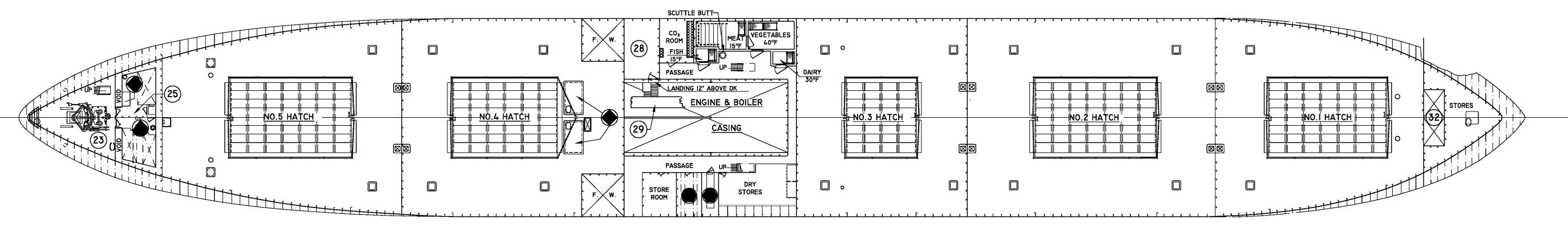


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## ARG'T OF CARPENTER SHOP & **BOATSWAIN'S STORES**



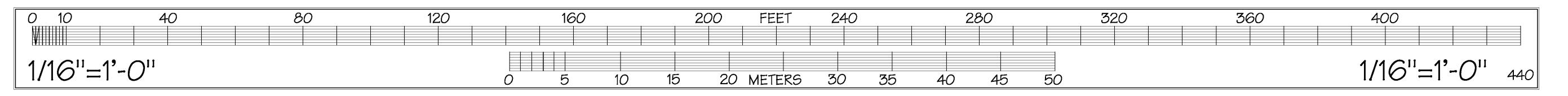


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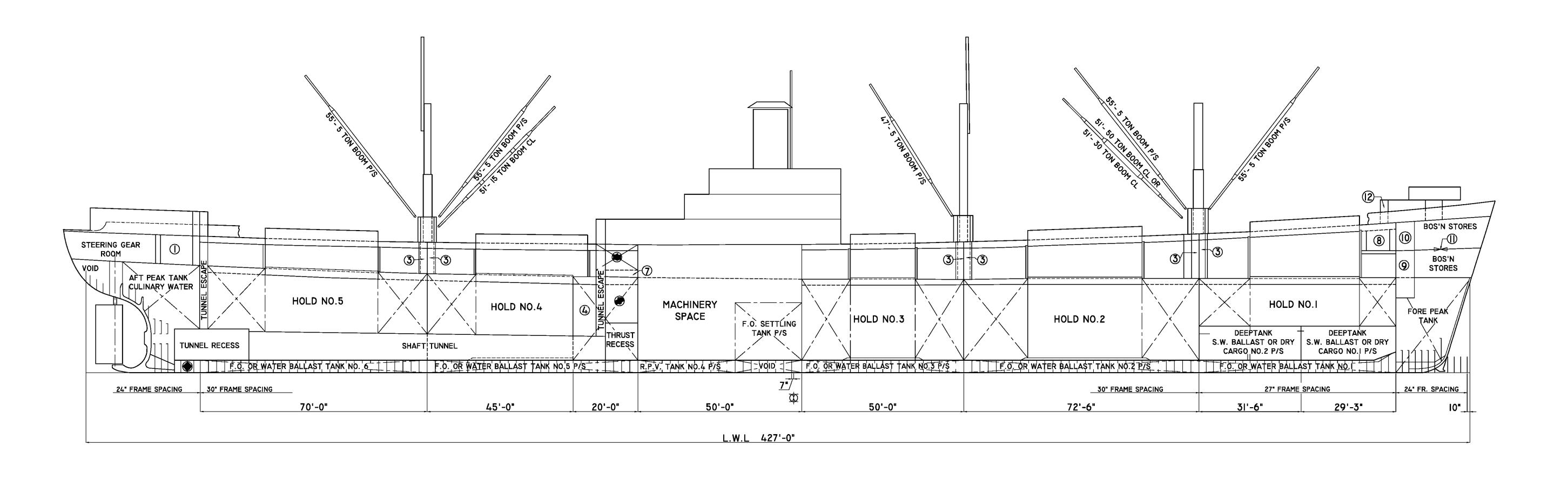
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2	PAINT ROOM	8 P.O. M	ESS	14	BOSUN AND CLERK TYPIST	20	LEAD'S AND MAN'S PLATFORM	26	4" FIXED AMMUNITION MAGAZINE	32	CHAINLOCKER
3	I5 TON BOOM	9 STEWA	\RD	15	CLEANING GEAR LOCKER	21	30 TON BOOM	27	DRY CARGO AND OIL TANK HATCH		
4	3- FIREMEN I- SPARE	10 6- GUN	NNERS	16	3- SEAMEN I- MAINTENANCE MAN	22	CARPENTER'S SHOP	28	ENGINEER'S STORE ROOM		
5	I- DECK ENGINEER 2- WIPERS I- SPARE		SS MEN LITY MEN	17	3- OILERS	23	STEERING GEAR ROOM	29	GRATING AROUND ENGINE		
6	CREWS MESS	12 OFFICE	ER'S MESS	18	3- COOKS I- MESS MAN	24	CLIPPING ROOM	30	SOILED LINEN		

