JR140 Acoustic Report

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Introduction

The EK60 has now been in use on JCR since 2003 and operation has tended to become routine. Only brief details will be given here of general operating procedures as most settings are the same as those used in cruises JR96, JR100 and JR116. The EK60 was run during the passage from Rothera to Signy, Signy to South Georgia and then for the WCB survey off South Georgia.

The EK500 was re-installed for this cruise to drive a 120 kHz transducer mounted looking upwards in the towfish (further details are provided later in this report).

SSU settings.

The ER60 was run without EM120 swath bathymetry. The Simrad SSU was used with EK60 and EA600 pinging together within the same group. Ping interval was set at 2.0 seconds throughout.

Acoustic calibration

An acoustic calibration was carried out at Rosita Harbour, South Georgia on 2 January 2006. Standard ER60 calibration procedures were used as documented for previous cruises. Calibration conditions were reasonable and no problems were encountered. Each frequency was calibrated with standard copper spheres and a pulse duration of 1 ms. A CTD was conducted prior to the start of calibration and a sound velocity profile is shown in Table 1.

After calibration the values for the echo-sounder settings were automatically loaded into the ER60 (Table 2).

A summary sheet for all calibrations of the EK60 shows that the 38 kHz transducer has remained remarkably stable since installation (Figure 1). The 120 kHz transducer showed a marked fall in calibrated transducer gain over the first couple of years. Since then there is a suggestion that the value is oscillating around a mean transducer gain of ~ 21 dB.

Problems

Few problems with the system have been detected. The machine only crashed a couple of times during the cruise, however, no significant loss of logging time occurred.

Shallow water interference on 120 kHz was consistently detected through out the cruise (see acoustic notes, appendix 1 for times). This appeared when water depth was shallower than about 250 m. The interference was still present when 120, 38, 200 and 12 kHz frequencies (EA600 and EK60) were set to passive. Finally after the WCB the

problem was traced to the Doppler log used by the ship. Switching off the log completely removed the problem. (Figure 2)

Strong interference on all 3 frequencies was noted during the WCB phase of the cruise. This took the form of strong spikes at varying depths and different times on each frequency (Figure 2). Investigation of this noise suggested that it may have been linked to use of the USBL system which was used during RMT fishing. During the day the USBL system was left powered up with the probe retracted but the gate value open. The noise spikes disappeared after 23:40 on 31 December 2005 about when the USBL was powered down. However, later tests undertaken by switching USBL on were unable to recreate the noise spikes seen during the WCB. The source of this noise there remains unresolved.

EK500 report

Mobilisation

On 20th Dec 2005, the tow fish was mobilised onto the JCR. The tow fish and cradle were installed next to the PES winch, located on the starboard side, forward of the accommodation. Wooden spacers were tied to the winch drum and the tow cable (UOR cable and faring) wound onto the drum. The slip ring and step-down transformer were installed on the aft end of the drum. The deck cable, for the tow fish transducer and depth sensor was run from the PES winch to UIC room, entering the UIC room through a gland located to the left and above the EK60 PC. The PES winch and davit were tested whilst alongside at Rothera.

The 200 KHz single beam transducer installed in the tow fish was swapped with a 120 KHz single beam transducer (serial number: 29886 Part no. 312-062416.3), provided by the Fisheries Research Service (FRS), Aberdeen

An EK500 transceiver, screen, logging PC and depth sensor display were installed in the UIC room. The 200 KHz processing card was swapped for a 120 KHz, again provided by FRS, (ser no.10132 part no. 382-074984).

Note: During dry tests the depth sensor increased noise on the EK500 echogram. This did not occur when the tow fish was submerged.

The transducer mounting angle was changed from 61 deg to 20 deg from the vertical, this reduced the surface acoustic dead zone from 6.8 m to 2.2 m (see Everson and Bone, 1986). Stainless steel support bars within the tow fish prevented the transducer being turned to intermediate angles.

Operation

The towfish was successfully test deployed on

The tow fish was successfully deployed for transects w2.1 to w4.2 inclusive. Mean tow speed was 10 knots and mean tow fish depth was 25 m. Marginal weather conditions prevented deployment for transects w1.1 and w1.2.

