

# HALLOWEEN

## Halloween Heavy Transport Horror Stories

a case study

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**MULTIPLE RO-RO OPERATION**

C-JACKET	1,100 TON
C-DECK	800 TON
B-JACKET	1,300 TON

**LOCATION**

ARANSAS PASS, TEXAS

**SCOPE OF WORK**

SUPPLY OF EQUIPMENT (EXCL. BARGE) AND ENGINEERING

## SCHEDULE

- DAY 0 MOBILIZATION OF EQUIPMENT
- DAY 1 BUILDING CONFIGURATIONS AND POSITION UNDER C-JACKET
- DAY 2 LOAD-OUT (RO-RO) OF C-JACKET
- DAY 3 RECONFIGURE TRANSPORTERS AND POSITION UNDER C-DECK
- DAY 4 LOAD-OUT (RO-RO) OF C-DECK
- DAY 5 RECONFIGURE TRANSPORTERS AND POSITION UNDER B-JACKET
- DAY 6 LOAD-OUT (RO-RO) OF B-JACKET
- DAY 7 DEMOBILIZATION OF EQUIPMENT

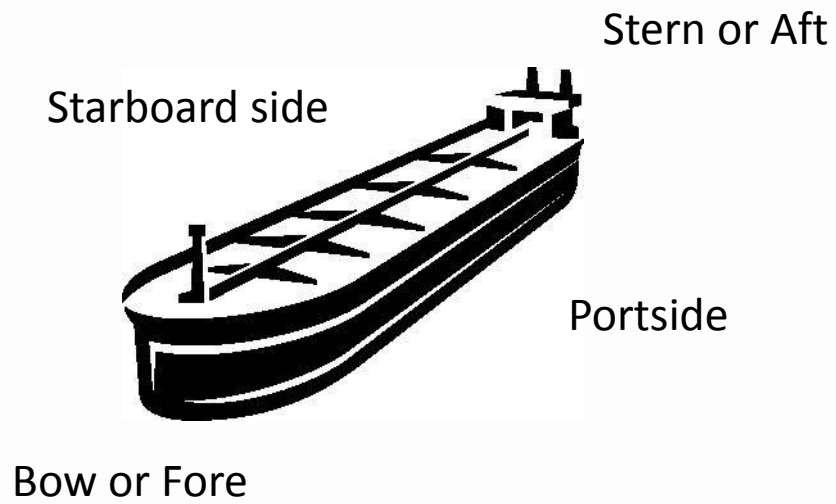
# CASE STUDY

MAP



Google earth

## Barge terms, the nautical world



Keel, lowest point of the boat/barge

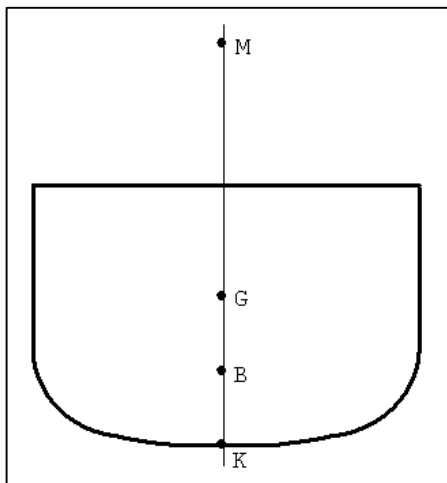
Draft, vertical distance from waterline to keel, the part of the boat/barge that is submerged

Free board, vertical distance from waterline to deck, the part of the boat/barge that is not submerged

Trim, the difference in draft between bow and stern

Heel, the difference in draft between starboard and portside





## Barge particulars

- K. Point at the keel of the barge from where is being measured  
Source: barge booklet
- B. Center of Buoyancy  
Source: hydrostatic particulars
- G. Center of Gravity of Barge, cargo, ballast etc  
Source: calculation
- M. The transverse Metacenter, the point to which point G may rise and still posses a positive stability  
Source: hydrostatic particulars





