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CRUISE REPORT

FRS "SCOTIA"

2 March 1970

OBJECTIVE

To maintain the current meter mooring off Collieston.

NARRATIVE

"Scotia's" refit delay prevented this maintenance from taking place in early February as planned. As had been reported to us on 27 February, the marker buoy had been removed from its publicised position but after a short search "Scotia" found it partially sunk and extensively damaged 5 cables to the north west. Unfortunately this surface buoy was the only part of the mooring to be recovered. All attempts by "Scotia" to recover the rest of the mooring failed.

Before returning to Aberdeen at 2100, "Scotia" relaid a mooring at the publicised position.

The day's operations had been made somewhat uncomfortable by force 8-10 northerly winds and frequent snow squalls.

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6 March 1970