Acoustic data were broadcast on the AUI network connection from the EK500 transceiver, converted to BNC and stored locally on the logging PC using Sonardata

echolog500, running under Windows NT. These .ek5 files were stored locally and transferred using zip discs. Two transects of .ek5 data had a total size of approximately 80 MB.

These data were copied to:

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Note: There are insufficient cores in the tow cable to use a split beam transducer.

Calibration

The 120 KHz single beam transducer was calibrated on 2nd January 2006. The transducer was mounted pointing vertically downwards and calibration frame was mounted on the tow fish. A standard copper 120 KHz sphere was used. Calibration lines were extended until the first tape mark was approximately 1 m from the electric winch, along the extension pole. Cable control settings for maximum single target strength were Starboard=968, Port=976, Nose=977.

The EK500 transceiver was configured to calculate the NASC s_A . These data were broadcast on the serial port, connected to the logging PC and viewed in hyperterminal. This gave a mean s_A measured of 1158 (10 observations, s_A theory was 1132).

Calibration results

| Old TS transducer gain= 23.3 dB | New TS transducer gain- 20.9 dB |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Old Sv transducer gain= 23.3 dB | New Sv transducer gain- 20.9 dB |

Recommendations:

- 1. Track the tow fish using a USBL beacon.
- 2. Take spare faring. May allow a deeper tow how much cable remained on the PES winch drum for a 25 m depth, 10 knot deployment.
- 3. Add EK500 logging PC to ship's network.

References

Everson, I. and Bone D.G. (1986). Detection of Krill (*Euphausia Superba*) near the sea surface: Preliminary results using a towed upward-looking echo-sounder. British Antarctic Survey Bulletin, 72, 61-70.

Figure 1: Summary of calibration results for EK60. Note that effective Sa transducer gain is sum of TS transducer gain and Sa correction. Full results are available in 'master calibration summary.xls'. Note that 200 kHz results are only shown for split beam transducer installed in 2003.

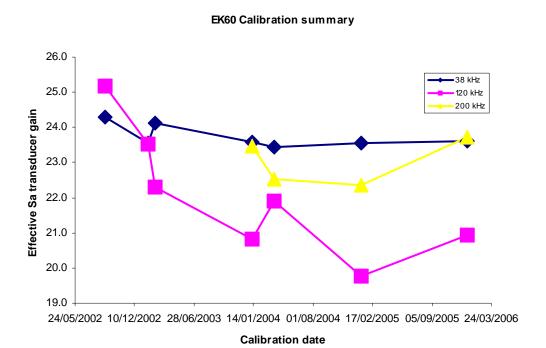
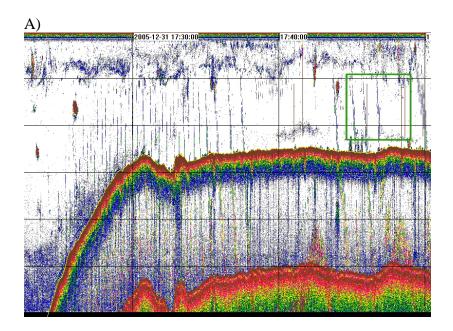


Figure 2: Shallow water noise detected during WCB. A) 120 kHz echogram from transect W3.2 in WCB. Blue vertical streaks are from Doppler log. Echogram from green box expanded in inset (B) which shows blue Doppler log noise and the brown/red vertical bars which are unidentified noise (Sv >30 dB). The background noise threshold is -80 dB.



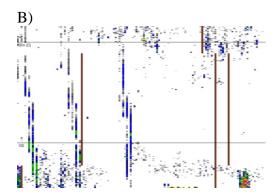


Table 1: Sound velocity profile taken in Rosita Harbour, 2 January 2006-01-07 Bottom line shows mean values used in EK60 calibration

| Temp © | Salinity | Depth (m) | Sound velocity (m/s) |
|--------|----------|-----------|----------------------------|
| 1.50 | 35.14 | 5 | 1456.2 |
| 1.83 | 34.09 | 10 | 1456.3 |
| 0.85 | 33.86 | 15 | 1451.7 |
| 0.78 | 33.86 | 20 | 1451.5 |
| 0.75 | 33.86 | 25 | 1451.4 |
| 0.75 | 33.86 | 30 | 1451.5 |
| | | | |
| 1.08 | 34.11 | | 1453.1 |