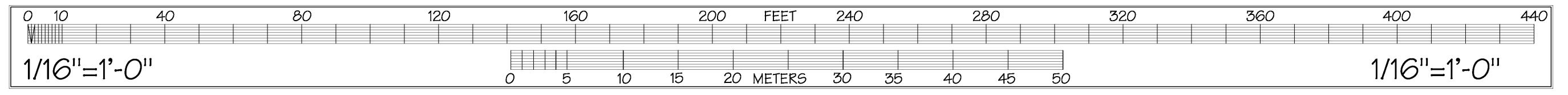
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1	RUDDER TRUNK OVER	9	DRAIN WELL IN D.B. P&S	17	FIRE AND BILGE PUMP	25	INSPECTION TANK	33	GENERATOR OVER	41	M.H. IN D.B.	49	V.L. IN DEEP TANK
2	SHAFT TUNNEL ESCAPE TRUNK OVER	10	FUEL OIL OR BALLAST TANK NO.5 (PORT) IN D.B.	18	EVAPORATOR	26	FEED AND FILTER TANK	34	FORCED DRAFT FAN	42	VENT OVER P&S	50	HATCH IN DEEP TANK TOP P&S
3	LINE OF TUNNEL RECESS TOP OVER	II	FUEL OIL OR BALLAST TANK NO.5 (STBD) IN D.B.	19	S.W. SERVICE PUMP	27	AIR PUMP	35	FORCED DRAFT DUCT	43	FUEL OIL TRANSFER PUMP	51	8" GATE VALVE FOR EQUALIZING
4	DRAINAGE HAT P&S	12	HATCH OVER	20	GREASE EXTRACTOR & FEED HEATER	28	COFFERDAM (PORT) IN D.B.	36	BALLAST MANIFOLD P&S	44	20'-0" x 20'-0" HATCH OVER	52	33'-9" x 20'-0" HATCH OVER
5	35'-0" X 20'-0" HATCH OVER		DEEP TANK NO.3 (PORT) DRY CARGO BALLAST CARGO OIL OR FUEL OIL	21	RESERVE FEED WATER TANK NO.4 (PORT) IN D.B.	29	COFFERDAM (STBD) IN D.B.	37	BILGE MANIFOLD P&S	45	O.T. TROUGHS FOR FATHOMETER IN D.B.	53	DEEP TANK NO.2 (STBD) S.W. BALLAST OR DRY CARGO
6	GUSSET PLATE	14	THRUST BEARING	22	MAIN FEED PUMPS	30	ENGINE AND BOILER CASING OVER	38	FUEL OIL TRANSFER MANIFOLD P&S	46	V.L.T. HYDROPHONES TANK IN D.B.	54	DEEP TANK NO.I (PORT) S.W. BALLAST OR DRY CARGO
1 /	FUEL OIL OR BALLAST TANK NO.6 IN D.B.		DEEP TANK NO.3 (STBD) DRY CARGO BALLAST CARGO OIL OR FUEL OIL	23	BILGE INJECTION	31	DAILY SERVICE TANK	39	FUEL OIL SAVE ALL TANK	47	DRAIN WELL IN DEEP TANK P&S	55	CHAIN LOCKER
8	PORTABLE SECTION OVER FOR SHIPPING AND UNSHIPPING OF SHAFT	16	8" PIPE & GATE VALVES EQUALIZER PIPE LINE	24	BALLAST AND GENERATOR SERVICE PUMP	32	RESERVE FEED WATER TANK NO.4 (STBD) IN D.B.	40	FUEL OIL SERVICE PUMP	48	DEEP TANK NO.2 (PORT) S.W. BALLAST OR DRY CARGO	56	DEEP TANK NO.I (STBD) S.W. BALLAST OR DRY CARGO

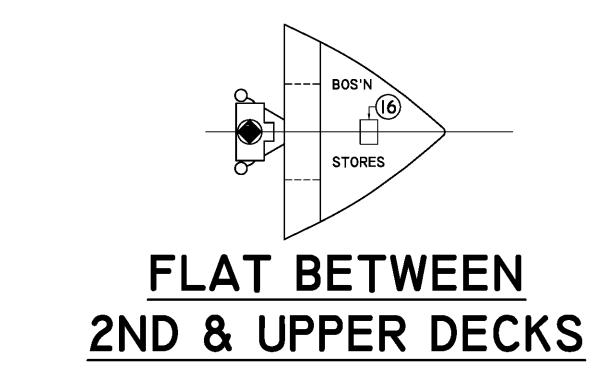


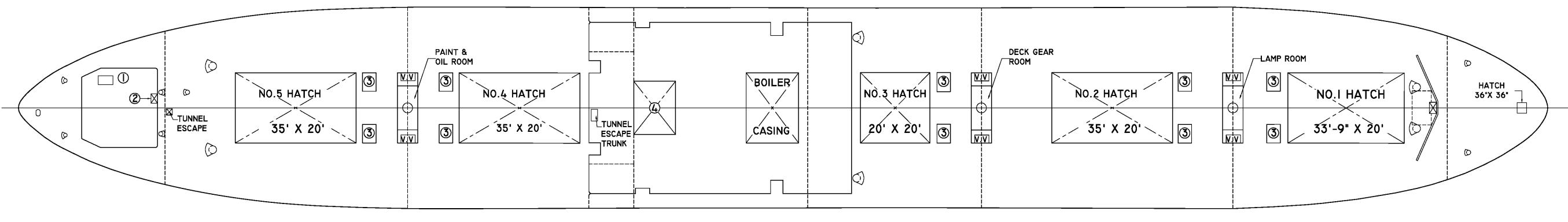
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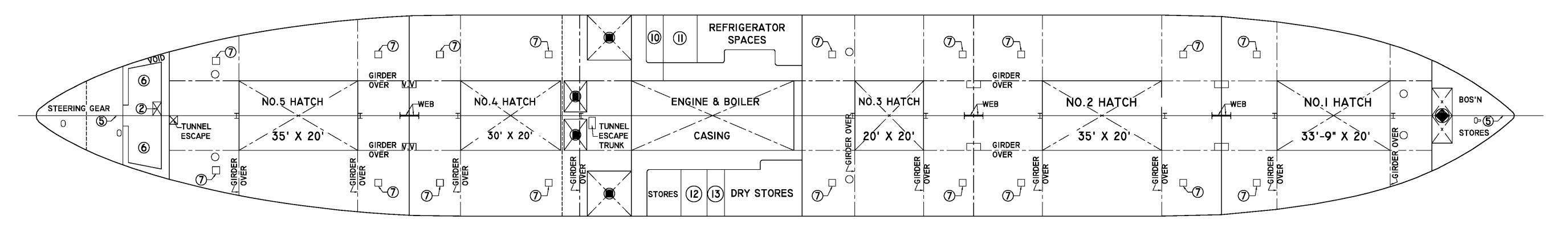
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I	MAGAZINE	5	TANK CARGO, CARGO OIL OR FUEL OIL NO. 3 P/S	9	CHAIN LOCKER					
2	DRAIN WELLS	6	F.W. TANK P/S	10	CARPENTER'S SHOP					
3	VENTILATION TRUNK	7	COFFERDAM	11	HATCH 42" x 48" AT CENTER LINE					
4	DEEP DRY BALLAST	8	AMMUNITION MAGAZINE	12	TRUNK					

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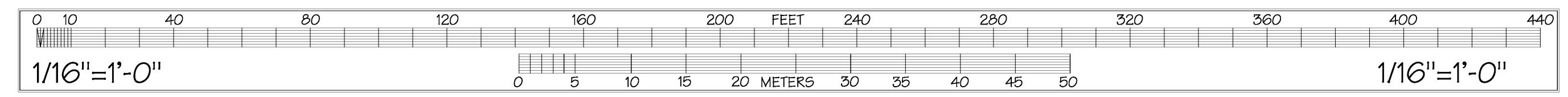




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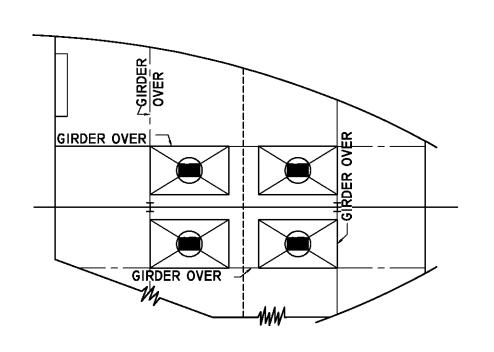


