

# OWNER'S MANUAL

BRABUS SHADOW 500 CABIN





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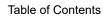
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### 1 Introduction

### 1.1 Purpose of this manual

This instruction manual contains important information and instructions for using your boat.

In this owner's manual you can find important information that help you handle and maintain your boat. The manual contains detailed information about the boat and the systems installed, and general information about handling and taking care of the boat. The latest version of the manual is available in electronic format at the manufacturer's website.

Read the manual carefully and familiarize yourself with your boat before you start to use it. Also ensure that the anticipated wind and wave conditions correspond to the design category of your boat, and that you and your crew are able to handle the boat in these conditions.



This owner's manual is not a substitute for boating safety skills or good seamanship.

If this is your first boat or if this boat type is new to you, ensure you can handle the boat before you set out for the first time.

For information about local sea schools and approved instructors, please ask your boat dealer, the local boat clubs and national motorboat or yacht federations for advice.

This owner's manual is not a detailed maintenance or troubleshooting guide. If problems occur, contact the boat manufacturer or its local representative. When you are in need of maintenance or repair and alteration work, always turn to competent and trained professionals. Changes that can affect the boat's security features must be assessed, carried out and documented by competent professionals. The boat manufacturer cannot be held responsible for unauthorized modifications. Every change to the boat's center of gravity (from highly mounted heavy equipment or a new engine type etc.) significantly affects the stability, trim and performance of the boat.

Keep this manual in a safe place and pass it on to the new owner if you sell your boat. If the manual is mislaid or destroyed, a copy can be ordered from your dealer or downloaded from the manufacturer's website.

See the purchase agreement or order for the scope of your purchase. In case something does not work satisfactorily with your boat or its equipment, you can check the service documents for possible service and repair measures. If uncertain, always contact your dealer.

# 1.2 Safety symbols

This instruction manual contains danger, warning, caution and notice statements informing the user or authorized service representatives of any potential harm to the product or person.

Hazard is defined as a source of potential injury to a person.

All abnormal use is forbidden, including disregarding information on safety.



**Danger** indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, **will** result in death or serious injury.





**Warning** indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, **could** result in death or serious injury.



**Caution** indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, **might** result in minor or moderate injury.

NOTICE

Notice indicates a potential situation which, if not avoided, might result in property damage or in an undesirable result or state.



The information icon calls attention to information that clarifies or simplifies a procedure.

### 1.3 Document conventions

#### Units

This manual uses SI units in accordance with ISO 1000. In some cases, other units may have been used alongside.

An exception is the wind velocity, which in the Recreational Boat Directive is given in the Beaufort Scale.

#### **Terminology**

In this manual, the right side of the hull is referred to as starboard (STB) and the left side as port.

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# 1.6 Warranty

The Limited Warranty for the boat and the relevant contact information are enclosed as a separate document.

For any warranty claims, please contact your Axopar/Brabus Marine dealer mentioned on the cover page.



# 2 Safety

#### **⚠ WARNING**

The boat owner is responsible for making sure that the safety equipment on the boat meets the rules and regulations of the local authorities.

 Keep the necessary safety equipment up to date and on the boat at all times

Check the preferred location of the major safety equipment in the section **Safety** diagram.

#### **⚠ WARNING**

Overloading the boat can damage the engine, even when shut off.

- When loading the boat, never exceed the maximum recommended load of the boat shown in the builder's plate.
- Always load the boat carefully and distribute loads appropriately to maintain design trim.
- Avoid placing heavy equipment or material high up in the boat.

The liquids in the built-in tanks are not included in the maximum load shown on the builder's plate.

#### **△ WARNING**

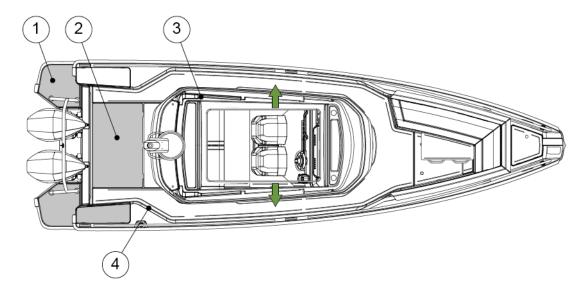
When out on the water, always use the seats intended for the passengers.

Do not exceed the maximum number of persons allowed in the boat, shown in the builder's plate.

The total weight of the persons on board and their personal luggage must never exceed the maximum load of the boat shown in the builder's plate.



### 2.1 Safety diagram



- (1) Swim ladder
- (2) Life raft storage
- (3) CO monitor
- (4) Fire extinguisher
- $\rightarrow$  Exit

# 2.2 Fire protection and control

The most common fire sources are the engine and the stove. If there is a fire in the boat, it may result in an explosion.

**△ WARNING** 

Fire usually spreads very fast — be quick to extinguish the fire with the fire extinguisher on the boat!

See the section **Safety diagram** for the exact location of the fire extinguisher(s).

If the fire starts to get out of control, leave the burning boat to save lives.

**△ WARNING** 

Always put down the fire by depriving the fire of oxygen.

Do not use water!

Using water in fire involving flammable liquids can spread the liquid and make the fire worse.



#### **△ WARNING**

If the fire reaches the fuel containers, an explosion may occur and cause a large area around the boat to burn.

- Keep the bilge clean and check it regularly for fuel and gas fumes or fuel and oil leaks.
- Do not hang curtains or other flammable material near or above any equipment with naked flames.
- Never leave the boat unattended when the heater is switched on.
- Never refuel or replace gas containers when the engines are running.
- Never smoke when handling fuel or gas.
- Never block evacuation routes or emergency exits.
- Never block access to safety equipment such as fuel valves or main power switches.
- Never block access to fire extinguishers, visible or concealed.
- Never modify the boat's systems (especially electrical, fuel or gas systems).

### 2.2.1 Fire control equipment

Check the exact locations of the fire control equipment in the section Safety diagram.

#### Fire extinguishers

You must fit the boat with hand-held fire extinguishers with the following output and locations:

- The fire extinguisher must have a fire rating of at least 13A/89B (2 kg).
- Check the exact locations of the fire extinguishers in the section Safety diagram.



The fire extinguishers are not included in the manufacturer's delivery.

#### Fire blanket

A fire blanket is ideal for putting out small fires and also one of the best options if a person's clothes catch fire.

Keep a fire blanket onboard in an easily accessible place.

# 2.2.2 Boat owners' and users' responsibilities

It is your responsibility as the boat owner and user to ensure that the fire control equipment is accessible at all times.

- Check the fire extinguishing equipment regularly at the intervals specified for the equipment.
- Replace equipment with expired date immediately with equivalent or better equipment.
- Advice the crew and guests of the location and instructions for use of the fire control equipment, and the location of evacuation routes and emergency exits.



### 2.2.3 Checklist: Fire in the engine

- · Stop the engine.
- Steer the boat up against the wind, if possible.
- · Make sure all passengers have life jackets.
- If necessary:
  - Evacuate the passengers.
  - Call for sea rescue.
- Shut off fuel and main power switches.
- Extinguish the fire.
- Wait until fully certain that the fire has been extinguished before opening the engine cover.

Carefully open the engine cover and be prepared to use the handheld fire extinguisher if necessary for post-fire extinguishing.

Put out possible smoldering fires with water.

#### 2.2.4 Checklist: After fire

- Open doors and windows for better ventilation.
- · Inspect the boat and its equipment, and repair any damages.
- · Contact local authorities, if needed.
- Make sure that the fire extinguishing equipment is refilled or replaced after use.

#### 2.3 Carbon monoxide



Carbon monoxide (CO) is colorless, odorless, tasteless, and extremely dangerous gas.

All engines, generators, and fuel burning appliances produce CO as exhaust.

Prolonged exposure to low concentrations or very quick exposure to high concentrations may cause brain damage or death.

Open all doors, curtains, windows, and hatches to let fresh air circulate when running an engine or generator or burning any fuel while the boat is anchored, moored or docked.

There is a carbon monoxide monitor system in the boat. For the exact location of the CO monitor, see the section **Safety diagram**.

• With regular intervals, check that the monitor system is functioning. For instructions, see the equipment manufacturer's manual.

It is not possible to turn the CO monitor off when the boat is in use.

If you can smell engine or generator exhaust, you are inhaling CO. CO can also be present without the smell of exhaust fumes.



#### If the CO alarm is activated, make sure all persons onboard exit the closed spaces.

- If exhaust fumes are detected or if CO accumulation is suspected on the boat, take immediate
  action to ventilate these fumes.
- Turn off all engines and generators.
- · Open all hatches, windows and ports to ventilate.

Changing course and speed to place the boat heading into the wind can improve ventilation.

Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning are dizziness, ears ringing, headache, nausea and unconsciousness. A poisoning victim's skin often turns cherry red.

Because the carbon monoxide gas is odorless, colorless and tasteless, it is unlikely to be noticed until a person is affected.

- · If CO poisoning is suspected, have the victim breath fresh air deeply.
- · If breathing stops, resuscitate.
- A victim often revives, but then relapses because organs are damaged by the lack of oxygen.
   Seek immediate medical attention.

High levels of carbon monoxide may accumulate in the following ways:

- · Blocking hull exhausts while operating at slow speed or if exhausts are submerged.
- Using canvas curtains.
- · Winds blowing exhaust toward boat occupants.
- Operating engine or generator in a confined space.
- · Operating with the bow high.

Dangerous concentrations of carbon monoxide are present if:

- the engine or generator exhaust systems leak
- · insufficient fresh air is circulating where people are present
- · fumes move from the rear of the boat into the cockpit and cabin area.

To minimize the danger of CO accumulation when the engine and generator are running or when using burning fuel applications:

- Be sure to have sufficient ventilation when using canvas or window-type side curtains when underway, anchored, moored or docked.
- If the convertible top is installed, operate with the forward hatch open and leave the cabin door open.
- Operate all burning fuel appliances, such as charcoal, propane, LPG, CNG or alcohol cooking devices, in areas where fresh air can circulate.
  - Do not use such devices where there is no noticeable air movement, especially in the cabin, when anchored, moored or docked.
- Do not idle the engine without moving the boat for more than 15 minutes at a time.
- Inspect the exhaust system regularly. See the manufacturer's manual for instructions.

#### 2.4 Life raft

The boat is not equipped with a life raft by the manufacturer.



#### Storing a life raft

If you decide to acquire a life raft for your boat, Axopar Boats recommends that you stow it to the aft of the boat, so that it is easily accessible in case of emergency.

#### Using the life raft

The life raft must be tied to the stern of the boat and prepared for use.

In an emergency, it is easiest and safest to board the life raft from the swimming deck. Switch off the engine before using the life raft.

Follow the life raft manufacturer's instructions.



# 3 Product overview

# 3.1 Purpose of use

The boat is a recreational boat, thus not suitable for professional use.

### 3.2 Identification

Each boat has a unique identification code, containing 14 characters and a hyphen.

The height of the code text is 6 mm, and it is located on the starboard side of the stern.

Example: FI – BOT8C001F920	Data
FI	Country of manufacturer: Finland
-	Hyphen
вот	Manufacturer: Axopar Boats
8C	Boat model  • C = Cabin  • S = Spyder
001	Boat number
F	Manufacturing month  • A = January  • B = February  • C = March  • etc.
9	Last digit of the manufacturing year
20	Model year

# 3.3 Builder's plate

The builder's plate is always located close to the steering position of the boat.

Eurofins Expert Services Oy has inspected that the boat fulfills the Recreational Boat Directive and related standards' requirements.

The builder's plate contains the following information:

- Boat model
- · Manufacturer's address
- · Maximum number of persons on board



- Maximum load: total weight of persons including personal luggage and basic equipment, and excluding tank contents
- · Maximum engine power
- · Maximum engine weight
- · Issuer of the CE certificate.

### 3.4 CE certification

This boat is classified to CE categories B and C.

The category is determined according to the maximum number of persons allowed onboard.

The CE certification indicates that a boat is designed and built in such a way that it retains its stability and buoyancy in given circumstances and meets other important requirements that are characteristic of the category in question. One of these requirements is that the boat must be easy to maneuver.

The CE categories classification also signifies that a boat is designed and constructed to withstand the following parameters in respect of stability, buoyancy, and other relevant essential requirements stated.

Category	Description
A. Ocean	The boat is designed for extended voyages, where conditions experienced may exceed wind force 8 on Beaufort Scale and include significant wave heights of at least 4 meters.  Under such conditions, the boat must be largely self-sufficient.
B. Offshore	The boat is designed for offshore voyages, where conditions up to and including wind force 8 on Beaufort Scale and significant wave heights up to and including 4 meters may be experienced.
C. Inshore	The boat is designed for voyages in coastal waters, large bays, estuaries, lakes and rivers, where conditions up to and including wind force 6 Beaufort Scale and significant wave heights up to and including 2 m may be experienced.

# 3.5 Dimensions and weight

#### **Dimensions**

Dimension	SI units	US units
Hull length (LH)	9.2 m	30 ft 1 in
Overall length (LMAX) (excluding engine)	9.2 m	30 ft 1 in
Hull beam (BH)	3.0 m	9 ft 8 in
Draught at max. load	0.8 m	2 ft 8 in
Height measured from waterline at light load	2.8 m	9 ft 8 in



#### **Power**

	SI units	US units
Maximum recommended power with twin engines	2 x 186 kW	2 x 250 hp

### Weight and loading

	SI units	US units
Hull weight (excluding engine)	2500 kg	5512 lb

	Category B	Category C
Maximum number of persons	6	9
Default weights:		
Adult: 75 kg (165 lb)     Child: 37.5 kg (83 lb)		

	Category B		Category C	
	SI units	US units	SI units	US units
Total weight of all persons	450 kg	992 lb	675 kg	1488 lb
Weight of unloaded boat with maximum weight outboard engines	3271 kg	7211 lb	3271 kg	7211 lb
Maximum recommended load	796 kg	1755 lb	1021 kg	2251 lb
Boat weight at maximum load	4067 kg	8966 lb	4292 kg	9462 lb

#### of which

	SI units	US units
Maximum recommended engine weight	626 kg	1380 lb
Personal luggage	50 kg	110 lb
Fresh water (39 I)	39 kg	86 lb
Septic water (45 I)	45 kg	99 lb



	SI units	US units
Fuel (260 I)	195 kg	430 lb
Other liquids (heater fuel)	17 kg	37 lb
Life raft weight	24 kg	53 lb
Total weight of fuel, water and other liquids	296 kg	653 lb
Mass on trailer	3522 kg	7765 lb

#### Tank capacity

	SI units	US units
Fuel tank	260 I	69 gal
Fresh water tank	39	10 gal
Septic tank	45	12 gal

The boat's stability assessment is based on maximum load conditions.

The maximum recommended load only contains the weight components mentioned above.

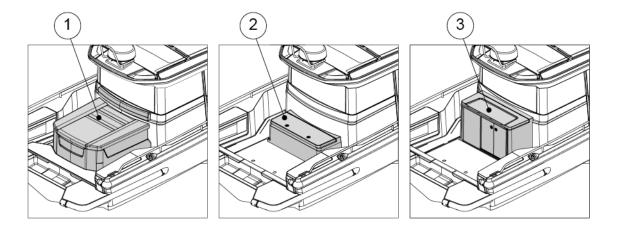
# 3.6 Boat layout

The boat has several deck options. The layout of the equipment and the technical components may vary depending on the chosen accessories.

The standard boat has a flat aft deck with stowage underneath.

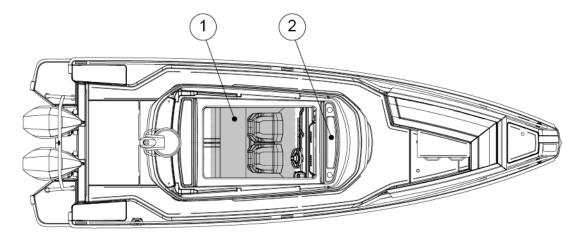


The stowage can be replaced with optional extra equipment such as an aft cabin, a storage bench or a wetbar.



- (1) Aft cabin
- (2) Storage bench
- (3) Wetbar

As an option, the cabin can be equipped with a pilothouse pentry. In the front part of the cabin, there is a toilet with a door that opens to the front deck.



- (1) Pilothouse pantry
- (2) Toilet



# 4 Product description

# 4.1 Stability and buoyancy

Pay attention to the stability and buoyancy of the boat.

All weight dispositions (for example installing a fishing tower or radar, and engine replacement) can have a significant impact on the stability, trim, and performance of the boat.

- · The bilge water level needs to be kept at a minimum.
- The stability of the boat is compromised if any weight is placed in a high position.

In stormy weather, all hatches, compartments and doors must be kept closed to minimize the risk of flooding.

Breaking waves represent a significant danger to stability.

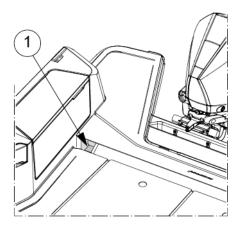


To avoid the risk of flooding, always keep the seacocks closed when not in use (for example, the seacock for the toilet's flushing water).

### 4.1.1 Self-draining systems

The boat is equipped with self-draining systems for the whole deck area. The system is drained through drain holes in the aft of the boat. In addition to rainwater, the drain holes are intended to drain water ending up on the deck through splashing or from breaking waves.

There are drain holes for water in both aft corners of the deck. The openings are directly connected to the sea. The deck of the boat has been designed to allow the water to drain straight into the sea via the water gullies.



#### (1) Drain hole

The drain holes must be open at all times. Clean the holes regularly by removing any accumulated debris to prevent clogging.

The system is built so as to drain the water from the deck in normal use. Do not close the taps when using the boat or when the boat is attached to the dock.



In the cockpit and driver's floor there are draining holes on both sides of the floor. Cockpit draining holes are equipped with seacocks located on transom. Driver's floor drains to a container located in front of the toilet. There is a water pump that pumps water out from the container.

#### **△ CAUTION**

The self-emptying open space is meant for the removal of such water that ends up on the deck through rain, splashing or from breaking waves. A part of the rain water as well as water condensation in the bilge may end up in the bilge.

- Do not leave the boat unattended in the water for a long time.
- Observe the floating position of the boat and empty the bilge when necessary.

Leaving the boat unattended in the water for a long time may cause damage.

**△ CAUTION** 

Do not close the drain holes when using the boat.

### 4.1.2 Openings in the hull and deck

There are several inlets through the boat that include valves for opening and closing such inlets. It is recommended to keep these inlets closed if the boat is out of use for a long time, and to open them again when the boat is used again. If the boat is lifted out from water or in rainy conditions, inlets should be kept open.

Always check that all hatches are securely closed before and after using the boat.

We recommend that you keep the windows, doors, deck hatches, roof hatches, vents and interior doors closed while driving. In stormy weather, always keep them securely closed to minimize the risk of water getting into the boat and to avoid any personal injuries.

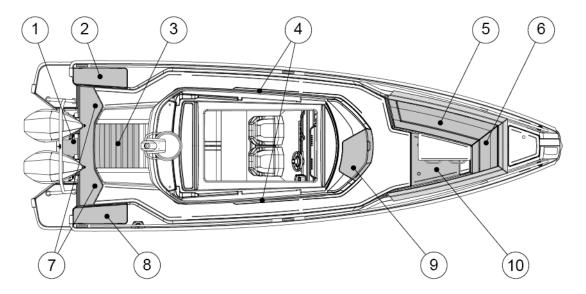
In certain conditions and speeds, it is possible that water is sprayed inside through canopies, hatches or other openings, due to negative pressure or other effects. Risk for this can be minimized by closing the canopies, hatches or other openings.



All doors and hatches must be kept shut when under way.



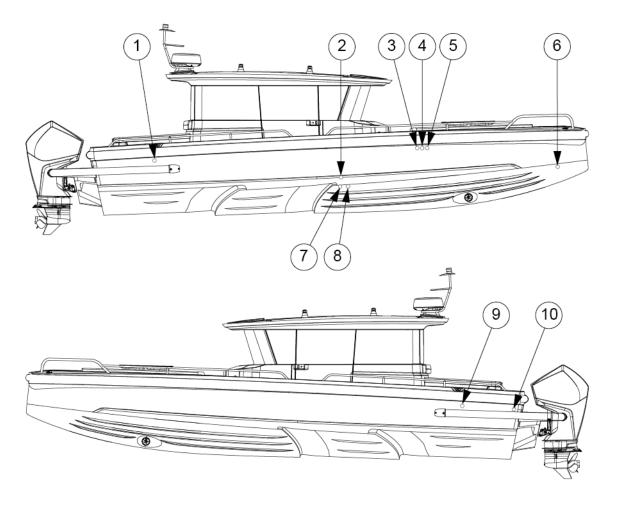
The figure shows the hatches that must be kept closed while under way or when the boat is attached to the dock.



- (1) Inspection hatch in the engine bracket
- (2) Port fender box hatch
- (3) Floor hatch or roof hatch (with aft cabin)
- (4) Cabin door
- (5) Side storage box
- (6) Front storage box
- (7) Aft deck hatch (without aft cabin)
- (8) STB fender box hatch
- (9) Toilet door
- (10) Storage box hatches

The location and number of these components depend on the level of the equipment on the boat.





- (1) Fuel vent
- (2) Toilet sink outlet
- (3) Fwd auto bilge pump outlet
- (4) Waste water tank
- (5) Fresh water tank vent
- (6) Anchor locker drain
- (7) Toilet flush inlet
- (8) Waste water tank outlet
- (9) Manual bilge outlet
- (10) Aft auto bilge pump outlet

# 4.1.3 Bilge system

The bilge system is designed to enable keeping the bilge water level at a minimum. The system consists of several pumps that cover all the lower sections of the boat.

The boat is equipped with both manual and electric bilge pumps. The signs on the boat display the draining area of each pump.

The manual bilge pump is controlled with its handle.



The submersible electric bilge pumps are equipped with a float which triggers them automatically if there is water in the bilge space. The electric bilge pumps can also be controlled manually from the switches on the steering console.

#### **△ WARNING**

The bilge system is not designed for damage control.

The combined capacity of the bilge system is not designed to pump out the boat in the event of hull damage.

#### **NOTICE**

Keep the bilge area clean by washing it ever so often using bilge cleaner or biodegradable soap and water. Clean bilge significantly helps noticing signs of leaks or other problems that may occur.

#### **NOTICE**

- Check the functionality of the bilge pumps regularly by manually activating them.
- · Remove any waste from the intakes.
- · Clear the pump outlets from debris.

If seacocks are fitted in the fore and aft peak bulkheads, keep them closed, and only open to let water drain into the main bilges.

#### **NOTICE**

Do not run the pumps dry for a long time. The pumps will be damaged.

#### **NOTICE**

Avoid pollution.

Since the bilge system comprises of several automatic and manual pumps that cover all areas of the boat, the risk of accidental discharge of contaminated water by automatic pumps needs to be minimized.

Mitigate the risk by checking the bilge water regularly for contaminants such as oil, diesel, and glycol.

#### Before every use

Make sure that:

- The bilge pumps can operate freely, and there are no objects blocking operation.
- Water can flow through the strainer, and there is no muck or material restricting the water flow.

  Clean the strainer by pushing the lock tabs in the pump motor and lifting the motor unit off.