Table 2: Echosounder settings used before and after calibration on 2 January 2006.

| FREQUENCY | 38 kHz | 120 kHz | 200 kHz |
|------------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|
| PING INTERVAL | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| SOUND VELOCITY calibration setting | 1453.0 | 1453.0 | 1453.0 |
| ABSORPTION calibration setting | 10.07 | 26.27 | 39.80 |
| TRANSMIT POWER | 2000 | 500 | 300 |
| PULSE LENGTH | 1.024 | 1.024 | 1.024 |
| BANDWIDTH | 2425 | 3026 | 3088 |
| SAMPLE INTERVAL | 0.186 | 0.186 | 0.186 |
| THEORETICAL TS OF SPHERE | -33.80 | -40.40 | -44.90 |
| OLD GAIN | 24.14 | 20.23 | 22.68 |
| MEASURED TS | -33.50 | -38.76 | -46.18 |
| CALIBRATED GAIN | 24.24 | 21.31 | 24.01 |
| TRANSDUCER DATA 2-WAY BEAM ANGLE | -20.70 | -20.70 | -19.60 |
| old SA CORRECTION | -0.58 | -0.45 | -0.32 |
| CALIBRATED SA CORRECTION | -0.64 | -0.38 | -0.28 |
| DEFAULT -3dB BEAMWIDTH ARHW. | 7.1 | 7.98 | 6.7 |
| CALIBRATED -3dB BEAMWIDTH ATHW. | 6.91 | 7.71 | 6.32 |
| DEFAULT -3dB BEAMWIDTH ALONG | 7.1 | 7.89 | 7.2 |
| CALIBRATED -3dB BEAMWIDTH ALONG | 6.94 | 7.73 | 6.22 |
| default ATHWARTSHIP OFFSET | 0.02 | -0.23 | -0.02 |
| default FORE - AFT OFFSET | -0.05 | 0.05 | -0.13 |
| ATHWARTSHIP OFFSET | 0.03 | -0.10 | -0.16 |
| FORE - AFT OFFSET | -0.03 | -0.14 | 0.14 |
| NOISE WITH TRANSDUCER CONNECTED | -108 | -151 | -132 |

Appendix 1 – Acoustic Notes – JR140

29 December 2005

Transect W1.1 started at 06:00 (L) on 29 December with typical core box weather. Ship rolling and periodically enough to throw papers on floor. Quality of acoustics is poor. Weather deemed unsuitable for tow fish.

XBT deployed while ship steaming at 6 knots at start of transect. Acoustics improved once ship up to 10 knots. Captain Elliot suggests that due to amount of leeway, ie reduced at 10 knots.

Acoustics drop out significantly each time ship slows to 6 knots for XBT.

Second transect (W1.2) some strong targets at 17:36 on 29/12/05, 18:03,

After second transect ended, changed power on 38 khz from 2 kw to 1kw to see if reduces 120 and 38 noise in shallow water.

RMT8 fishing

First RMT fished after detecting couple of targets and returning to them. Net monitor output not being recorded to SCS. When net returned to surface, top net (net 2) ripped from mouth to cod end. Net 1 had no liner!

Replaced net 2 with new net. Trialled and fished relatively low density swarm. Krill caught and measured.

Net monitor info appears to have been logged locally onto net monitor PC. Files are: 05363232735.dat & 05363213238.dat

30 January 2005.

38 kHz power changed to 2 kw at 08:33 (Z) on operation menu of EK60.

08:46 (Z) deploying towfish at 0.5 knots.

08:49 (Z) tow fish deployed to 30 m depth while at 0.5 knots. Now speeding up to 6 knots.

09:23 (Z) ship now at 10 knots and towfish depth 23 - 24 m.

Tow fish appeared on 38 kHz sounder until up above 8 knots. Everything logging well.

Insertion point of towfish cable (ie point at which it goes through surface) looks as if it is just behind bow wave.

Checked clocks on sounders at 09:48 (Z). EK500 1 second slower than GPS. EK60 4 seconds slower than GPS. No changes made.

