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REPORT: RV CLIONE: CRUISE 8B

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DURATION

Left Grimsby 1020 h, 25 June
Arrived Lowestoft 0540 h, 27 June

LOCALITY

North east coast

AIM

To service the JONSIS current meter stations, and to establish a new station off the River Humber.

NARRATIVE

CLIONE arrived at the site of the new 'Spurn' current meter station at 1300 h, 25 June, and the rig with one Plessey MO 21 meter was laid by 1330 h. The JONSIS station was reached at 1800 h, and here nothing could be seen of the surface marker buoy or the pellets. The acoustic release was switched on, but then performed erratically and no cross bearings of the rig could be obtained. Grapnel tows through the area combined with visual searches yielded nothing, and with the grapnel damaged, these were abandoned at 0915 h, 26 June and a replacement rig launched. CLIONE then headed for JONSIS 2, arriving there at 1340 h. The station was intact and the rig was lifted, serviced and replaced by 1530 h, when CLIONE left for Lowestoft, docking there at 0540, 27 June.

RESULTS

The JONSIS 2 current meter station was serviced and left in good order, and a new station established off the Humber. A replacement rig was deployed on JONSIS 1, after attempts to salvage the remains of the previous one had been unsuccessful.

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