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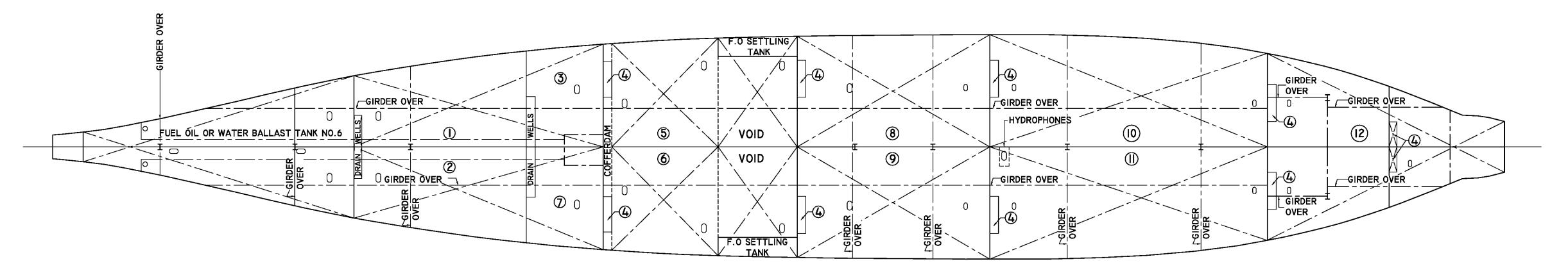


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ı	COMPANION WAY 4'-0" x 2'-6"	5	SWASH BHP BELOW	9	F.W. TANK COFFERDAM UNDER	13	CLEAN LINEN LOCKER			
2	W.T. TRUNK	6	MAGAZINE	10	STORE ROOM	14	CHAIN LOCKER			
3	STEAM WINCH	7	TRIMMING HATCH	П	CARBON DIOXIDE ROOM	15	AMMUNITION MAGAZINE			
4	ENGINE CASING	ΙΩ	DEEP TANK HATCH 4'-II" x 8'-8 ½"	12	SOILED LINEN	16	HATCH 42" x 46"			

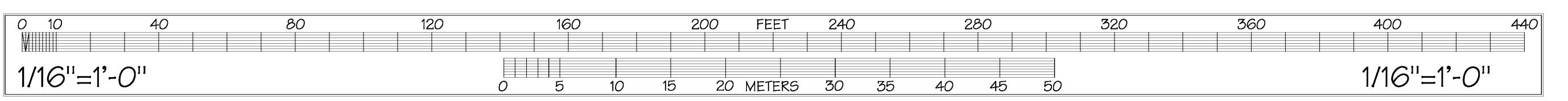
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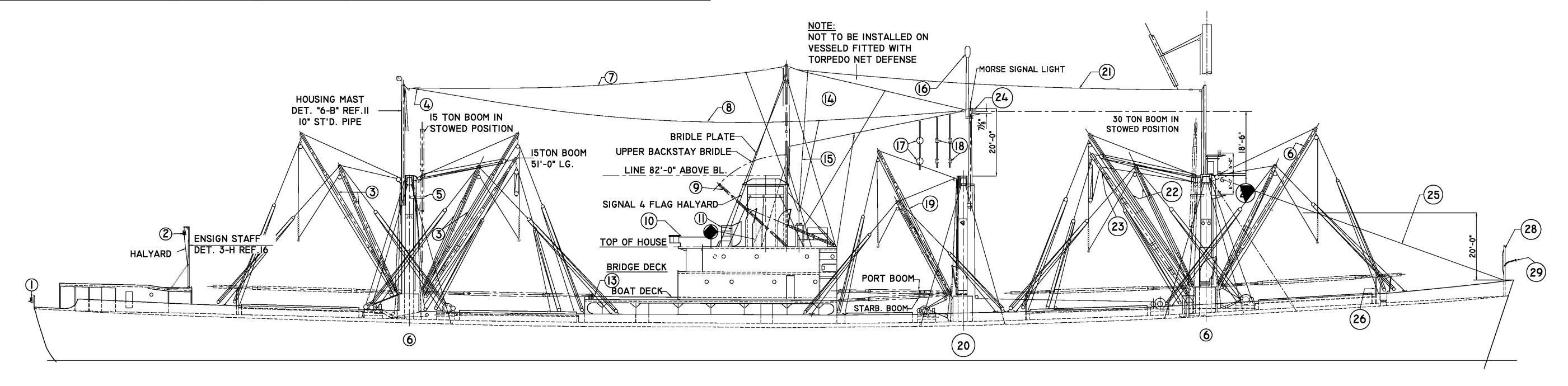
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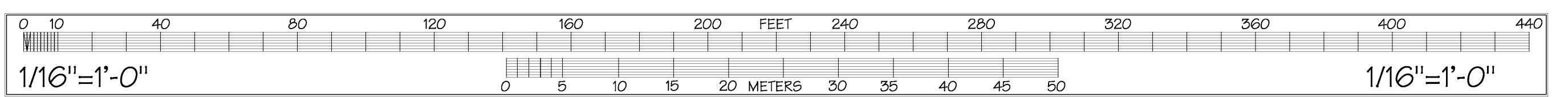
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	FUEL OIL OR WATER		RESERVE FEED WATER	·		13	DEEP TANK HATCH		
ı	BALLAST TANK NO.5P	5	TANK NO.4P	9	BALLAST TANK NO.3S		13'-6" X 8'-0"		
2	FUEL OIL OR WATER	6	RESERVE FEED WATER	10	FUEL OIL OR WATER				
	BALLAST TANK NO.5S	6	TANK NO.4S	10	BALLAST TANK NO.2P				
3	DEEP TANK NO.3P DRY CARGO, BALLAST CARGO OIL OR FUEL OIL	7	DEEP TANK NO.3S DRY CARGO, BALLAST CARGO OIL OR FUEL OIL	II	FUEL OIL OR WATER BALLAST TANK NO.2S				
4	DRAIN WELLS	8	FUEL OIL OR WATER BALLAST TANK NO.3P	12	FUEL OIL OR WATER BALLAST TANK NO.I				