11:03 (Z) tow fish picking up things near surface, depth of fish = 23.4 - 24.4 m

12:25 (Z) fishing vessel (actually fishing) on port side.

Recovered tow fish after transect W2.1 just to check all ok. Tightened bolts on nose cone. Replaced in water. Ship travelling at 12 .3 knots to next transect. Tow fish at 19 – 21 m at this speed. Wire out similar to previous transect. Very noisy at surface. Bridge notified that should only do 10 knots with fish in water

Transect W2.2 started at 15:23. Tow fish in water and settled at 23.5 m with speed 10 knots.

Getting significant interference on 120 kHz in shallow water (ie about 150 m deep). This is a false bottom at 20 m and 40 m. Switched off tow fish for a minute at 15:39. This is cause of false bottom. Other shallow interference shows as rising flecks like electrical noise. 15:52 – bridge sounder (EA600) switched off but made no difference. Also tried changing ping rate but still appearing although on different parts of chart.

Looks as if can phase 120 towfish interference by changing ping rate (say to 2.1 s) for a couple of pings. This shifted it below bottom. (15:58 Z). Interference on 120 kHz effectively disappears at 16:50 when water depth beyond 300 m.

Lots of targets between 16:30 and 17:00 (Z). This is shelf break region 53 46.92 S 38 35.40 W to 53 45.86 S 38 35.43 W.

Tow fish at 23.9 m (14:58 Z).

More good targets at 17:52, 17:55 and 18:08 (53 33.61, 38 40.06 – 53 30.93, 38 40.20). Just on shelf break side of deep CTD station (well within 5 miles at least).

31 December 2005-12-30

Phased ek500 round at 09:02 (Z). Noted that time on EK500 says 07:07:12 while er60 says 09:07:06. So ek500 is nearly 2 hours too slow. Was this the case yesterday???????

EK60 had been switched off when I came in this morning. Clock program said the time had been updated by 90 seconds. Need to check that still running proper settings.

Noise on 120 and 200 kHz still there in shallow water. Switched both 38 and 200 off. Still on 120. Checked EA600 synchronized with EK60. Yes, changing ping rate changes both machines. Switched towfish off – makes no difference. Turned EA600 to passive. Still there. So what is it!!!!!!!Character changing as depth changed from 100 m.

Tow fish running cleanly at 25.0 m (11:28 Z)

This pm – have classified the noise spikes for files D20051231-T134559.ek6 to D20051231_164231.ek6 as noise regions and exported the region file to JR140_wcb3.1&3.2_noise_spikes.evr. However because noise spikes are at different times on each frequency only 120 kHz spikes are correctly removed!

Conditions have deteriorated somewhat, we 20 knots from west. This is causing significant drop out on 38 kHz although ship motion is very muted. Could be due to Captains leeway theory!!!

Tow fish now towing at 23.5 m and trace somewhat noisey (17:13 Z).

1 January 2006

Happy New Year

Looks as if we haven't had any of those large red spikes during the night. Tried turning off all the frequencies on the ek60 at 08:50 (Z), still getting the blue vertical lines type noise particularly on 120 kHz even when 120, 38 and 200 kHz are all in passive mode.

09:21 (Z) Tow fish looking good at 23 m depth and nice clean trace.

Determined that the red spiked noise seemed to stop at 23:40 (Z) on 31 December. That is straight after last RMT and Pat Cooper switched the USBL off completely at that point. Switched USBL on at 14:05 (Z) on 1 Jan 2006 but so far no sign of any noise. Probe has been put flush with hull (yesterday during day it was retracted although gate valve was still open)

Problem with echo from tow fish appearing as bottom on 120 KhZ (17:20 to 18:10). Phased round when noticed.

Rosita Harbour -17:00 (L). Anchored for the night. Peter setting up calibration equipment. Trying to find source of noise on ek60 120 kHz transducer. Switched all 3 EK60 transducers to passive - still there. Then added EA600

2 January 2006-01-02 10:20 (Z) – CTD for sound velocity

CTD software produces svp file that is used for EM120. This produces T, S and sv at 5 m intervals. Just the job.