#### 4.1.3.1 Bilge pumps and outlets

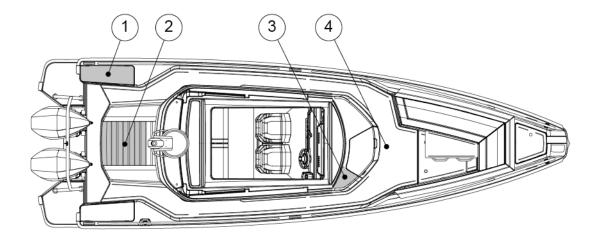
#### Bilge pump output

- The manual bilge pump output is 33 liters (9 gallons) per minute.
- The automatic bilge pump output is 41 liters (11 gallons) per minute.



#### Bilge pump locations

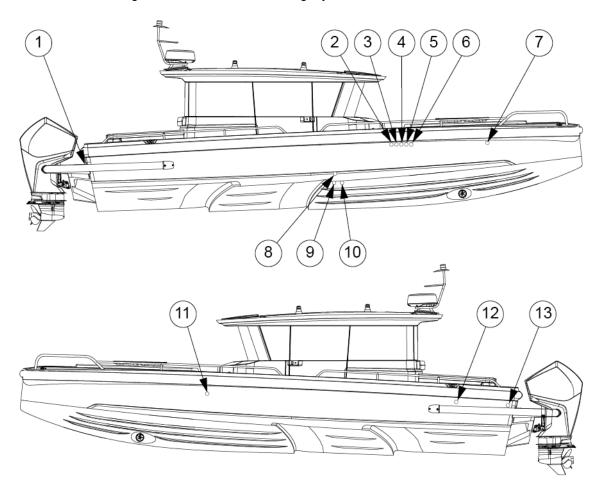
The electric bilge pumps are submersible. One electric bilge pump is located under the berth of the aft cabin and can be accessed by opening the floor hatch. The other electric bilge pumps are located in front of the toilet and can be accessed by opening the toilet front wall. The electric pumps are by default in automatic mode and pump out the bilge once the float-switch is triggered. The electric bilge pumps can also be started manually from the boat's main control panel.



- (1) Manual bilge pump
- (2) Aft electric bilge pump
- (3) Front electric bilge pump
- (4) Hull through valves



The figure shows the seacocks and inlets through the side. Always check in the spring when launching that the inlets through the side and bottom are tightly closed.



- (1) Deck draining holes and valves
- (2) Deck draining pump outlet
- (3) Shower pump outlet
- (4) Front bilge pump outlet
- (5) Septic tank ventilation
- (6) Fresh water tank ventilation
- (7) Diesel tank ventilation
- (8) Septic tank draining seacock
- (9) Sinks draining seacock
- (10) Toilet seat inlet seacock
- (11) Heater exhaust
- (12) Manual bilge pump outlet
- (13) Aft bilge pump outlet



### 4.2 Technical systems

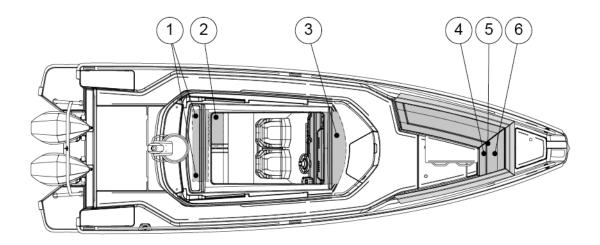
### 4.2.1 Electrical system

#### **⚠ WARNING**

#### Risks of fire, explosion and electric shock!

Improper use of electric DC and AC systems may result in fire, explosion or electric shock.

Follow the instructions carefully.



- (1) Batteries
- (2) Main switch panel
- (3) Fuse panel
- (4) Shore power plug
- (5) Shore power system battery charger
- (6) Bow thruster and windlass fuses and Aux battery

### 4.2.2 12 V system

Most of the boat's equipment uses the 12 V system.

The 12 V system consists of engine driven alternators, battery chargers for shore-side electricity, batteries and equipment. The power is supplied to the batteries via diodes from either the engine alternator or the shore power charger.

To activate the circuits in the 12V system, the main switches for the corresponding circuits need to be activated and the fuses intact. When the electronic circuit is switched on, the equipment can be operated from the main switch panel.



#### **⚠ WARNING**

- Never switch off the main switch when the engine is running, because this may cause damage to the alternator.
- Never carry out electrical installations when the power is switched on.
- Never modify the boat's electrical system or diagrams. Service and maintenance must be carried out by a qualified electrician.
- Never alter or modify the rated amperage of the overcurrent protective devices.
- Never install or replace electrical equipment with components that cause the circuit's nominal rated amperage to be exceeded.
- Never leave the boat unattended with the electrical system energized, except automatic bilge pump, fire protection, and alarm circuits.
- Maintain any damaged equipment before taking it back to use.

#### 4.2.3 Main switches

The different electronic circuits of the boat are controlled by the main switches.

The main switches allow the batteries to be disconnected from all devices that consume electricity. When the main switches are in the On position, the current is conducted to the distribution board and from there to different parts of the boat.

The background color of the main switch and the text On shows that the electronic circuit is switched on, and when the circuit is switched off, the background color is red and the text says Off.

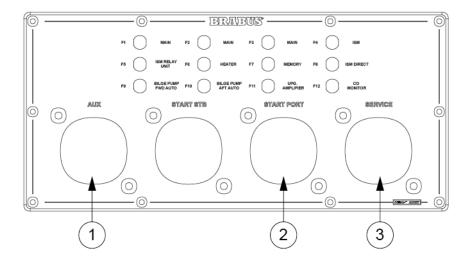
When you leave your boat for any length of time, switch the current off from all the main switches. Devices that constantly need current are active regardless of the position of the main switches.

The design drawing of the boat's electrical system is presented in *Appendix II*. The location of the main switches is presented in the section *Electrical system*.

The main switch is located under after seat. In the main switch panel, there are direct supply switches for critical equipment and main switches for the start batteries, the service battery and the Aux battery.

Current is fed to the engine by turning the Start switch to the On position. The current feed to other equipment is achieved by turning the Service switch to the On position, and feed to the bow thruster and windlasses is achieved by turning the Aux switch to the On position.





- (1) Aux battery
- (2) Start battery
- (3) Service battery

### 4.2.4 Direct supply switches

Some of the devices in the boat are supplied by direct supply switches. Direct supply switches are intended for such equipment that need current when the main switches are turned off.

When pushed down, the switch is on and when pushed up it is off. The switch indicates a short circuit or interference in the electronic circuit by springing up to the "off" position. The switch can be reconnected by pushing it back down to the "on" position. Do not reconnect the switch before you have found out the reason for the interference.

The direct supply switches must be left on even if the current from other circuits is switched off. An appliance that is switched off too early may cause the appliance to overheat and become damaged.



Turning the direct supply switch off too early may cause the device (for example, the heater) to break or catch fire, because the devices have a ventilation feature that works even if the device is otherwise switched off.

 Make sure the device is cooled down before turning it off completely. For more information, see the manual of the device in question.

#### **4.2.5 Fuses**

The fuse panel includes fuses for the boat's equipment. The fuse panel is located in the toilet room.

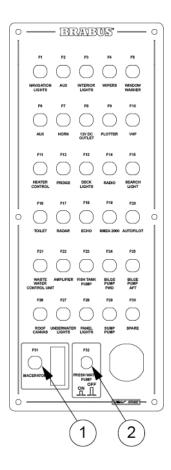
The fuses are in the form of trip switches that break the circuit and spring up when tripped. Do not reset the switch before you have found out the reason for the breaker tripping. After that press the switch back down.

The panel has a combined switch and fuse for the macerator and fresh water pump. The fuse panel also has a 12 V output.





Before connecting an electric circuit, make sure that the circuit is not damaged and that there will be no short circuit or a fire caused by possible damages in the electric circuit. Any damaged equipment must be maintained or changed before they are again taken into use.



- (1) Macerator switch and fuse
- (2) Fresh water pump switch and fuse

### 4.2.6 Heavy duty fuses

There are fuse panels containing fuses for appliances and electronic circuits which require large currents, such as windlasses, in the boat.

The bow thruster's and windlasses' high-current fuses are located under the front deck hatch and the battery charger fuses behind the toilet's wall panel.

The functioning of fuses can be checked from the holes in the fuse's cover. If the metal strip visible in the hole is unbroken, the fuse is operational.

If the metal strip is damaged, meaning that an overload has occurred, contact a qualified nautical electrician.



#### **△ WARNING**

Opening the cover is not recommended, as there is a danger of electric shock and serious injury.

If the metal strip is damaged, contact a qualified nautical electrician. If it is necessary to open the cover, make sure that all the current cables from the batteries are disconnected.

#### 4.2.7 Batteries

The boat is equipped with 2-4 batteries. The amount of start batteries depends on the engine selection. The start batteries supply current to the engine(s) and engine-related equipment, and the service battery for other appliances and equipment on the boat. There is a separate battery for the bow thruster.

The dual battery system has been designed and built so that the boat's engine starts even if its service battery is empty. When the dual battery system has been installed, the start battery only supplies current for the engine system. All other power consuming devices have been connected on to service battery. The batteries are charged by the engine alternator. Charging of the batteries is arranged so that the start batteries are always prioritized. Once the start batteries are full, charging of the service batteries starts automatically.

The batteries are located in the aft of the boat. The exact location of the batteries is presented in the section *Electrical System*.



Only use maintenance-free AGM batteries in the boat.

- When you leave the boat, switch off the current from the main switch.
- Remove the batteries from the boat for winter storage.
  - When removing a battery, detach the negative pole first.
  - When disconnecting batteries, be careful not to touch both poles at the same time with a metal tool.

#### 4.2.7.1 Charging the batteries



- Make sure that the battery compartment is always well ventilated when charging batteries.
- Only charge batteries in the boat with the boat's own chargers. In other cases, remove the batteries from the boat.
- Remember that the batteries discharge an explosive oxy-hydrogen gas at a voltage of 14.4 volts.
  - The voltage of a normal battery in unloaded status is 12.3-12.7 V.
  - During charging, the voltage increases and the charging regulator stops the charging process automatically at a preset level.
  - The voltage measurement must be taken at the battery terminals, not the alternator, to achieve the correct result.



#### 4.2.7.2 Winter storage

For winter storage, the batteries can be left on board only if they are fully charged.

A partially discharged battery can freeze and crack. Always disconnect the cable terminals from the battery to avoid oxidation. When removing batteries, disconnect the negative pole first and make sure that there are no flammable or explosive materials or liquids nearby. When putting the batteries back in place, connect them in reverse order (positive pole first).

### 4.2.7.3 Cleaning the batteries

The top of the batteries needs to be cleaned regularly to avoid current leakage between the cells. If the battery is located in a separate area, it is normally sufficient to clean it in the spring and autumn.

Make sure that the air holes in the cell plugs are open so that gas can be vented.

The terminals and cable terminals must be lubricated to prevent deposits and corrosion.

### 4.2.8 110/230 V system

You can choose to equip your boat with the optional 110/230 V AC system with a shore power connection, which will allow you to use devices that run on the standard mains current.

The system obtains its power from an external supply on shore or from the jetty (shore power). In the European market the system used is 230 V and in the American market 110 V.

The system functions when a shore power cable has been connected to the shore power socket connection.

- 1. Turn off the shore power switch before connecting or disconnecting the cable.
- 2. Connect the shore power cable to the boat before connecting it to the shore power.
- 3. Disconnect the shore power cable from the shore power before disconnecting from the boat.
- **4.** Close the hatch of the boat's shore power connection.

The system's main fuse is located in a separate control panel. The system includes a battery charger, which starts charging batteries automatically when the boat has been connected to shore power. The location of the components is presented in the section *Electrical System*.

The shore power system needs to be checked at least biannually. Always disconnect the shore power cable when the system is not in use. Metal casings of installed electrical equipment must always be connected to earth in the boat electrical system. Use electrical equipment equipped with earth protection only.



#### **▲ DANGER**

Risk of electric shock and fire!

- Do not touch an energized high voltage system.
- Do not change the plug of the shore power cable. Use compatible connectors only.
- Try to minimize the risk of electric shock, short circuit and fire.
- Do not allow the shore power cable to hang in the water. If it does, a hazardous electric field could be created in the water.
- Never modify the connections on the shore power cable. Use compatible connectors only.
- If the earth fault breaker is tripped, disconnect the shore power cable immediately. In such a case contact a qualified electrician for repairs before the system is used again.

#### **▲ DANGER**

To avoid an electric shock and risk of fire:

- Switch off the shore power switch before connecting and disconnecting the cable.
- Connect the shore power cable to the boat before connecting it ashore.
- Disconnect the shore power cable ashore before disconnecting it from the boat.
- Close the hatch to the shore power socket on the boat carefully, avoiding getting it wet.

### 4.2.9 Fuel system

The boat has a fixed fuel system and a water-separating fuel filter on the suction line.

Instead of the fuel system used in the European region, the boats produced for the American region use the EPA (United States Environmental Protection Agency) fuel system regarding NMMA (National Marine Manufacturers Association) certification rules.

See the fuel system drawing in *Appendix II*. For care and maintenance of the fuel system, see the instructions in the engine manual.



Never start the engines if there is strong gasoline odor present.



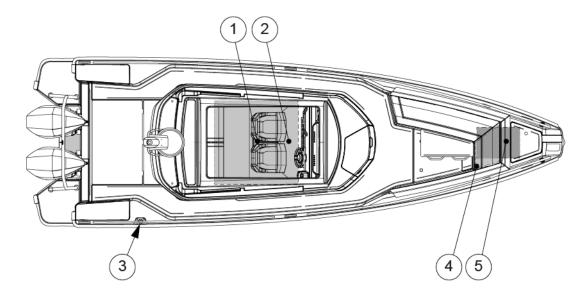
Risk of fire.

- Do not smoke or handle open flames when refueling.
- Remember that it is not allowed to store fuel in spaces not specifically designed for it. Since there is no ventilated storage space on the boat, possible spare fuel cans must be stored on deck.



#### Fuel system component locations

- The fuel tank is located in the middle of the keel. Prevent damage to the fuel lines.
- The fuel tank valves are located under the driver's seat. The EPA fuel system is equipped with an automatic fuel valve.
- The inlet pipe for fuel is located in the starboard side of the deck.
- If the boat has been equipped with an extra diesel tank, the inlet pipe and tank are located forward.



- (1) Fuel tank
- (2) Automatic fuel valve
- (3) Fuel inlet fitting
- (4) Diesel tank inlet fitting (under hatch)
- (5) Diesel tank

#### 4.2.9.1 Refueling the boat

Wet down the composite decks with water before refueling. This ensures that any fuel spillage will float on the water and not penetrate the decking material.

Water reaching the engine's injection system can cause rapid corrosion damage to the precision components in the injection pump components. For this reason, it is vital to check the extra fuel filter regularly for water. Every so often, drain a small quantity of fuel into a suitable container (avoid fuel spillage) and check that there is no condensation water. If there is water in the filter, continue to drain until only clean fuel appears.

The fuel system on the engine is sensitive to air bubbles in the fuel. Always fill the tanks well before they are completely empty. If the system has been run dry, it must be bled before the engine can be started again. See the engine manufacturer's instruction manual before bleeding the fuel system.





- Never block access to safety equipment, fire extinguishers, fuel valves or main power switches.
- Never block any ventilation openings made in the boat because their purpose is to clear the air of fuel fumes.
- Never use a wrong type of fuel in the heater or cooker as this may damage them.
- Never use an open flame when detecting leaks.

#### 4.2.9.2 Maintaining the fuel system

Follow the engine manufacturer's maintenance schedule.

- Annually, check the condition of the hoses and make sure that there are no visible cracks, abrasion, or deterioration.
- Replace worn parts with genuine, marine-grade parts only.
- Bi-monthly, inspect the fuel system for presence of water in the fuel tank.
  - Presence of water in fuel can be checked by inspecting the contents of the fuel filter.
  - If any water is found, it must be removed and the whole fuel tank dried before the tank can be refilled with fuel.
- Examine the fuel tank and lines for corrosion and leaks.

### 4.2.10 Fresh water system

The fresh water system consists of a fresh water tank, pump and filter.

Your boat may also be equipped with a water supply point in the galley and a deck shower and a water supply point for the wet bar.

The tank is located under front deck. The pump and hydraulic accumulator are next to the tank. The fresh water tank is filled via the inlet pipe on the foredeck.

The fresh water system is turned on by switching on the fresh water pump. The pump switch is located on the fuse panel.

The system maintains a working pressure automatically with the assistance of a hydraulic accumulator, which is why the pump does not need to be shut after use.

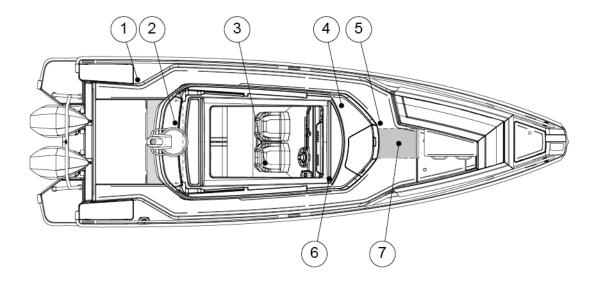
Switch the system off when leaving your boat. Do not forget to check filter in the pump regularly.

The dealer is responsible for disinfecting the fresh water tank before sale.



The fresh water system must be thoroughly emptied for winter storage. It is not recommended to use any anti-freeze products in the fresh water system.



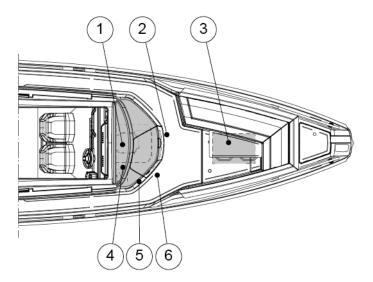


- (1) Deck shower
- (2) Wetbar tap (optional)
- (3) Galley tap
- (4) Fresh water pump switch
- (5) Water inlet fitting
- (6) Toilet tap
- (7) Water tank and pump

# 4.2.11 Septic system

The boat's septic system consists of the toilet seat, the septic tank and the related systems.





- (1) Toilet seat
- (2) Septic macerator
- (3) Septic tank
- (4) Toilet flush water inlet and septic tank seacock
- (5) Toilet seat pump
- (6) Septic tank suction fitting

### Maintaining the macerator

The macerator pump can get stuck if it is not used for extended periods of time. Regular use of the macerator helps to prevent this from happening.

If the macerator pump gets stuck, please contact your dealer for repairs.

### 4.2.11.1 Toilet seat

The boat is equipped with an electrical toilet seat system that uses fresh water.

### NOTICE

- Never put any other objects but toilet paper in the toilet.
- In order to avoid damages, you must also not pour hotter than lukewarm water into the toilet.
- It is under no circumstances allowed to flush paper towels, fabric or rubber products, hard objects, oil products or solvents down the toilet.

### Using the electrical toilet

The electrical toilet is used with a separate operating switch. For more information on the device, see the manual for the toilet.



#### Maintaining the toilet

- Clean the toilet with a mild cleaner.
- Never use cleaning agents or deodorants which contain pine oil, formaldehyde or chlorine, nor corrosive or petroleum-based agents.

These materials can damage the plastic and rubber parts in the toilet.

- Lubricate the pump shaft with Vaseline to increase the service life of the seal.
- Flush the toilet system thoroughly with fresh water when the boat is not in use.

### 4.2.11.2 Septic tank



Avoid environmental pollution!

The black water tank is fitted with a deck outlet pump using an international standard type connection. Using the pump, the black water can be emptied to a permanent septic tanks ashore. These facilities must always be used.

In areas where there are no permanent septic tanks, the macerator is used to evacuate the contents of the tank straight into the water as follows: Open the sealed seacock. If possible, empty the tank daily and always in deep waters far from the shore. For the location of the pump, see the section **Septic system**.



The shut-off valve must be closed after the evacuation.

Do not allow the tank to become full. It can lead to paper becoming compacted in the bottom of the tank, making it more difficult to empty.

### NOTICE

Before the boat is laid-up for winter storage, the whole system must be cleaned and flushed thoroughly while the boat is still in the water.

The whole system must be thoroughly drained of water when the boat is lifted out of the water.

This measure prevents frost damage, bacteria growth and smells.

Use of antifreeze is not recommended, since it is impossible to guarantee that it reaches all parts of the system.

### 4.2.12 Bow thruster

The bow thruster enhances the maneuverability of the bow when docking or performing other maneuvers that require increased operator control.

The bow thruster is located under the front deck and can be accessed by removing the bottom of the storage box.

The bow thruster is powered by the Aux battery. The main switch is located in the bow area of the boat.

The control switch is located in the steering console.

The batteries must be disconnected from the electronic circuit before changing a fuse. For more information, see the manufacturer's manual.



### **△ WARNING**

Incorrect use may cause overheating and short circuiting, and pose a fire risk.

- Use the bow thruster for only short periods at a time.
- Do not exceed four duty cycles (max. 30 seconds long in 25 mins).

If overloading occurs, contact a qualified marine electrician.



 Do not touch the bow thruster or its fuse if the main switch Aux is switched on.

# 4.3 Optional equipment

This section presents the optional equipment and systems available for the boat.

### 4.3.1 Heating system

The boat can be equipped with a heating system as an optional equipment.

The heater unit is located behind the toilet room wall. In addition, there are a different number of heating vents available, depending on the boat's equipment.

The operation panel is located in the steering console.

The heater tank is located in the fore. The filling cap for the heater tank is in the bow of the boat.

### **△ WARNING**

Appliances that burn fuel, consume oxygen and discharge toxic combustion products into the boat.

Good ventilation is essential when such an appliance is in use. Open ventilation holes and make sure that they are not blocked and that air flows freely through them.

• Never leave the boat unattended when the heater is in use.

### NOTICE

Heater components may break if the wrong kind of fuel is used. For more information, see the manufacturer's manual.

 Do not switch off the heater's direct supply current before you have made sure that the appliance has cooled down.

### 4.3.2 Anchor windlass

The boat can be equipped with a bow anchor windlass (optional equipment).

The windlass switches are located in the bow of the boat, and the remote control for the windlass is on the steering console.

The anchor windlasses are powered by the Aux battery. The battery and its fuse are located next to the windlasses.





- Do not touch the anchor windlass or its fuse if the main switch Aux is switched on.
- Even if the current is switched off, do not change the windlass fuse. The high current may cause a fatal electric shock.

### Before using the anchor windlass

Always check that:

- · The windlass is in working order.
- · The anchor chain can move freely.
- · The anchor and the chain cannot damage the boat when lowered.

For more information, see the manufacturer's manual.

### While under way

The anchor windlass must be fixed mechanically to prevent it from coming loose when the boat is moving. For more information, see the manufacturer's manual.



If the windlass loosens when the boat is moving at great speed, it may cause great damage to the boat, its passengers and outsiders.

 Always fix the anchor windlass mechanically in place before getting under way.



Keep all body parts and clothing away from an activated windlass.



Do not use the windlass to pull or tow another vessel.



# **5 Transportation**

# 5.1 Lifting the boat

In addition to the boat's own weight, take into account the equipment and other possible loads in the boat.



Commission only a reputable lifting company or a boatyard with sufficient lifting capacity to lift the boat. Make sure the company has full insurance cover, in case of any damages.

### **▲ DANGER**

Risk of serious injury or death by falling load.

Do not stay under the boat when it is hanging in the crane.

Lift slings may slip on the hull. When appropriate, tie the slings together before lifting.

