

Building International Collaboration with Singapore

Engagement from the Maritime Cyber Threats Research Group,
Riscocity®, and the wider Marine Institute

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The University of Plymouth

- The first and largest Marine Institute in UK, with over 3000 staff and students looking at the Ocean
- Three-time winner of the Queen's Anniversary Prize for Higher and Further Education, UK Top 25 for Teaching Quality & World Top 25 for Research Citations
- 1st in the world for research towards SDG 14 (Life Below Water), Times Higher Education 2021

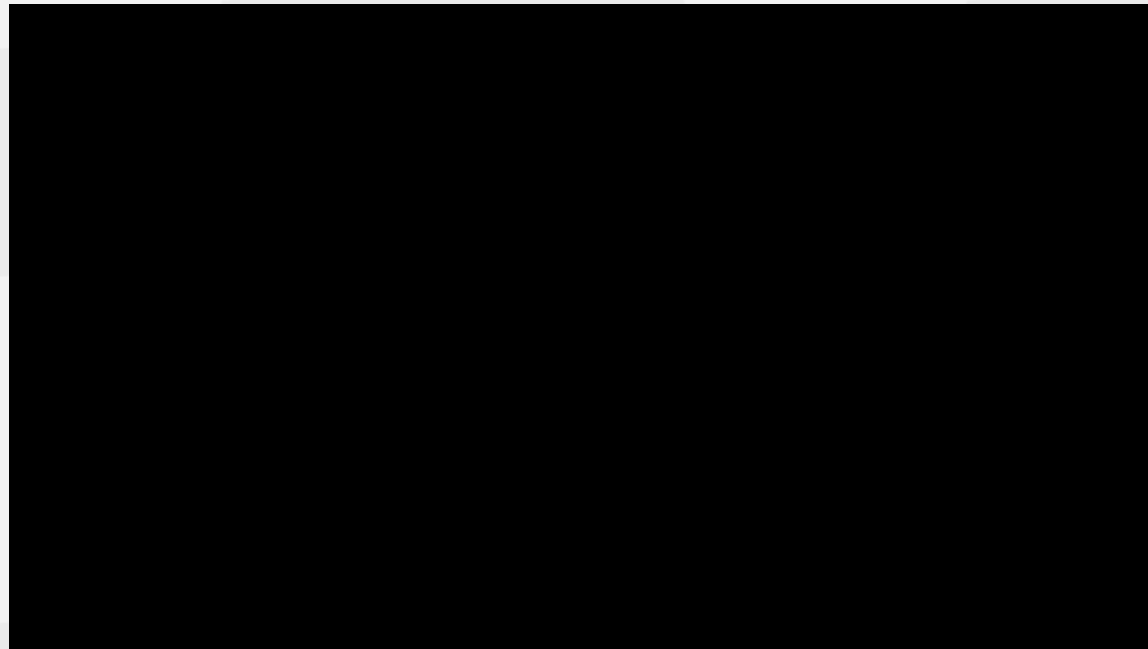


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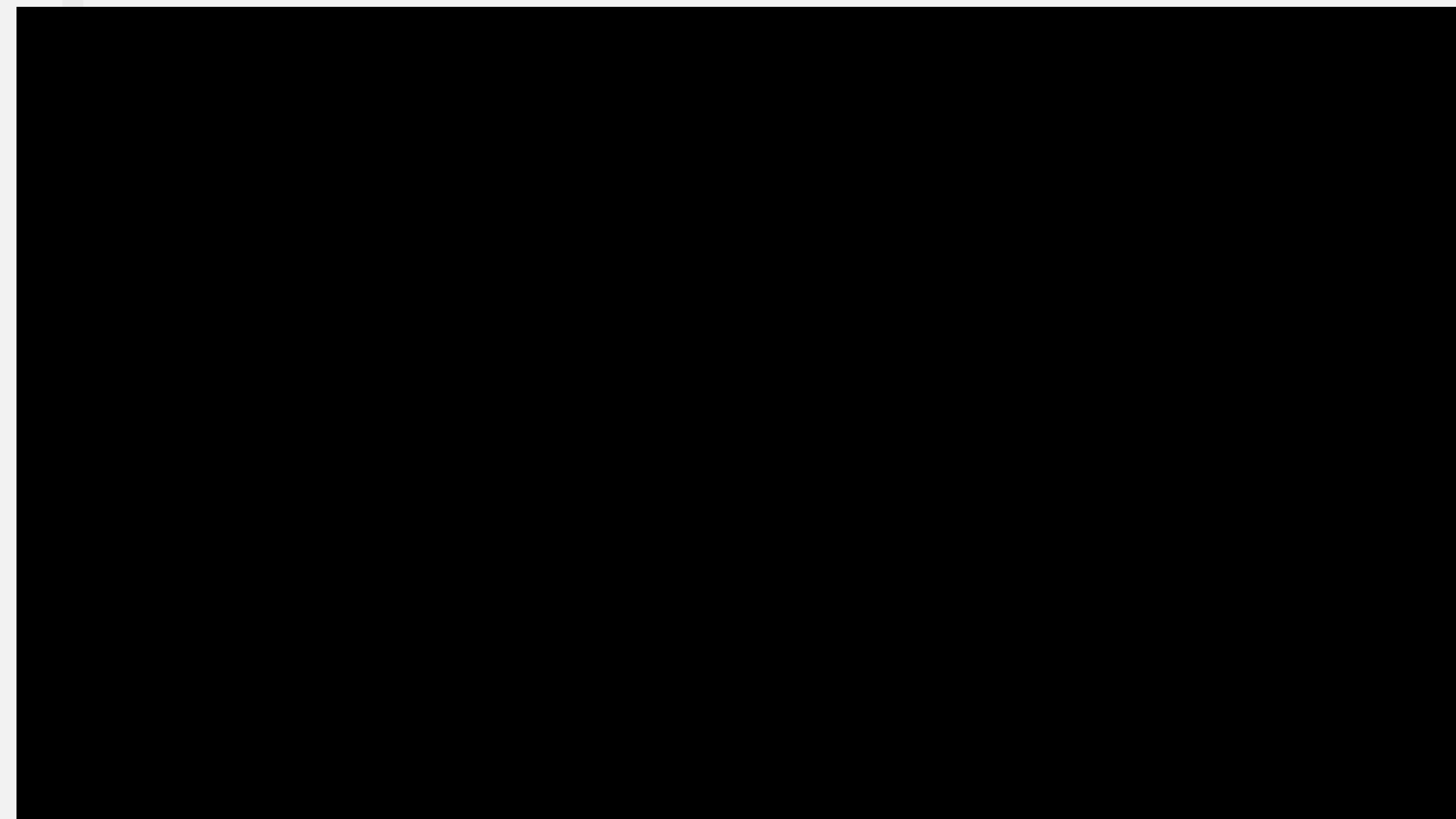
THE University of the Year

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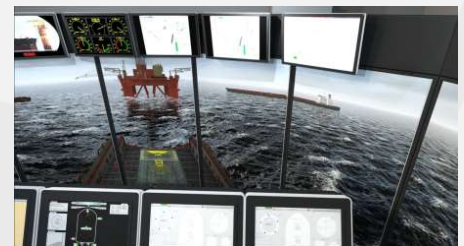


Research Specifics

- The **Maritime Cyber Threats Research Group** is the largest of its kind globally, with its unique Cyber-SHIP Laboratory, and leading insight into multi-parameter optimization risk-assessment frameworks
- The University has one of the largest fleets of **Marine Autonomous Systems** of any University, and a formal partnership with the UK Royal Navy
- The University is supplementing its suite of Wärtsilä Bridge Simulators with a new Kongsberg, Full-Mission DP Simulator
- **MaCRA®** was winner of the **Lloyd's Science of Risk** prize, and **NCSC Cyber Den** in 2021



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Navigation Suite at the University

- Existing Wartsila Ships' Bridge Simulator, and additional 8 stations
- £600k Capital Investment for a Full Mission DP Simulator
- This being provided by Kongsberg
- Key to optimise
 - Installation
 - Operational maintenance inspection
 - Use of South West port facilities



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CATAPULT
Offshore Renewable Energy

Wave Hub

European Union
European Regional
Development Fund

University of Plymouth's lead in Marine Renewables

Research

- Leading UK University for Marine Engineering
- Director of Supergen ORE Hub

Facilities

- State of the art wave and current basin for physical testing housed in the COAST building
- Recently added Wind Generation capability placing us at the forefront of Floating Wind Energy Research

Objectives for visiting Singapore

1. To establish research collaborations with Singapore Universities relating to Maritime, and wider Infrastructure related **Cyber-Physical Security**
2. To explore the potential for collaboration and connections between Research Laboratories and Facilities relating to **Cyber-Physical Security, Marine Autonomy and Navigation Simulation**
3. To explore the potential for joint course development and delivery in Marine and Maritime more generally
4. To also engage with Shipping Operators and Port Authorities (MPA) to discuss engagement on **Maritime Cyber Security, Smart Ports and Marine Autonomous Systems**



Maritime Cyber Security



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Cyber-SHIP Lab

SECURING MARITIME

- Unique £3.2 million **hardware-based** platform: cyber risk-assessment of critical ships' systems
- **Configurable** research and training facility – physical twin
- Combines maritime tech with leading-edge cyber security research and practice to provide real-world solutions to real-world problems

Software
Hardware
Information
Protection



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- Fully functioning lab with a growing number of bridge and critical control system configurations
- Custom built scale physical test rigs for steering and propulsion systems
- Set of standard tests providing basic vulnerability assessment
- Custom crafted malware
- Commercial consultancy to provide standard vulnerability reports

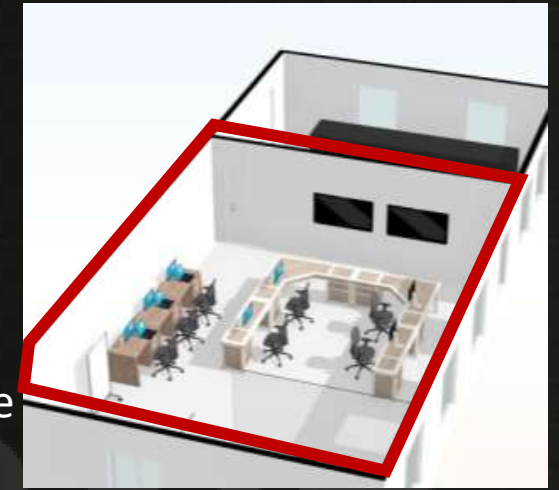
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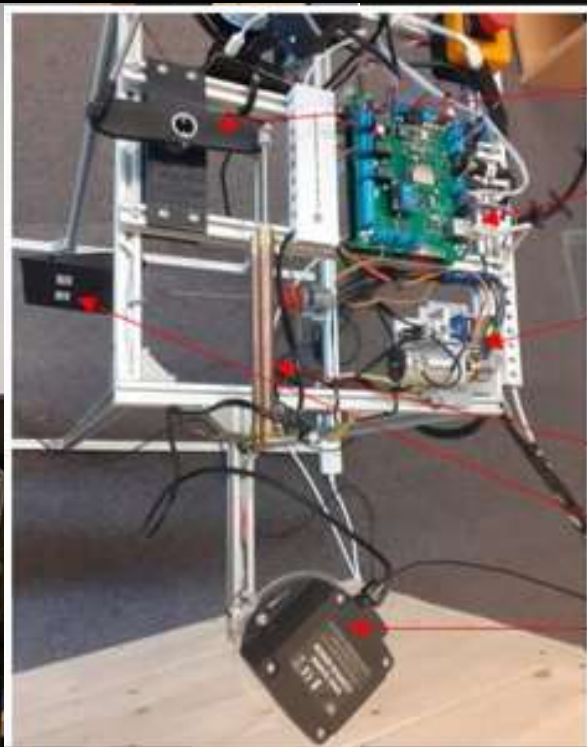