38 kHz defaults

24.14, -0.58 correction

Event Log

| Time | Event | Lat | Lon | Comment | User |
|------------------|-------|----------|----------|---|--------|
| | | | | Deep water mooring slipped from stern. Depth 1331m. End of science vessel | |
| 03/01/2006 03:28 | | -53.5105 | -37.8453 | proceeding toward Punta Arenas | bridge |
| 03/01/2006 02:50 | | -53.4964 | -37.8397 | Commence deployment of mooring. | bridge |
| 03/01/2006 02:48 | | -53.4961 | -37.8395 | Ship in position for deployment of deep mooring. | bridge |
| 03/01/2006 01:02 | | -53.7953 | -37.9368 | Mooring released. Depth on EA 600 318mts | bridge |
| 03/01/2006 00:51 | | -53.7921 | -37.9386 | Commenced deployment | bridge |
| 03/01/2006 00:45 | | -53.7918 | -37.9387 | Ship in position for deployment of shallow mooring. | bridge |
| 03/01/2006 00:06 | | -53.7718 | -38.0672 | Buoy not surfaced proceeding to the next station | bridge |
| 02/01/2006 23:32 | | -53.7719 | -38.0672 | Ship in position for pop up west. Hydrophone deployed. | bridge |
| 02/01/2006 22:32 | | -53.8706 | -37.8799 | Buoy not surfaced. Proceeding to pop up west. | bridge |
| 02/01/2006 22:09 | | -53.8705 | -37.8798 | Ship moved closer and hydrophone redeployed. Buoy position 063T x 110 metres. | bridge |
| 02/01/2006 21:55 | | -53.8702 | -37.8838 | Ship in position for pop up east. Hydrophone deployed. | bridge |
| 02/01/2006 19:18 | | -54.017 | -37.438 | Towfish calibration completed. | bridge |
| 02/01/2006 17:27 | | -54.017 | -37.4381 | Towfish deployed for calibration. | bridge |
| 02/01/2006 10:34 | | -54.017 | -37.438 | CTD recovered. | bridge |
| 02/01/2006 10:21 | | -54.0171 | -37.4381 | CTD deployed for calibration checks. | bridge |
| 02/01/2006 09:00 | | -54.0171 | -37.4381 | Commence calibration activities in Rosita Harbour. | bridge |
| 01/01/2006 18:45 | | -53.8509 | -37.5947 | Vessel through final transect point. Now en route to Rosita Harbour. | bridge |
| 01/01/2006 13:47 | | -53.1605 | -37.9656 | XBT deployed. | bridge |
| 01/01/2006 12:39 | | -53.3334 | -37.9076 | XBT deployed. | bridge |
| 01/01/2006 11:31 | | -53.5148 | -37.8471 | XBT deployed. | bridge |
| 01/01/2006 10:26 | | -53.6911 | -37.7877 | XBT deployed. Waypoint 9. | bridge |
| 01/01/2006 09:19 | | -53.8665 | -37.7286 | Commence transect at waypoint 4.1S course 349T 10 knots. XBT deployed. | bridge |
| 01/01/2006 04:10 | | -53.3608 | | CTD Back on deck. Vessel moving off to next station. | bridge |
| 01/01/2006 03:47 | | -53.3607 | -38.0822 | CTD Held at 1000m. Commence recovery. | bridge |
| 01/01/2006 03:31 | | -53.3608 | -38.0822 | CTD deployed to approx 1000m | bridge |
| 01/01/2006 03:24 | | -53.3607 | -38.0821 | Vessel on station 41 for CTD. | bridge |