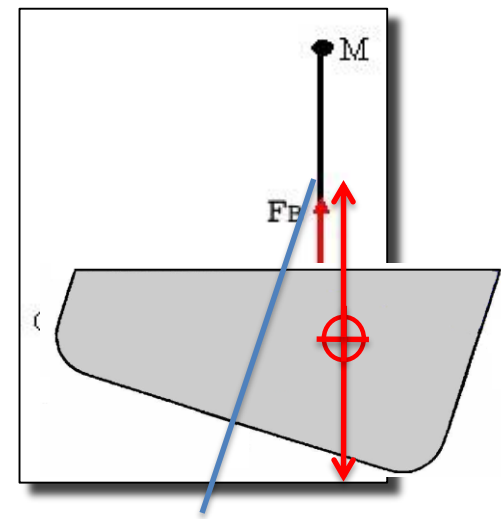
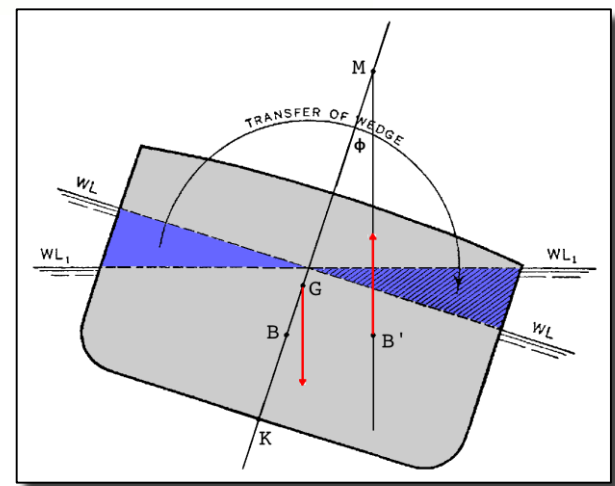
## Righting arm in a stable environment

Due to the shifting of the CoB from B to B' a moment is introduced

The Buoyancy and Gravity forces create a righting arm

The righting arm attempts to return the barge to its equilibrium as long as G is below M