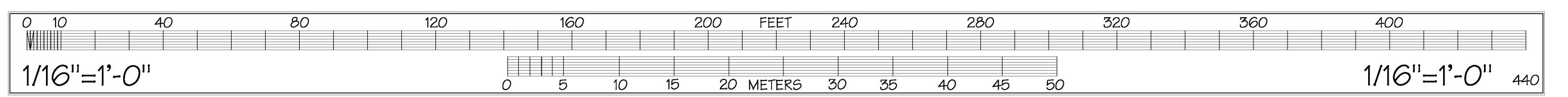


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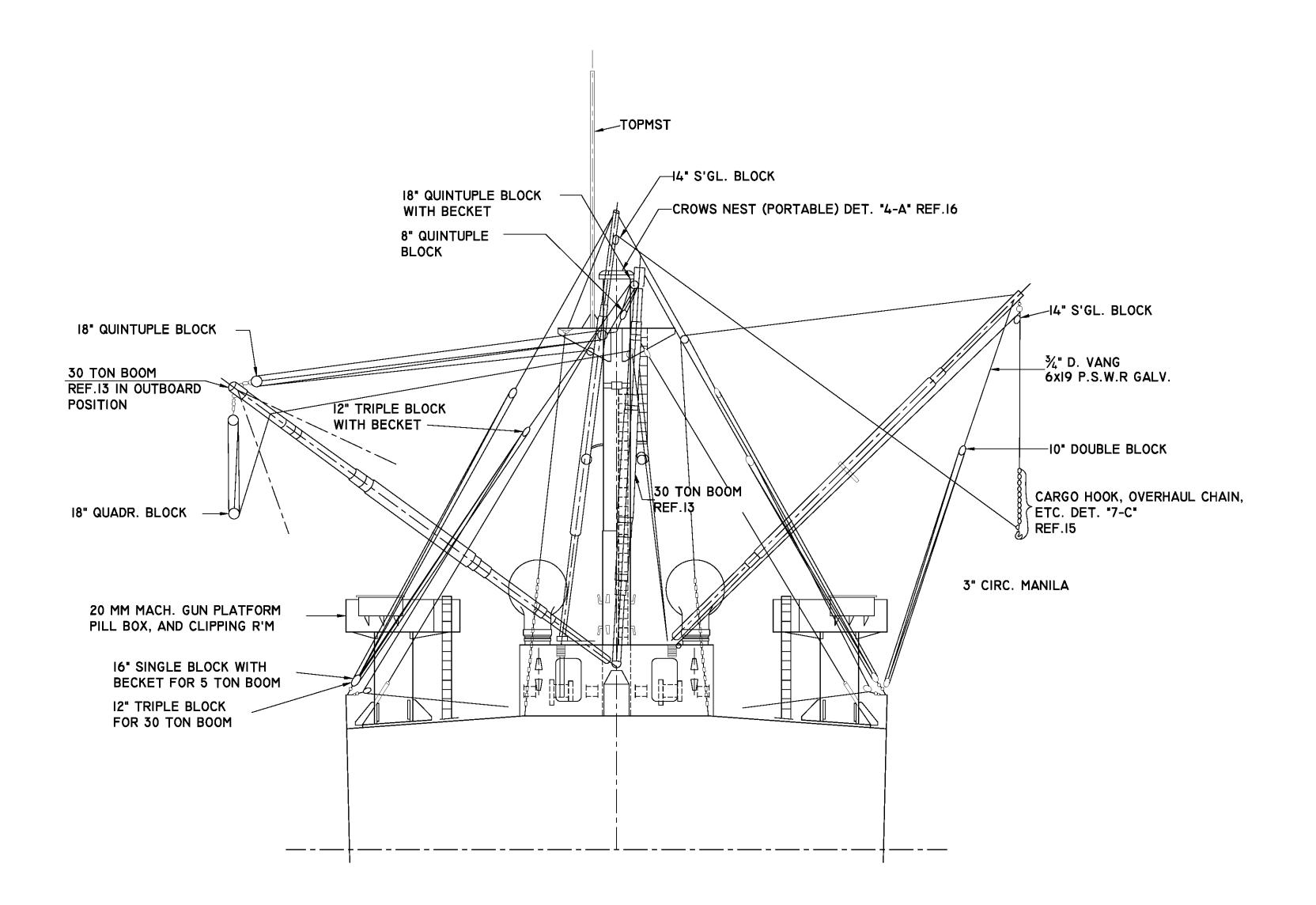
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I	STERN (OVERTAKEN) LT. (ELEC) STERN (OVERTAKEN) LT. (OIL) TO REPLACE ELEC. LT. USE SAME BRACKET & FASTENINGS	7	AUXILARY ANTENNA (PORT) %" SILVER BRONZE WIRE	13	BOOM RESTS DET. "8-A" REFERENCE 16	1 19 1	5 TON BOOM 47'-0" LONG	25	POSITION OF PORTABLE FORESTAY FOR SHIPS DELIVERED W/O GUN PLATFORM FWD. FOR SHIPS PROVIDED W/ GUN PLATFORM SEE REF. 28
2	ANCHOR LIGHT (ELEC) (OIL) ANCHOR LIGHT TO BE HOISTED ON ESIGN HALYARD	8	TRANS. ANTENNA (STBD) <sup>1</sup> % <sub>6</sub> " H.D. COPPER WIRE	14	NOTE: ALL ANTENNAE, ANTENNA LEAD INS AND ADJACENT INSULATOIRS FURNISHED BY FED. RAD. & TEL. CO.	20	HEEL FITTINGS FOR 5 TON BOOMS TO BE SET SO THAT CL. OF PIN FOR STBD SIDE IS 3½" ABV. UNDERSIDE OF DK. HOUSE TOP & PORT SIDE IS 12½"ABV. UNDERSIDE OF DK. HOUSE TOP		BOOM REST DET. "9-A" REF.16 FOR SHIPS DELIVERED W/O GUN PLATFORM FORWARD FOR SHIPS PROVIDED WITH GUN PLATFORM SEE DET. "8-F" REF.16
3	5 TON BOOM 55'-0" LONG	9	MAST IN TEMPORARY STOWAGE	15	EMERGENCY ANTENNA LEAD-IN		EMERGENCY ANTENNA (PORT) 7/6" H.D. COPPER WIRE	27	82'-0" ABOVE BASE LINE
4	INSULATORS; {7" ROD PORT LAPP. 5993 STBD}	10	20MM MACH. GUN PLATFORM, PILL BOX & CLIPPING ROOM REF.34	16	R.C.A. AIRCRAFT DETECTOR UNIT BOLTED LUGS DET. "5-B" REF. #9	22	5 TON BOOM: {STEEL REF. 13} {WOOD REF.14}	28	JACKSTAFF DET. "6-G" REFERENCE
5	I5 TON BOOM STOWAGE BEKT. DET. "5-D" REF.9	=	FLAG BAG AND PLATFORM	17	NOT UNDER COMMAND BREAKDOWN BALLS	1 /3	30 TON BOOM 51'-0" LONG	29	SUEZ CANA LIGHT DAVIT REFERENCE 23
6	HEEL FITTINGS FOR 5 TON BOOMS ON FORWARD & AFTER SIDE OF DK HOUSE TO BE SET SO THAT CL. PIN IS 6½" ABOVE UNDERSIDE OF DK HOUSE TOP	12	TEMPORARY STOWAGE SUPPORT DET. "8-J" REF. II	18	NOT UNDER COMMAND BREAKDOWNLIGHTS (OIL)	24	RANGE LIGHT (ELEC) RANGE LIGHT (OIL) TO REPLACE ELECTRICAL LIGHT USE SAME BRACKET AND FASTENINGS		