The Consol Room



- Visualisation of data
- Physical hardware visualisation of attacks
- Pen-testing
- Research Project development
- Development of custom electronics and software
- Teaching/training

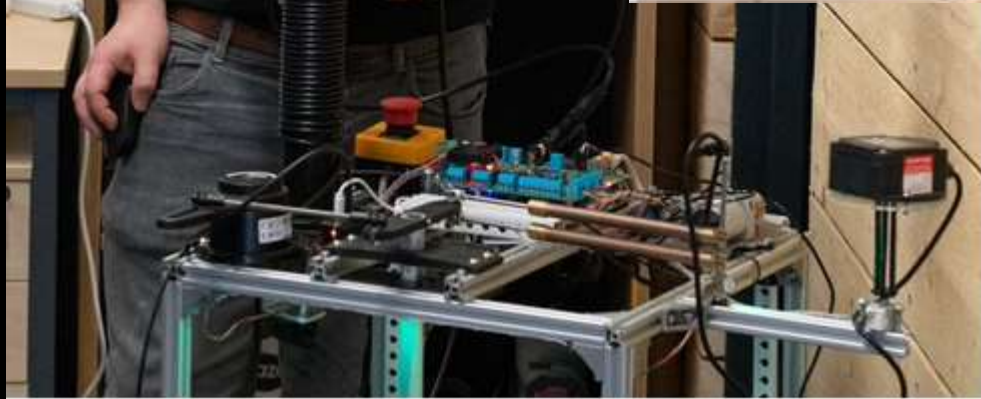




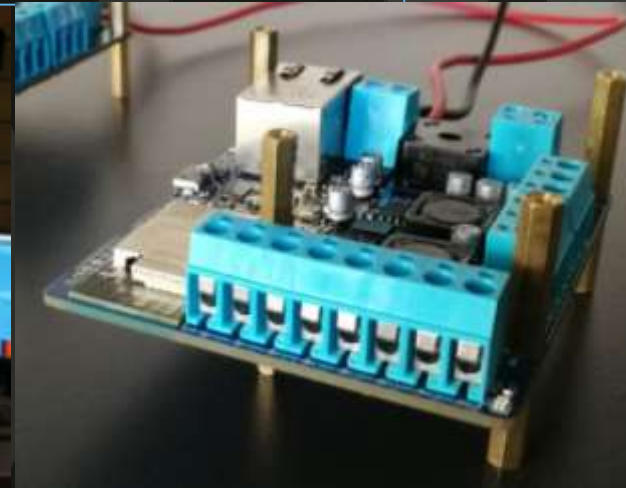
- Tiller Arm
- Main PCB
- Hydraulic pump
- Hydraulic rams
- Rudder
- Robo Compass



Bespoke electronics design work



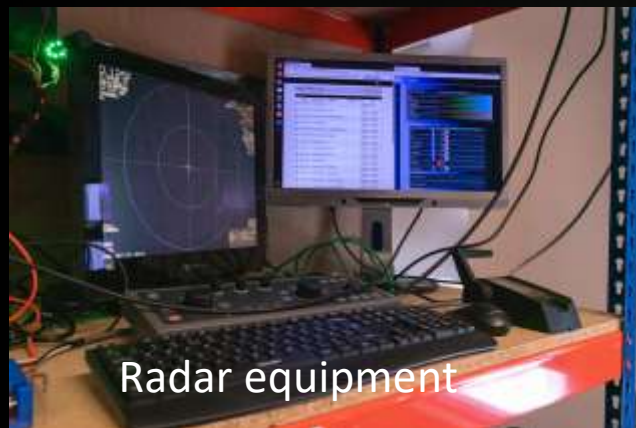
Custom built, in-house physical model of rudder and propulsion system simulator



The Vault



Drones and USVs



Radar equipment



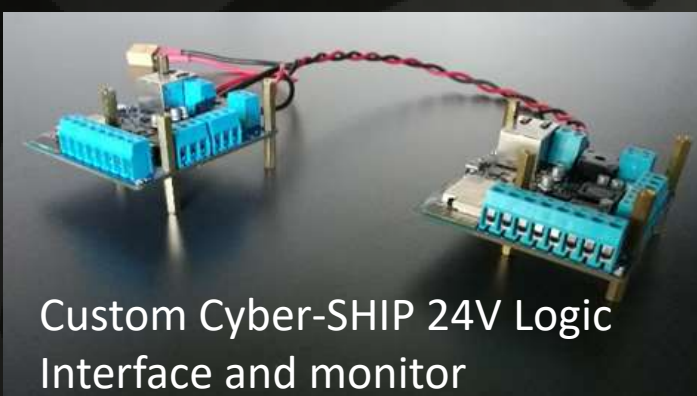
Custom Power Distribution



VDRs and NAVTEX



AIS receivers



Custom Cyber-SHIP 24V Logic Interface and monitor



MFDs



USV equipment





Riscocity® and MaCRA®

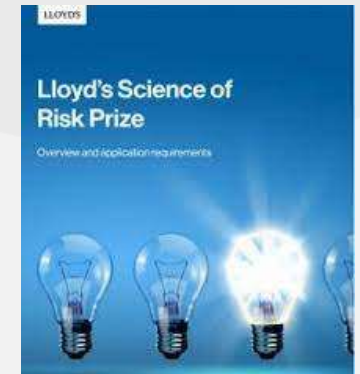


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The MaCRA® Solution for increasing Maritime Cyber Threat

- MaCRA® uniquely provides **dynamic, multi-dimensional risk assessment tooling**
- This uniquely addresses both **IT** and **OT (Operational Technology)** elements of a specific vessel System
- Taking known **System** vulnerabilities and then cross-referencing them with threats associated with **Cargo transported**, and **Route** operated
- MaCRA® giving real-time, operation-specific maritime cyber risk assessment



MaCRA® USP's

- Multi-dimensional risk assessment enables a range of end-users to distil complexity into meaningful risk insight
- Dynamic Risk Assessment making this fully customisable to specific operation
- Giving operators unique ability to prioritise activity and spend that will genuinely mitigate risk to their business



Marine Autonomous Systems



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Developments with the UK Royal Navy

- MoU around use of Marine Autonomy for Hydrography agreed
- This has seen two Marine Autonomous platforms on long loan from the RN, with further investment into sub-surface platforms
- Vice Admiral Burns (Commander of the Fleet) visited in June 2021 to see Cyber-SHIP and Marine Station
- UoP also delivered a 'Marine Science Day' at the NATO Anti-Submarine Warfare Conference in May



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World-leading Earth
Observation support



Smart Sound Connect – provides an advanced high
speed offshore communications network, which
includes 5G



UAV – research groups and
industrial partners



Two advanced moored
platforms, one with
autonomous water
column profiler



Cetus - L3 Harris C-Worker 4,
provides innovation support
to industry

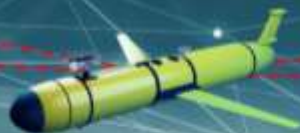


PML Pioneer - AutoNaut 5m
carrying the most sophisticated
scientific payload ever
deployed on an AutoNaut

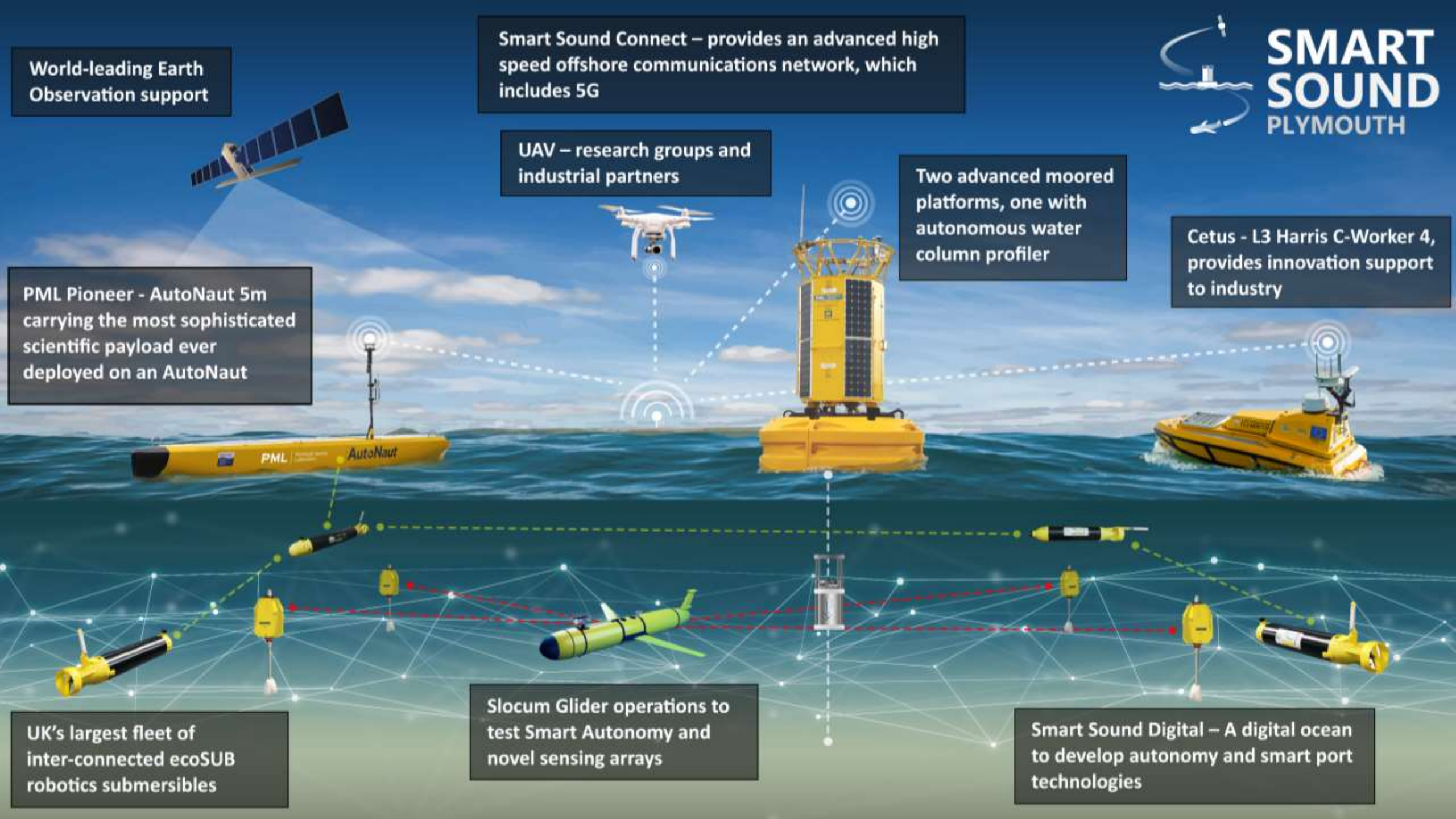


UK's largest fleet of
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robotics submersibles

Slocum Glider operations to
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novel sensing arrays