| 01/01/2006 01:01 | -53 7155 | -37 9649 | CTD recovered | bridge |
|------------------|----------|----------|--|--------|
| 01/01/2006 00:57 | | | ctd @ 120m | bridge |
| 01/01/2006 00:55 | | | CTD deployed. | bridge |
| 01/01/2006 00:45 | -53.7155 | | V/L on station 39 | bridge |
| 31/12/2005 23:58 | -53.6169 | | RMT net recovered. | bridge |
| 31/12/2005 23:25 | -53.6171 | | RMT net deployed. Course 271T | bridge |
| 31/12/2005 22:41 | -53.5725 | | Ship heading back south along transect. | bridge |
| 31/12/2005 21:51 | -53.6789 | | Resume transect seeking more targets. | bridge |
| 31/12/2005 21:35 | -53.6884 | -37.994 | RMT net recovered. | bridge |
| 31/12/2005 21:15 | -53.6847 | -37.9718 | RMT net deployed. Target in position 53 41.1S 037 58.5W | bridge |
| 31/12/2005 19:33 | -53.8892 | -37.9069 | Ship back on transect line heading 349T at 10 knots seeking targets. | bridge |
| 31/12/2005 19:18 | -53.8989 | -37.9088 | Towfish recovered. | bridge |
| 31/12/2005 19:10 | -53.8898 | -37.9075 | End of transect. Waypoint 3.2S. | bridge |
| 31/12/2005 14:48 | -53.1843 | -38.1404 | Commence transect at waypoint 3.2N | bridge |
| 31/12/2005 13:21 | -53.2192 | -38.4493 | XBT deployed. End of transect. | bridge |
| 31/12/2005 12:14 | -53.3956 | -38.392 | XBT deployed | bridge |
| 31/12/2005 11:06 | -53.5724 | -38.3353 | XBT deployed. | bridge |
| 31/12/2005 10:03 | -53.7451 | -38.2793 | XBT completed | bridge |
| 31/12/2005 10:01 | -53.7488 | -38.2781 | XBT abandoned | bridge |
| 31/12/2005 08:59 | -53.9161 | -38.2233 | First XBT failed another deployed. | bridge |
| 31/12/2005 08:55 | -53.929 | -38.22 | Start of transect waypoint 3.1S XBT deployed | bridge |
| 31/12/2005 08:45 | -53.9469 | -38.2104 | Increasing speed to 10 knots heading for the start of the transect | bridge |
| 31/12/2005 08:43 | -53.9472 | -38.2104 | Commence deployment of tow fish | bridge |
| 31/12/2005 05:07 | -53.6093 | -38.6403 | Vessel off station moving slowly towards start of acoustic run for 06:00 | bridge |
| 31/12/2005 03:02 | -53.6088 | -38.6393 | CTD recovered | bridge |
| 31/12/2005 02:37 | -53.6088 | -38.6392 | CTD at 1011m | bridge |
| 31/12/2005 02:15 | -53.6087 | -38.6396 | CTD deployed | bridge |
| 31/12/2005 02:02 | -53.6088 | -38.6394 | V/L on station 29 | bridge |
| 31/12/2005 01:21 | -53.5427 | -38.6744 | RMT net recovered. | bridge |
| 31/12/2005 00:35 | -53.5142 | -38.6573 | RMT net deployed. Course 194T | bridge |