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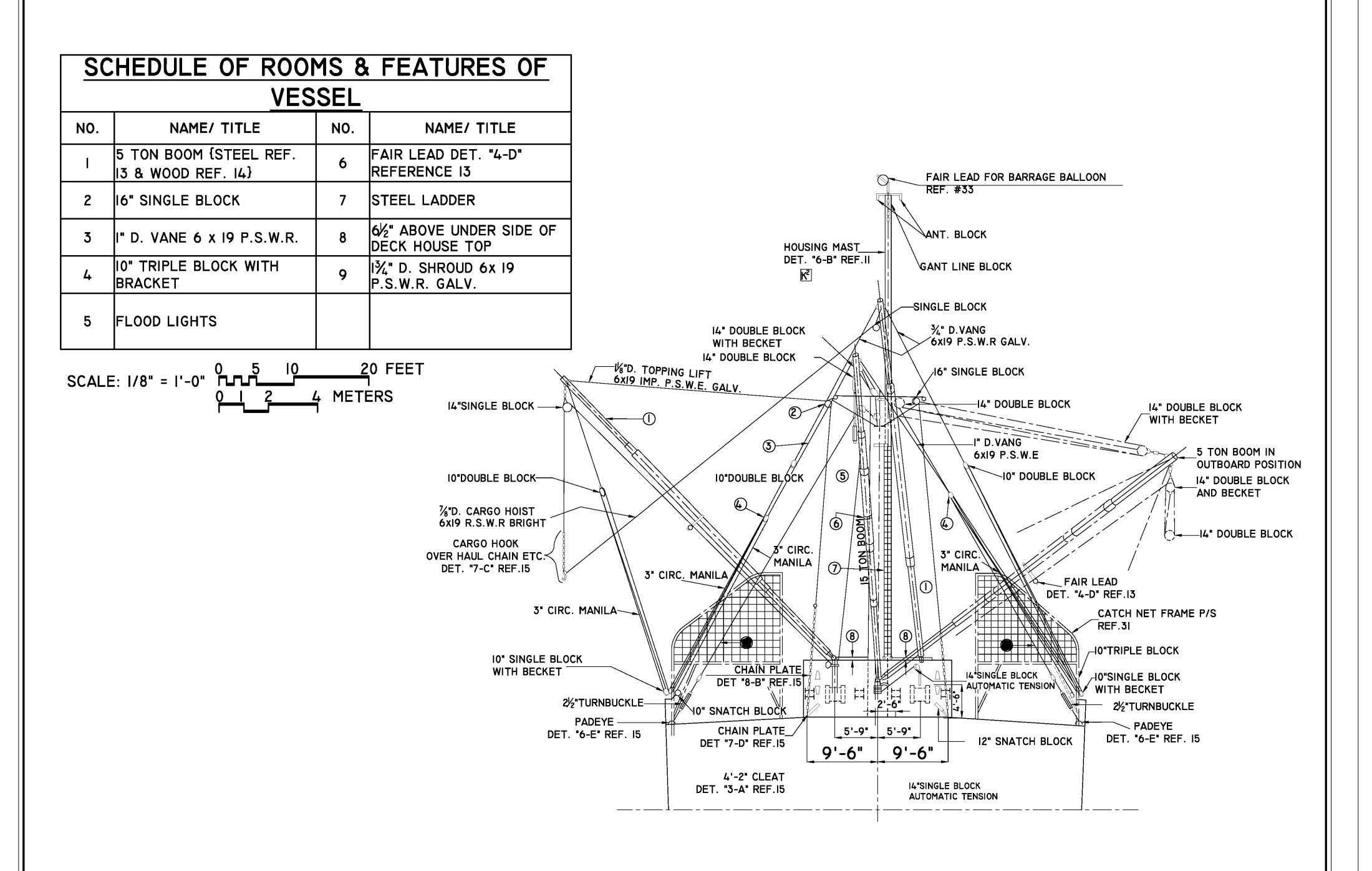


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1	WARPING WINCH	<b>D</b>	6 BOOM REST P&S DET. "8-A" II		AIRCRAFT DETECTOR UNIT	16	25'-8" OFF CENTER LINE SHIP P&S
7	5 TON BOOM IN STOWED POSITION	FOR STOWAGE OF BOOMS ON SHIPS FITTED WITH T.N.D SEE REF. 30 DET. "7-A"		12	SECONDARY VANG TACKLE TO BE USED ON EITHER SIDE OF SHIP 4" CIRC. MANILA	17	LEGS DET. "3-C" REFERENCE 23 AMM. DAVIT REFERENCE 26
.5	FREE WHEELING DRUM FOR BARRAGE BAL. REF. 33	8	5 TON BOOM STOWED	13	30 TON BOOM		
4	I5 TON BOOM	~	27'-2¾" OFF CENTER LINE SHIP P&S	17.	26'-0" OFF CENTER LINE SIP P&S		
<u> </u>	I4'-0" BOOM TOPPED 43° ABOVE HORIZION	10	12'-0" BOOM TOPPED 35° 24' ABOVE HORIZION	15	TOPPING LIFT CHAIN PLATE P&S DET. "7-D" REFERENCE I5		

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## SECTION AFT FR. 43 LOOKING FORWARD