The position of the slings may need to be adjusted depending on how the boat is loaded.

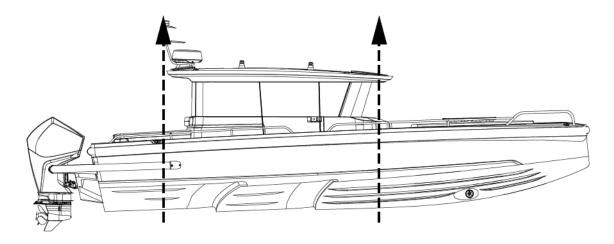
### **△ CAUTION**

Note the location of the log transducer to avoid damaging it.

· Protect the hull sides well to avoid damages.

The lifting beam must be exactly the same width as the boat. Always take great precautions near and around the boat when lifting.

The location of the lift straps is indicated in the figure.



Before operating any lifting equipment:

- Check and determine applicability of federal, state, or local requirements.
- Follow the lift equipment manufacturer's requirements and recommendations.



- Check the boat's lift points, weight and other information.
- Straddle lift operation is a highly technical area that requires trained and experienced operators.

#### During lifting:

- Ensure that all hull penetrations are closed or secure.
- Check the boat for bilge water before lifting.
  - Excessive quantities of bilge water can shift, changing the balance of the load.
- Check for thru-hull appendages such as knot meters and stabilizers, rub, spray, and splash rails, so that they are not damaged by the lifting equipment.
- Check the hull structure to locate shafts, rudders, struts, and the forward and aft ends of any keels
- Check the hull's structural configuration, including the location of bulkheads, stringers, engines, and tanks.
- Check bilges for water ingress following launch.
- Transport the boat as close to the ground as practicable.

# 5.2 Transporting and storing the boat

Before lifting the boat onto the trailer, make sure that the trailer is suitable for the boat.

Make sure that there is a sufficient number of supports to distribute the weight properly without excessive point loads, and the capacity and dimensions of the trailer are sufficient to carry the boat and its engine, equipment, battery, boating accessories and fuel on board. Pay special attention to exposed areas and edges of hull, such as strakes and steps in the hull, during loading, deloading and transportation.



A boat trailer that does not have sufficient capacity or that is poorly maintained can become damaged and cause a danger on the road.

 Make sure that the trailer capacity is sufficient to also carry the weight of the engine, fuel and equipment.

### **△ CAUTION**

The hull of the boat can be damaged if there is an insufficient amount of supports on the trailer.

The trailer must be a little nose heavy. Make sure that the boat is securely fastened to the trailer, that it cannot move into any direction, and that the side supports provide an even support for the weight of the boat.

### Before loading the boat on the trailer:

- · Remove any unnecessary weight from the boat.
- Drain the bilge water.
- Adjust the side supports of the trailer so that the most weight rests on the keel supports, and the side supports only offer lateral support.
- Protect the boat by placing suitable padding between the tie down straps and the boat, if necessary.
- See the engine manual for any instructions on trailering.



- Make sure that the doors and hatches are properly closed.
- Pay attention to any equipment and accessories in the boat during trailering.
  - Make sure you secure all loose items in the boat.
  - Do not use a hood, canopy, tonneau cover or other similar top or cover on the boat during trailering.

These hoods and covers can become detached at high speeds and damage the boat and cause a danger to traffic.

A hood or other cover flapping in the wind during trailering can damage the boat surface.

 Keep the hood in its dedicated storage compartment during trailering, or remove the hood completely, if necessary.



# 6 Operation

The boat owner must take local and international regulations into consideration concerning the boat crew, equipment and handling of the boat. In some countries, a driving license or a separate authorization is required for driving the boat. Special regulations may also apply.

Ensure that the anticipated wind and wave conditions do not exceed the design category of the boat, and that the crew is able to handle the boat in these conditions. Even though the boat is designed for such conditions, they can still be very dangerous. Only a capable, fit and trained crew, using a well maintained boat, can satisfactorily operate in such conditions.

If the boat is fitted with a life raft, carefully read its operation manual. Onboard, the boat must have the appropriate safety equipment according to the boat type and weather conditions. This equipment is compulsory in some countries. The crew must be familiar with the use of all safety equipment and the most important actions in different emergency situations. Sailing schools and clubs regularly organize rescue drills.

The equipment in the boat may differ from the equipment used in the figures in this manual. This might be due to any optional equipment chosen or modifications made after producing this manual. In such cases, Axopar Boats recommends that you contact your local dealer for the operation instructions and additional information regarding the operation of the equipment in question.

Always maintain the boat properly and make allowance for the deterioration that occurs over time and as a result of heavy use or misuse of the boat. Any boat, no matter how strong it may be, can be severely damaged if not used properly. Inappropriate use of this boat not compatible with safe boating is not allowed. It is always important to adjust the handling of the boat to the sea conditions and own boating experience. The gelcoat parts, especially the colored parts, need to be polished and waxed approximately every fourth months to prevent the parts from fading or getting other visual defects.

# 6.1 Handling devices

# 6.1.1 Steering console

The controllers are situated so that the driver can easily manage them from the steering console.

The location and quantity of the devices depend on what optional equipment and engine models have been chosen. See the device manuals for further information on the devices.

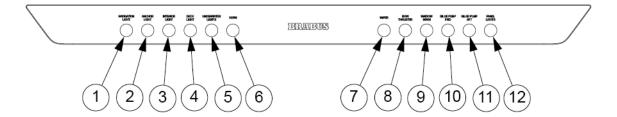




- (1) Steering console switch panel
- (2) Chart plotter
- (3) Mercury display
- (4) Active trim control
- (5) VHF radio
- (6) Radio/media controls
- (7) Ignition key and dead man's switch
- (8) Engine remote control



### 6.1.2 Steering console switch panel



- (1) Navigation lights
- (2) Anchor lights
- (3) Interior lights
- (4) Deck lights
- (5) Underwater lights
- (6) Horn
- (7) Wiper
- (8) Bow thruster
- (9) Window light
- (10) Forward bilge pump manual use
- (11) Aft bilge pump manual use
- (12) Panel lights

### 6.1.3 Windscreen wipers

The boat's windscreen wipers are controlled by the switches in the boat's steering console.

A switch for the windscreen washer is installed next to the switch for the windscreen wipers.

The windscreen wash-fluid tank is located beside the fresh water tank.

# 6.1.4 Steering system

### 6.1.4.1 Checking and topping up oil

Effective and properly working steering is crucial for the safety of the boat.

Hydraulic oil is added to the steering system via the filling plug in the steering wheel pump.

- Check the oil level in the pump before casting off.
   The oil level must be approximately 10 mm below the filler hole.
- See the manufacturer's instructions for the steering system oil recommendation.
- For the steering systems provided by the engine manufacturer, see the engine manufacturer's instructions.



### 6.1.4.2 Steering maintenance

- Check the couplings, mountings and bearings.
- · For the maintenance of the steering system, see the manufacturer's instructions.

### 6.1.5 Starting the engine

See the engine manufacturer's manual for engine information.

- 1. Set the engine lever in neutral.
- 2. Turn the ignition on and check the fuel level.
- 3. Start the engine by turning the ignition key.
- 4. Check that the gauges for oil pressure and volt meter show normal values.
- 5. Run the engine to operating temperature at idling speed. Never rev up a cold engine.



Risk of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Be aware of the risks with engine exhausts. For example, under turbulence or disadvantageous wind conditions, exhaust can enter the boat. If this happens, avoid idling the engines. If these problems occur under way, do not open the hatches and ventilators, as it can worsen the problems. Instead, you may try solving the problems by changing the boat's speed or weight distribution.



Never step onto the swim ladder when the engine is running. Stop the engine while the steering and propeller are being inspected.



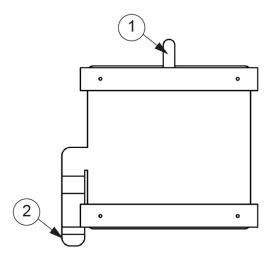
Do not operate this boat with an engine that exceeds the maximum engine power recommended by the manufacturer.

# 6.2 Swivel seat - Driver and passenger seats

The driver and passenger seats are operated with the locking handle.

The locking handle must be in the locked position when the boat speed exceeds 5 knots.





- (1) Moving locking handle
- (2) Rotation locking handle
  - In the moving function, lift the locking handle up to release the lock.
     This allows you to move seat from back to front.
  - In the rotating function, press the locking handle down to release the lock.
     This allows you to rotate the seat on the post.



The locking handle must be in the locked position before boat speed exceed 5 knots.

# 6.3 Inspecting the boat

Due to safety reasons, the below listed inspections must be carried out before and after using the boat.

# 6.3.1 Checklist: Regular inspection before leaving harbor

### Safety

Make sure that:

- All the people onboard have life jackets.
- The wind and wave conditions do not exceed the design category of the boat.
- The dead man's switch is switched to driver.
- There is a fire extinguisher (or several) onboard and their approval/inspection date has not expired.
- The needed ropes and anchor are onboard.



### **Draining and tightness**

#### Check that:

- There is no water in the bilge.
- All the bilge pumps are functional.
- · The bilge has no signs of fuel or oil leaks.
- The deck drain system is clean and the valves are open.
- · All deck hatches are tightly closed.

### Electrical and engine

#### Check that:

- · All the fuses are intact.
- The main switches are switched on.
- · The batteries have enough power.
- · The engine works properly.
- The engine cooling water flows as expected.
- · The fuel level is sufficient.



The specified tank capacity is not necessarily fully available, depending on the trim and load on board. The tank must always be kept at least 20% full.

### 6.3.2 Checklist: After using the boat

#### Make sure that:

- · The main switches are switched off.
- The septic tank discharge valve is closed.
- There is no water in the bilge.
- · The bilge pumps are functional.
- The deck draining works properly and all the draining valves are open.
- · All deck hatches, roof canvas and doors are tightly closed.

# 6.3.3 Notes for sunny conditions for Black OPS boats

The boat requires special attention when it is used in hot and sunny conditions.

In the construction of our boats, we use a high quality Premium Topcoat yacht paint for aesthetic high gloss finish and durability.

If you have selected this coating in a dark color, such as Gunmetal Grey or similar, it is of paramount importance that you are aware of certain maintenance considerations when using your boat in high temperature, high UV or environments exposed to extreme direct sunlight.

Failure to adhere to these guidelines may result in negative issues experienced on board as also voiding parts of the warranty of the boat.



Prolonged conditions of the boat being exposed to direct sunlight upon dark painted surfaces should be avoided as much as possible and care should be taken in environments where ambient temperatures regularly exceed 30 degrees Celsius (86 degrees Fahrenheit), areas near the equator, or where UV radiation is considered strong.

Potential negative impacts in such conditions may include:

- Comfort onboard due to raised ambient temperatures of dark painted surfaces
- · Raise of surface temperature on dark painted surfaces to uncomfortable levels
- Decreased air conditioning capacity (if installed)
- · Efficiency of refrigerators onboard may be limited, which may cause higher power consumption



In the most extreme conditions, skin burns may result from direct contact with painted surfaces.

### **Protecting**

When the boat is left stationary for a period more than 24 hours, the boat must be protected with the provided Planofil UV protective covers in high temperature conditions stated above.

We recommend that the boat is covered at all times when not in use.

Potential risks if these conditions are not adhered to may include (but are not limited to):

- Damage, cracks, blisters, scratches of fading of the coating and painted surfaces.
- Increased maintenance costs.
- Color change in seating and upholstery materials.
- Deformation or cracks in hatches, bonding areas of deck and hull, carbon fibre and console
  parts.
- In worst cases, GRP top surface layer delamination.



Any damage or injuries resulting from failures to undertake the outlined maintenance and precautions, or issues that could have been avoided, are not covered under warranty.

# 6.4 Handling the boat

# 6.4.1 Checklist: Boat handling before leaving harbor

For safe navigation under all weather conditions, proper sound signaling equipment in compliance with regulations (COLREG, 1972) must be carried on board. Make sure that the sound signaling equipment on the boat is compliant with these regulations.



### **△ CAUTION**

According to national regulations in some countries, it is a legal requirement to wear a life vest at all times.

- Check that the boat and its equipment are in seaworthy condition.
- Always listen to long-term weather forecasts when planning longer trips.
- Always make sure there is enough fuel and freshwater in the tanks.
- Always keep the engine compartment closed when starting the engine.
- Check that all items on board are properly stowed and adequately secured to manage rough sea and wind conditions.
- Make sure that the swim ladder is raised out of the water before moving off.
- Make sure that the steering is correctly positioned before starting.
- All persons on board must wear an appropriate life vest when on deck.

### 6.4.2 Leaving the jetty

Before casting off, consider how to best leave the jetty.

- Check what the wind direction is.
- Using a bow thruster, move the bow out and then engage the propeller.
- If the boat has two engines, move away from the jetty by engaging the engine nearer the jetty astern at idling speed and engaging the other engine ahead at idling speed on.
- The boat will swing out from the jetty astern. As the bow will move against the jetty, fend off properly.

With only one engine this can be a little more challenging, especially if the wind is pressing the boat firmly against the jetty, you have to use a spring to get the stern out.

- · Firmly fend off the bow from the jetty.
- Take a line from the bow around a bollard or cleat, so that it can be easily let go.
- Engage idling speed ahead and turn the rudder so that the stern glides out from the jetty.
- When the boat has reached a position, where it can safely be reversed, release and retrieve the line, quickly center the rudder and engage astern.



Gather in all lines and fenders while you are still in sheltered water. A rope around the propeller can disable a boat.

# 6.4.3 Driving the boat

Going out in a motor boat involves responsibility not just to those on board, but also to others we meet on the water. Showing consideration for others makes boating comfortable. Everyone has the same right to be at sea, whatever kind of boat they go afloat in.

The physical laws that apply to a boat are rather different from, for example, those affecting a car, as are the possibilities of controlling it.



You can influence a boat's behavior and the level of comfort on board primarily by adapting the speed to the prevailing sea conditions and by the intelligent use of the trim tabs. A planing boat rides almost level in the water at maximum speed. As the speed of the boat is reduced the trim angle increases and the bow rises slightly. This is normal, and is a prerequisite for good performance.

#### 6.4.3.1 Dead man's switch

If the boat is equipped with a dead man's switch, attach its lanyard to yourself immediately after detaching the mooring lines. For more detailed instructions, see the engine manual.

It is very important that the boat stops if you for some reason fall overboard or stumble on board, particularly if you are alone. However, remember to detach the lanyard from your wrist before docking or beaching operations to prevent the engine from stopping unintentionally.

### 6.4.3.2 Driving at high speed

Although the boats have passed the CE requirements for swerve tests at full speed, Axopar Boats does not recommend making sharp turns at high speed. When exceeding a certain speed limit any hull construction might lose its grip. This might lead to passengers hurtling out of the boat, especially in a single engine configuration.

- Do not use the boat if it has an engine with a higher power rating than indicated on the capacity plate.
- Do not drive the boat at high speed if the engine's rig angle is negative (bow down).
- Do not drive at full speed on congested waterways or if the visibility is limited because of weather conditions or waves.
- Reduce your speed and wake as a matter of courtesy, and also for the safety of yourself and others.
- · Observe and obey speed limits and prohibitions associated with a swell.
- Follow the rules of navigation and the requirements of COLREG (Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea).
- Always make sure that you have the space needed for avoiding collisions and coming to a halt and for evasive maneuvers.
- Always use a dead man's switch if available.
- Reduce speed in high seas for increased comfort and safety.
- Learn the boat's speed potential. Utilize this knowledge for economical and safe cruising.
- Avoid using high speed along with large rudder movements when going astern, because that
  places great strain on the rudder and steering mechanism.
- · Avoid sudden steering maneuvers at high speeds.
- Avoid staying in the bow area when driving at high speeds.

Avoid sudden changes in travel direction at high speed. Let the boat come to a stop, and the engine rev down before shifting between forward and reverse. Otherwise excessive strain is put on the engine, which could cause the engine to stop. In the worst case, sea water may enter the engine.

A right-handed propeller rotates clockwise and a left-handed propeller anti-clockwise, seen from the stern. The rotation of the propeller is critical for steering the boat. The right-handed propeller pushes the stern of the boat to starboard when the engine is engaged ahead and to port when it is going astern. The direction of rotation of the propeller has a major impact on the turning radius. A right-handed propeller gives a smaller turning radius to port than to starboard. This is called the propeller's paddlewheel effect.



The boat's propellers have considerable propulsion power that provides powerful acceleration. Take this into consideration to avoid dangerous situations arising from this.



A revolving propeller is life-threatening to a swimmer or a person who has fallen overboard.

Use the dead man's switch and turn off the engine when someone is climbing on board.

### 6.4.3.3 Driving in rough seas

Never go out in rough seas, if you are uncertain whether the boat and those on board can cope. Follow these simple rules.

- Be well prepared.
- Remember to secure loose equipment.
- Always have a sea anchor and other emergency equipment easily accessible.
- Avoid breaking seas that can appear close to land and over shallows.
- If there are significant waves, always reduce speed to guarantee the safety of the persons on board.
- Use the trim tab to trim the bow down to reduce hull slamming in a head sea.

#### In a head sea

- Adjust speed to suit the size of the waves.
- Adjust the trim angle to the size of the waves. Avoid taking seas beam on.

### In a following sea

Remember to keep the bow high in a following sea. Avoid crashing through waves, maintain low speed. If necessary, deploy the sea anchor to reduce speed.

Planing boats can be particularly exposed in rough following seas. The stern of the boat rises and the rudder does not answer, so the boat broaches while the bow cuts down into the sea.

### 6.4.3.4 Maneuvering in narrow channels

When maneuvering the boat in narrow channels, the engine speed must be kept as low as possible so that maneuvers are calm and steady.

In difficult wind and current conditions, more revs might be necessary to make full use of the power of the engine. In these conditions, it is important that maneuvers are made quickly and precisely to prevent the boat from drifting into trouble for example.

A good rule before starting a maneuver under difficult conditions, is to think through the different situations which could arise. Pay attention to the wind and current conditions and decide in advance which maneuver you will make. It is also important to brief crew members on what they need to do in different situations.

Always keep in mind that the stability of the boat may be reduced when towing.





Even a nonslip molding can be slippery to walk on when the deck is wet.

### 6.4.4 Visibility from steering position

The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREG) demand that a proper lookout is kept at all times, and the *right of way* rule is followed.

The following factors can considerably reduce visibility, among other things:

- · Gear trim angle
- Trim tab angle
- · Load and load position
- Speed
- Rapid acceleration
- Changeover from displacement speed to planing
- · Sea conditions
- · Rain and thunderstorms
- · Darkness and fog
- Inner lighting when under way in the dark
- · Position of curtains
- People and equipment that block the driver's view.



Make only small adjustments at a time. Holding down the button for the trim tab for any length of time can result in partial loss of control of the boat.

### 6.4.5 Using the trim tabs

A boat does not need trim tabs to get up on the plane or to give good performance. However, trim tabs are a very useful aid when used correctly.

There are two situations in particular where the trim tabs need to be used:

- When it is desirable to trim the bow down in a rising sea and at speeds between going up planing and cruising speed.
- · When running with a strong beam wind.

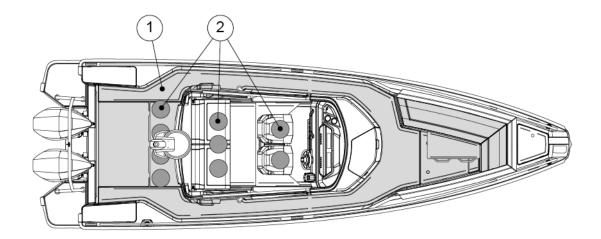
A planing boat always leans into a strong side wind. This reduces the boat's seakeeping qualities, which is why listing to one side needs to be eliminated as far as possible. Lowering the trim tab on the windward side brings the boat back into normal attitude.

For trimming the bow down, both trim tabs are used in parallel. Begin by retracting both trim tabs completely, then lower both of them a little at a time, so that you retain complete control over how the boat is affected. When running with a following sea, both trim tabs always need to be fully raised. The reason for this is that boats have a tendency to "dive" in a strong following sea, which can result in uncontrollable slowing. Therefore you must run the boat with a high bow angle in a following sea.



# 6.5 Preventing falling overboard

The boat's working decks are areas where people can move about when the boat is being maneuvered. The working deck area is shown in grey in the figure.



- (1) Working deck area
- (2) Seats
  - Do not sit, stand or spend time in other parts of the boat while the boat is under way.
  - Moving about in the aft part of the aft deck and on the front deck while the boat is under way is not recommended.

If a person has fallen into the water, the easiest way to get back on board is to use the swim ladder. The ladder can be pulled down also from the water.

Keep the gates in the flat aft deck area closed while the boat is under way.

#### Staying on deck



Staying in the bow of the boat is not recommended in speeds exceeding 30 knots.



If the sun deck cushions or the front deck table are in place, observe the maximum speed of 15 knots to avoid the cushions or table detaching at speed or in high waves.



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- · Use the dead man's switch.
- Turn off the engine when someone is climbing on board.

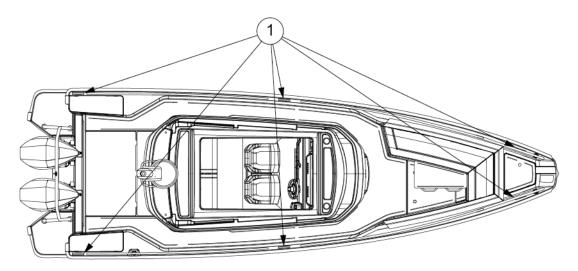


# 6.6 Anchoring, docking and mooring

### 6.6.1 Fastening points

Fastening points (or cleats) are located both at the stern, midship and bow.

- When anchoring or towing, the forward force is 32,2 kN.
- · When mooring the forward force is 26,3 kN.
- When mooring the rearward force is 22,5 kN.



(1) Fastening points

# 6.6.2 Docking

Always brief your crew how you are planning to dock. Fenders and at least one mooring line fore and aft must be in place before approaching the jetty.

It is always easiest to dock against the wind. Try to hold the bow exactly into the wind and maintain sufficient speed for the boat to answer the rudder. If the bow is blown off in one direction, back out and repeat the maneuver. Bring the bow up to the jetty, and make sure you get a line ashore quickly.

Docking with a side wind is a little more difficult. Do not steer parallel to the jetty letting the boat blow in as there is always a risk of the bow being blown off towards other boats or the jetty. Instead, try to maneuver the boat so that the wind comes directly from astern. Then the boat can be maneuvered straight ahead since the wind helps hold the boat on a straight course. It is good to have someone on the foredeck that can go ashore and quickly turn the bow in the desired direction after the boat has stopped completely.

Try to always avoid sharp movements of the throttle, since idling speed in ahead and astern is generally adequate. Sharp movements of the throttle can lead to panic maneuvers.

**△ CAUTION** 

The tensile strength of the lines or chains should normally not exceed the strength of the fastening point in question.



### 6.6.3 Checklist: Before anchoring

- 1. Check the chart to see if anchoring is permitted in the area.
- 2. Listen to the weather forecast for the area and take note of the expected wind conditions.
- 3. Switch on the echo sounder.
- 4. Study the seabed conditions and make sure that there is good holding ground.
- 5. Check that the safety chain has been released from the anchor.
- 6. Wait until you have reached the intended anchoring point before lowering the anchor.
- 7. Let out the anchor line equal to at least three times the depth of the water.
- 8. Put the engine in astern to check that the anchor has taken hold (only when bow anchoring).
- 9. Note your position on the GPS. Regularly check that the boat has not moved from its position.
- **10.** Set the echo sounder to "Anchor Watch".