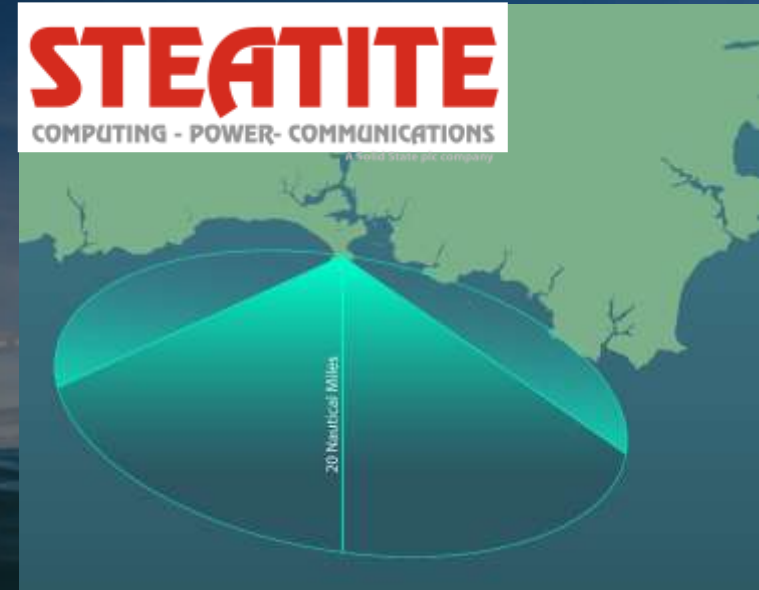


Smart Sound Digital – A digital ocean
to develop autonomy and smart port
technologies



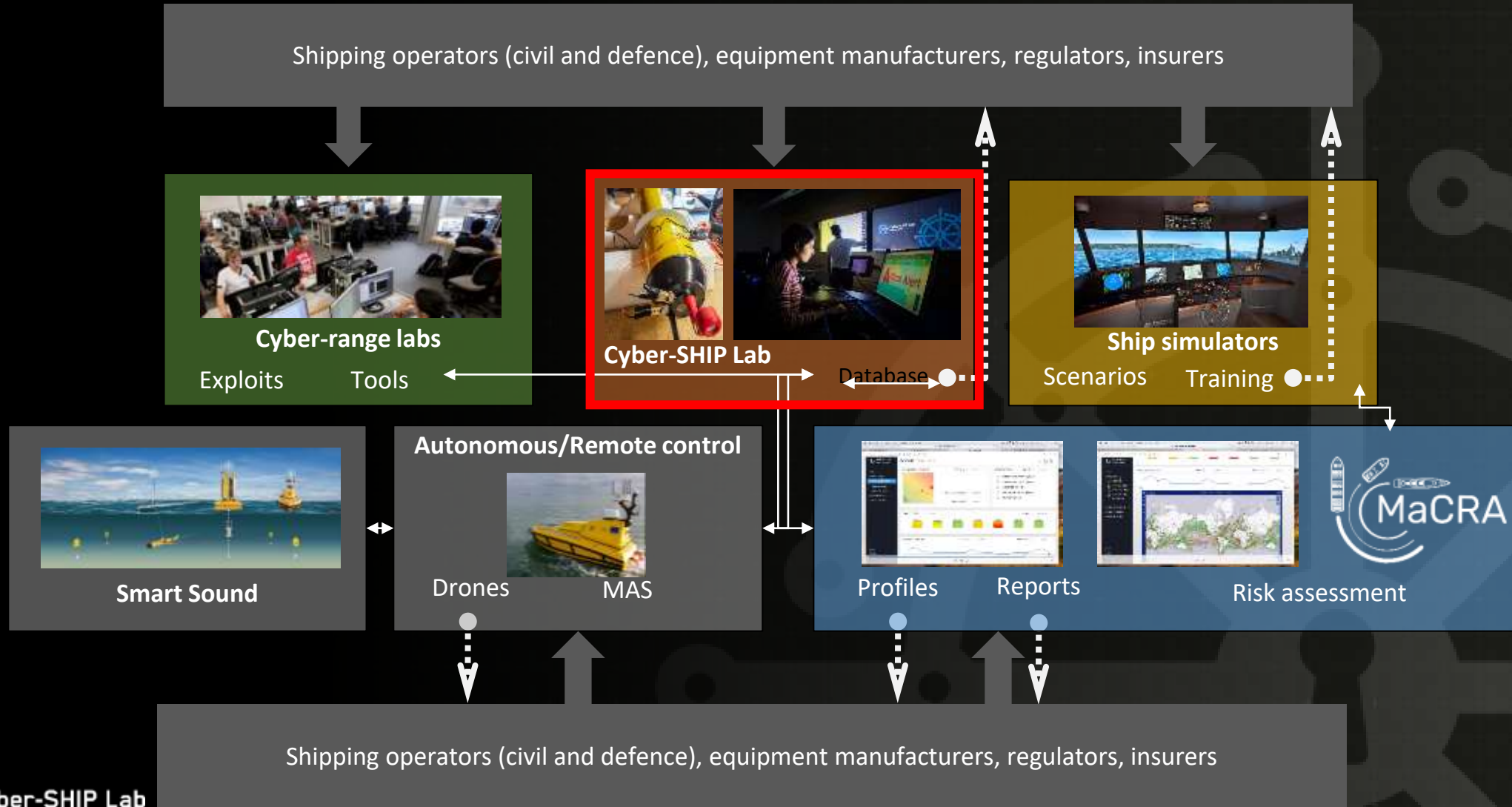
Smart Sound Connect

£1.8m investment to deliver an advanced private marine comms network to Smart Sound.



- Vodafone & Nokia to deliver the 5G/4G private network across the port.
- 5G coverage in pre-agreed autonomy trials areas.
- Control hubs to be housed at Oceansgate and PML.
- Steatite to provide Wave Relay offshore marine network, coverage over 20 miles offshore.
- Integrated networks.
- Operated by PML and free use of the network until March 2023.
- Coastal 5G highway.

The Plymouth "ecosystem"



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Cyber-MAR: A Real World Attack Scenario

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Setting the Scene -- Introduction to Port of Valencia

The port of Valencia is a major European port, handling over 6 million tonnes of cargo a year. The port also serves as an important regional hub, handling a large number of the imports, exports and transhipments that take place in the region.

The port handles a wide variety of cargo including liquid bulk, dry bulk, containerised cargo and vehicular traffic. In addition to this, the port also hosts a number of passenger ships each year, including cruise ships. Due to the importance of this port to the European economy, it is of utmost importance to EU trade.



Setting the Scene - Introduction of the Ship

Length	397 m (1,302 ft 6 in)
Beam	56 m (183 ft 9 in)
Draught	16.02 m (52 ft 7 in)
Depth	30 m (98 ft 5 in) (deck edge to keel)
Speed	25.5 knots (47.2 km/h; 29.3 mph)
Capacity	•14,770+ TEU



Valencia Attack Walkthrough

Stage 1 – Downloading and Propagation of Attack (DTM)

- Maintaining Maritime Systems
 - 3rd party service company
 - Receives the malicious email
 - Clicks the link and downloads the firmware
- Transferring the firmware to the ship
 - On board scanner will not pick up malware
- Good security practices throughout