| 30/12/2005 22:27 | -53.4316 | -38.6946 | On station for CTD. Heading 187T. Water depth 3001 metres. | bridge |
|------------------|----------|----------|--|--------|
| 30/12/2005 21:24 | -53.2892 | | RMT net recovered. | bridge |
| 30/12/2005 20:34 | -53.2605 | -38.7446 | RMT net deployed. Target in position 53 16.1S 038 44.6W | bridge |
| 30/12/2005 20:08 | -53.2614 | -38.7488 | Ship back on transect. Heading 170T seeking targets. | bridge |
| 30/12/2005 19:56 | -53.2398 | -38.752 | Towfish recovered. | bridge |
| 30/12/2005 19:45 | -53.2409 | -38.7521 | End of transect. Ship passes waypoint 2.2N | bridge |
| 30/12/2005 15:24 | -53.9604 | -38.5263 | Vessel at south end start point of transect 2.1S | bridge |
| 30/12/2005 13:46 | -54.0038 | -38.8168 | XBT deployed. End of transect. | bridge |
| 30/12/2005 12:37 | -53.8259 | -38.871 | XBT deployed. | bridge |
| 30/12/2005 11:27 | -53.6455 | -38.9277 | XBT deployed. | bridge |
| 30/12/2005 10:23 | -53.4738 | -38.9809 | XBT completed | bridge |
| 30/12/2005 10:20 | -53.4642 | -38.9839 | XBT deployed at WP 29 | bridge |
| 30/12/2005 09:23 | -53.31 | -39.0312 | Vessel proceeding at 10knots course 170T | bridge |
| 30/12/2005 09:16 | -53.2943 | -39.0354 | XBT completed increasing speed to 10 knots monitoring tow fish wire | bridge |
| 30/12/2005 09:11 | -53.2863 | -39.0378 | Start of transect waypoint 2.1N XBT in the water | bridge |
| 30/12/2005 09:10 | -53.2846 | -39.0382 | At 6 knots for deployment of XBT | bridge |
| 30/12/2005 08:56 | -53.2562 | -39.0428 | Increasing speed to 8 knots | bridge |
| 30/12/2005 08:48 | -53.2472 | -39.0427 | Starting to increase speed to 6 knots | bridge |
| 30/12/2005 08:46 | -53.2472 | -39.0432 | Commence deployment of tow fish | bridge |
| 30/12/2005 08:37 | -53.2462 | -39.0489 | Turning ship in preparation for acoustic run. | bridge |
| 30/12/2005 05:10 | -53.4938 | -39.2511 | Vessel off station moving slowly towards start of acoustic run for 06:00 | bridge |
| 30/12/2005 04:34 | -53.4938 | -39.2513 | CTD Recovered to deck due to problems with CTD wire. | bridge |
| 30/12/2005 03:39 | -53.4937 | -39.251 | CTD Being recovered to deck | bridge |
| 30/12/2005 03:34 | -53.4937 | -39.251 | CTD Being deployed to approx 1000m | bridge |
| 30/12/2005 03:27 | -53.4937 | -39.2509 | Vessel on station for CTD at waypoint 19 | bridge |
| 30/12/2005 01:12 | -53.863 | -39.1527 | RMT net recovered. | bridge |
| 30/12/2005 00:42 | -53.8437 | -39.1474 | RMT net deployed. Course 181T | bridge |
| 29/12/2005 23:49 | -53.8456 | -39.1439 | CTD recovered after being deployed to 273metres. | bridge |
| 29/12/2005 23:16 | -53.8435 | -39.1424 | V/L on station 17 | bridge |
| 29/12/2005 22:49 | -53.8519 | -39.2091 | Proceeding to CTD station. | bridge |

| 29/12/2005 22:41 | -53.859 | -39.206 RMT net recovered. | bridge |
|------------------|----------|---|--------|
| 29/12/2005 21:33 | -53.8305 | -39.1469 RMT net deployed. Course 223T | bridge |
| 29/12/2005 20:06 | -54.0181 | -39.0898 Resume transect from south to north RMT net rigged seeking targets. | bridge |
| 29/12/2005 19:09 | -54.0339 | -39.0889 End of transect. Ship passes waypoint 1.2S | bridge |
| 29/12/2005 14:50 | -54.0514 | -39.1069 Commence second transect. Waypoint 1.2N | bridge |
| 29/12/2005 13:39 | -53.3392 | -39.6045 XBT deployed. End of transect. Waypoint 1.1N | bridge |
| 29/12/2005 12:25 | -53.5233 | -39.5494 XBT deployed | bridge |
| 29/12/2005 11:18 | -53.6938 | -39.4985 XBT abandoned | bridge |
| 29/12/2005 11:14 | -53.6999 | -39.4974 XBT deployed | bridge |
| 29/12/2005 10:04 | -53.8766 | -39.4447 Complete deployment of XBT at WP40. | bridge |
| 29/12/2005 09:02 | -54.0459 | -39.3943 XBT completed increase speed to 10 knots. | bridge |
| 29/12/2005 08:56 | -54.0564 | -39.391 Commence transect. Speed 6 knots for XBT. Course 350T. | bridge |
| 29/12/2005 00:51 | -53.7925 | -38.0334 Tow fish recovered | bridge |
| 28/12/2005 23:58 | -53.7853 | -37.9333 Tow fish deployed | bridge |
| 28/12/2005 23:25 | -53.7949 | -37.9389 Mooring recovered. | bridge |
| 28/12/2005 23:10 | -53.7981 | -37.9422 Recovery line attached. Commence recovery. | bridge |
| 28/12/2005 23:08 | -53.799 | -37.9422 v/l makes approach on mooring bouy | bridge |
| 28/12/2005 23:03 | -53.8012 | -37.9413 Buoy surfaced one point to port. | bridge |
| 28/12/2005 23:01 | -53.8012 | -37.9413 Both releases fired | bridge |
| 28/12/2005 22:58 | -53.8012 | -37.9415 Ship in position for recovery of second mooring. | bridge |
| 28/12/2005 22:35 | -53.7946 | -37.9346 Mooring recovered. | bridge |
| 28/12/2005 22:21 | -53.7975 | -37.9343 Recovery line attached. Commence recovery. | bridge |
| 28/12/2005 22:04 | -53.8001 | -37.9334 Buoy surfaced two points to starboard. | bridge |
| 28/12/2005 21:59 | -53.8 | -37.9334 Ship moved back downwind for recovery. | bridge |
| 28/12/2005 21:20 | -53.7986 | -37.9358 On position over shallow mooring. Commence acoustics. | bridge |
| 28/12/2005 21:08 | -53.8003 | -37.9318 CTD recovered after being deployed to 200 metres. | bridge |
| 28/12/2005 20:53 | -53.8004 | CTD deployed near core box shallow mooring site. 304 metres from deployment -37.9316 position. | bridge |
| 28/12/2005 19:16 | -54.0339 | Pop up buoy did not surface. No communication established. Task abandoned. Ship -38.0693 proceeding to core box shallow mooring site. | bridge |