Always fix the anchor in such a way that it is securely fastened onto the boat. An anchor that falls off when under way may cause serious damage to the boat and mortal danger to the crew.

### 6.6.4 Towing and mooring

**△ CAUTION** 

When towing another boat or being towed, always drive slowly. If the boat you are towing is of the displacement hull type, never exceed its hull speed.

- Always attach the tow line so that it can be detached under load. It is
  the owner's and users' responsibility to ensure that the mooring lines,
  towing lines, anchor chains, anchor lines and anchors are adequate for
  the vessel's intended use.
- Always remember that the stability of the boat may decrease when being towed.



# 7 Maintenance

# 7.1 Cleaning and maintaining the gelcoat surface

The gelcoat surface of the boat is subjected to environmental conditions which can, under certain circumstances, lead to deterioration of the surface. Overtime, these external factors such as saltwater, high UV exposure and temperature variation, can have an effect on the gelcoat surface.

### NOTICE

Clean and maintain regularly all the gelcoat surfaces on the boat.

If the regular cleaning and maintenance is neglected, or if the boat is exposed to certain environmental conditions where it is berthed, deterioration of the surface finish such as fading, discoloration and brittles may become visible over time.

- · Wash and clean the boat after every trip, and weekly if it is stored outside uncovered.
- · Wax the boat twice a year if used all year, otherwise annually.
- Inspect the gelcoat surface annually for signs of deterioration, such as brittle surfaces or changed color tones.
- Small scatches or discolorations can be fixed by buffing or polishing.
- Severe scratches, discoloration or oxidation may require wet sanding before buffing, polishing and vaxing.
  - Wet sanding is recommended to be performed by an Axopar dealer or a trained professional.
- When the boat is not in use, keep the gelcoat surface out of the sun or cover the boat with a canvas tarpaulin.
  - Do not use plastic or other non-porous materials, which can trap moisture between the cover and the surface.

### Washing



Use a cleaning product specially made for boats. Do not use household cleaning products, clorine, acids or similar as they may damage the boat surface due to their improper pH value.

Wash the boat after every trip by using a mild cleaning product. Dilute the cleaning product with fresh water according to the instructions on the product label.

- 1. Rinse the deck and hull with fresh water to remove loose dirt.
- 2. Wash the surfaces with the diluted cleaning product and a soft-bristled brush.
- 3. Rinse off with fresh water.

#### Waxing

Waxing the gelcoat surface restores gloss and protects the finish. Only use wax recommended for gelcoat, and follow the product instructions carefully.

Wax can either be applied by hand using a clean rag, or with an orbital-motion buffing machine.





If using a buffing machine, do not exceed the speed of 1200 rpm. Using a higher speed may burn the gelcoat.

NOTICE

Do not wax a gelcoat surface in direct sunlight.

- 1. Apply wax and wait for a few minutes until the wax looks dry.
- **2.** Buff the wax either by hand using a clean rag, or by using a buffing machine. Buff in circular motions until the surface is clean and glossy.
- Finish by wiping the potential wax residues off with a clean rag.

### Polishing and buffing

Small scratches or discolorations can be fixed by polishing and buffing the boat. If the surface has severe discoloration or oxidation, wet sanding is recommended before polishing and buffing.

- · Polishing compounds remove small scratches and discolorations.
- Buffing compounds contain abrasive and remove deeper scratches or oxidation.
   Buffing compounds can be used, for example, to remove scratches on the hull caused by the fenders.
- · After using the buffing compound, use polishing compound to achieve the best possible finish.
- · Follow the product instructions of the compound carefully.

Polishing and buffing compounds can either be applied by hand usign a clean rag, or with an orbital-motion buffing machine with a polishing pad.

NOTICE

When using a buffing machine, do not exceed the speed of 1200 rpm. Using a higher speed may burn the gelcoat.

NOTICE

Do not polish or buff a gelcoat surface in direct sunlight.

- 1. Apply polishing or buffing compound on the surface and wait for a few minutes until the compound looks dry.
- 2. Polish or buff the compound either by hand using a clean rag, or by using a buffing machine with a polishing pad.
  - Buff in circular motions until the surface is glossy.
- Wax the surface.

### Wet sanding

NOTICE

Wet sanding is recommended to be performed by an Axopar dealer or a trained professional.

Severe scratches, discoloration or oxidation of the gelcoat surface may require wet sanding. Wet sanding can be done either by hand or by using a machine.



NOTICE

When using a machine, do not exceed the speed of 1200 rpm.

Using a higher speed may burn the gelcoat.

NOTICE

Do not wet sand a gelcoat surface in direct sunlight.

1. Spray water to the area that needs to be sanded.

NOTICE

Keep the surface continuously moist while sanding.

2. Sand the surface with a 1000 grit sandpaper (for example Mirka Abralon).

If you use a machine, use a low rpm speed to get the best result.

Keep sanding until the entire surface is equally matt.

- 3. Sand the surface with a finer 1400 grit sandpaper.
- **4.** Sand the surface once more with an even finer-grit sandpaper.

This saves time in the buffing and polishing stage.

- **5.** After sanding, when the surface looks equally matt, rinse the surface with fresh water and allow to dry.
- 6. Buff and polish the surface to get the gloss back.
- 7. Wax the surface.

### 7.1.1 Maintenance notes

The boat requires a certain amount of maintenance. This is especially relevant for external parts which are exposed to sun and salt water.

A proper maintenance of your boat contains the following:

- Wash the boat with fresh water regularly.
- If the boat is used throughout the year, polish the hull approximately every fourth months.
- Polish the stainless and chromed parts with chrome polish.
- · Clean the aluminium parts with fresh water. Add soap to the water, if necessary.
- Rinse the cover with fresh water. Allow to dry thoroughly before folding away.
- Clean and maintain teak surfaces with products that are made for that purpose.

Over time, the teak deck takes on a satin grey appearance, if not maintained.

- Clean a composite deck with a soft brush and a mild soap solution.
- Avoid using aggressive cleaning agents.
- If the boat is stored or docked in an environment where there are noticeable hard air conditions, for example, near harbours, in lively sea routes, highways and power stations, you have to pay special attention to the RST parts of the boat.

This kind of air conditions can cause premature corrosion to the RST parts and damage to gelcoat surfaces.

 Polish and wax RST and gelcoat parts (especially coloured gelcoat parts) approximately every fourth month so that the parts will not face fading or other visual defects.



# 7.2 Maintaining the interiors

### 7.2.1 Wooden interiors

The interior details of the boat, such as the locker doors and drawer fronts and wooden strips, are made of oiled wood.

- Clean the wooden interior details with a damp cloth and a small amount of soapy water.
- Treat the wooden surfaces again every year to protect the wood.

### 7.2.2 Plastic and painted surfaces

- 1. Wet the surface evenly with water before the actual cleaning.
- 2. Remove stains.
  - Remove regular stains with a brush and a lightly diluted cleaner.
  - Remove grease with a brush or a sponge and window cleaner.
- 3. Clean the surface afterwards with sponge and water.
- 4. Wipe dry with a piece of cloth.

### 7.2.3 Fabrics

The interior fabrics are washed according to separate washing instructions (marking on the fabric). In case the marking is not visible:

- 1. Wash in 40°C with a light spin cycle.
- 2. Hang to drip dry.

The material may slightly shrink. If you want to avoid shrinking, take the fabrics to a dry cleaner.

### 7.2.4 Doors and hatches

- Clean the tracks of sliding doors and hatches regularly and lubricate, if necessary.
- · Lubricate handles and locks with regular lock lubricant.

# 7.3 Maintaining the cover



New covers may leak initially, as the seams need to swell.

### **During use**

To prevent quick deterioration of the cover, secure it tightly in a folded-up position to prevent flapping.



#### After use

### NOTICE

- Hang to dry. Never use a drying cabinet or iron to speed up drying.
- Check that the cover is completely dry before stowing. Stowing a moist cover can cause mold damage.
- · Store the cover in dry indoor conditions for the winter.
- The cover must not be stored in the boat.

### 7.3.1 Cleaning the cover

The cover needs to be thoroughly cleaned two or three times a year.

NOTICE

Never use high pressure washers or chemical cleaning agents.

- 1. Let the fabric cover soak for at least 24 hours.
- **2.** After soaking, wash the inside and outside of the cover with a sponge or a soft brush. Use mild soapy water and plenty of water, max. 30°C.
- **3.** Rinse thoroughly with freshwater.
  - Axopar Boats recommends mixing 12% vinegar in the final rinsing water to neutralize the soap residues.
- 4. Hang the cover to drip dry.

# 7.4 Preventing corrosion with sacrificial anodes

Sacrificial anodes are installed on the boat's trim tabs and engines to protect metallic parts from corrosion damage. The anodes need to be replaced regularly as they wear out to protect other metallic parts.

- Inspect the anodes monthly.
- Replace them when approximately fifty percent of the anode has deteriorated.

In general, anodes need replacement once a year in fresh water, and more frequently in saltwater environment. If there is an increase in the consumption speed, it can be a sign of electrical issue and the root cause should be investigated.

# 7.5 Preventing frost damage

- The bilge pump system is fitted with a water lock on the hose.
  - Detach the hose and fully drain the water from the water lock and run the pumps dry.
     Otherwise the pumps may freeze and break.
- · Unscrew the frost plug on the underside of the shower fittings.
  - If there is no frost plug, unscrew the shower hose.



- Drain the water tank and all other components containing water in order to avoid frost damage.
- Run the freshwater pump dry to drain out all the water.
- Make sure that no water remains in the boat under any circumstances. Leave the hatches in the cabin partially open.

# 7.6 Checklist: Before winter lay-up

- Wash the hull and bottom immediately after lifting the vessel out of the water.
- · Wash all parts inside, also under the floorboards.
- · Leave all lockers, drawers, and cabin and wardrobe doors open.
- · Remove the carpets.
  - Store the carpets and cushions indoors in a dry place.
  - If this is not possible, make sure that the cushions are dry and position them on their side.
- Ensure good ventilation in the boat.



If the batteries are left aboard, make sure they are fully charged, otherwise the batteries can freeze and crack.

# 7.7 Checklist: Before launching

- 1. Remove the tarpaulin in good time before launching.
- 2. Wash the hull with a regular shampoo and a soft brush.
- 3. Wax the hull, if necessary.
  - Use a standard boat wax.
- **4.** If there are small scratches on the hull or if some of the surface gelcoat has lost its shine, use a rubbing compound on these areas before polishing.
- 5. Paint the bottom with antifouling paint.
- **6.** If the batteries have been removed, put them back and check the electrolyte level in the cells. Check the condition of the batteries.
- 7. Check all cables, clamps, engine mountings and other fastenings.
- 8. Check the steering before launching.
- 9. Check the instrumentation.
- Close all water drain plugs.
- 11. Check that the seacocks are tight and in order, check for any frost damage.
- 12. Check all pipes, hoses and cocks.
- 13. Make a note of any frost damage.



### 7.8 Corrective maintenance

### 7.8.1 Deposits

Mild detergents and fine rubbing compounds reduce the weathering and calcium deposits accumulated on the surfaces.

NOTICE

Do not apply the rubbing compound in direct sunlight.

- Use only a fine grit compound, and follow the label instructions carefully.
- For the best result, wax the surface after treating it with the rubbing compound.

### 7.8.2 Scratches and nicks

Most scratches and nicks can be removed by using a rubbing compound followed by waxing.

### **7.8.3 Stains**

Most stains can be removed by washing with a mild detergent.

- For stubborn stains, use a tine abrasive household cleanser followed by waxing to restore original luster.
- For non-water-soluble stains, such as grease, oil, and rubber heel marks, use a solvent such as acetone, rubbing alcohol, toluene or xylene, followed by a mild detergent.
  - If these solvents are not effective, try a rubbing compound or fine sanding followed by waxing.

### 7.8.4 Deep marks, gouges and holes

Deep marks, gouges and holes should be repaired professionally.

Gelcoats can be well repaired by professionals, and in most cases the repair will be undetectable.

NOTICE

In cases where the damage has pierced the gelcoat layer, further exposure to water or chemicals should be avoided.

Failure to observe this precaution may result in extensive and potentially costly damage to the underlying laminate structure.



# 8 Environment

When handling environmentally hazardous substances such as fuel, oils, solvents, grease, bottom coats, you need to consider the following:

- Always read the instructions for each product carefully and handle the product with care.
  - Make sure that the used packaging, cans and similar items are discarded in designated collection points.
  - If you are in any doubt whether the product is hazardous or not, contact the supplier or vendor of the product.
- The backwash from boats wears down the shoreline and creates problems for other boats near you.
  - Always adjust your speed to the situation and the surroundings to avoid unnecessary backwash.
- Always drive the boat at the most economical engine revs possible, taking the prevailing conditions into account, to avoid unnecessary emissions and noise.
- Make sure that the engine is properly serviced at regular intervals so that noise and emission levels are minimized.
  - Read the engine manufacturer's manual carefully.
- As a boat owner you must be aware of the local environmental laws, and respect codes of good practice.
  - Never empty the septic or black water tank into water.
  - Familiarize yourself with the international regulations on the prevention of marine pollution (MARPOL) and comply with these regulations.

# 8.1 Requirements for North America

The EPA standards state that in freshwater lakes, freshwater reservoirs or other freshwater impoundments whose inlets or outlets are such as to prevent the ingress or egress by vessel traffic subject to this regulation, or in rivers not capable of navigation by interstate vessel traffic subject to this regulation, marine sanitation devices certified by the U.S. Coast Guard installed on all vessels shall be designed and operated to prevent the overboard discharge of sewage, treated or untreated, or of any waste derived from sewage.

The EPA standards further state that this shall not be construed to prohibit the carriage of Coast Guard-certified flow-through treatment devices which have been secured so as to prevent such discharges. They also state that waters where a Coast Guard-certified marine sanitation device permitting discharge is allowed include coastal waters and estuaries, the Great Lakes and interconnected waterways, freshwater lakes and impoundments accessible through locks, and other flowing waters that are navigable interstate by vessels subject to this regulation (40 CFR 140.3).



# 9 Appendix I: Checklists

# 9.1 Checklist: Fire in the engine

- · Stop the engine.
- · Steer the boat up against the wind, if possible.
- Make sure all passengers have life jackets.
- · If necessary:
  - Evacuate the passengers.
  - Call for sea rescue.
- Shut off fuel and main power switches.
- · Extinguish the fire.
- Wait until fully certain that the fire has been extinguished before opening the engine cover.
   Carefully open the engine cover and be prepared to use the handheld fire extinguisher if necessary for post-fire extinguishing.
- Put out possible smoldering fires with water.

### 9.2 Checklist: After fire

- · Open doors and windows for better ventilation.
- Inspect the boat and its equipment, and repair any damages.
- · Contact local authorities, if needed.
- Make sure that the fire extinguishing equipment is refilled or replaced after use.

# 9.3 Checklist: Regular inspection before leaving harbor

### Safety

Make sure that:

- · All the people onboard have life jackets.
- The wind and wave conditions do not exceed the design category of the boat.
- · The dead man's switch is switched to driver.
- There is a fire extinguisher (or several) onboard and their approval/inspection date has not expired.
- · The needed ropes and anchor are onboard.

### **Draining and tightness**

### Check that:

- There is no water in the bilge.
- · All the bilge pumps are functional.



- The bilge has no signs of fuel or oil leaks.
- The deck drain system is clean and the valves are open.
- · All deck hatches are tightly closed.

### Electrical and engine

#### Check that:

- · All the fuses are intact.
- The main switches are switched on.
- · The batteries have enough power.
- · The engine works properly.
- · The engine cooling water flows as expected.
- · The fuel level is sufficient.



The specified tank capacity is not necessarily fully available, depending on the trim and load on board. The tank must always be kept at least 20% full.

# 9.4 Checklist: After using the boat

#### Make sure that:

- · The main switches are switched off.
- The septic tank discharge valve is closed.
- · There is no water in the bilge.
- · The bilge pumps are functional.
- The deck draining works properly and all the draining valves are open.
- · All deck hatches, roof canvas and doors are tightly closed.

# 9.5 Checklist: Boat handling before leaving harbor

For safe navigation under all weather conditions, proper sound signaling equipment in compliance with regulations (COLREG, 1972) must be carried on board. Make sure that the sound signaling equipment on the boat is compliant with these regulations.



### **△ CAUTION**

According to national regulations in some countries, it is a legal requirement to wear a life vest at all times.

- Check that the boat and its equipment are in seaworthy condition.
- Always listen to long-term weather forecasts when planning longer trips.
- Always make sure there is enough fuel and freshwater in the tanks.
- Always keep the engine compartment closed when starting the engine.
- Check that all items on board are properly stowed and adequately secured to manage rough sea and wind conditions.
- Make sure that the swim ladder is raised out of the water before moving off.
- Make sure that the steering is correctly positioned before starting.
- All persons on board must wear an appropriate life vest when on deck.

# 9.6 Checklist: Before anchoring

- 1. Check the chart to see if anchoring is permitted in the area.
- 2. Listen to the weather forecast for the area and take note of the expected wind conditions.
- 3. Switch on the echo sounder.
- **4.** Study the seabed conditions and make sure that there is good holding ground.
- 5. Check that the safety chain has been released from the anchor.
- 6. Wait until you have reached the intended anchoring point before lowering the anchor.
- 7. Let out the anchor line equal to at least three times the depth of the water.
- 8. Put the engine in astern to check that the anchor has taken hold (only when bow anchoring).
- 9. Note your position on the GPS. Regularly check that the boat has not moved from its position.
- 10. Set the echo sounder to "Anchor Watch".



Always fix the anchor in such a way that it is securely fastened onto the boat. An anchor that falls off when under way may cause serious damage to the boat and mortal danger to the crew.

# 9.7 Checklist: Before winter lay-up

- Wash the hull and bottom immediately after lifting the vessel out of the water.
- Wash all parts inside, also under the floorboards.
- · Leave all lockers, drawers, and cabin and wardrobe doors open.
- Remove the carpets.
  - Store the carpets and cushions indoors in a dry place.
  - If this is not possible, make sure that the cushions are dry and position them on their side.
- Ensure good ventilation in the boat.





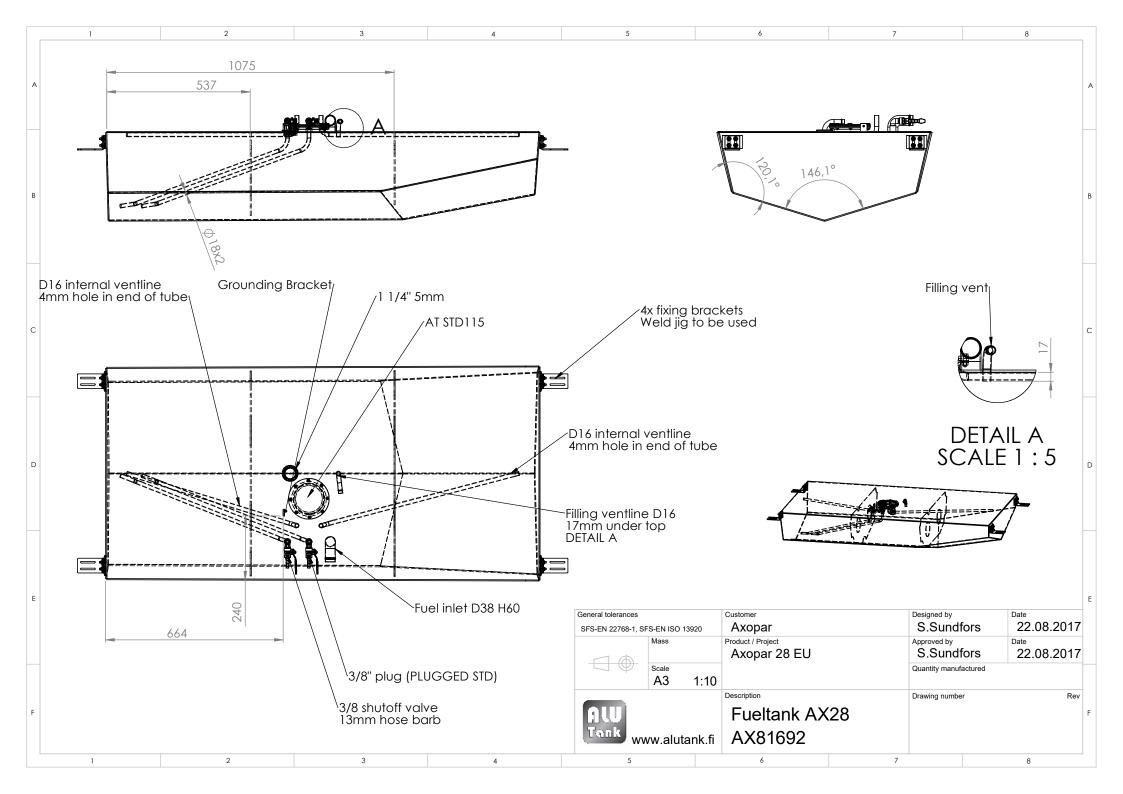
If the batteries are left aboard, make sure they are fully charged, otherwise the batteries can freeze and crack.

# 9.8 Checklist: Before launching

- 1. Remove the tarpaulin in good time before launching.
- 2. Wash the hull with a regular shampoo and a soft brush.
- 3. Wax the hull, if necessary.
  - Use a standard boat wax.
- **4.** If there are small scratches on the hull or if some of the surface gelcoat has lost its shine, use a rubbing compound on these areas before polishing.
- **5.** Paint the bottom with antifouling paint.
- **6.** If the batteries have been removed, put them back and check the electrolyte level in the cells. Check the condition of the batteries.
- 7. Check all cables, clamps, engine mountings and other fastenings.
- 8. Check the steering before launching.
- 9. Check the instrumentation.
- 10. Close all water drain plugs.
- 11. Check that the seacocks are tight and in order, check for any frost damage.
- 12. Check all pipes, hoses and cocks.
- 13. Make a note of any frost damage.