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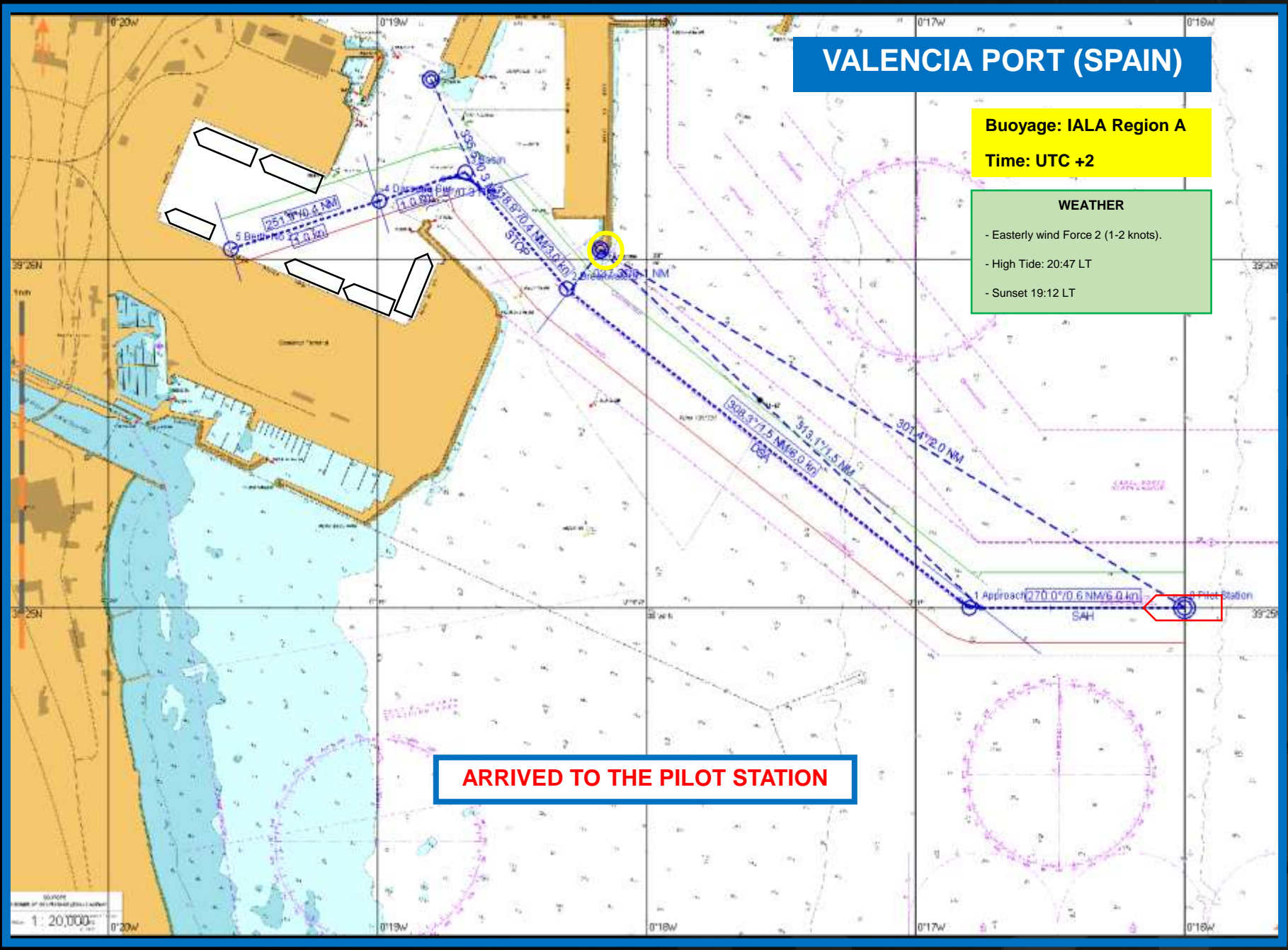
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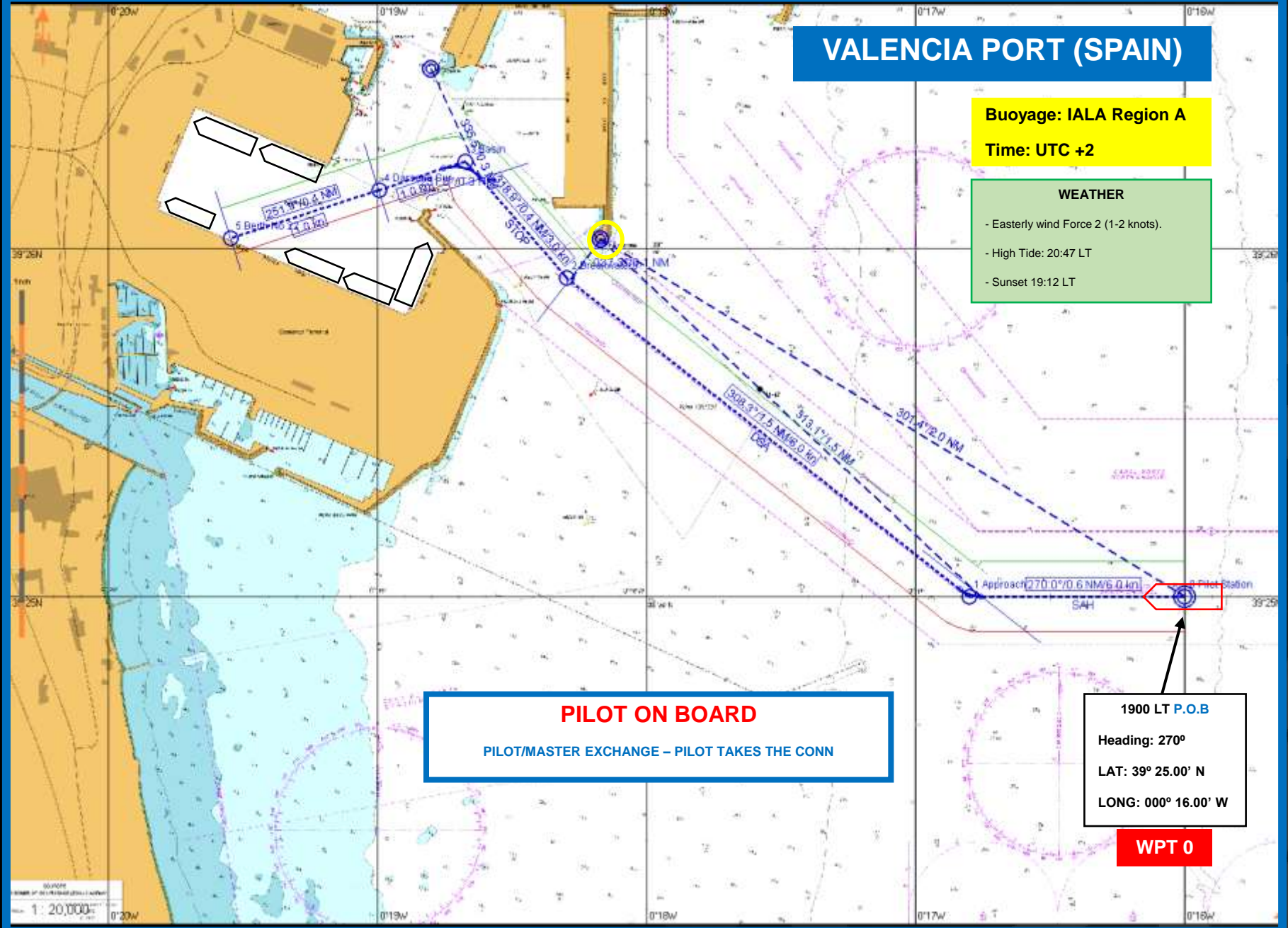
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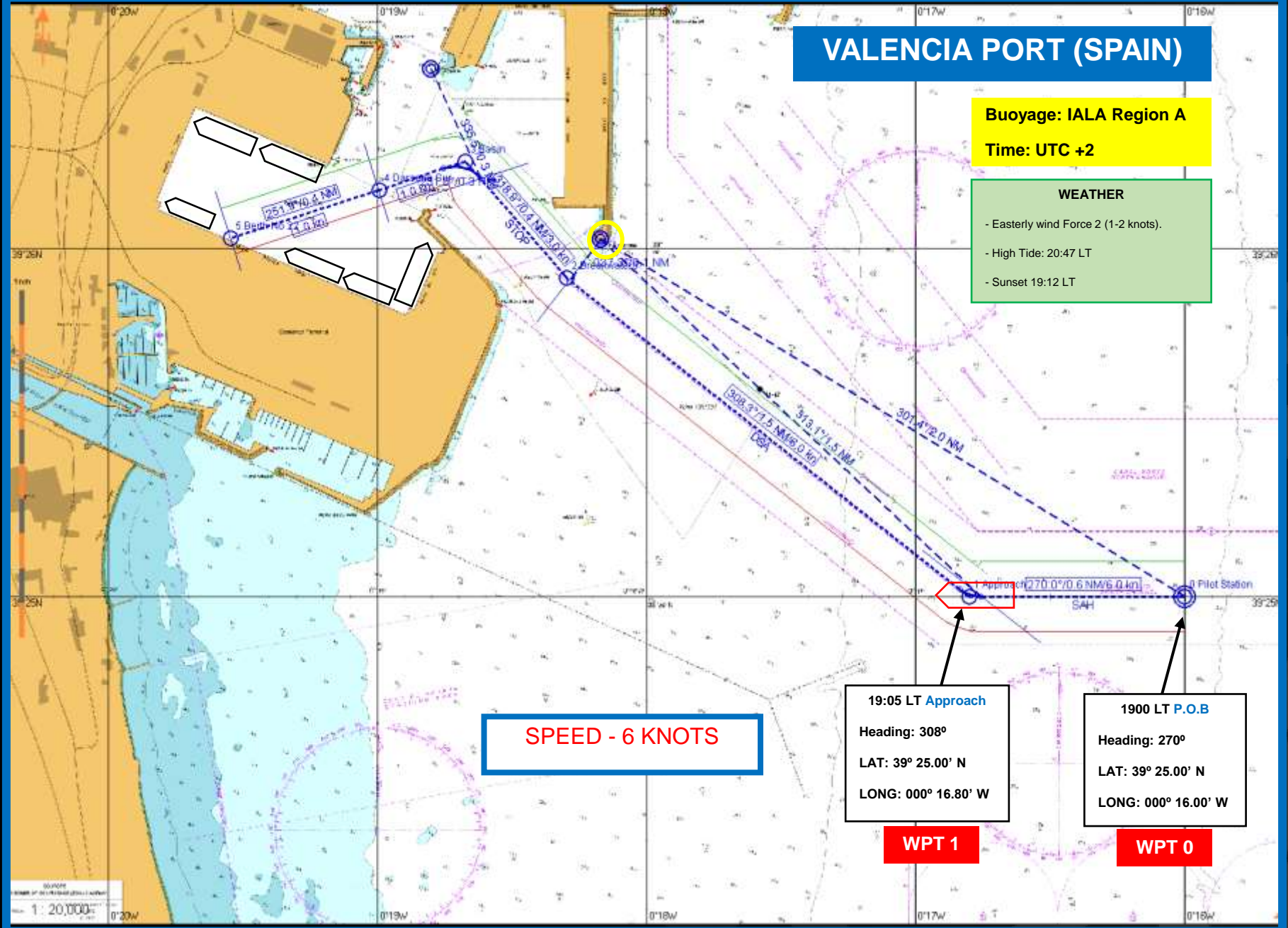
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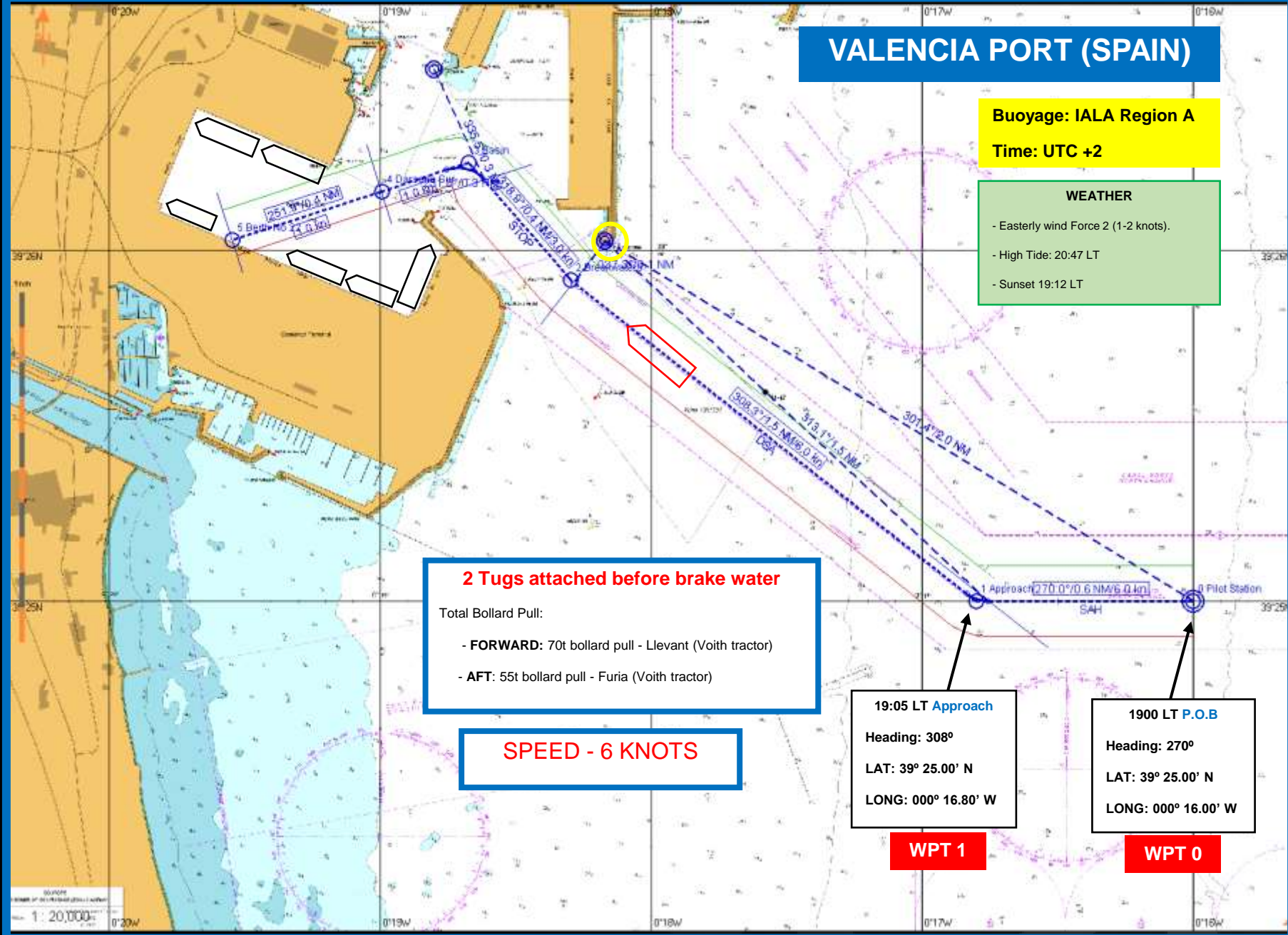
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- NOTES**
- Engine stopped
 - Speed 5.5 knots
 - Tugs attached