NOTE: As per Archimedes  $F_b = F_g$

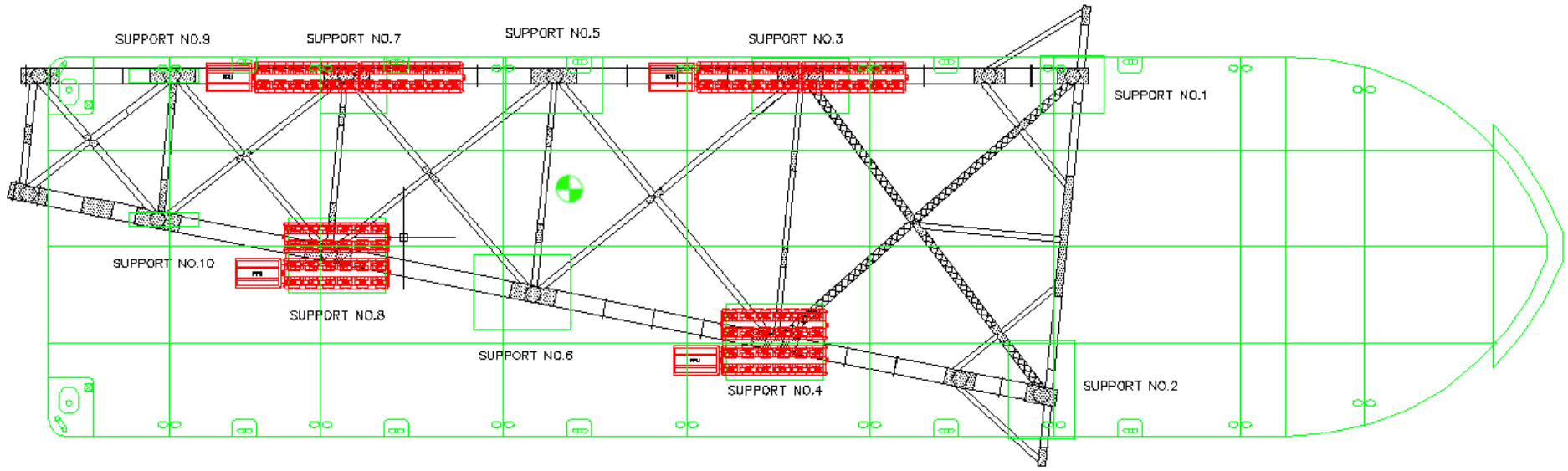


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transport direction



## C-JACKET



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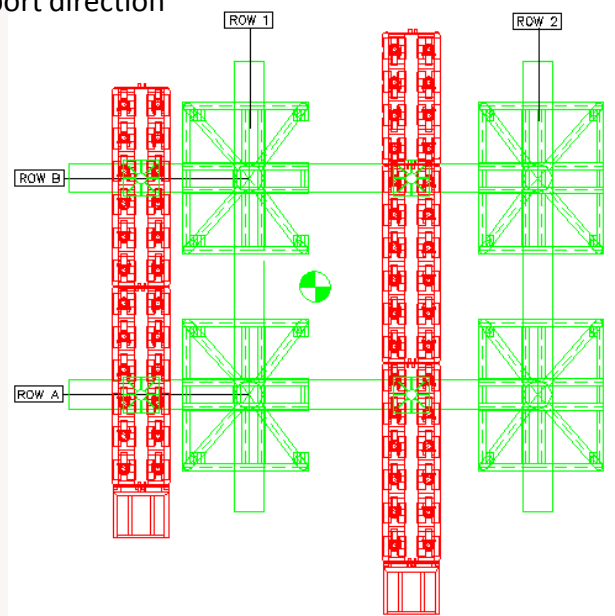




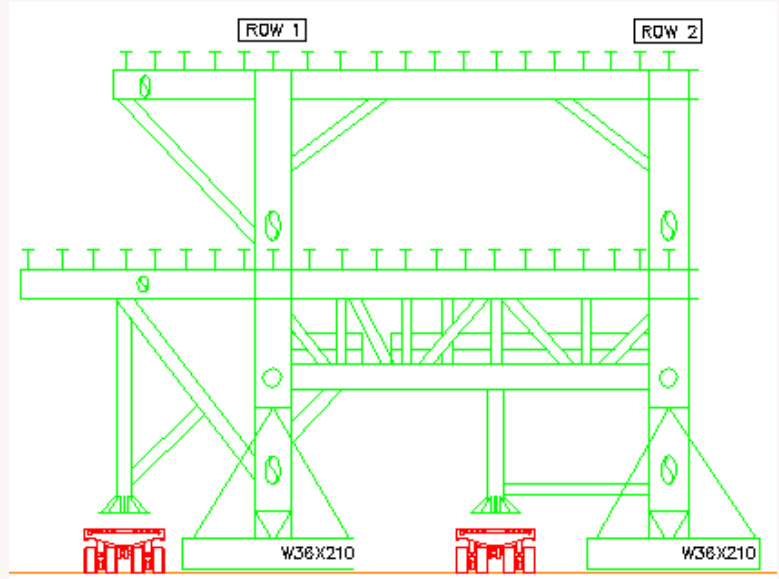
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C-DECK



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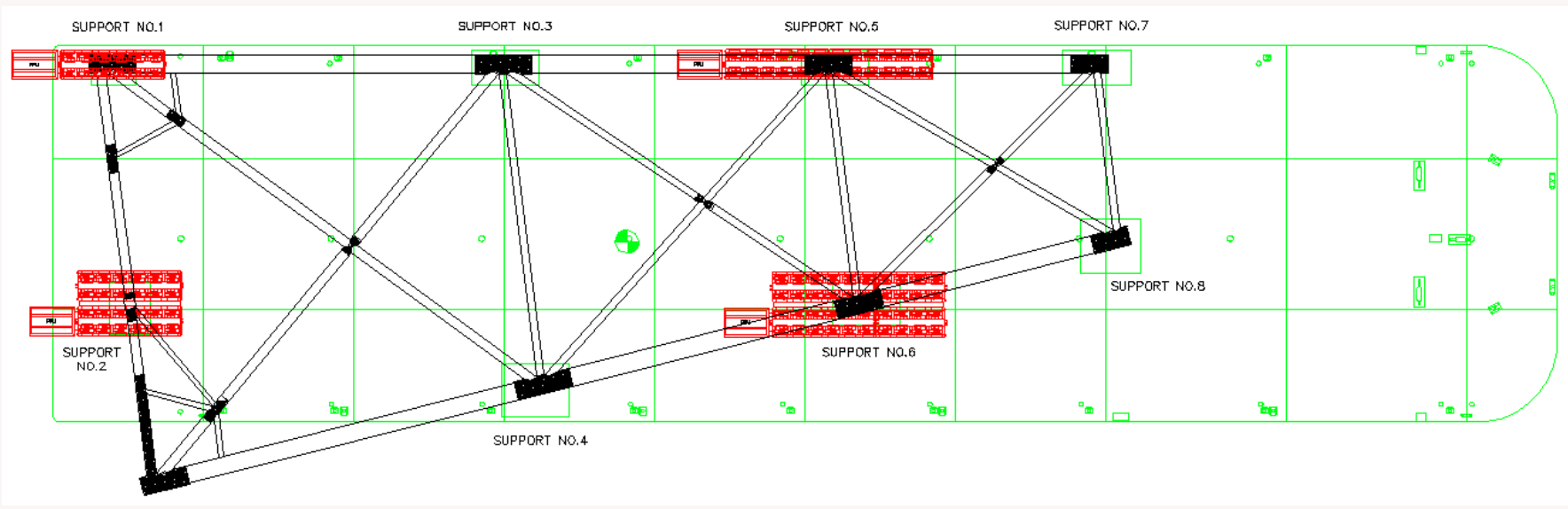