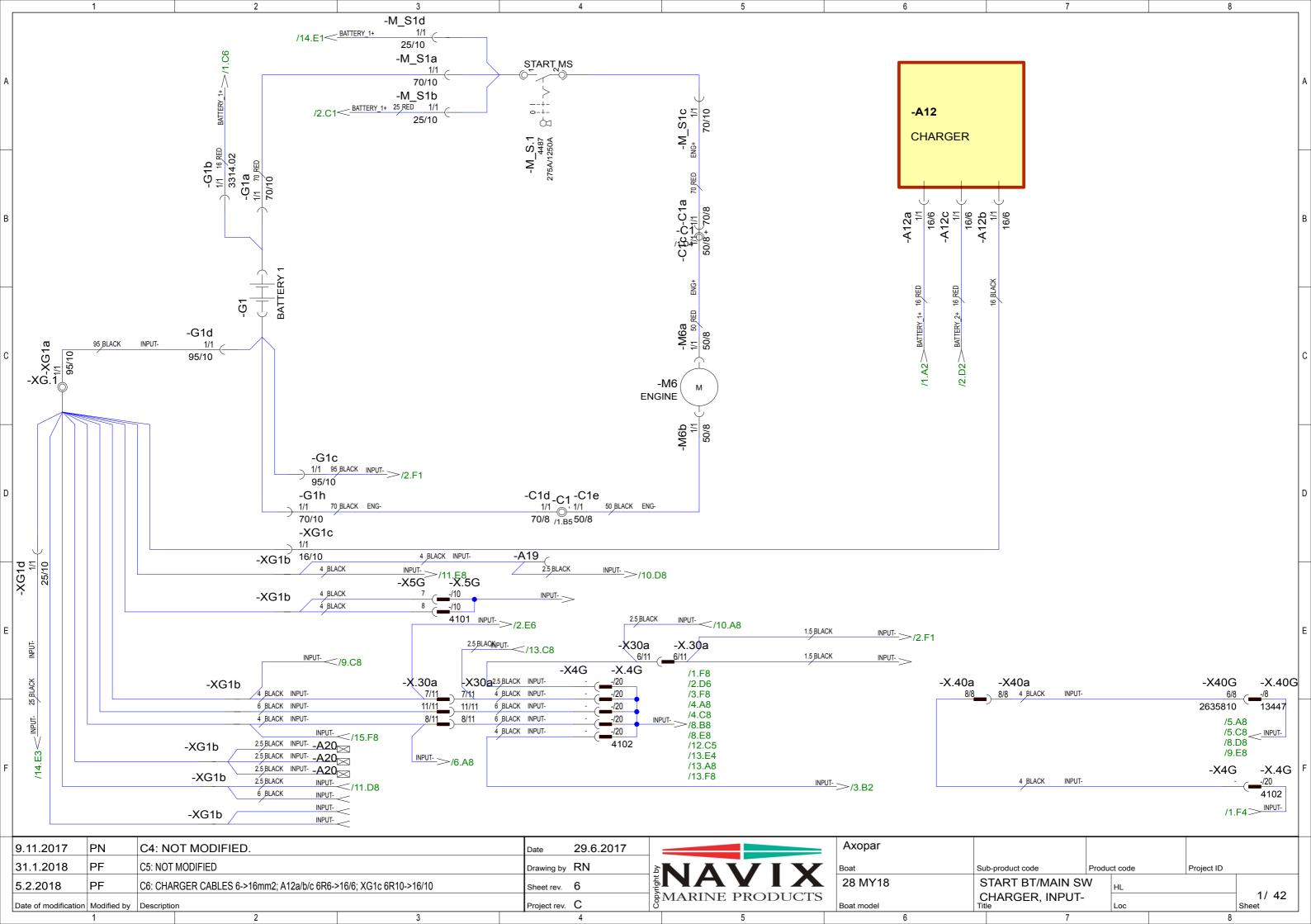


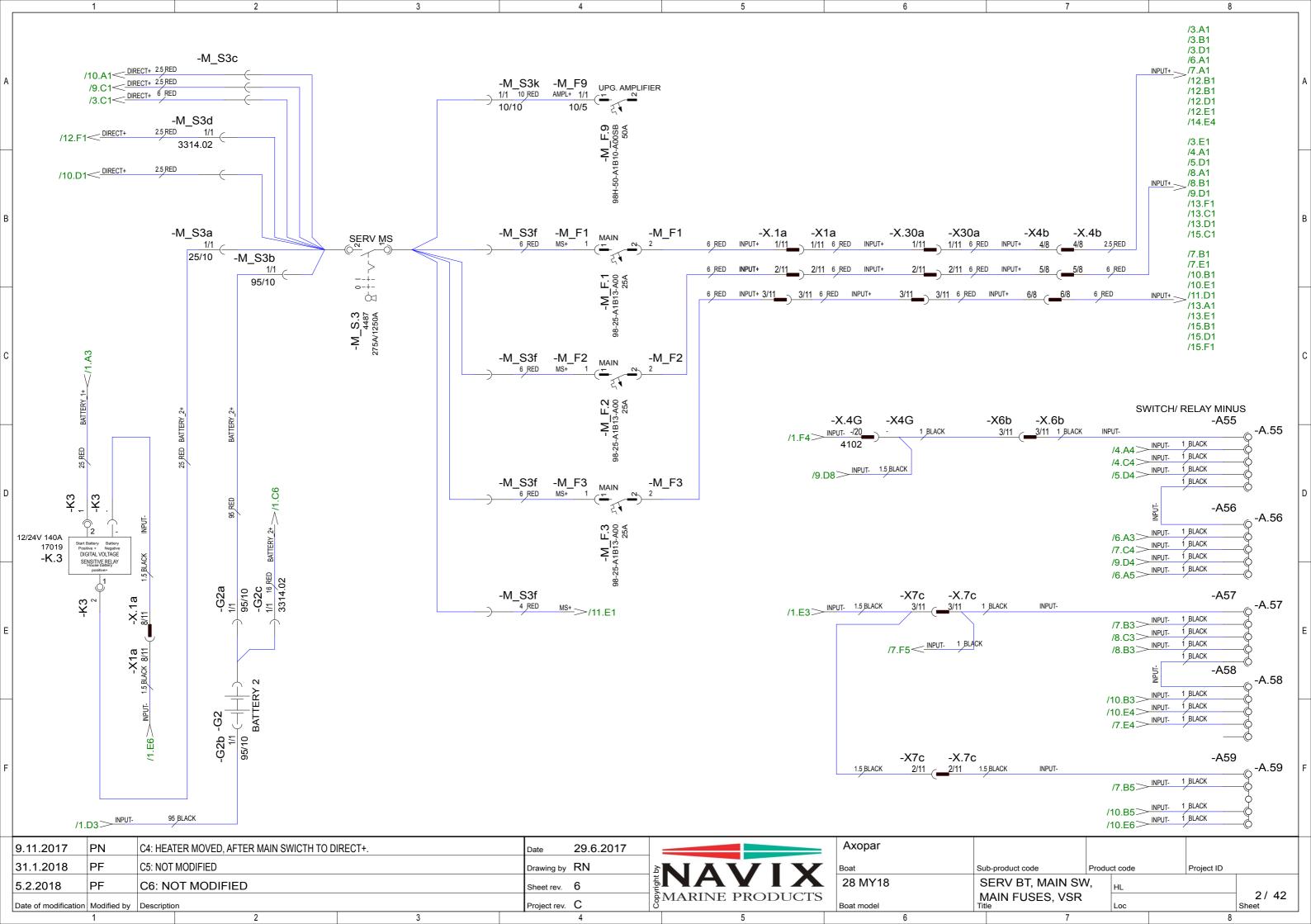
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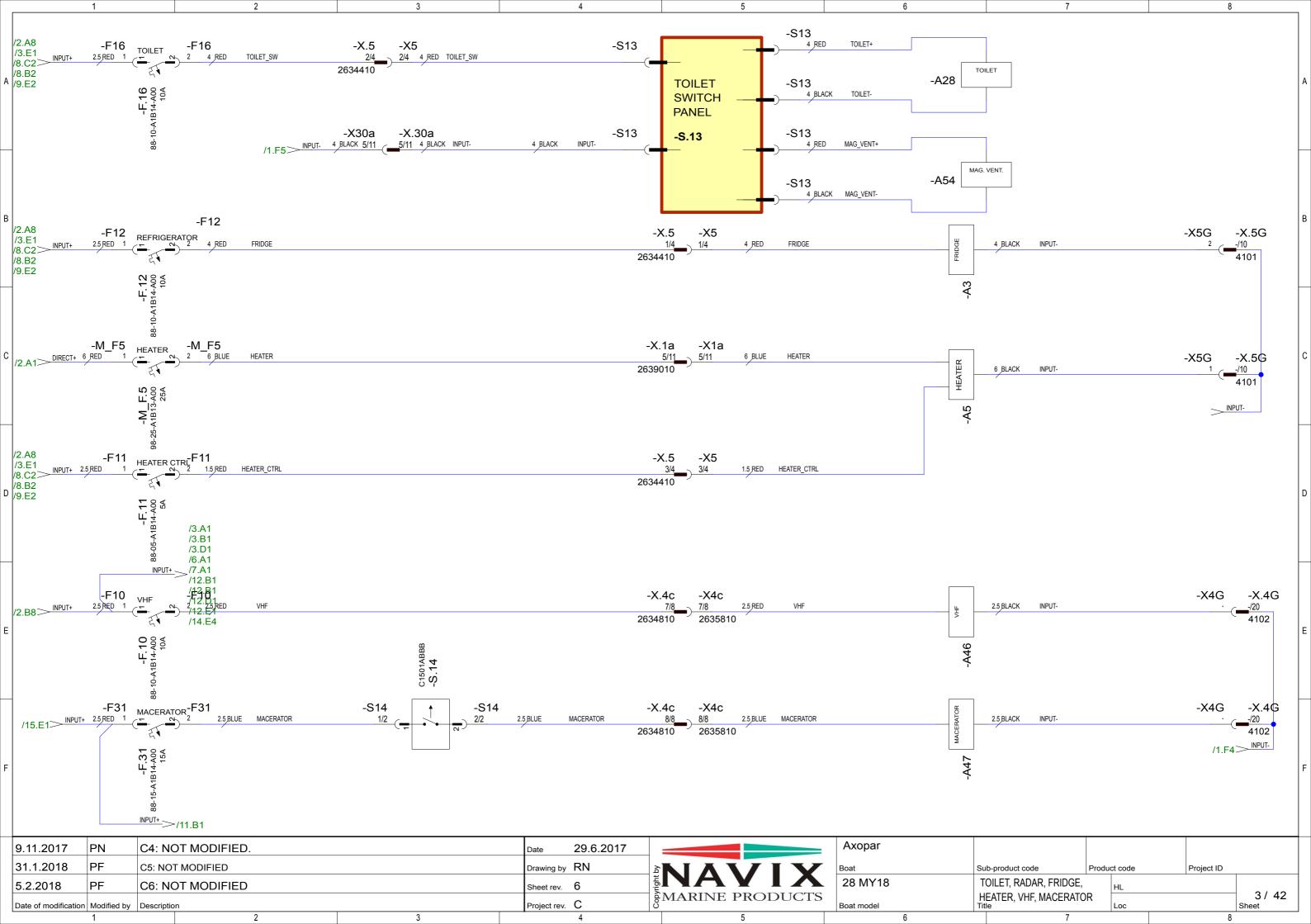


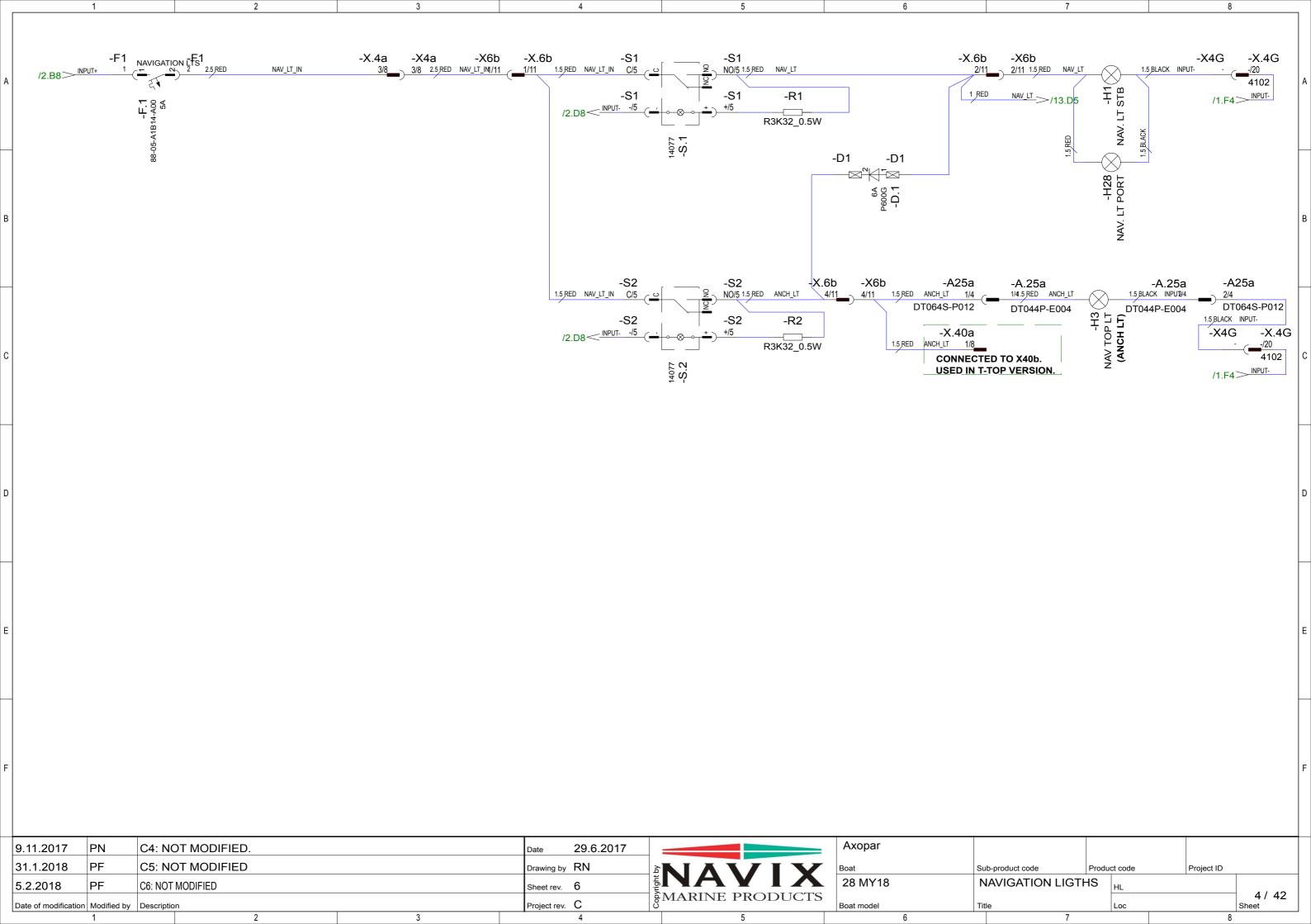


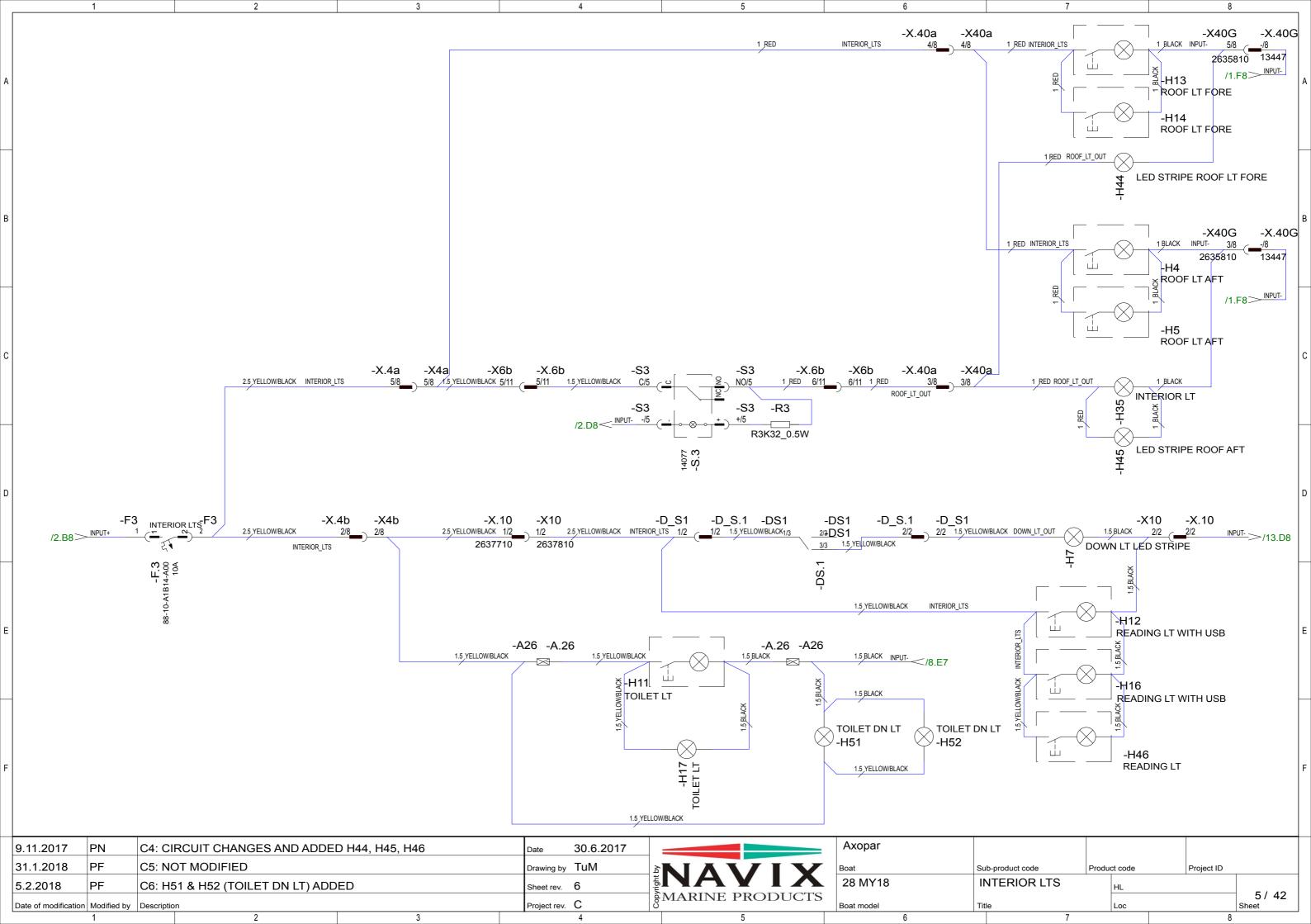
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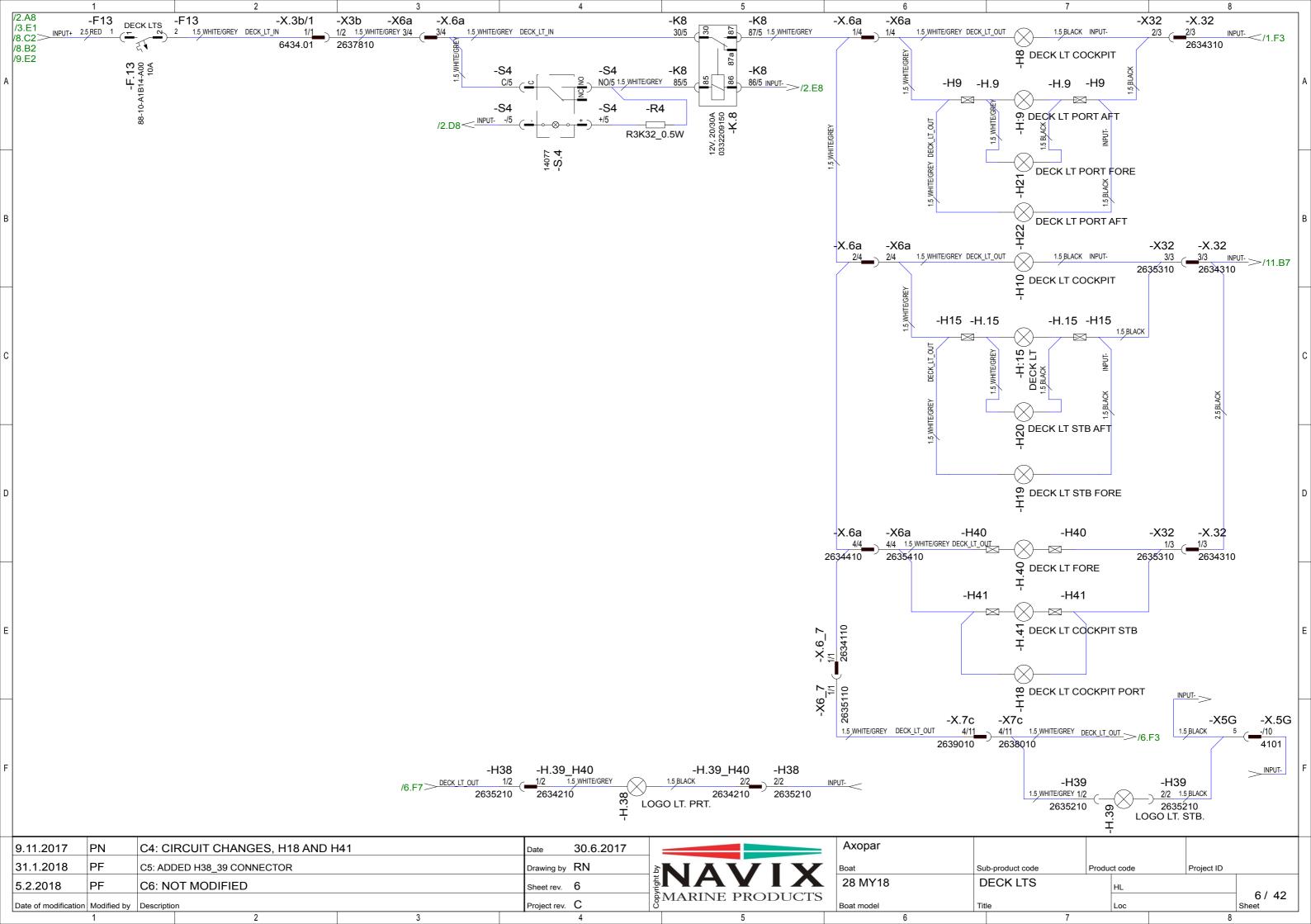