## SECTION AFT FR. 131 LOOKING AFT

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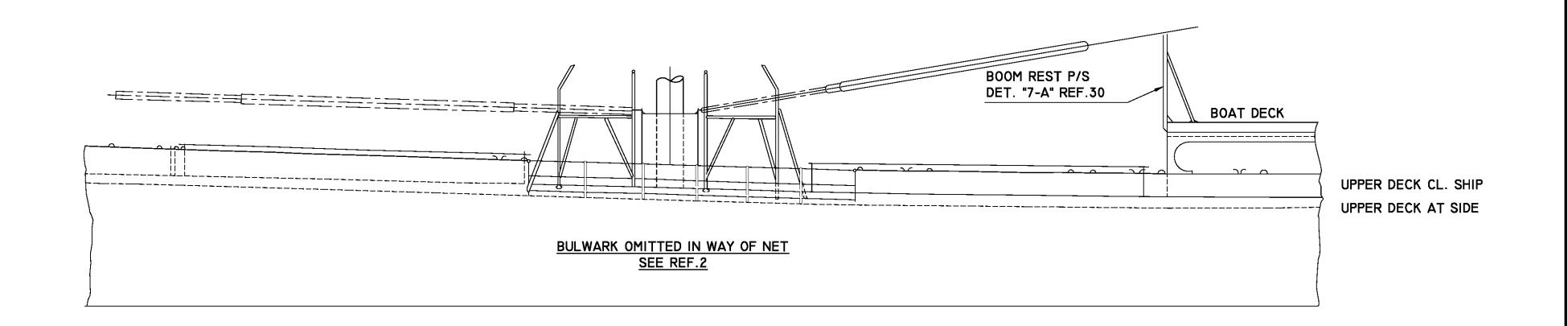
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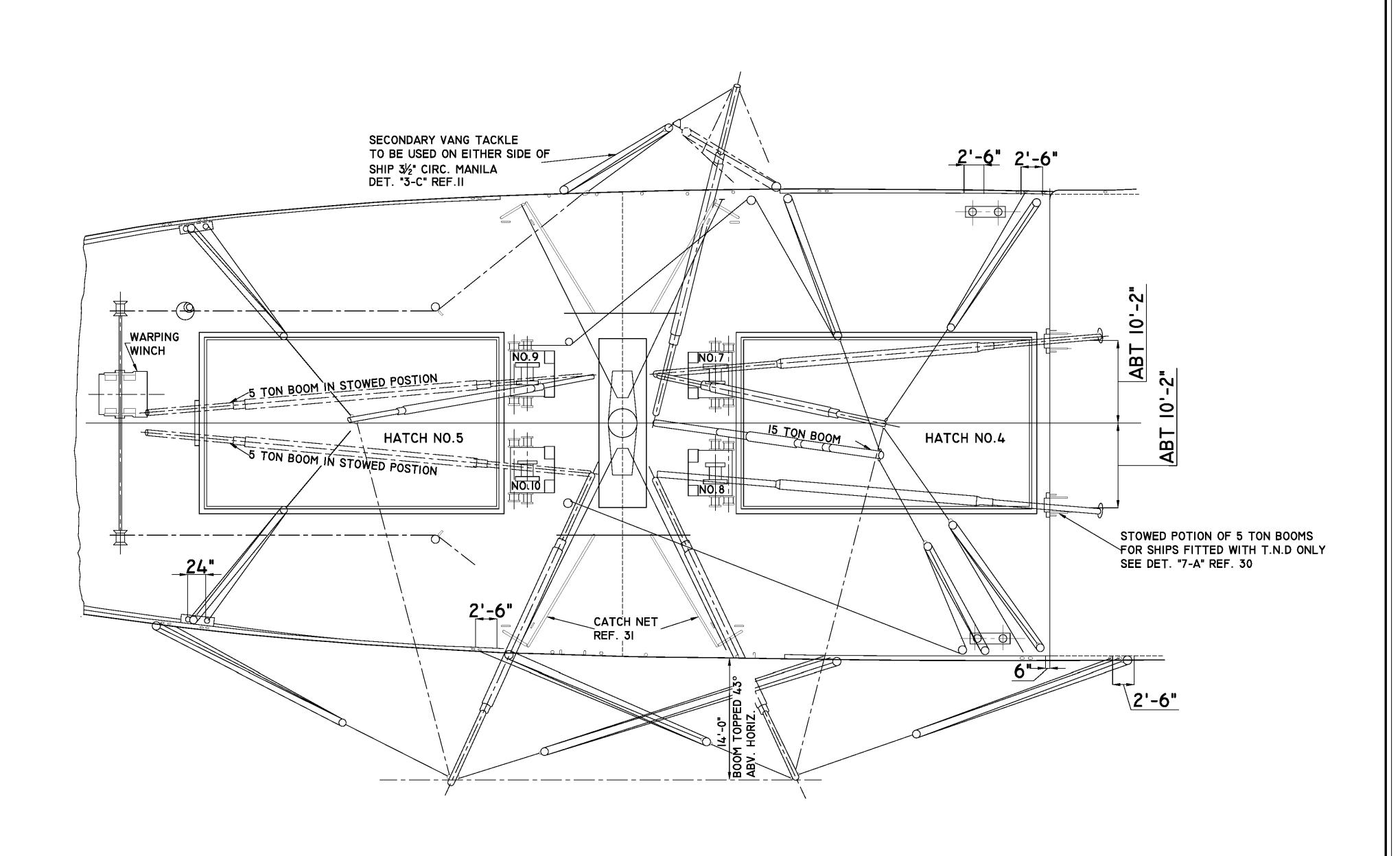
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# ELEVATION STARBOARD SHOWN LOOKING PORT