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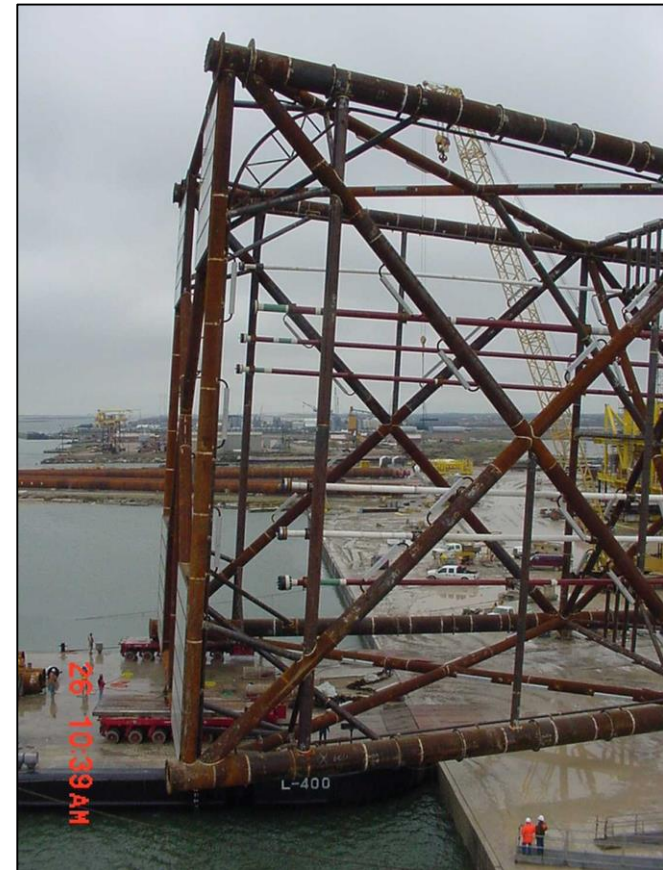
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 1x(6+6)axle line 360 ton, 1x(10+10) axle line 600 ton