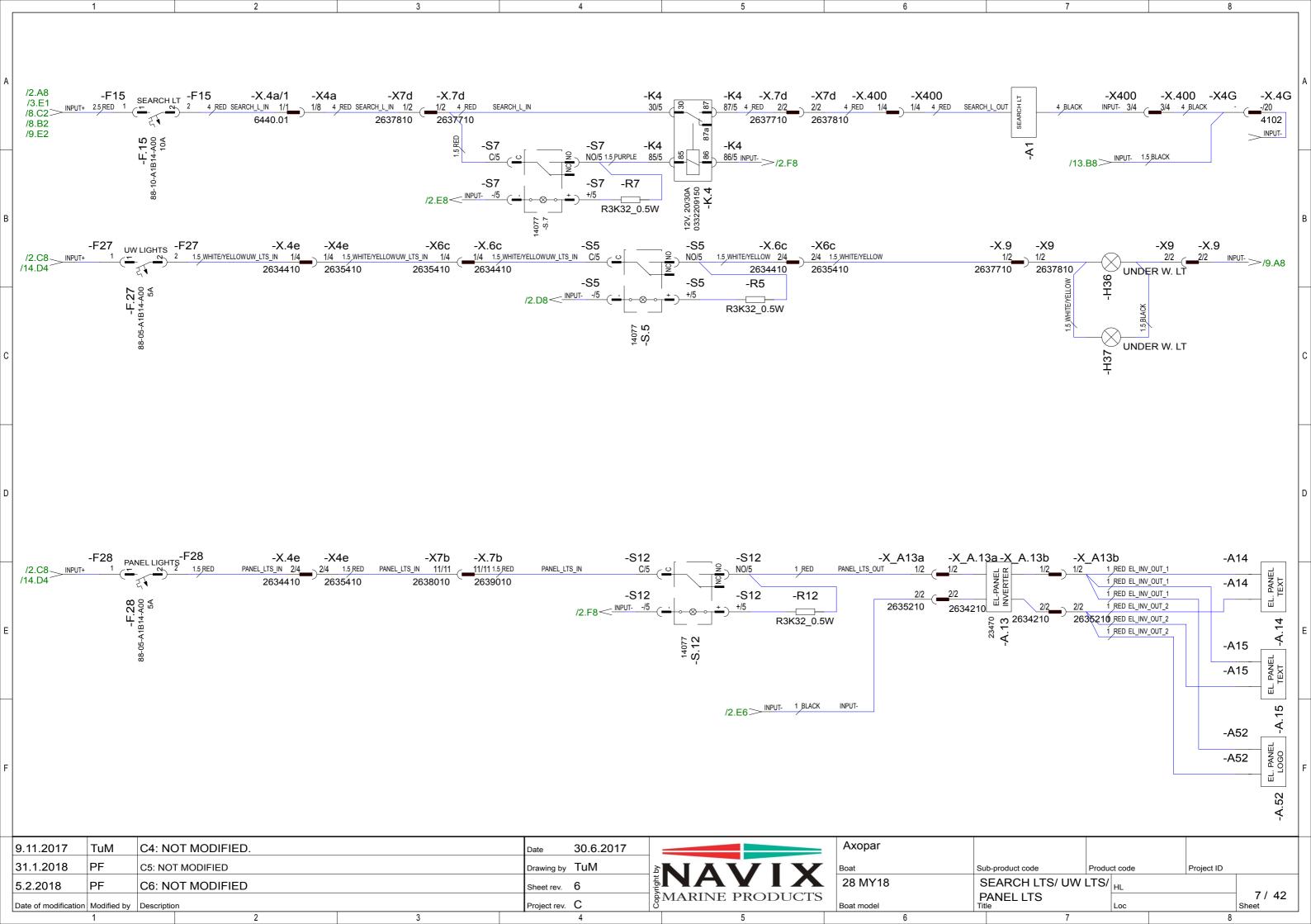


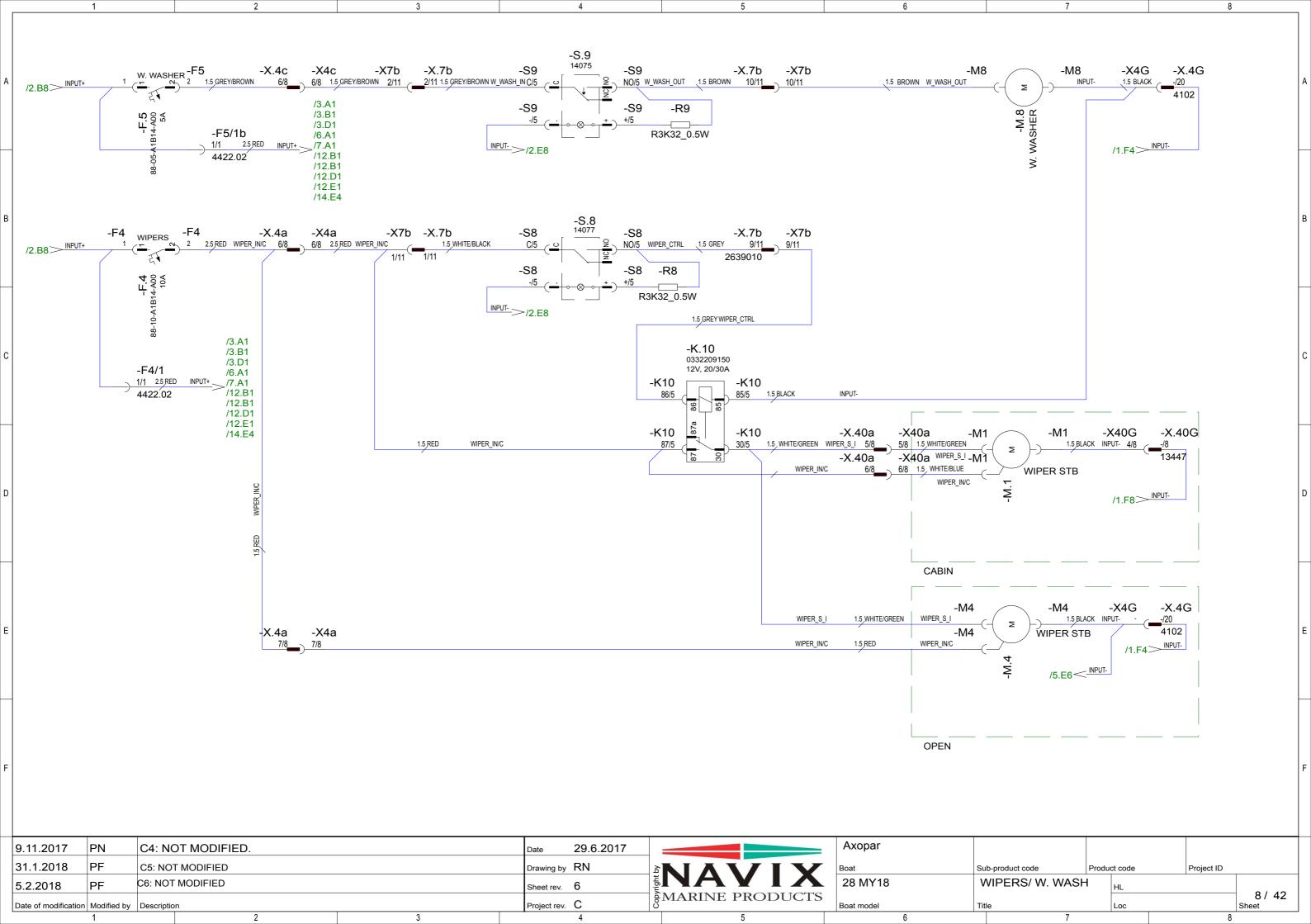


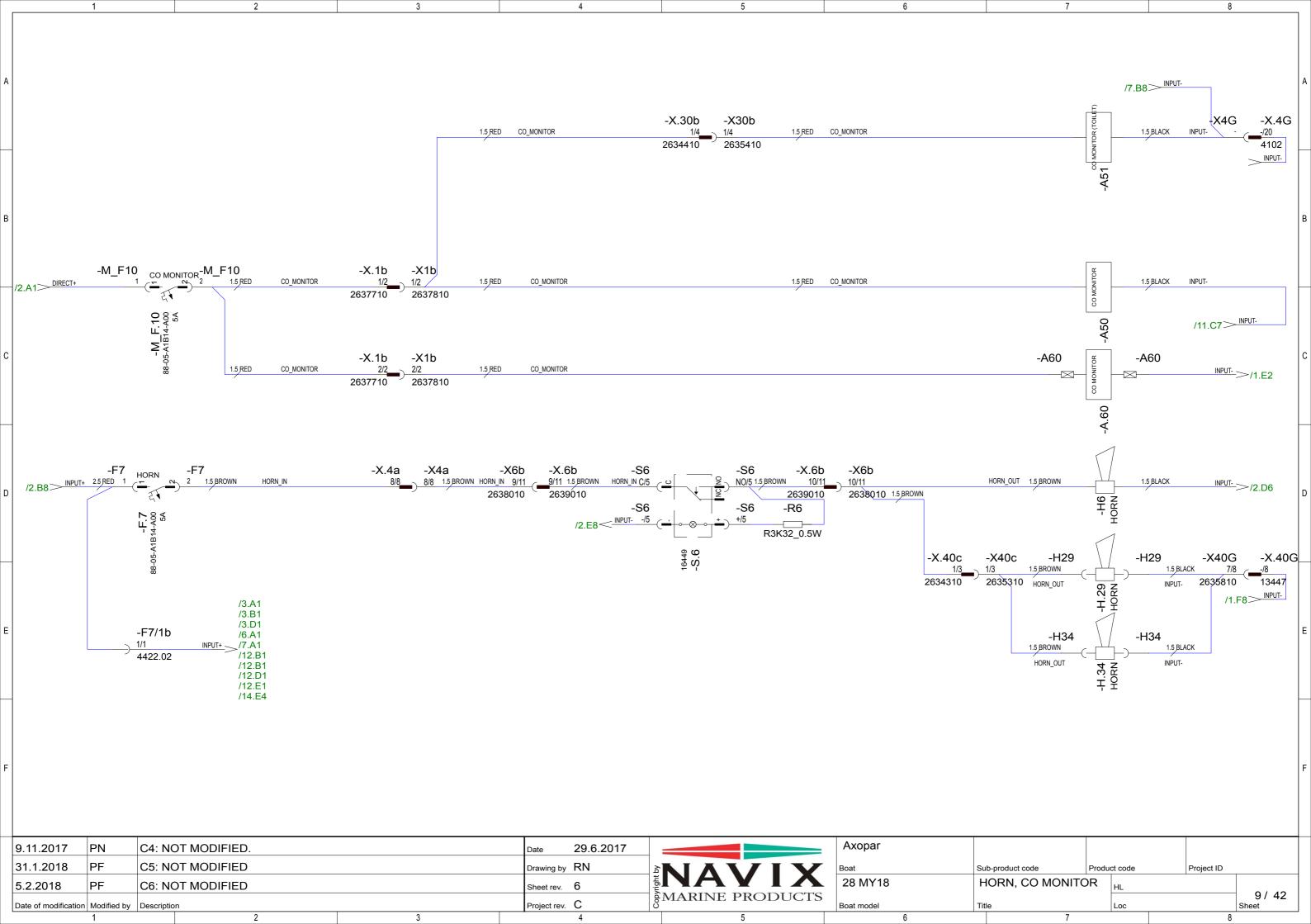


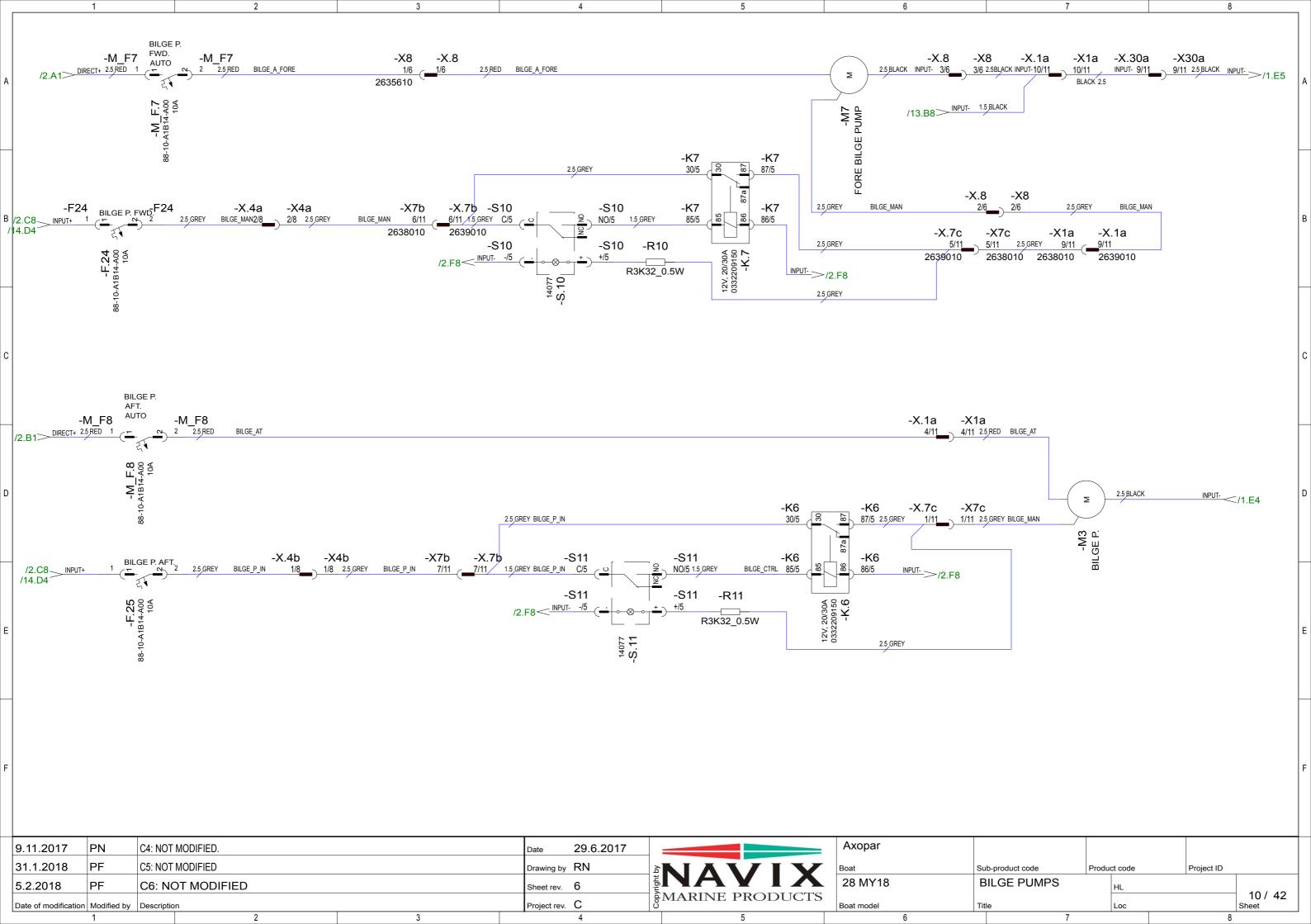


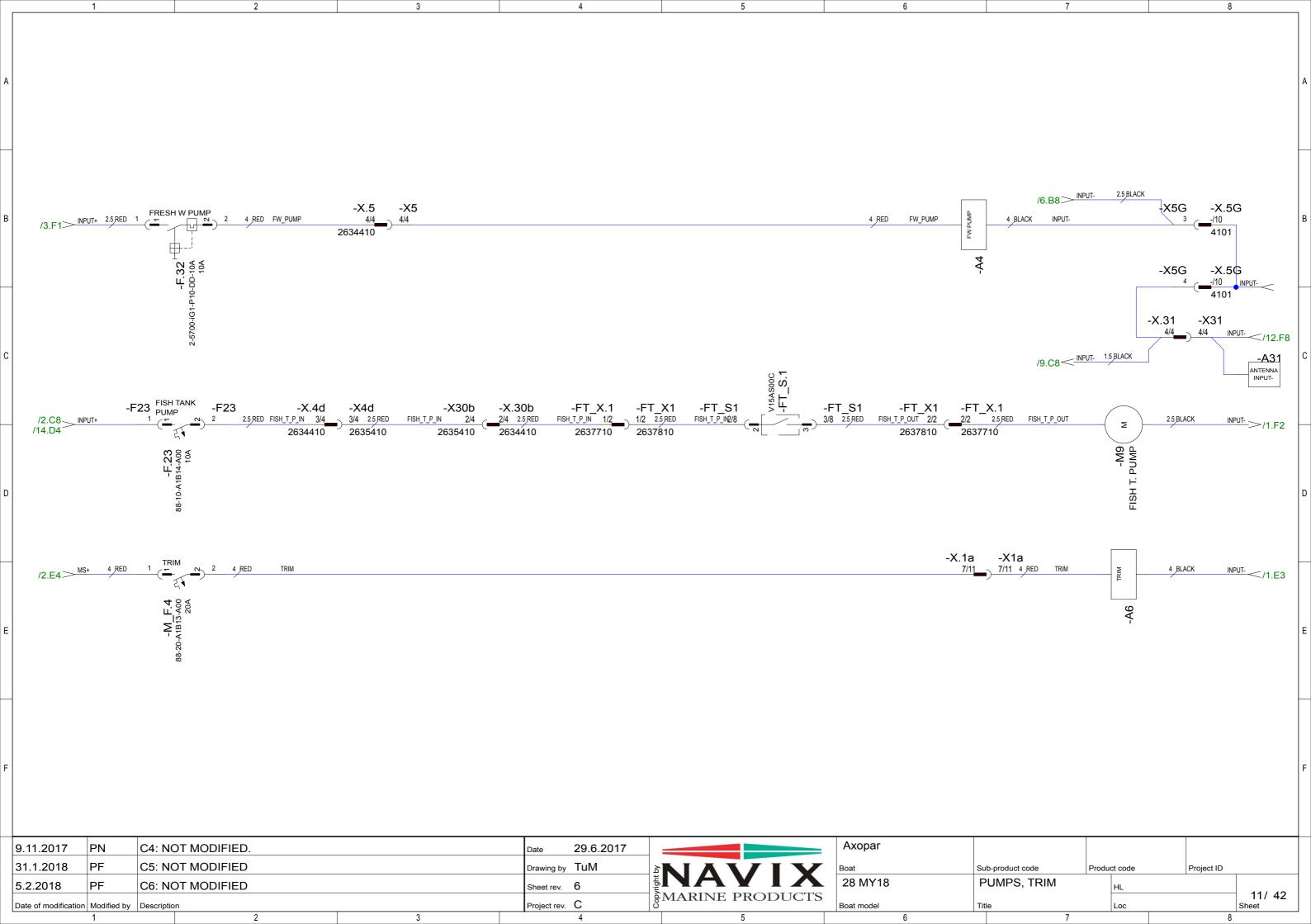


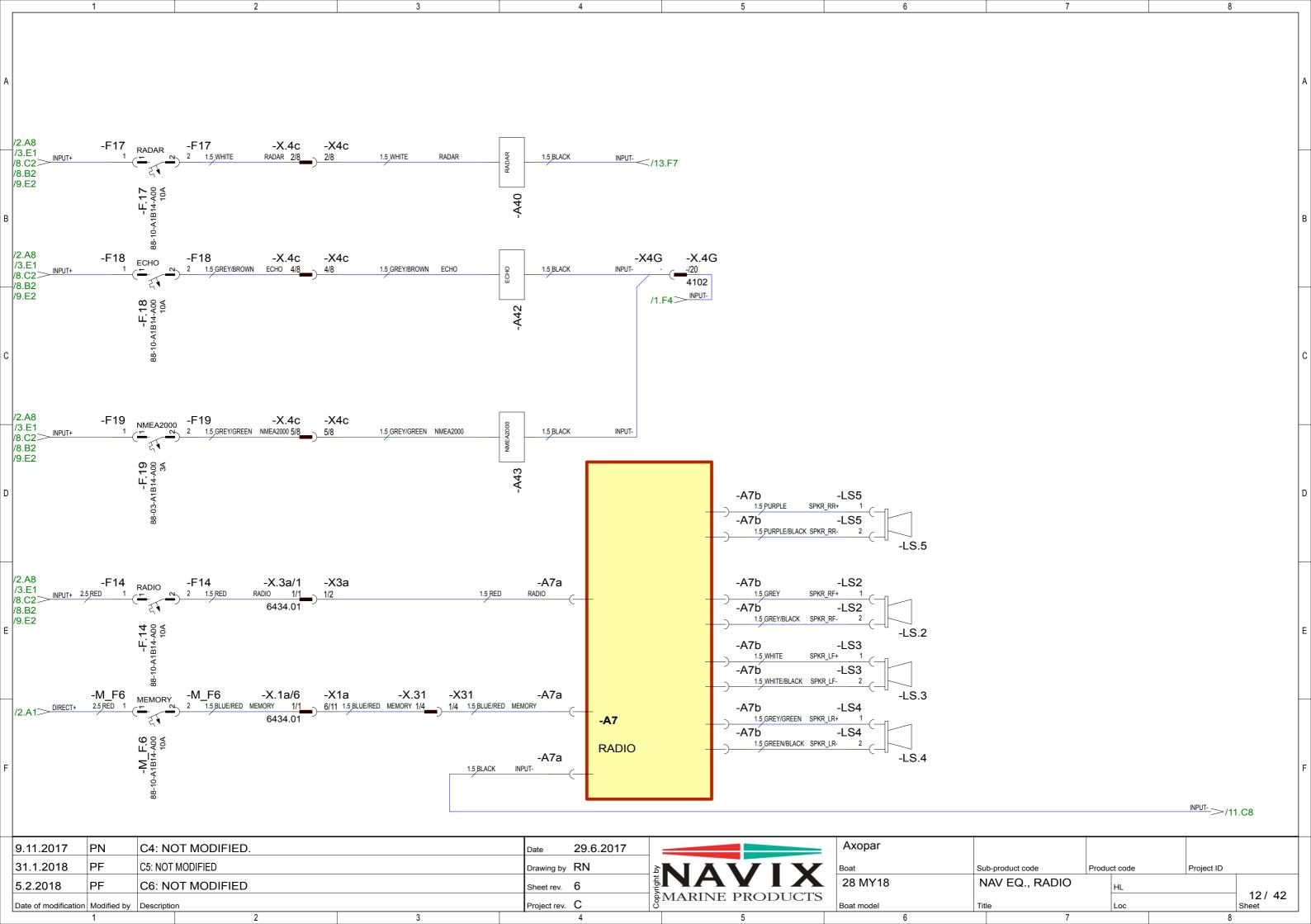


