

Underwater Retrofit of Steerable Thrusters

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Abstract

The semi-submersible crane vessel Thialf owned by Heerema Marine Contractors recently required more powerful azimuthing thrusters to keep on station in more adverse sea conditions. The retrofit set an interesting challenge as the work had to be completed underwater with the vessel afloat. This paper discusses the retrofit.

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