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**In Summary**

PROJECT STARTED ON TIME

PROJECT COMPLETED ON SCHEDULE

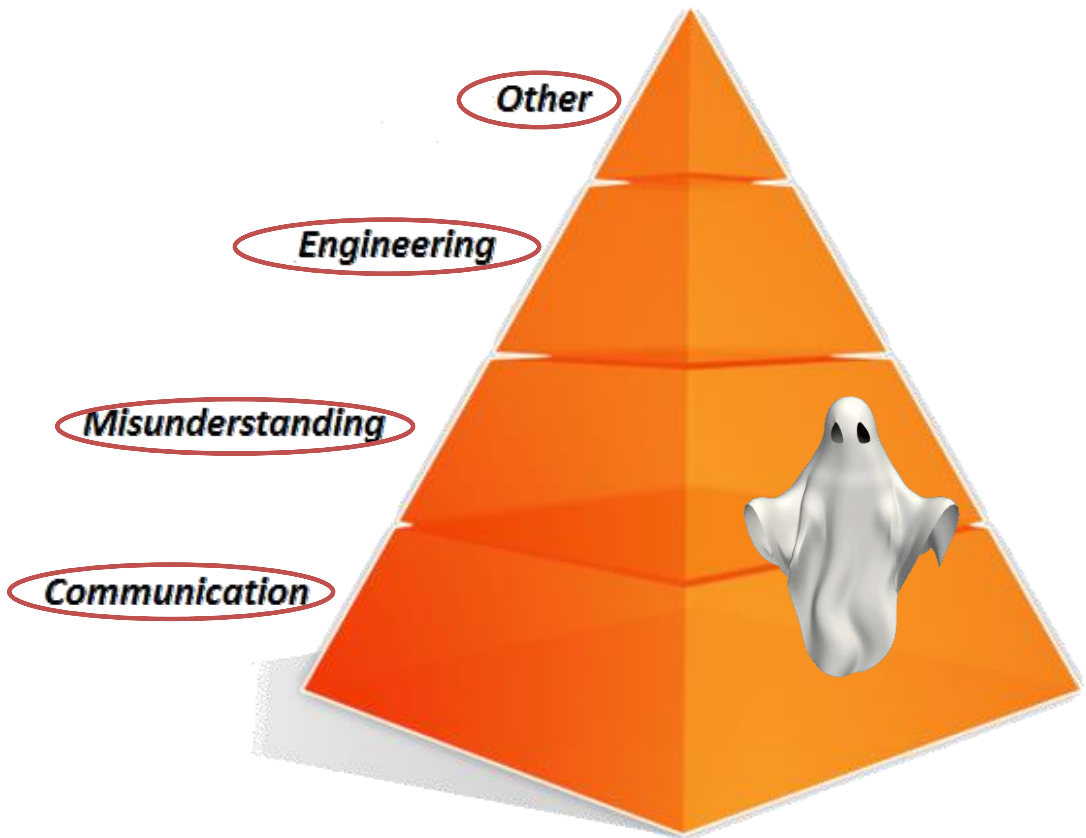
NO DAMAGE TO ANY OF THE CARGO

**PERFECT EXAMPLE OF A WELL EXECUTED JOB**



**WHY WAS IT CALLED**

**“THE JOB FROM HELL”**



## SO WHAT WENT WRONG

LACK OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN SALES AND OPERATIONS

SIMULTANIOUS PROJECT EXECUTIONS

LACK OF COMMUNICATION WITH AND BY CLIENT

POOR PROJECT PREPARATION BY CLIENT

ACCEPTANCE OF CONDITIONS WITHOUT CHECKING THE IMPLICATIONS

## C-JACKET



## PALO VERDE NUCLEAR PLANT



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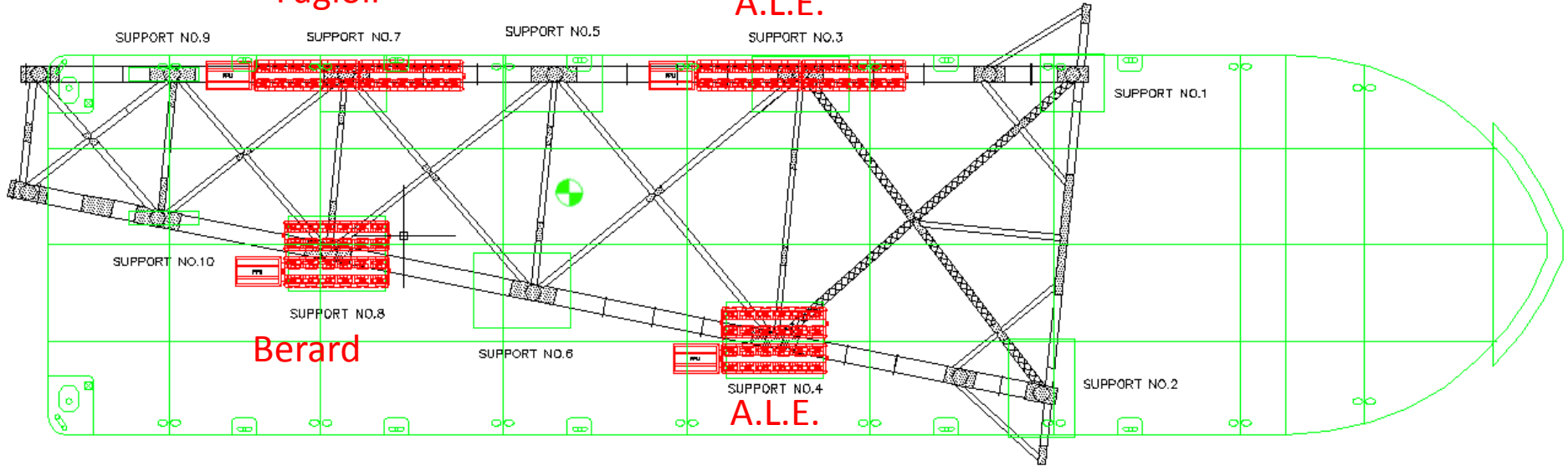
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## C-JACKET



Pipes were laid out on the barge deck prior to the load out. They were not in the transporter travel path but they were a real challenge to deal with.