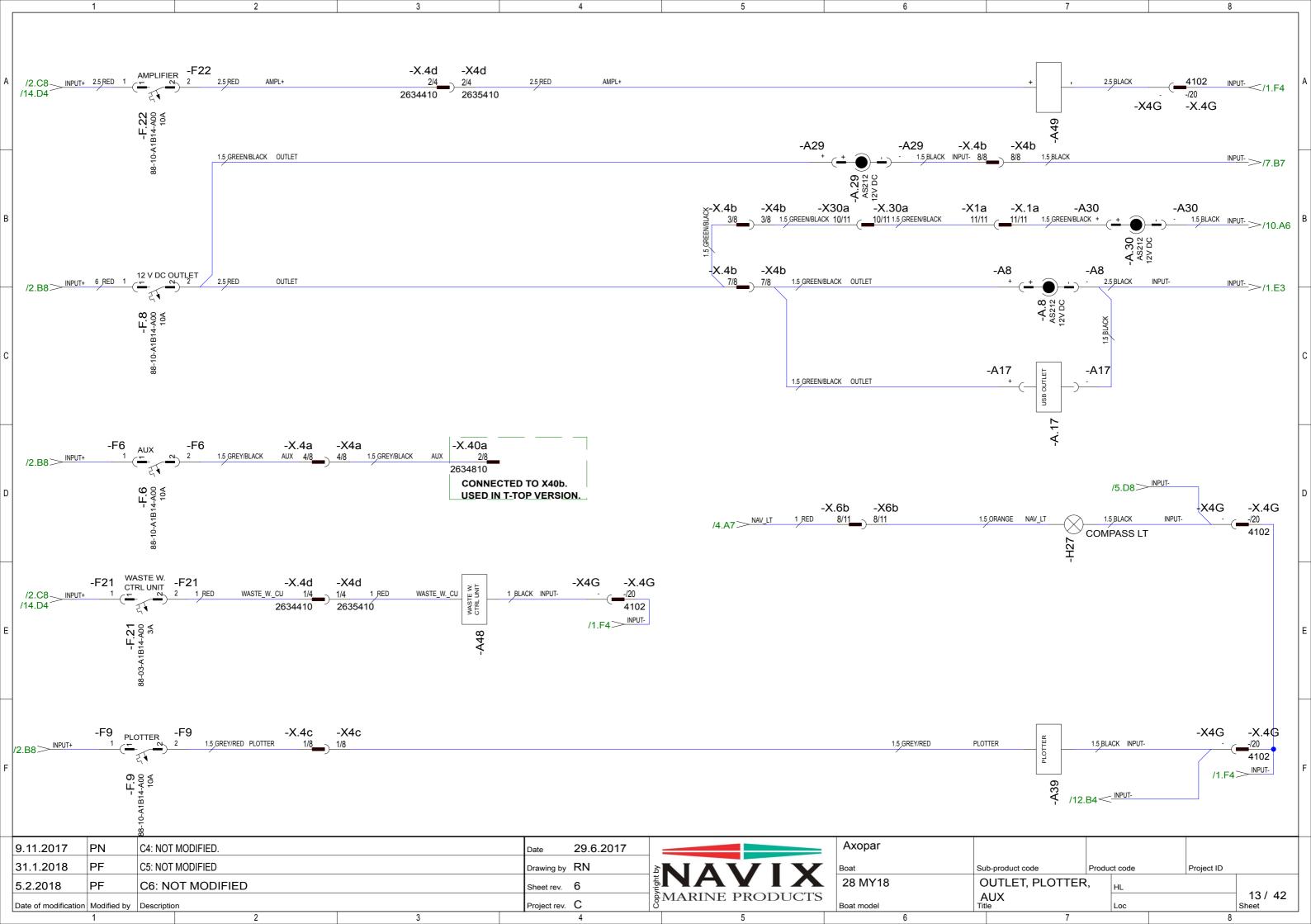


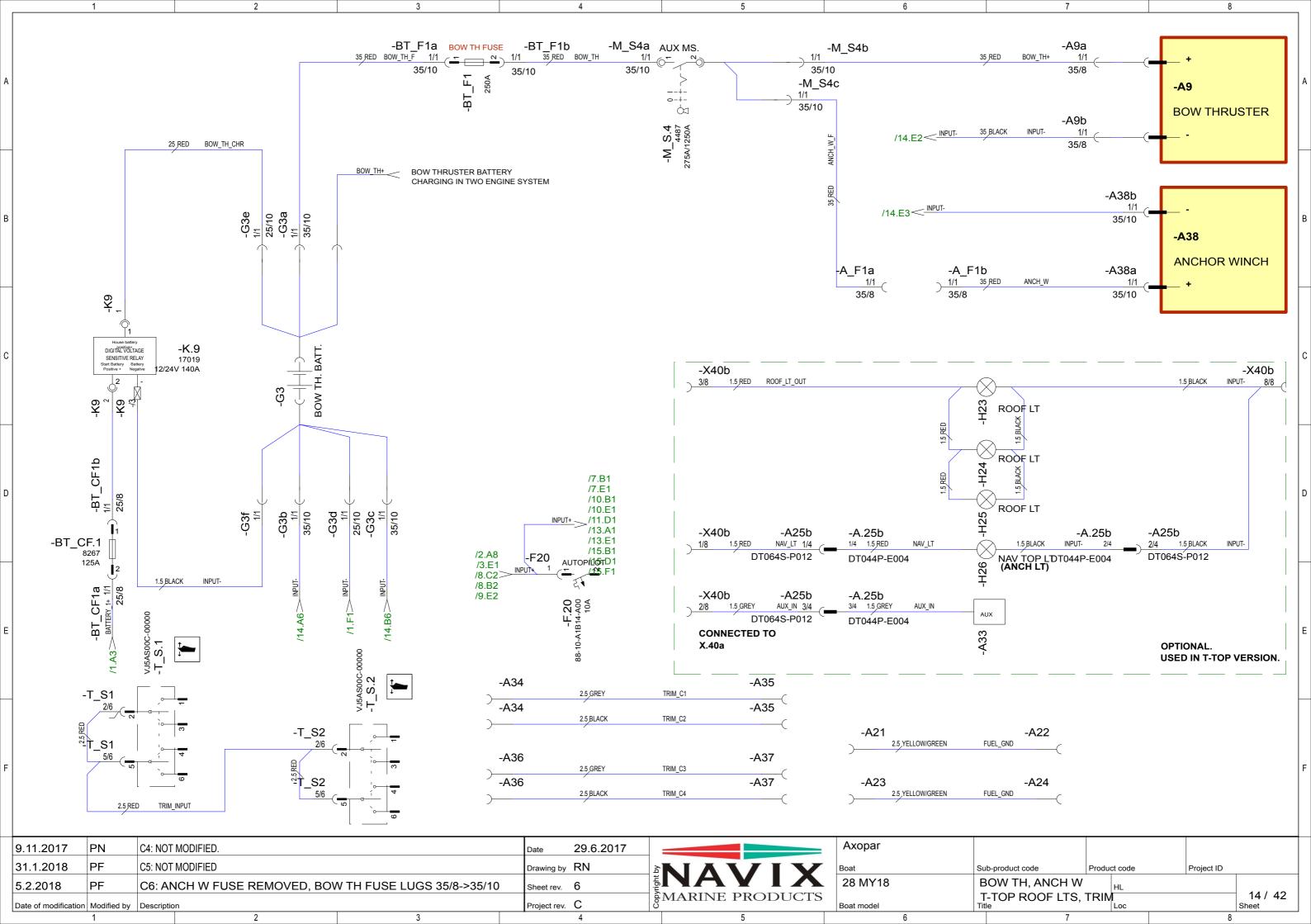


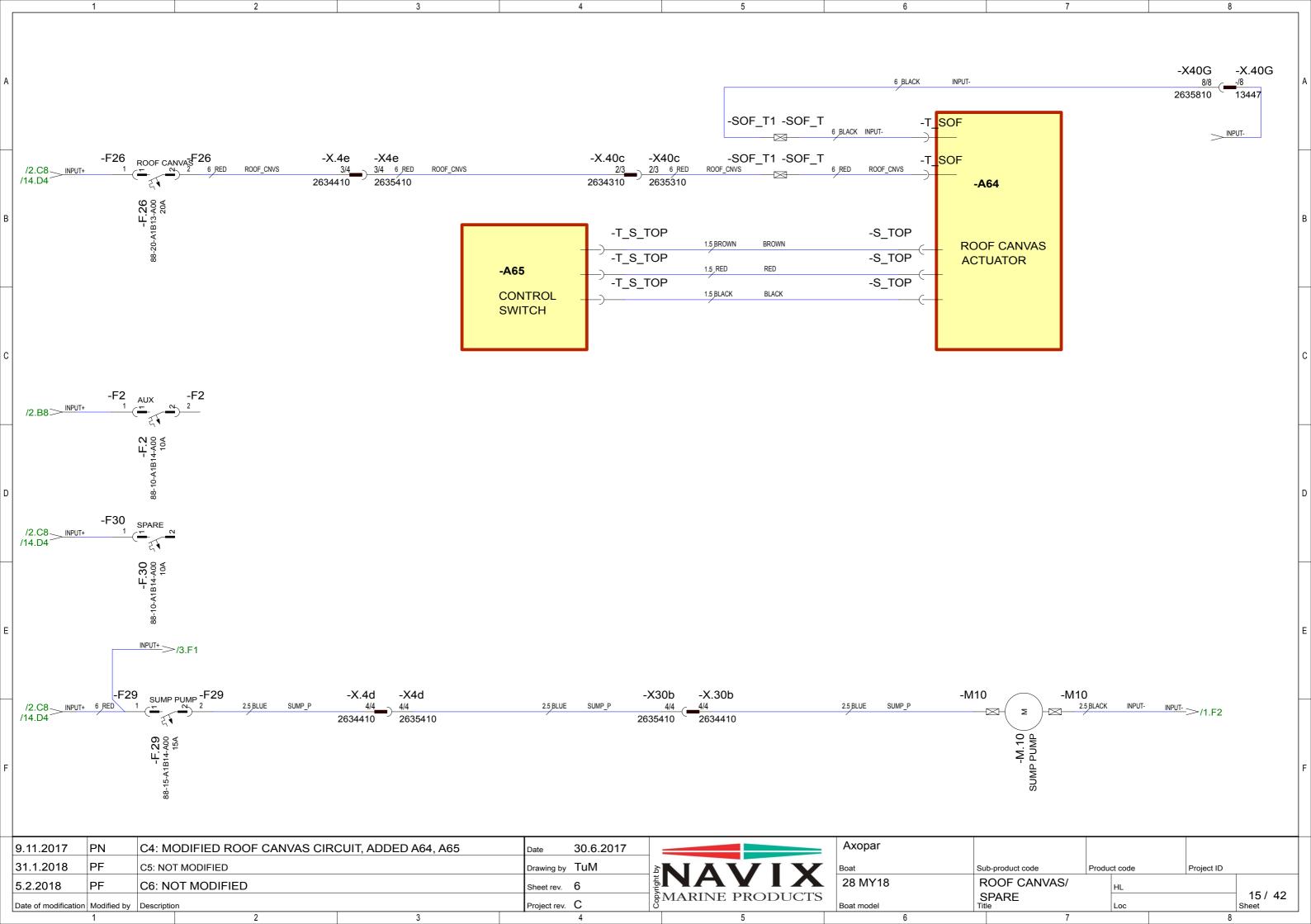


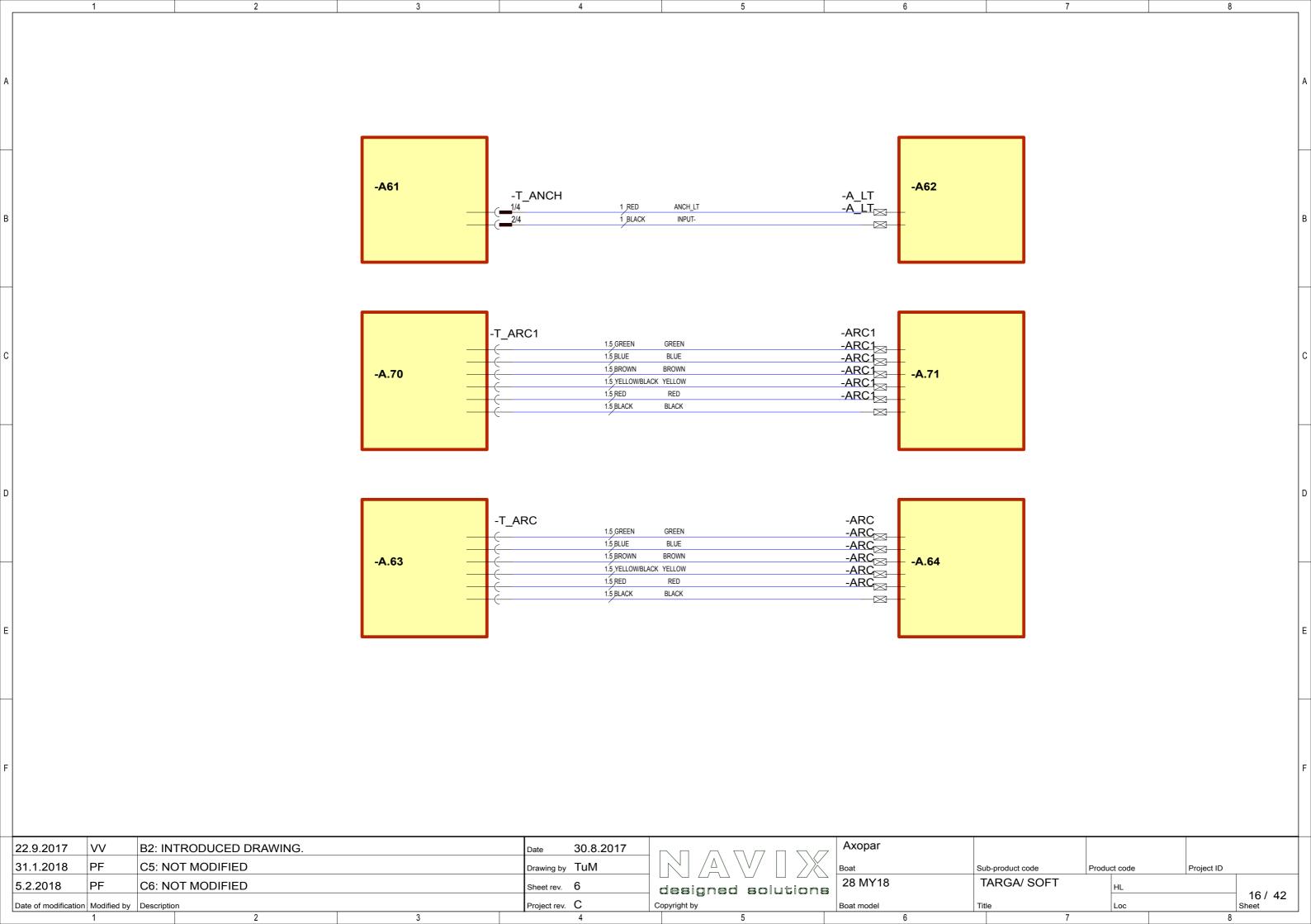


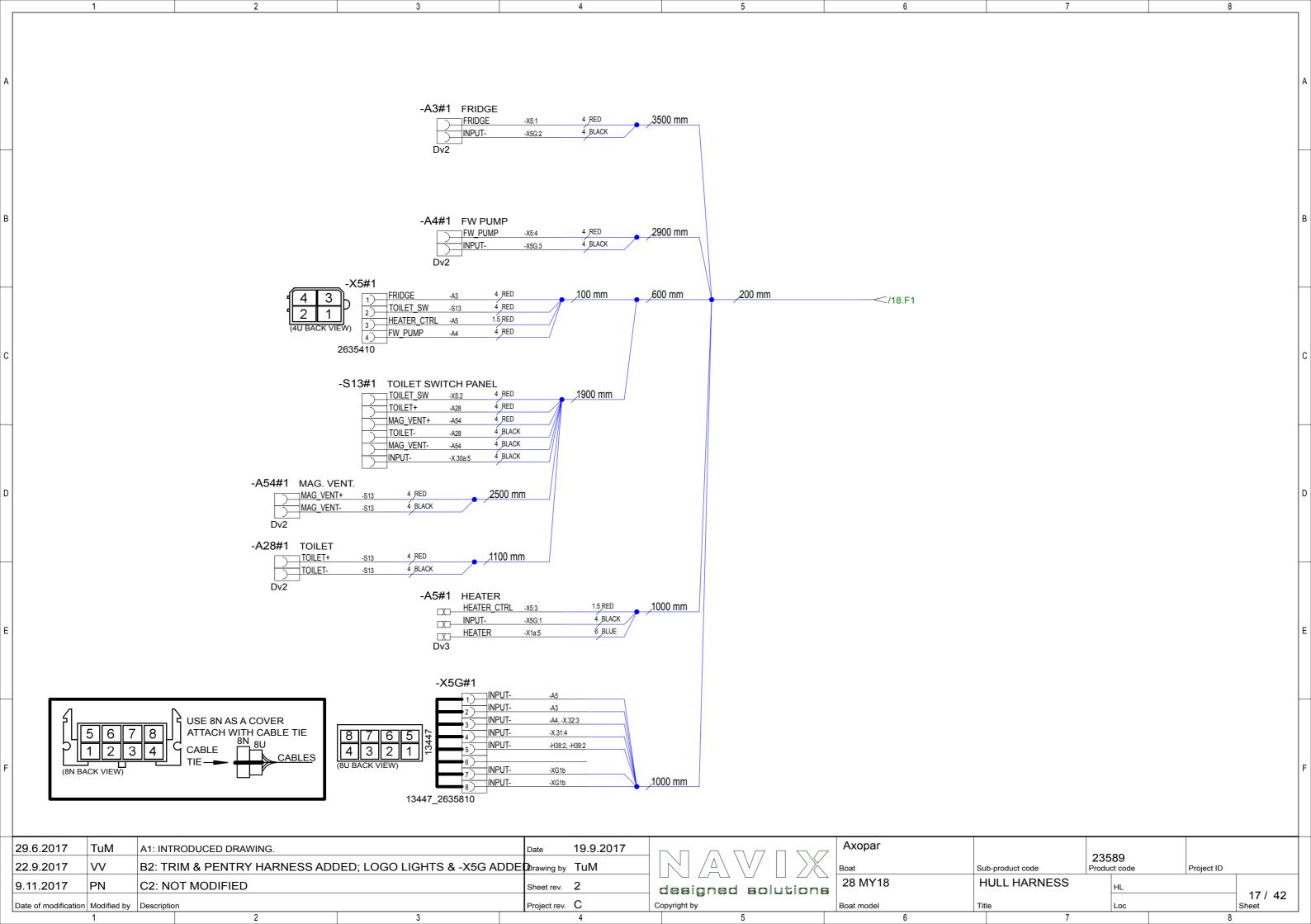


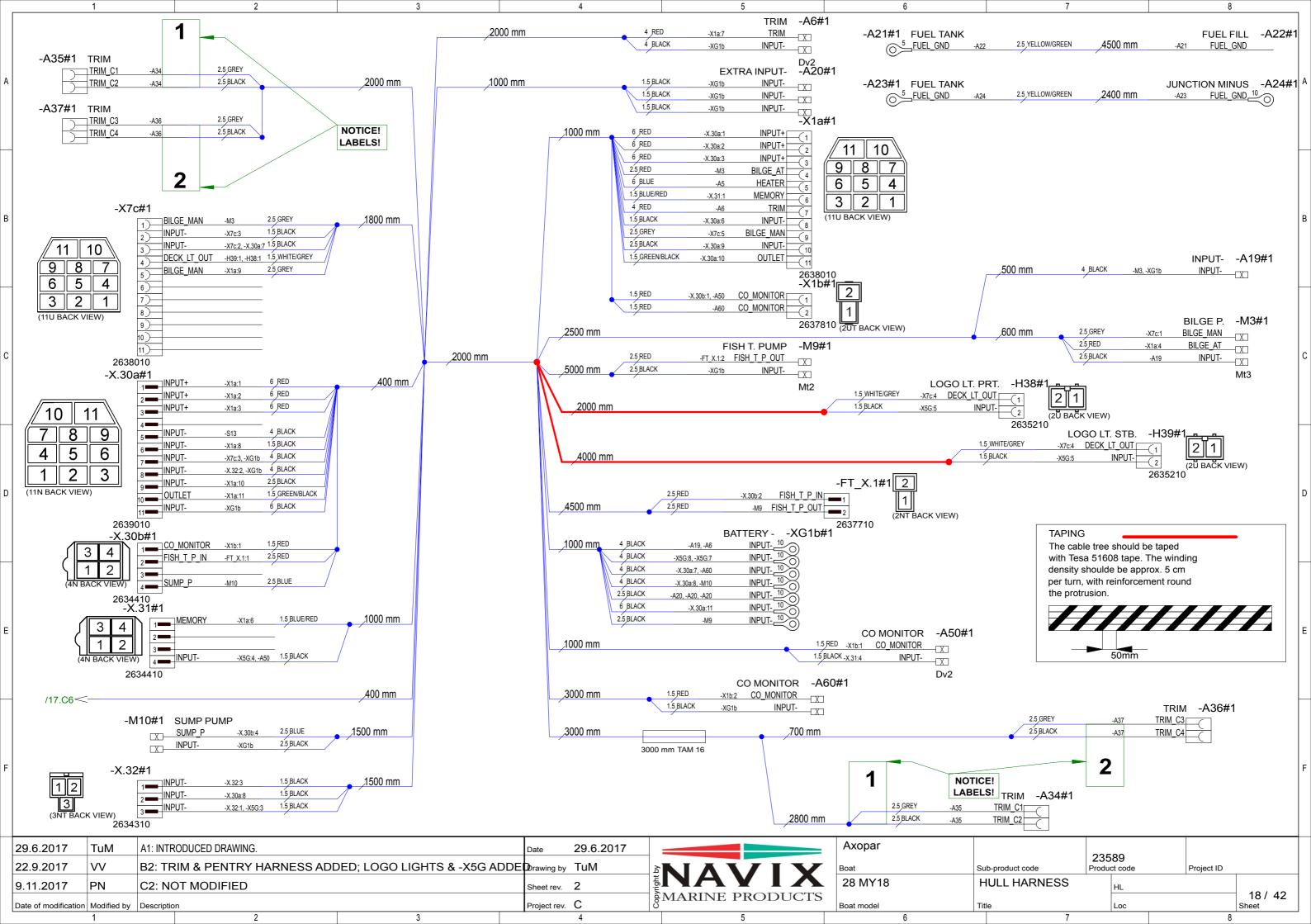


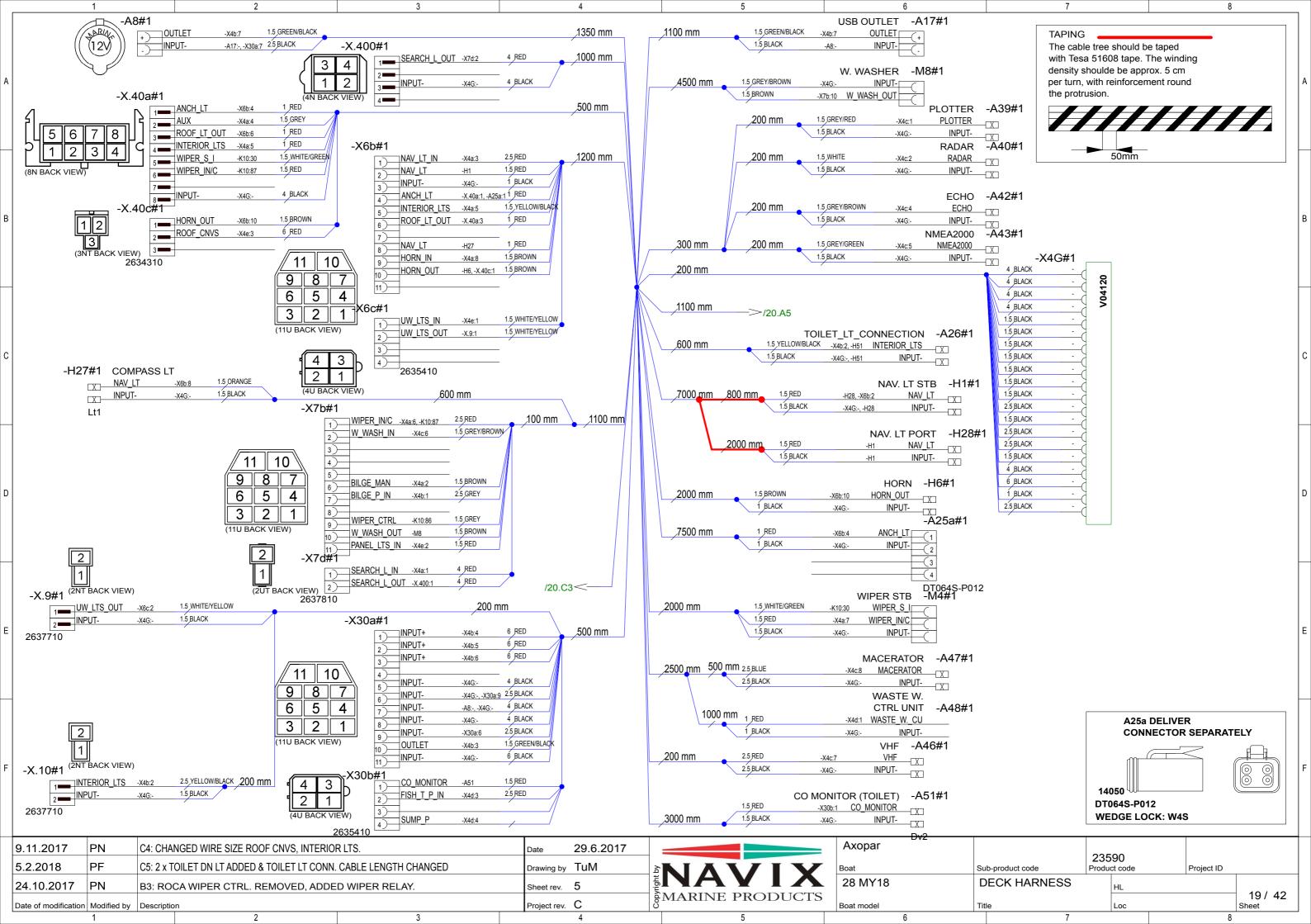