19:20 LT **B/W**
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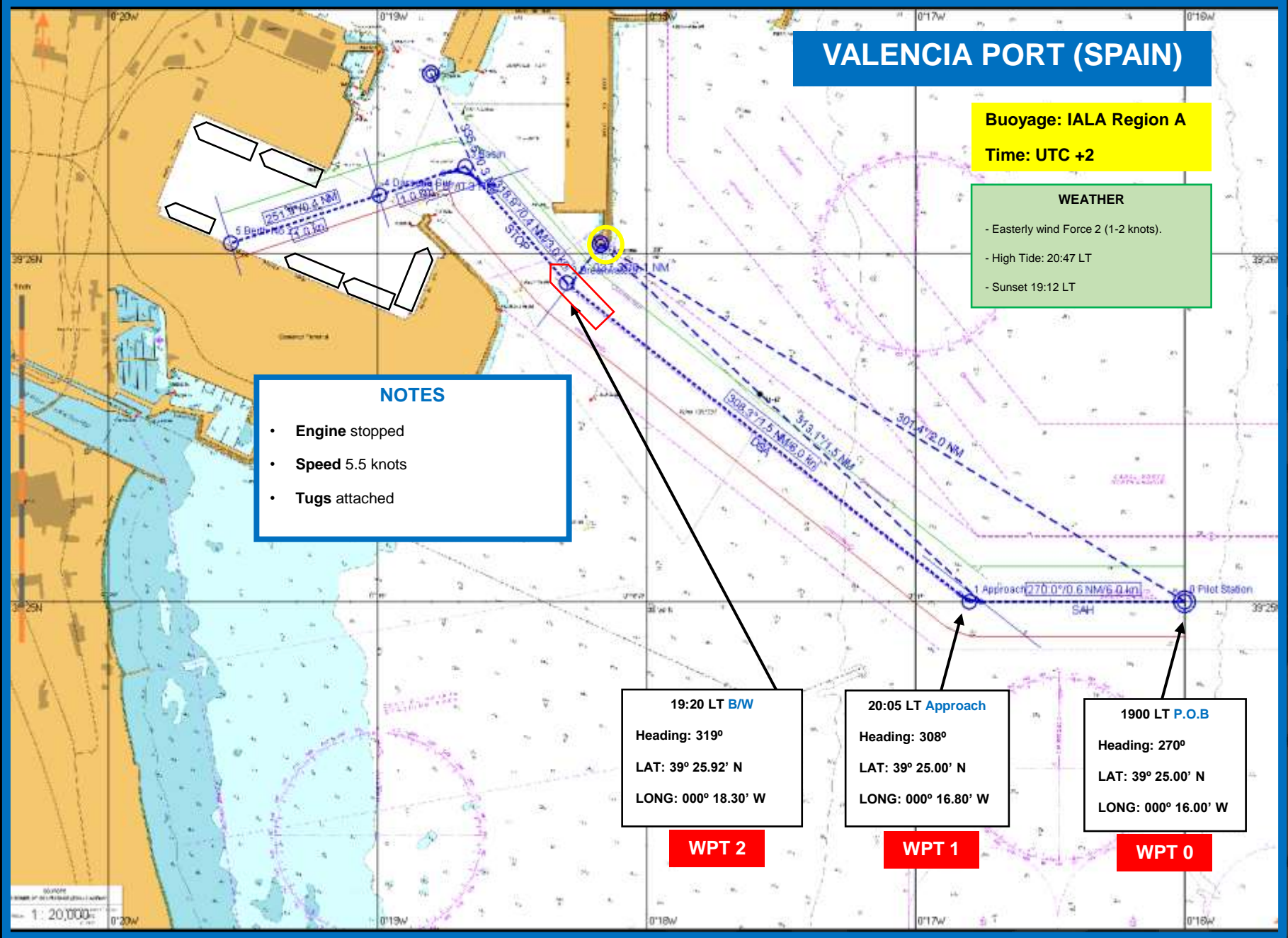
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1928 LT Basin
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- Speed 4 knots
- Bow thrusters (max speed for use 6 knots)