## C-JACKET SUMMARY

JACKET HAD TO BE TURNED 180 DEGREES

SUPPORT STRUCTURE DESIGN BASED ON WRONG ASSUMPTIONS

MULTIPLE TRANSPORT COMPANIES

PIPES ON THE DECK MAKING THE LOAD OUT MORE DIFFICULT

LET'S LOOK AT SOME PICTURES

## C-JACKET



Notice the track marks indicating the 180 degree move in motion.

## C-JACKET



Multiple obstructions such as gas stations and field offices.

## C-JACKET



It could not be any tighter.



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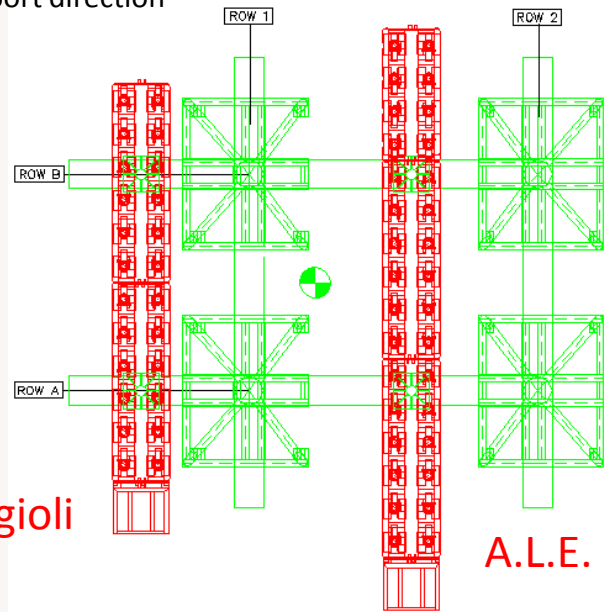
It was so tight that a second barge was brought in to get the transporters off.