# MODIFICATIONS TO BOOM HANDLING ARR'GT AT HATCHED NO.4 & 5 FOR SHIPS FITTED WITH TORPEDO NET DEFENSE ONLY

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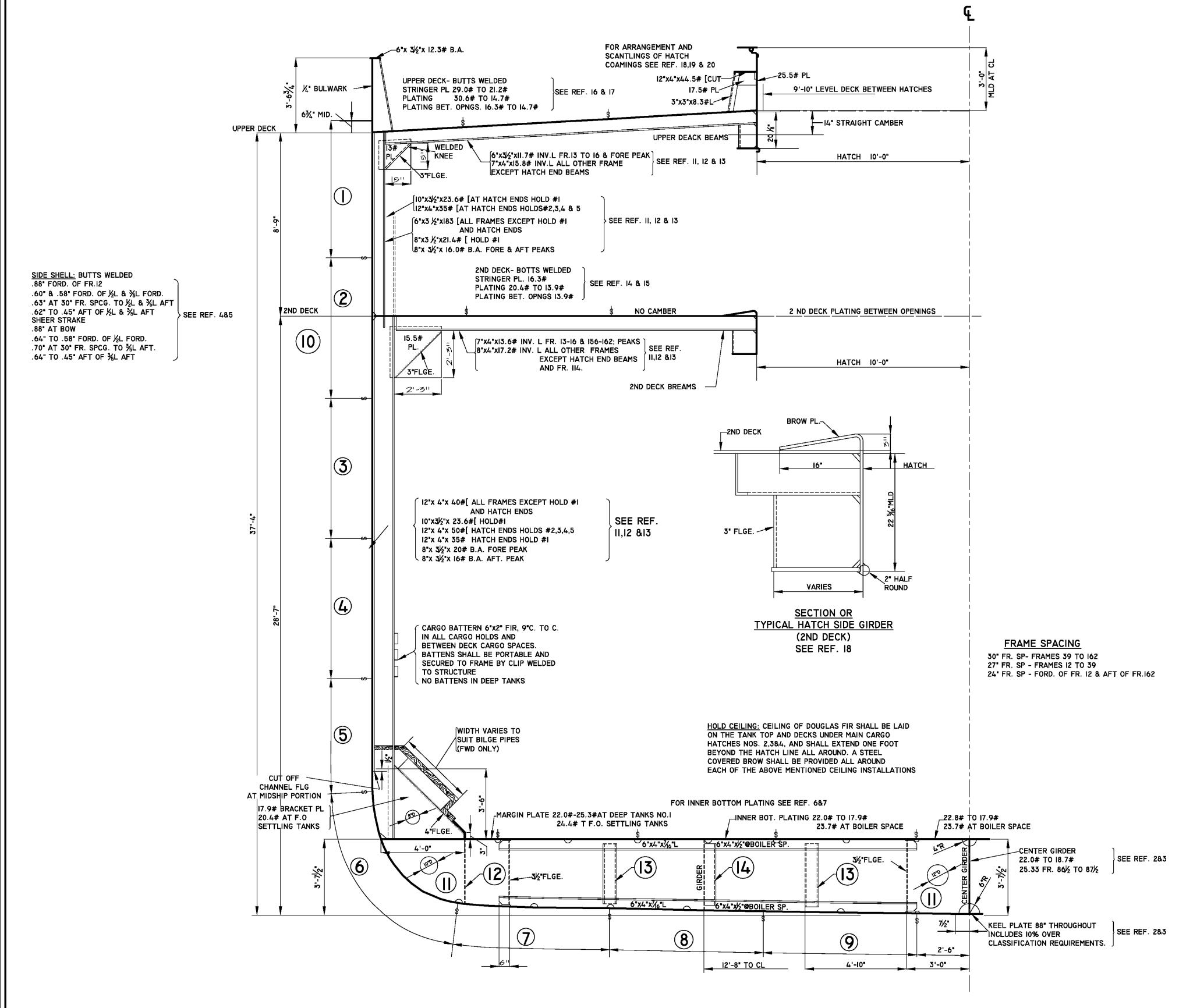
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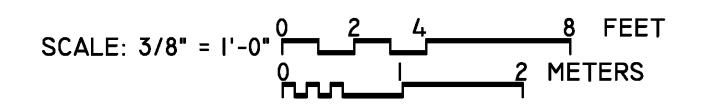
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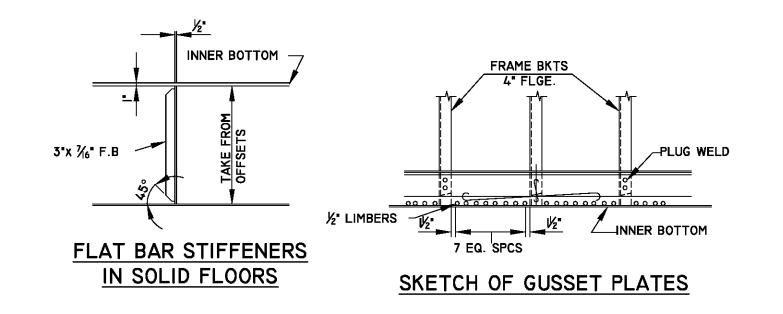
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2	"H" STRAKE TO 80" .80" TO 45"	9	"A" STRAKE 88" .88" TO 54"							
3	"G" STRAKE 80" .80" TO 45"	10	27'-7" MAX SCANTLING DRAFT -MLD							
4	"F" STRAKE 80" .80" TO 54"	II	I5.5# PL (I9.5# AT B.S.)							
5	"E" STRAKE 64½" .88" TO 54"	12	4" x 1/6" F.B. (4" x 1/2" AT B.S.)							
6	"D" STRAKE 861/4" .88" TO 58"	13	8" x 3 ½"x 22.8#[ (8" x 3 ½"x 25.5# AT B.S)							
7	"C" STRAKE 88 1/8" .70" TO 54"	14	6" x 3 ½" x l3.5# [ (6" x 3 ½" x l5.3# AT B.S)							

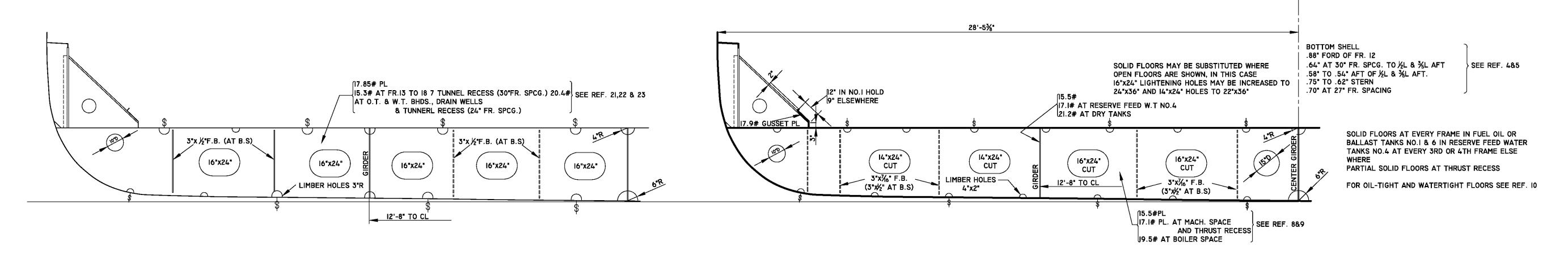


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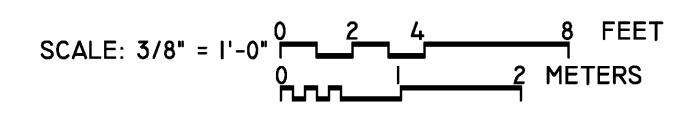
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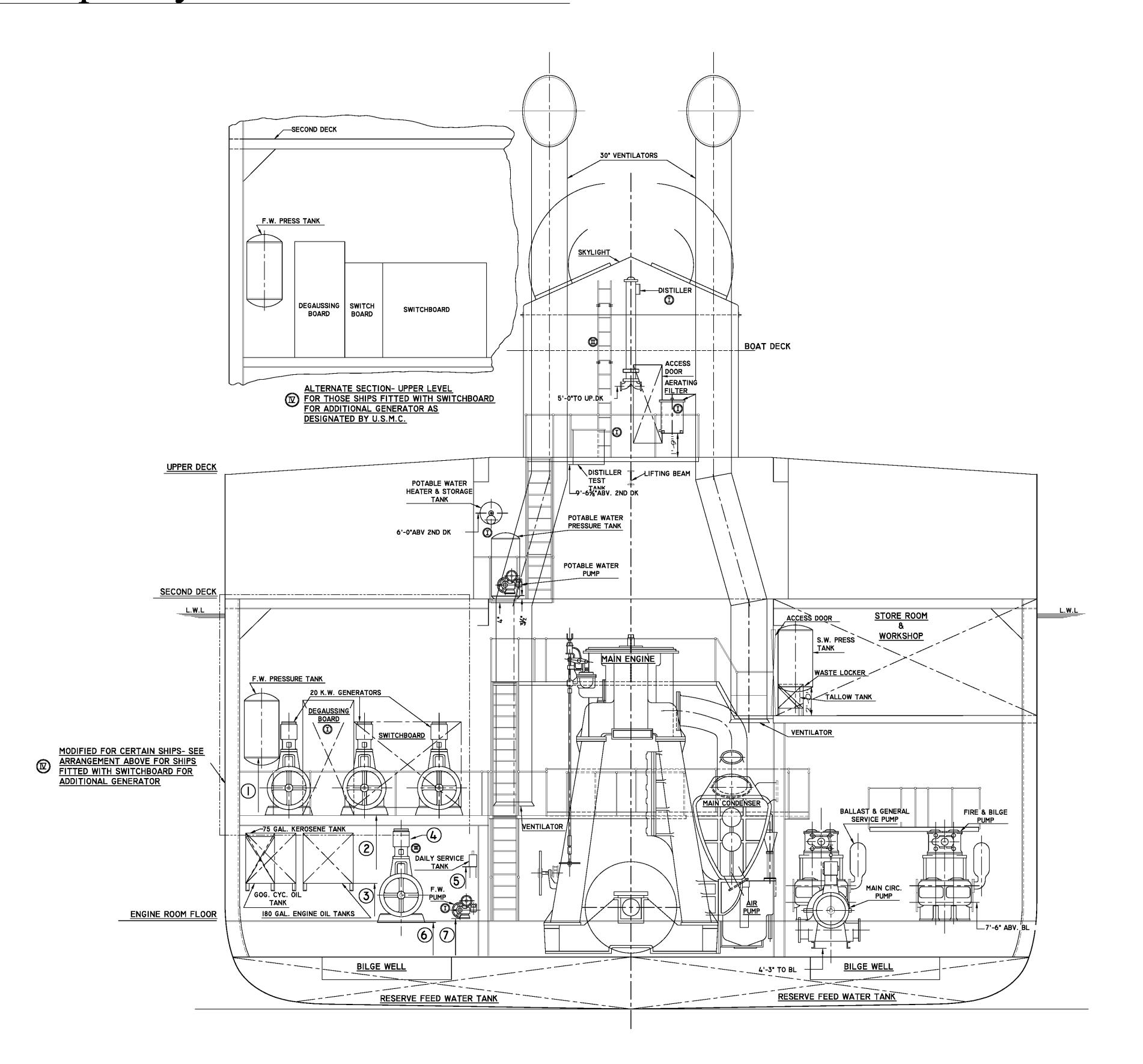