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| 28/12/2005 18:35 | -54.0338 | -38.0692 | Hydrophone deployed | bridge |
| 28/12/2005 18:34 | -54.0338 | -38.0691 | Vessel Stopped in DP in position 200m from Bird Island Pop Up Buoy | bridge |
| 27/12/2005 00:33 | -60.2729 | -45.2626 | Mooring landed on seabed. Hydrophone recovered. Clear to depart. | bridge |
| 27/12/2005 00:00 | -60.2728 | -45.2626 | Mooring released. Depth on EA 600 3872mts | bridge |
| 26/12/2005 22:51 | -60.2729 | -45.2627 | Commence deployment of mooring. Depth on EA 600 3980mts | bridge |
| 26/12/2005 21:43 | -60.2949 | -45.2559 | Mooring released. Depth on EA 600 3410mts | bridge |
| 26/12/2005 19:52 | -60.2938 | -45.2568 | Commence deployment of mooring. Depth on EA 600 3437mts | bridge |
| 26/12/2005 18:44 | -60.3647 | -45.3355 | CTD on deck vessel moving to moorings station. | bridge |
| 26/12/2005 17:57 | -60.3647 | -45.3356 | CTD at 2467m commmence recovery | bridge |
| 26/12/2005 17:13 | -60.3647 | -45.3358 | CTD deployed to approx 2500m | bridge |
| 26/12/2005 17:05 | -60.3647 | -45.3356 | Vessel On Station for CTD 4 depth 2500m | bridge |
| 26/12/2005 16:26 | -60.3152 | -45.2828 | CTD Recovered to deck. | bridge |
| 26/12/2005 15:27 | -60.3152 | -45.2826 | PO Held at 3031- Commence recovery | bridge |
| 26/12/2005 14:32 | -60.3144 | -45.2817 | CTD deployed | bridge |
| 26/12/2005 14:23 | -60.3145 | -45.2816 | V/L on station 3000m | bridge |
| 26/12/2005 14:05 | -60.3145 | -45.2816 | CTD Recovered to deck. | bridge |
| 26/12/2005 12:52 | -60.2937 | -45.2563 | ctd @ 3523m | bridge |
| 26/12/2005 11:45 | -60.2937 | -45.2565 | CTD Deployed to 3468m | bridge |
| 26/12/2005 11:38 | -60.2936 | -45.2564 | V/L on station | bridge |
| 26/12/2005 11:12 | -60.2728 | -45.2625 | CTD recovered. | bridge |
| 26/12/2005 09:56 | -60.2728 | -45.2626 | CTD held at 3930m wire out. Commence recovery. | bridge |
| 26/12/2005 08:49 | -60.2728 | -45.2623 | CTD being lowered to 3800m | bridge |
| 26/12/2005 08:45 | -60.2728 | -45.2623 | CTD deployed | bridge |
| 26/12/2005 08:37 | -60.2728 | -45.2622 | On station for CTD 1 depth 3875m | bridge |