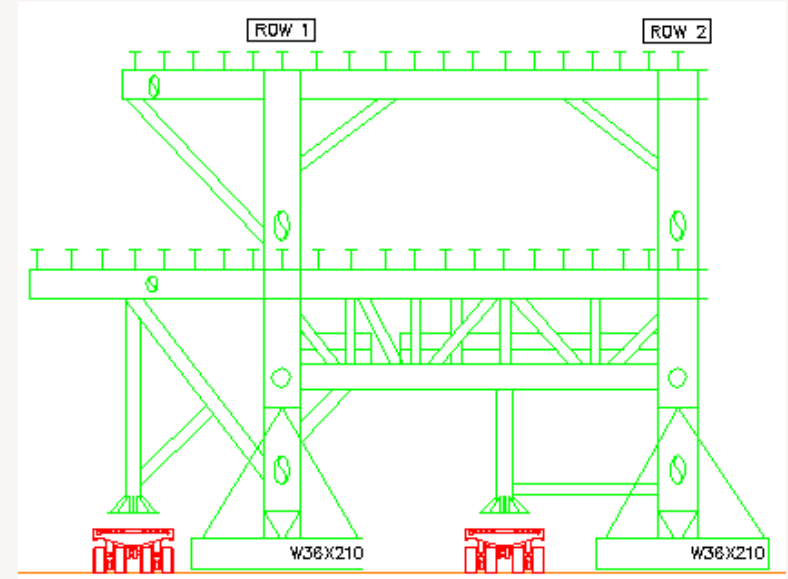
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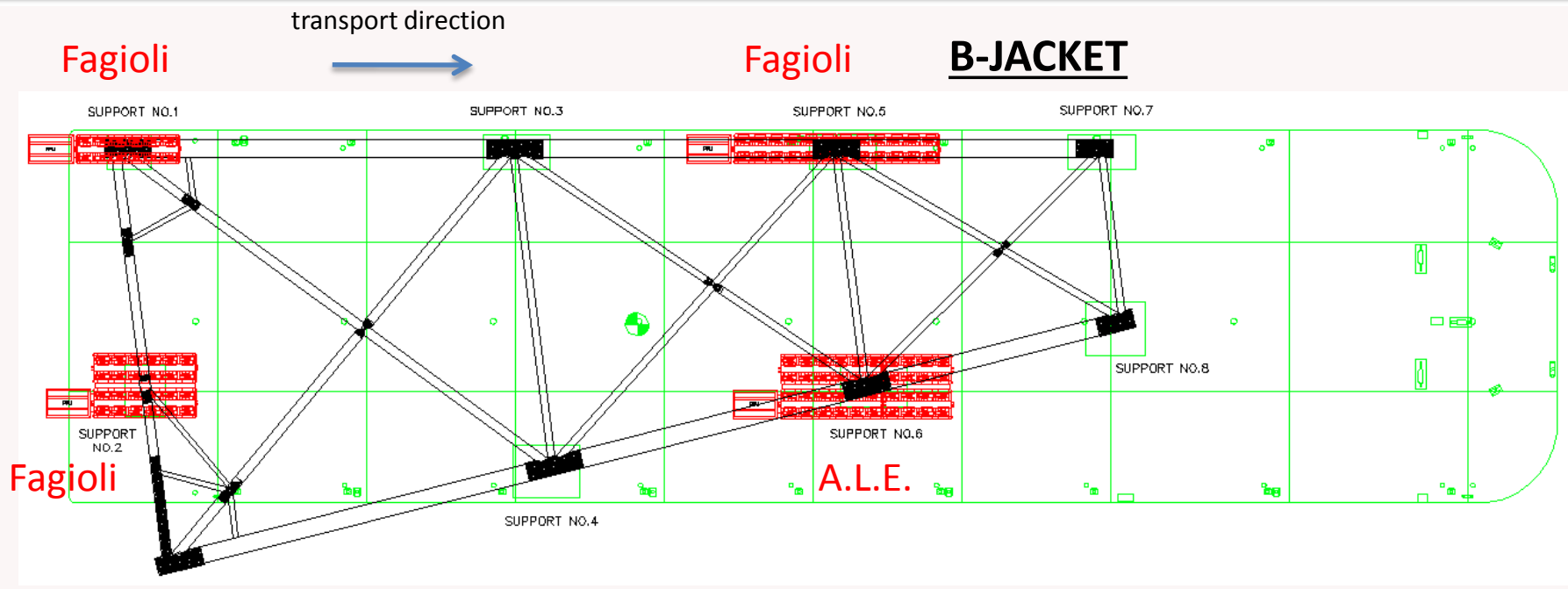
The C-DECK load out actually went smooth, just a flat tire on each of the transporters that needed to be isolated.



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## B-JACKET SUMMARY

AFTER THE C-JACKET EXPERIENCE, EVERY PIECE OF INFO WAS CHECKED  
SUPPORT STRUCTURES WERE MUCH LOWER, STABILITY WAS OK  
MULTIPLE TRANSPORT COMPANIES  
PIPES ON THE DECK MAKING THE LOAD OUT MORE DIFFICULT  
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## B-JACKET



The support structures allowed for both longitudinal as well as lateral forces.



## B-JACKET



The barge was not big enough.

Normally used for launches (where a jacket is slid off the barge) the angled part of the deck was overlooked.

## Execution date, 26 January 2003

Crew just completed loading the 1,300 ton module

It was a sunny day.... than it started to rain....

It started to rain bad....

And with 2 transporters on the barge,  
disaster struck..

One rear transporter (2x10) stopped moving

A 6-axle had to be exchanged due to damage



## B-JACKET



A flat tire, cut by the steel plates, was caught just in time.





## B-JACKET



The entire site turned into a mud bath, but around midnight we rolled the last axles onto the barge.

## B-JACKET

The next day, the final positioning on the barge was carried out. Like with the C-JACKET it was tight.



## B-JACKET

But the B-JACKET still had an unexpected twist. Even though the front two transporters were 6-axle units, their position was slightly skewed due to the B-JACKET shape.



This was one of the best views of the project.

B-JACKET on the barge with in the background the C-JACKET and C-DECK on the other barge.

**Project completed.**





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