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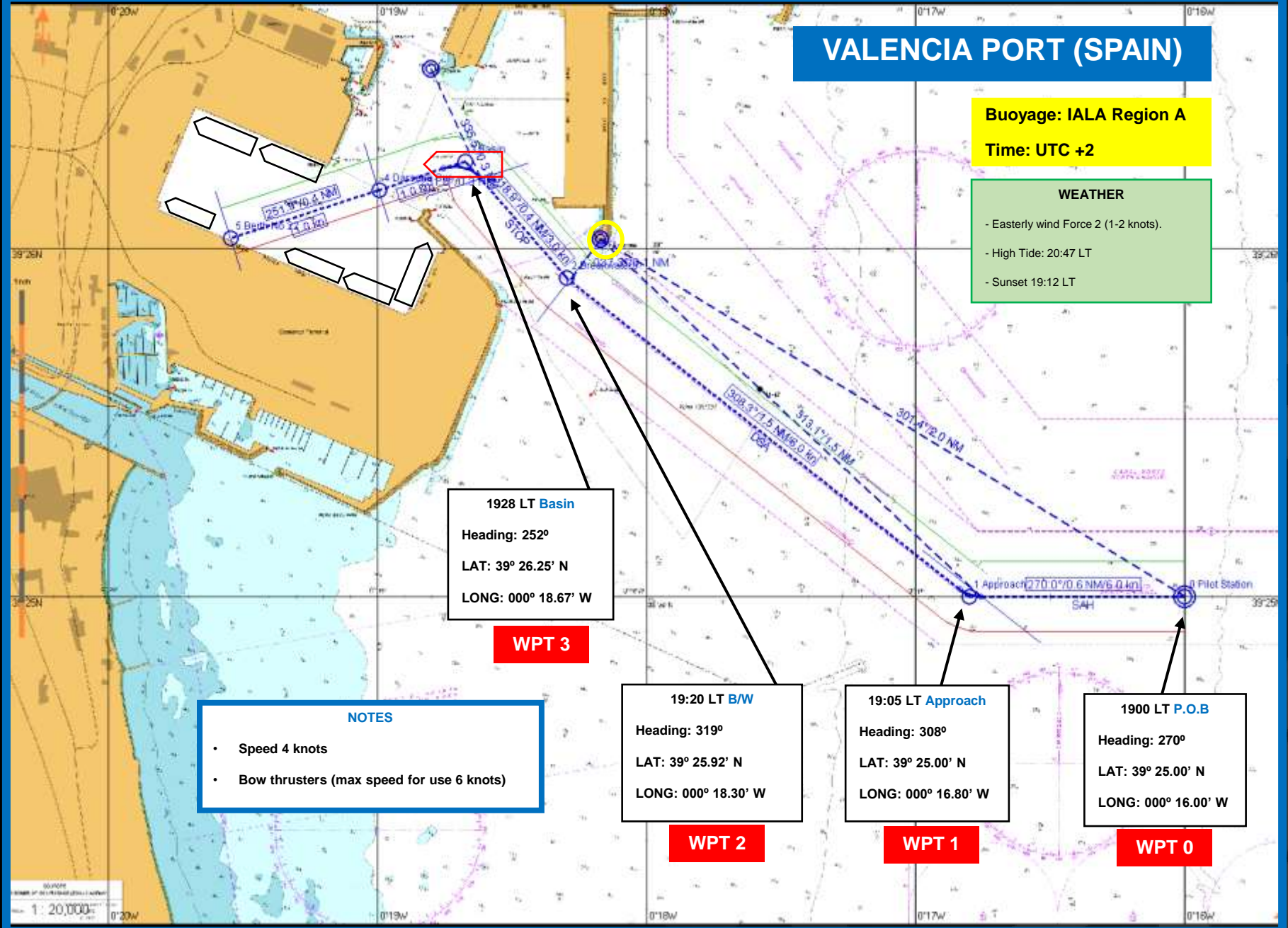
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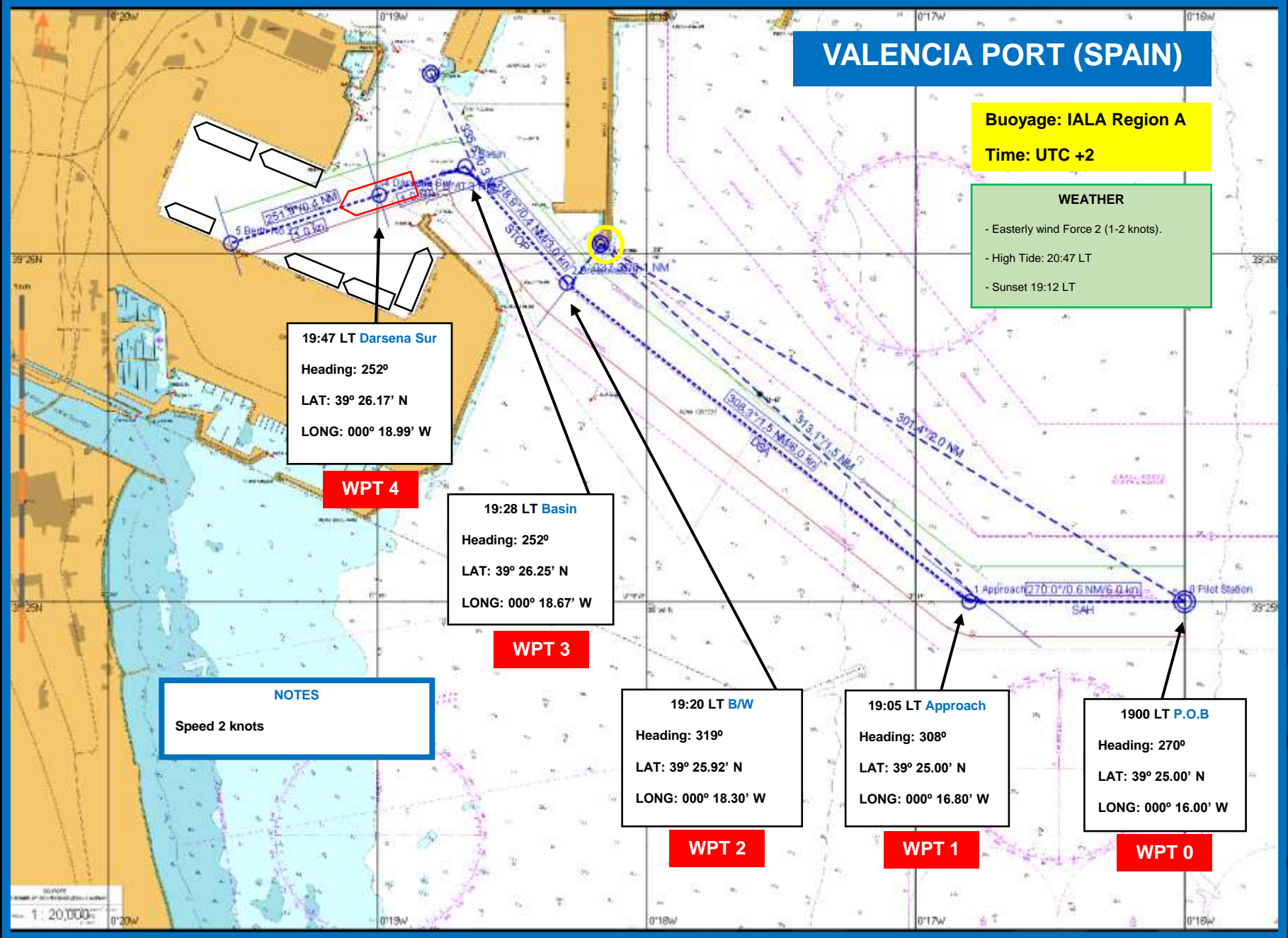
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20:14 LT FWE
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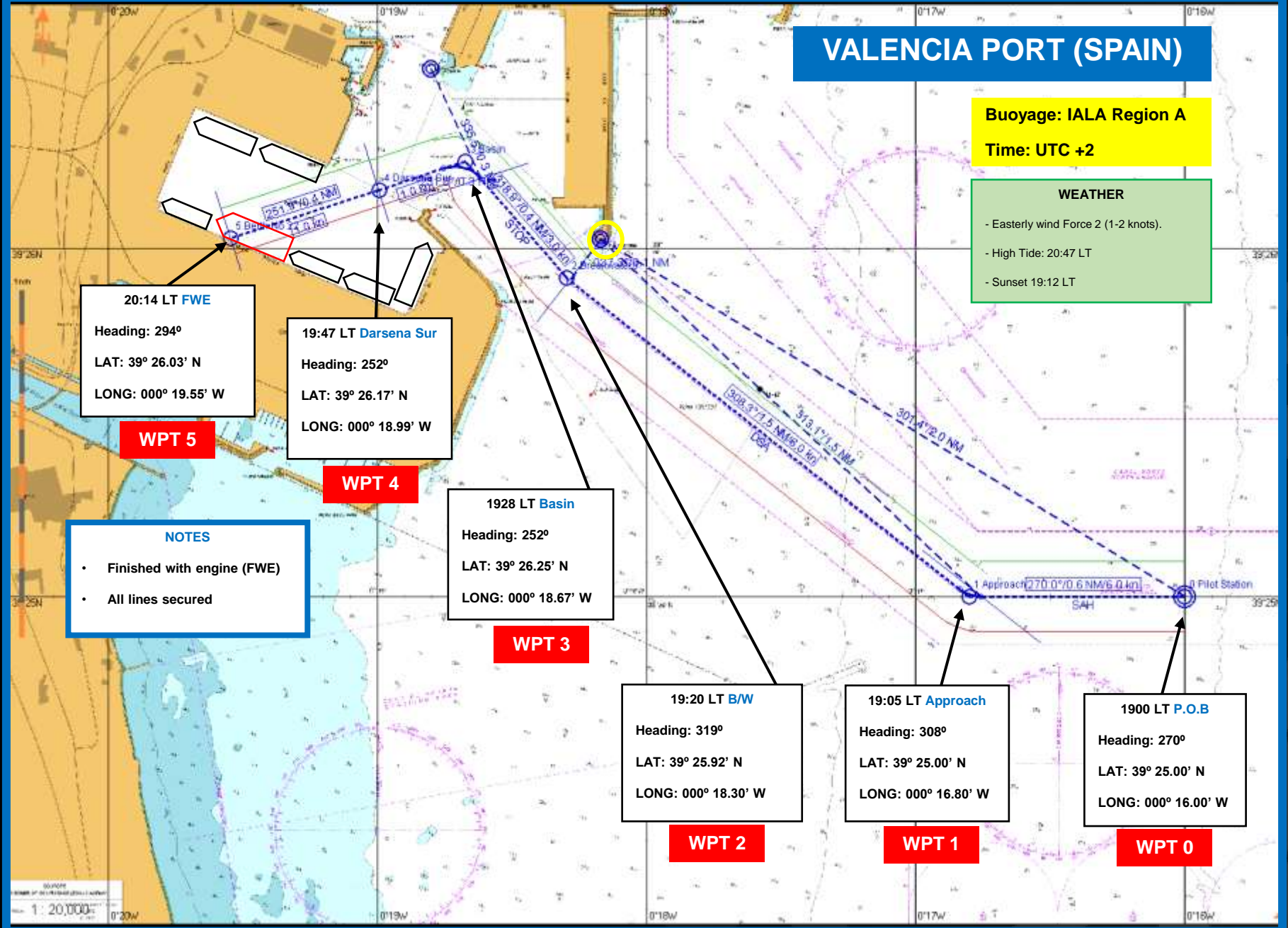
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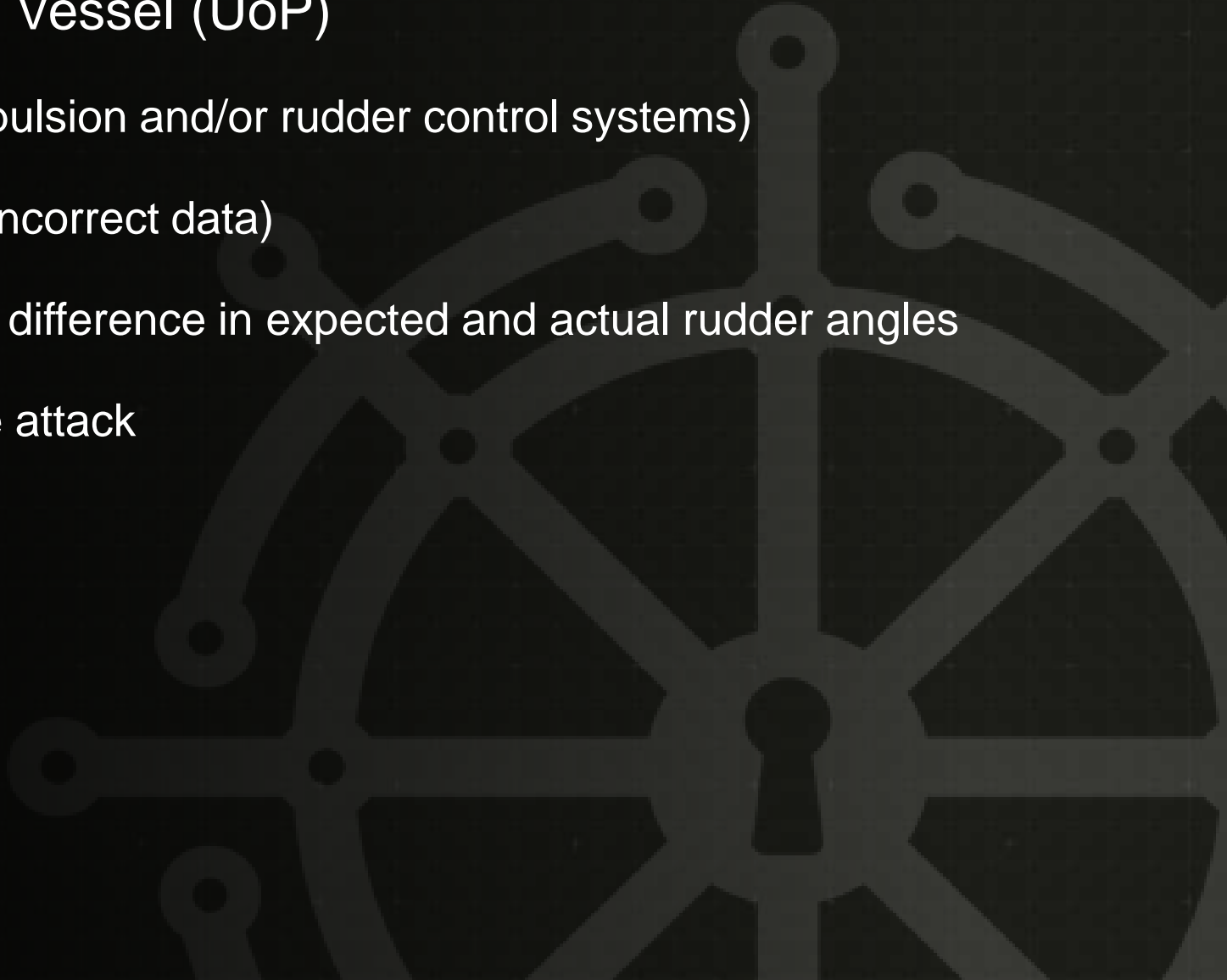
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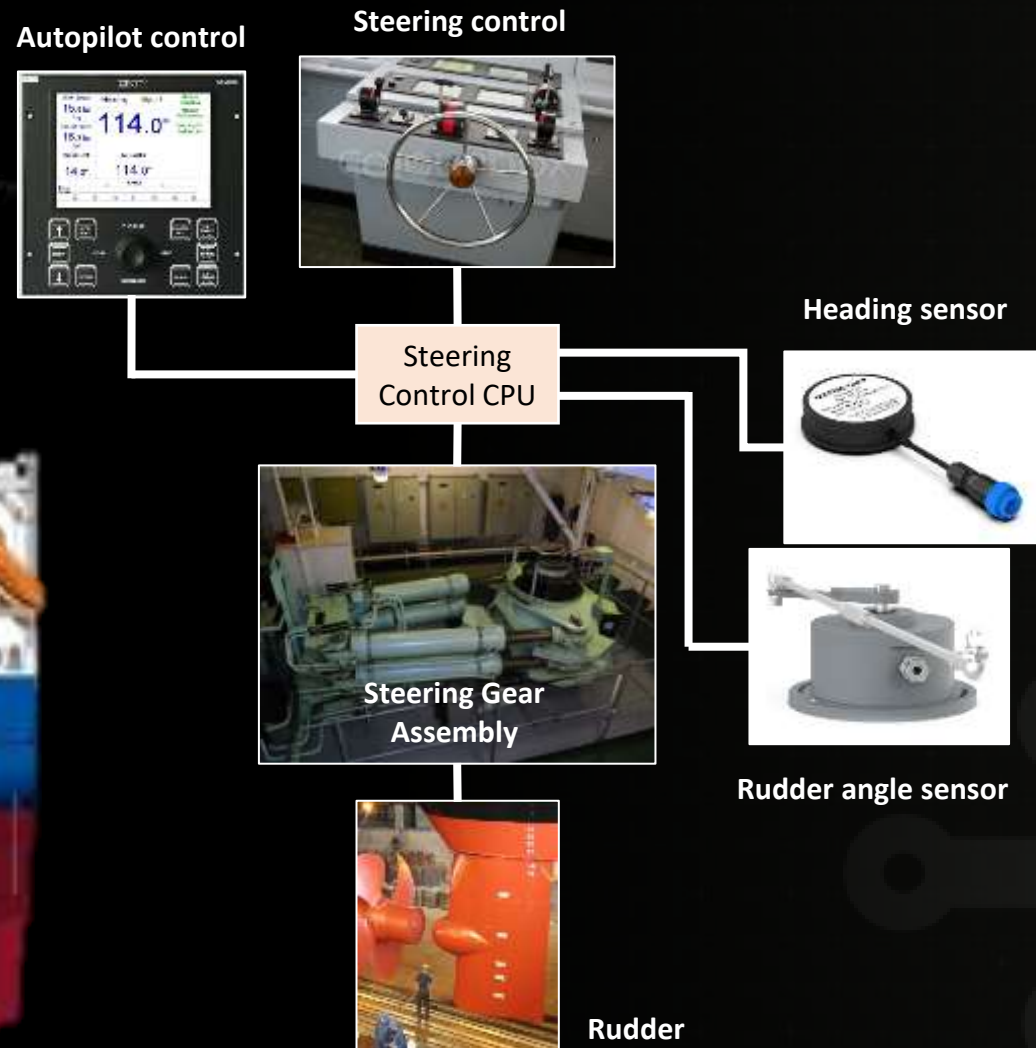
Vessel Attack Walkthrough

Stage 2 – Initiating the Attack on Vessel (UoP)

- Installing malicious firmware (on propulsion and/or rudder control systems)
- Rudder control system malfunction (incorrect data)
- During Initiation of attack – there is a difference in expected and actual rudder angles
- Demonstrate the final outcome of the attack

