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1971 RESEARCH VESSEL PROGRAMME

REPORT: RV CIROLANA: CRUISE 10

(PROVISIONAL: Not to be quoted without prior reference to the author)

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DURATION

Left Grimsby 0830 h, 7 December Arrived Grimsby 1100 h, 8 December All times are Greenwich Mean Time

LOCALITY

North Sea

AIM

To service Station B of the J.O.N.S.I.S. current meter network.

NARRATIVE

CIROLANA proceeded directly to Station B, arriving there at 1400 h, 7 December. Recovery of the rig was made from the foredeck, using the HIAB crane, and the centre barrel of the anchor windlass as a winch. This went quite smoothly, except for a short period at the start, when in marginal weather conditions, and lacking the bow thrust propeller, it was found to be difficult to steer the ship to the buoy wire. Recovery was completed by 1615 h, and the rig was serviced and re-laid over the stern. CIROLANA left for Grimsby at 1830 h, docking there at 1100 h, 8 December.

RESULTS

Station B was serviced and replaced in good order. The HIAB crane was tested and worked splendidly, but launching over the stern proved to be very difficult, and should not be attempted again except in calm weather conditions.

G C Baxter

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