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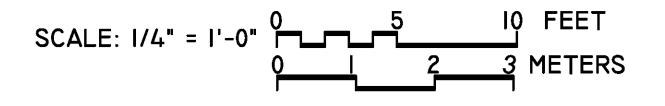
# Liberty Ship / Pipe Layer Arthur M. Huddell 30" VENTILATOR BRIDGE DECK BOAT DECK UPPER DECK SECOND DECK MODIFIED FOR CERTAIN SHIPS- SEE ALTERNATE ARRANGEMENT IN PANEL #4 FOR SHIPS FITTED WITH ADDITIONAL 500 GAL. OIL TANKS SETTLING TANK MAIN BOILER F.O. SERVICE VENTILATOR FUEL OIL SETTLING TANK SECTION AT FRAME #96 LOOKING FORWARD TO #88

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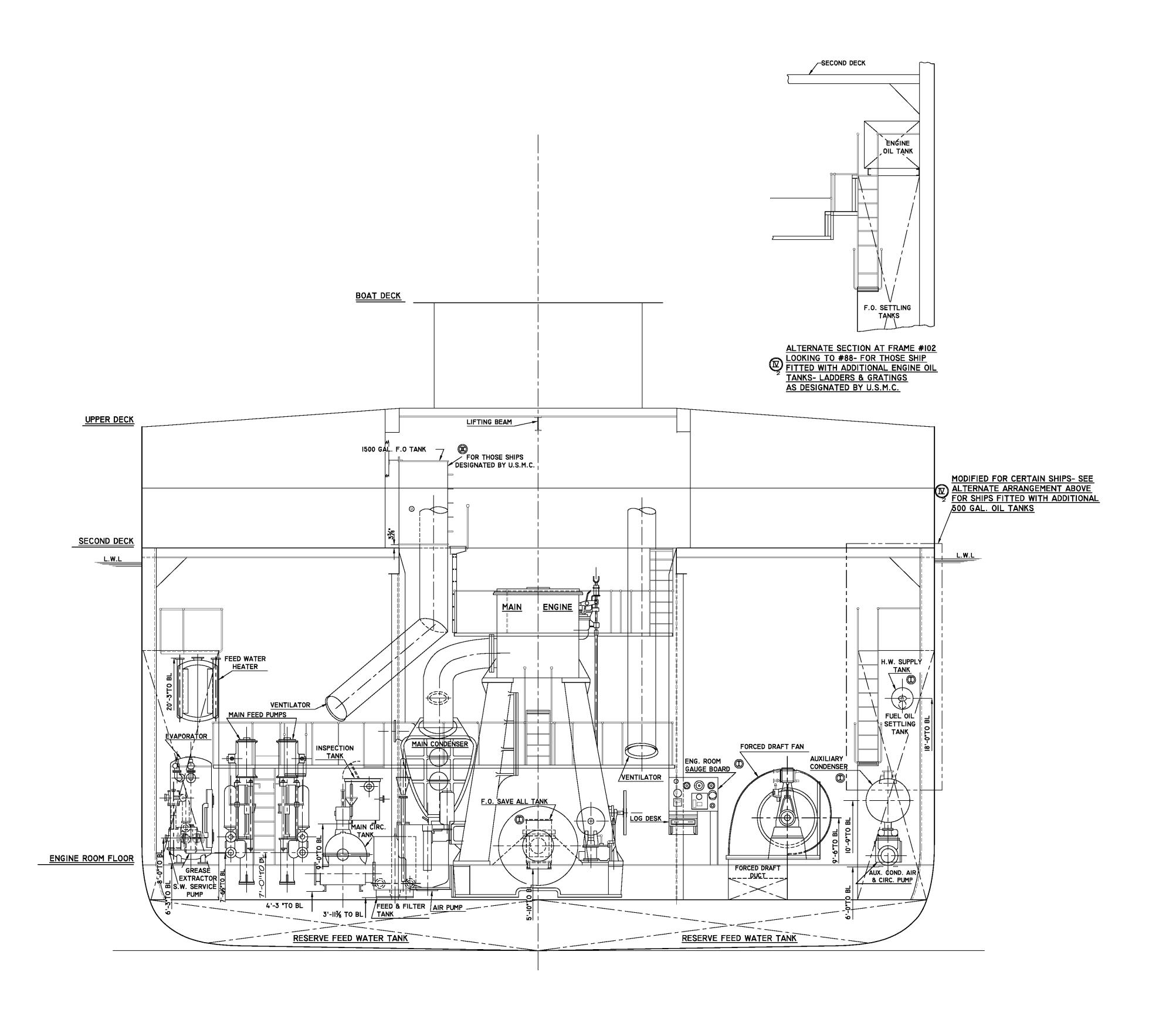


SCHEDULE OF	
FEATURES OF SECTION	
NO.	NAME / TITLE
1	4'-0" TO G.F.
2	I3'-6½" ABOVE BASE LINE
3	8'-6" TO BASE LINE
4	GENERATOR (FOR THOSE SHIPS AS DESIGNATED BY U.S.M.C)
5	9'-II" TO BASE LINE
6	6'-0" ABOVE BASE LINE
7	6'-3" ABOVE BASE LINE

SECTION AT FRAME #102 LOOKING AFT TO #108



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## SECTION AT FRAME #102 LOOKING FORWARD TO #108

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