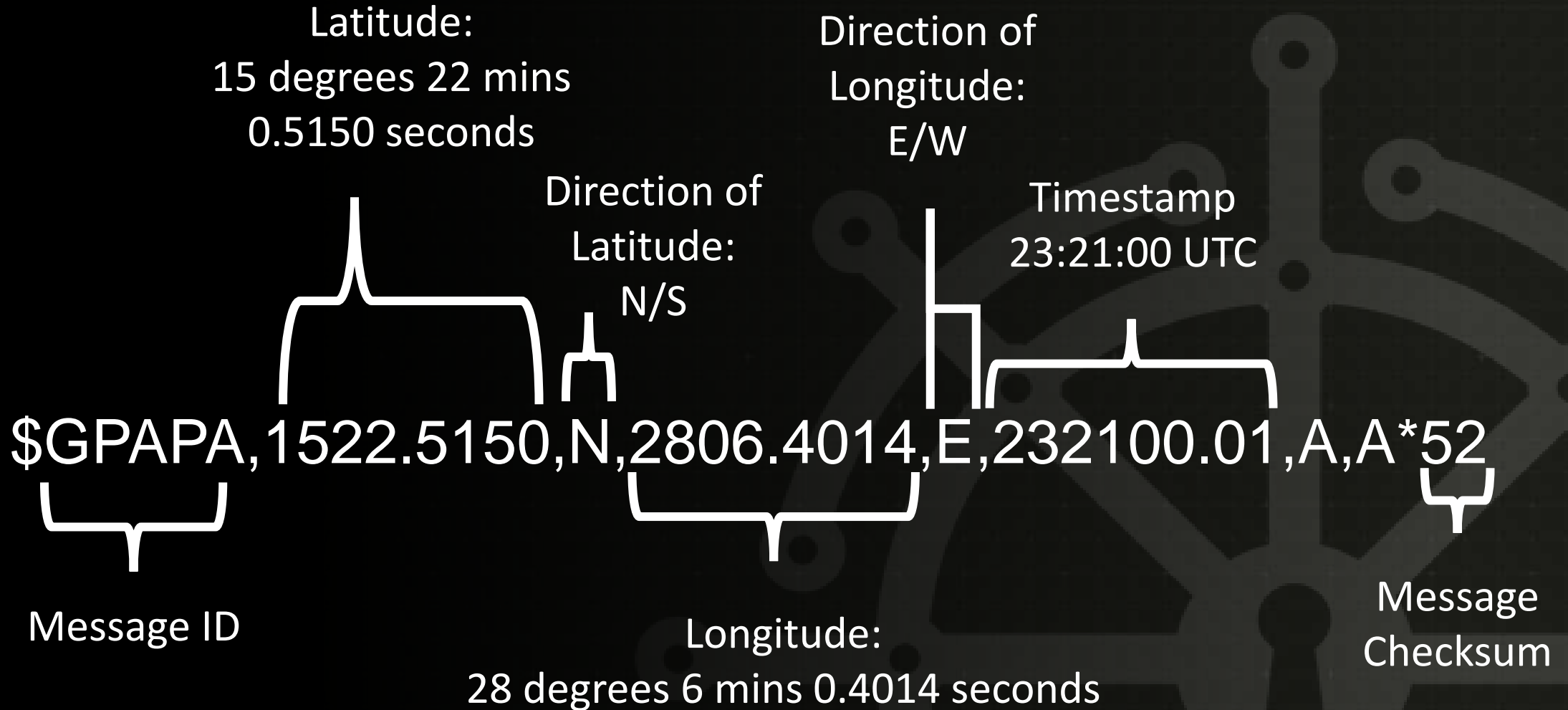


Cyber attack | Vessel navigation attack



- The attack manipulates data close to the physical mechanisms
- We see physical changes, not observable on the bridge.

Decoding NMEA Ethernet messages



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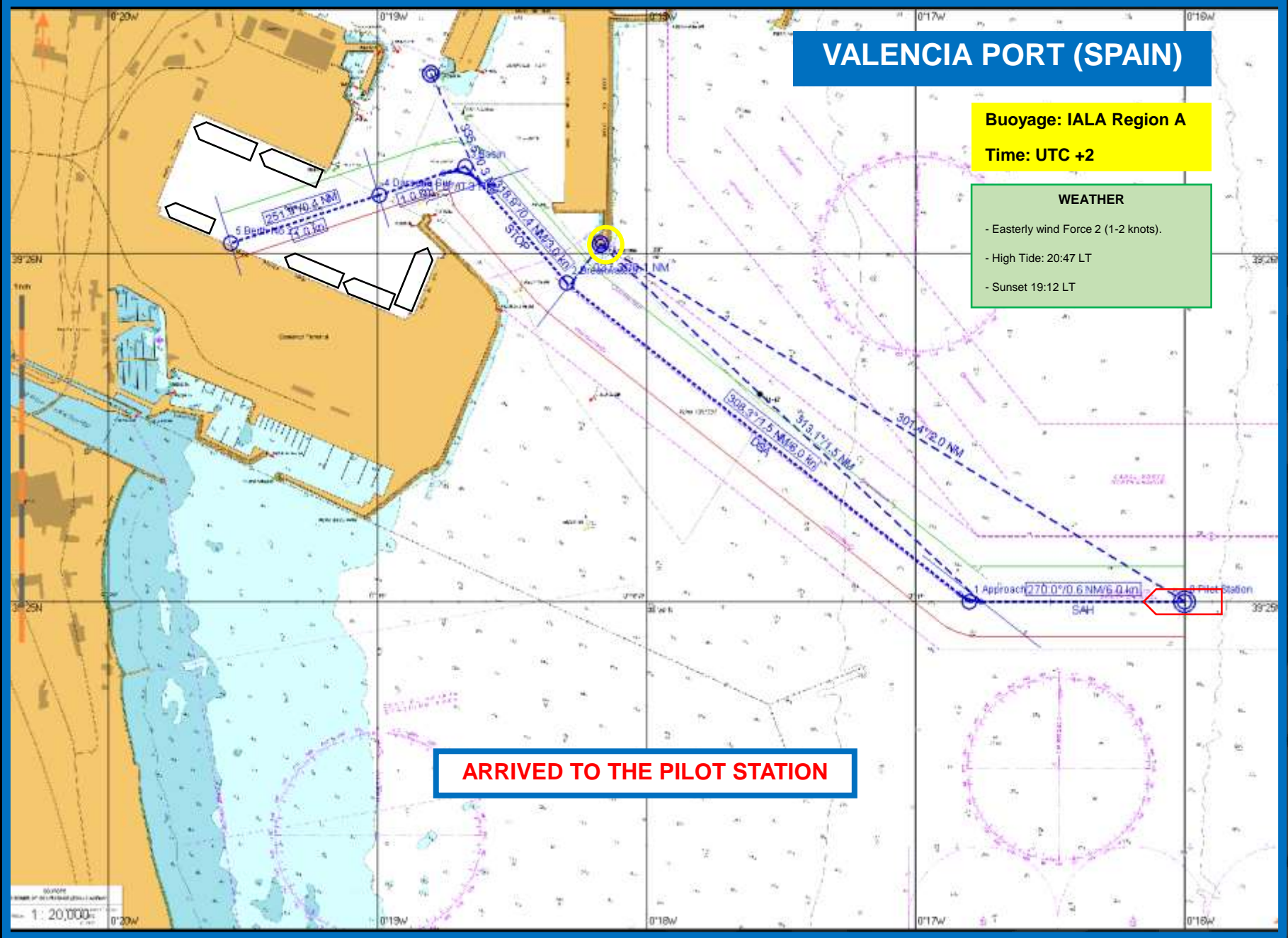
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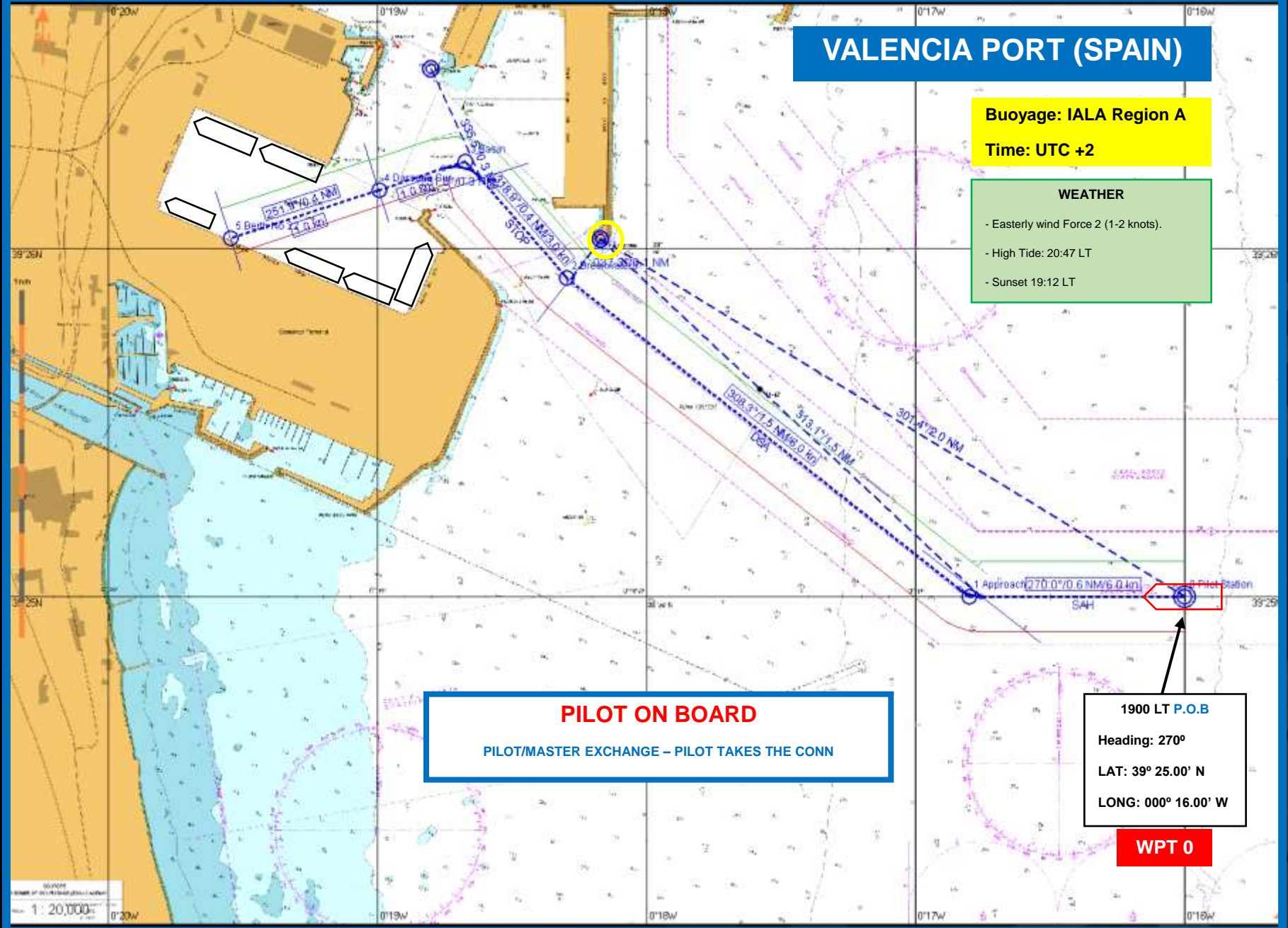
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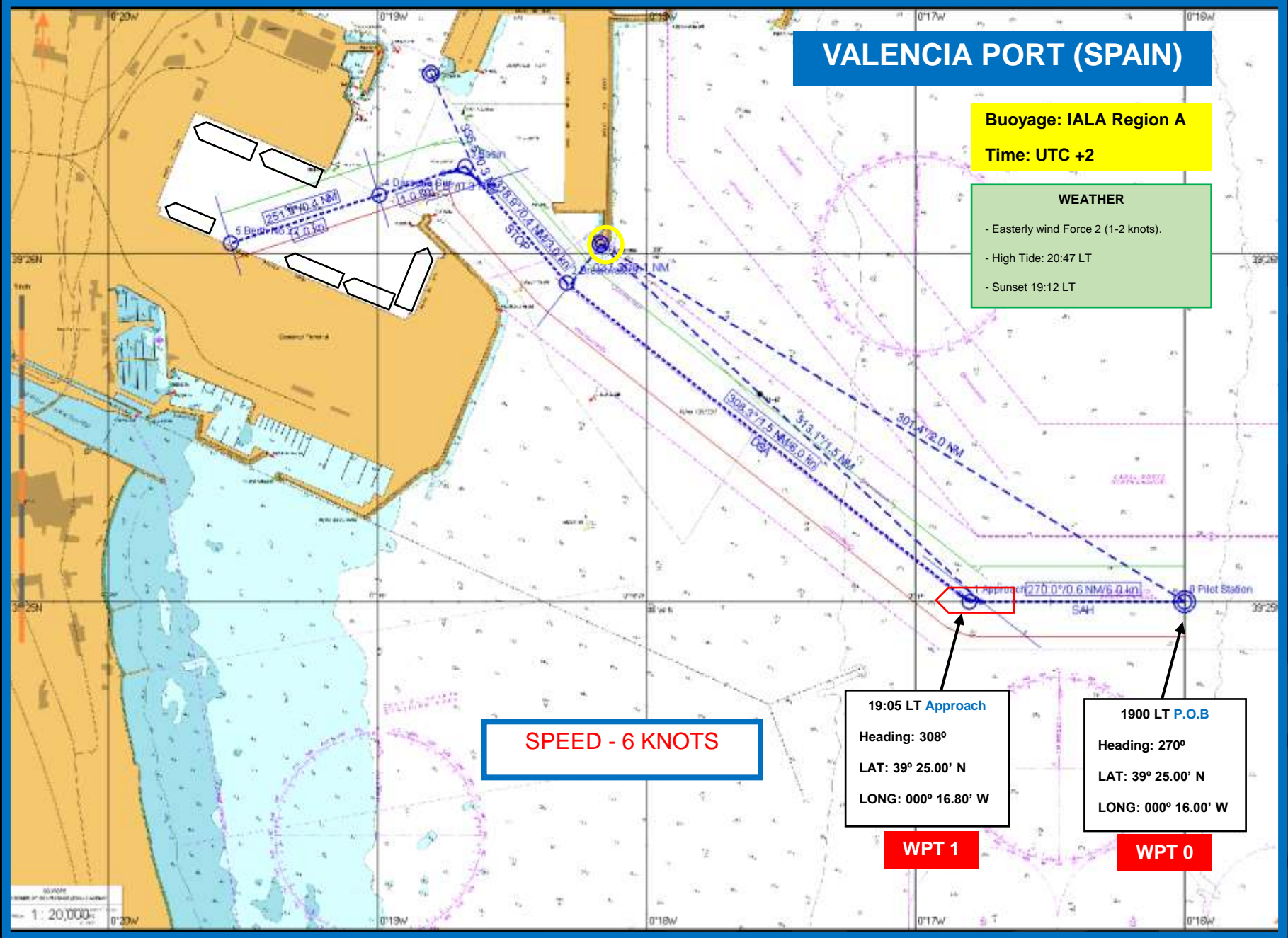
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5. Consequence according to ships simulator the ship will be grounding head on to the break water rock at the speed of 9 knots.

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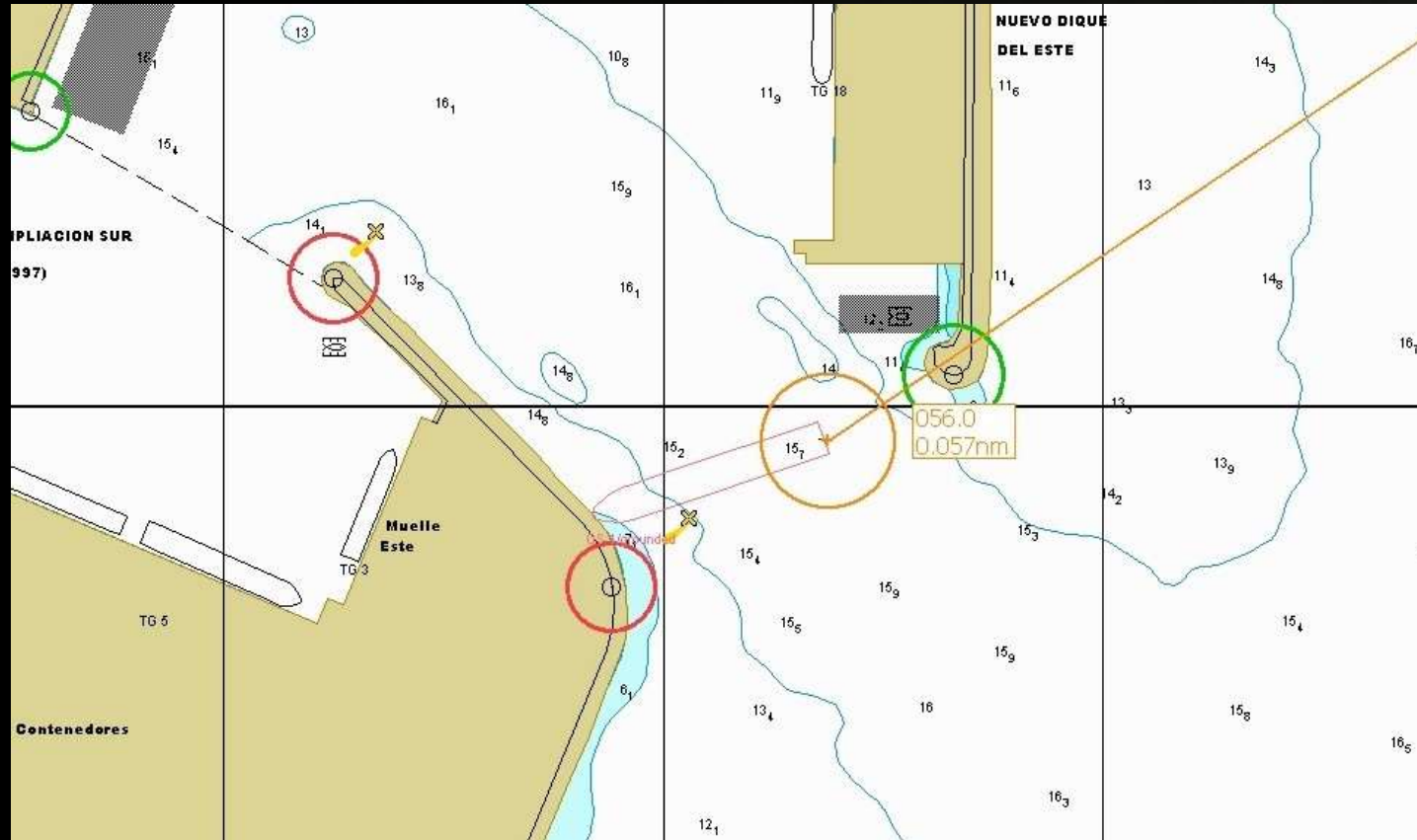
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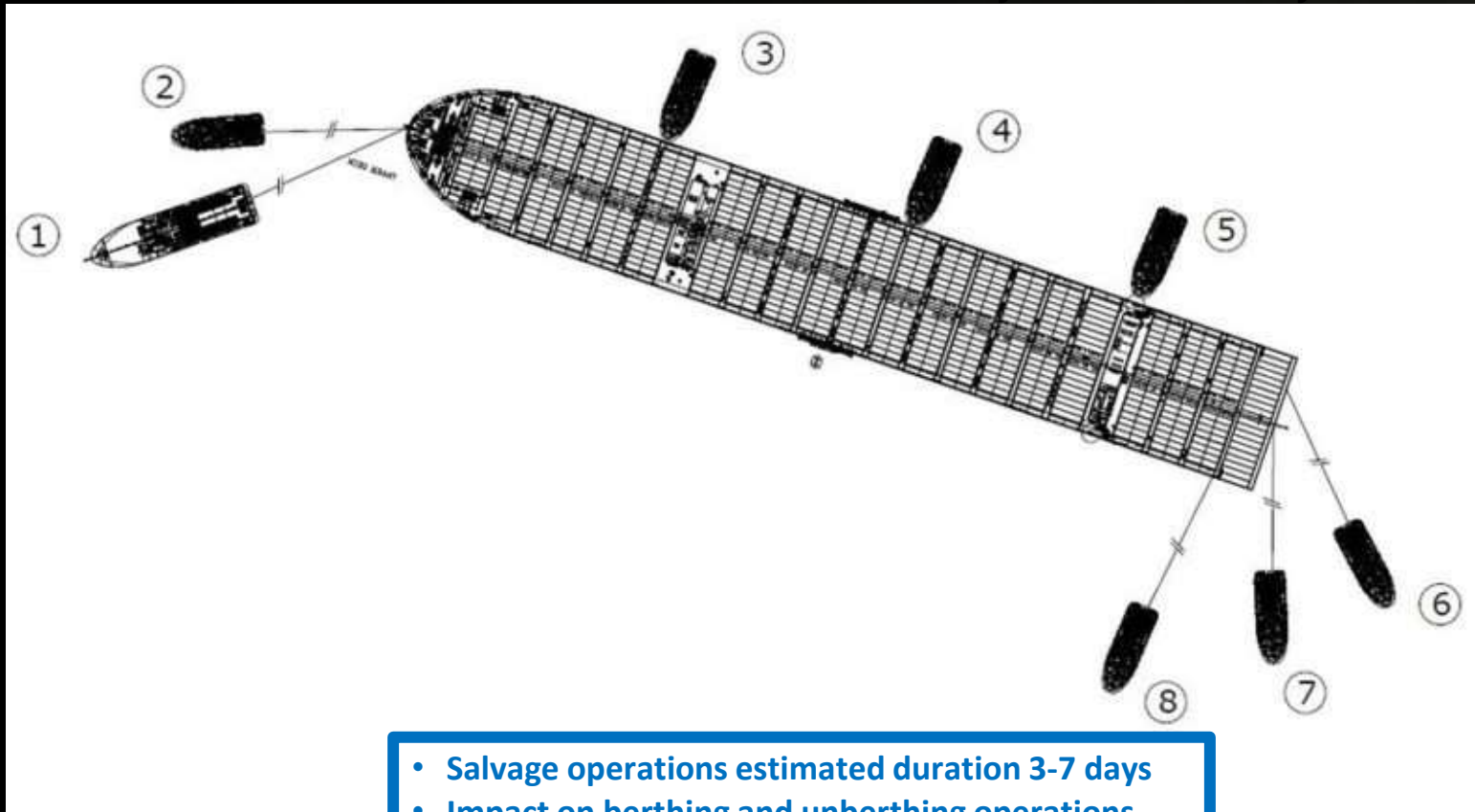
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- What tugs could do to avoid collision with break water?
- Vessel blocking the Port of Valencia entrance (100 metres gap)

• *Assisted with tug operations to recover a ship that run's aground "Mumbai" outside Bremerhaven, Germany on 2 February, 2022"*



- Salvage operations estimated duration 3-7 days
- Impact on berthing and unberthing operations