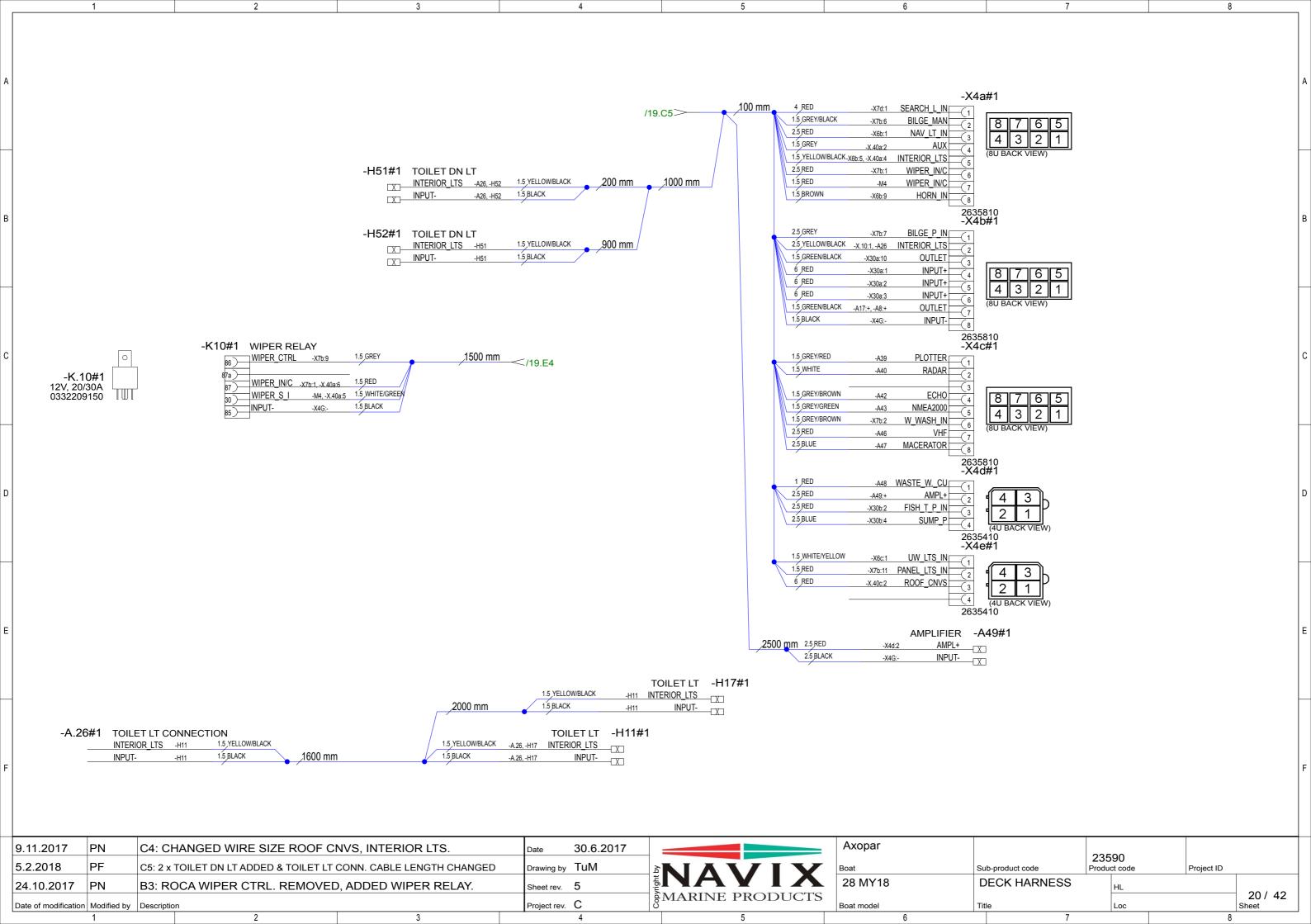


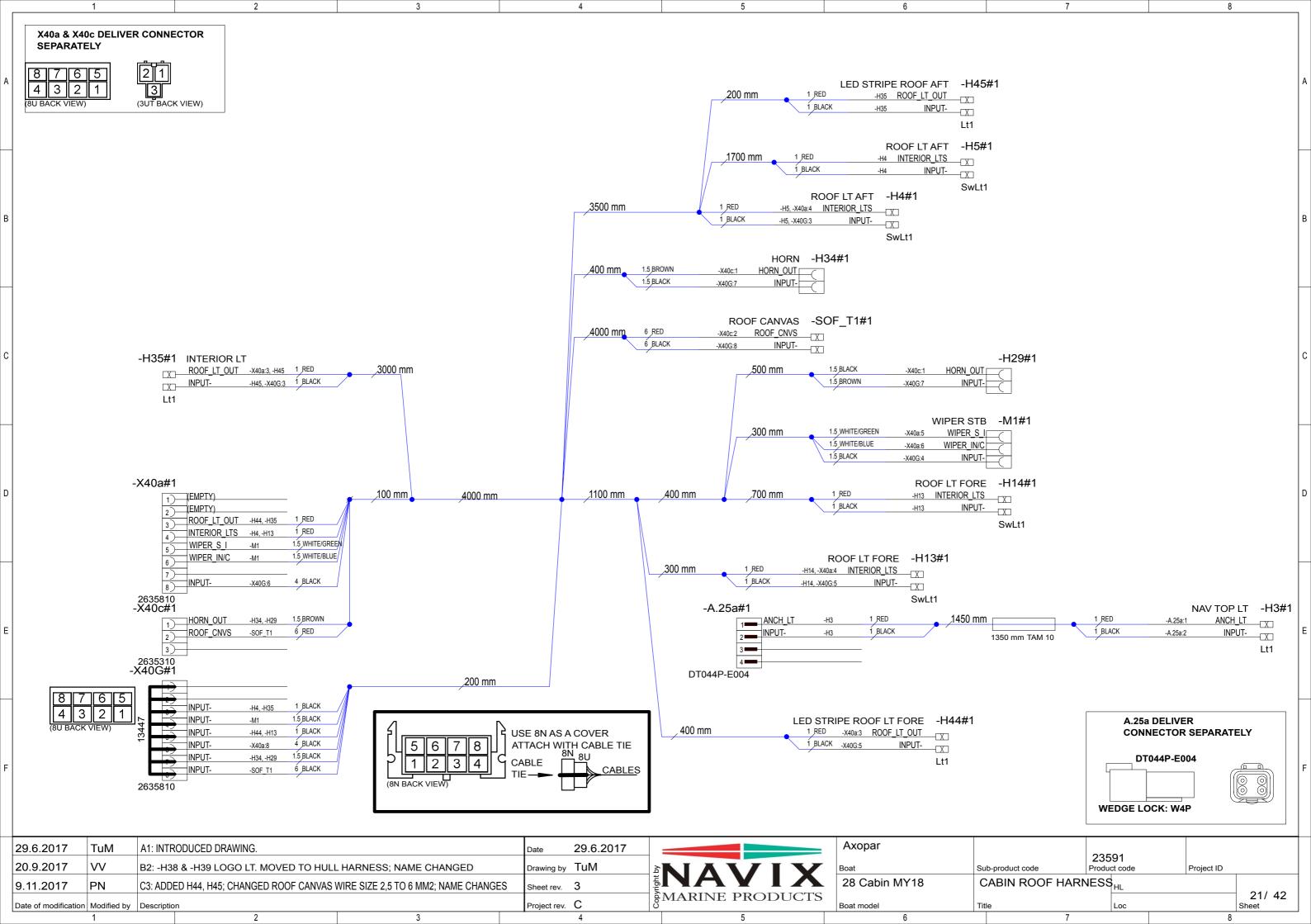


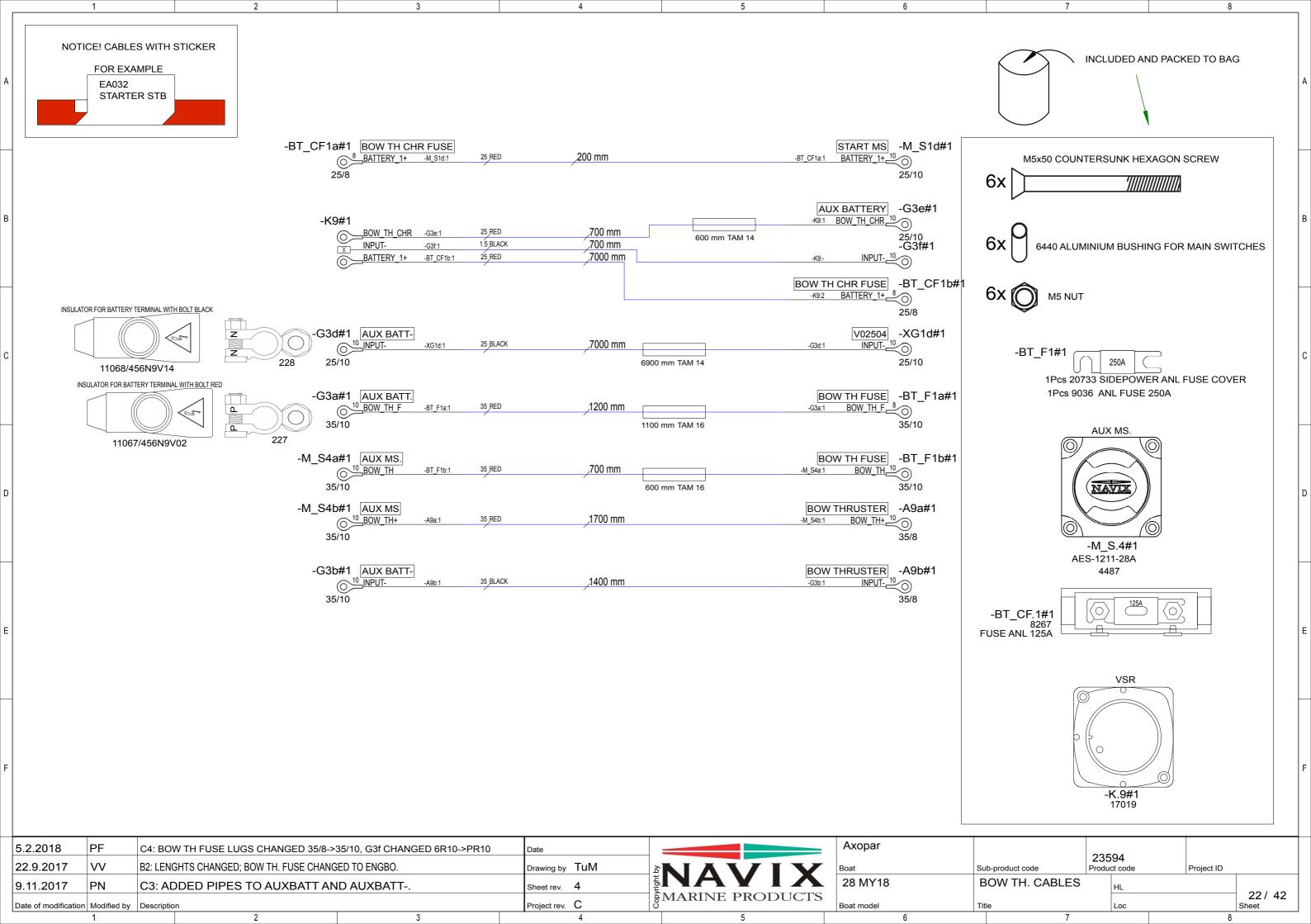


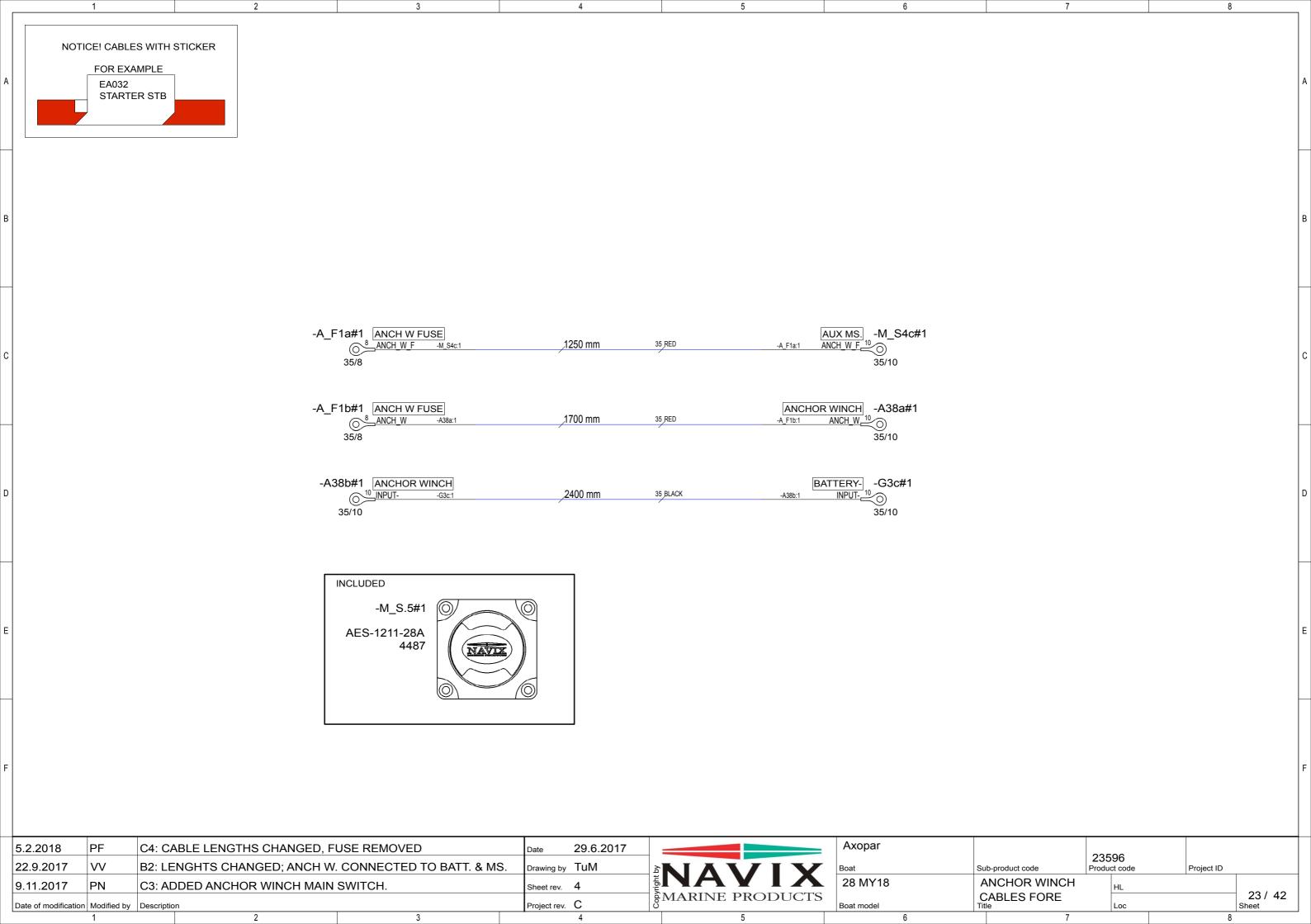


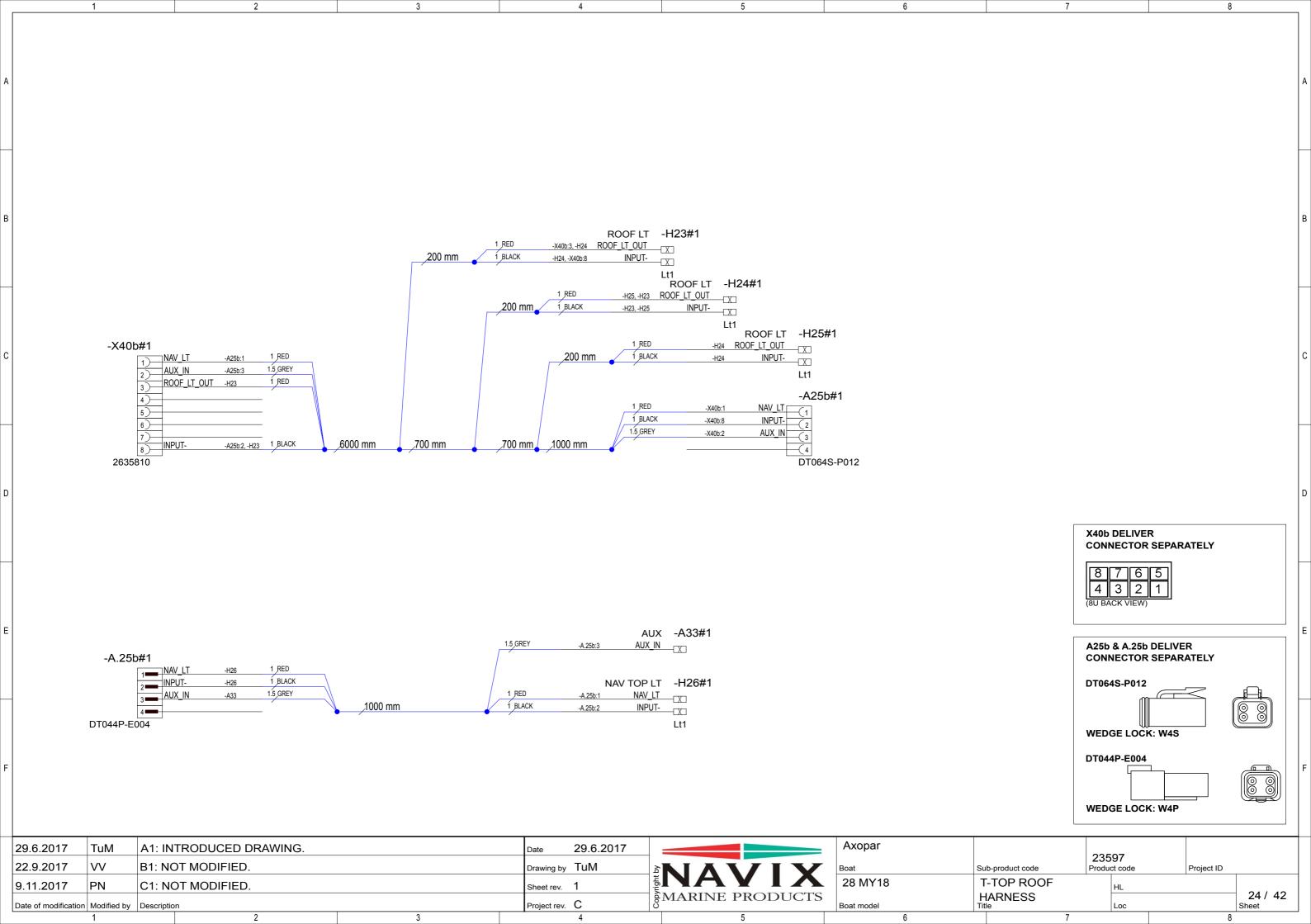


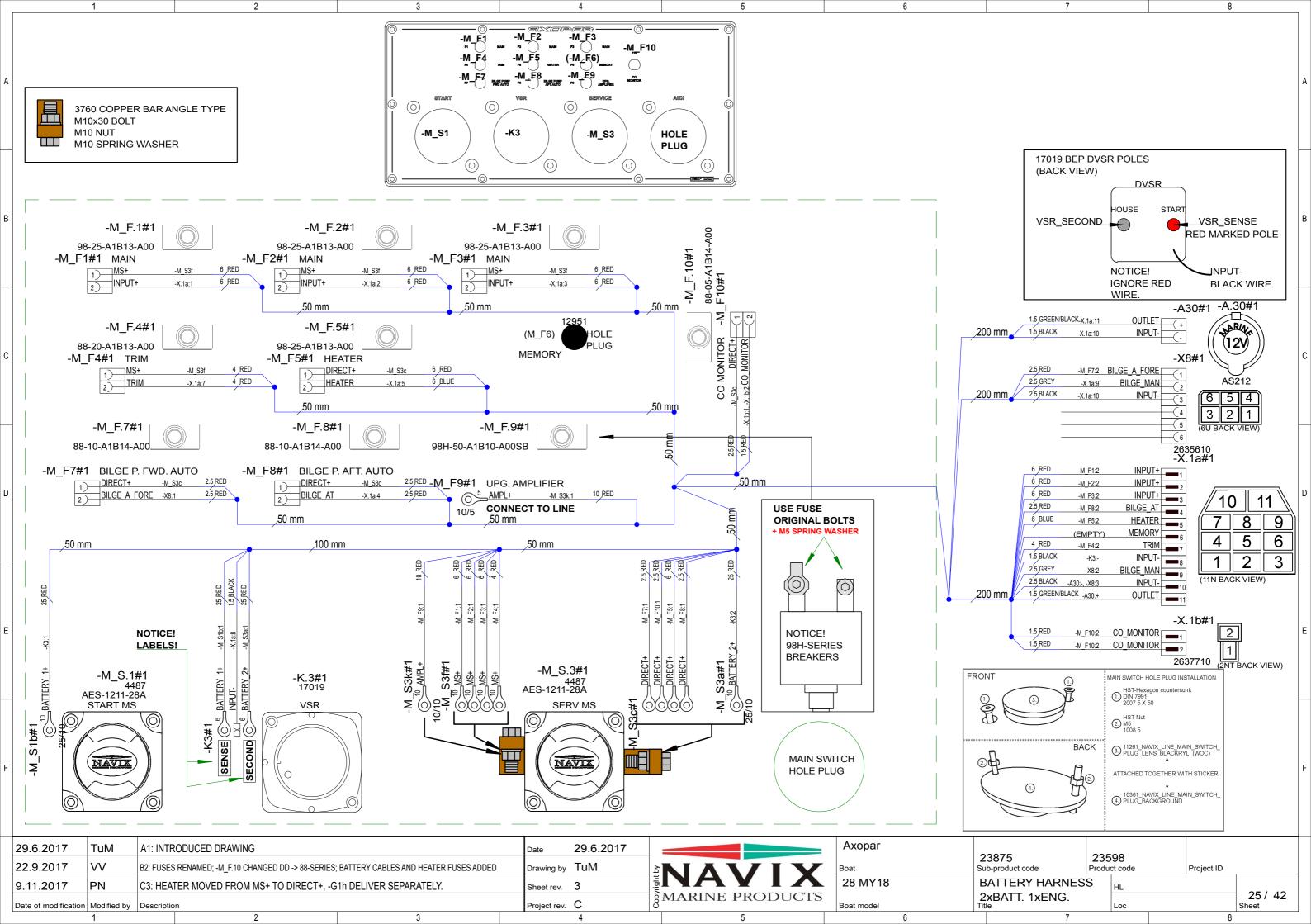


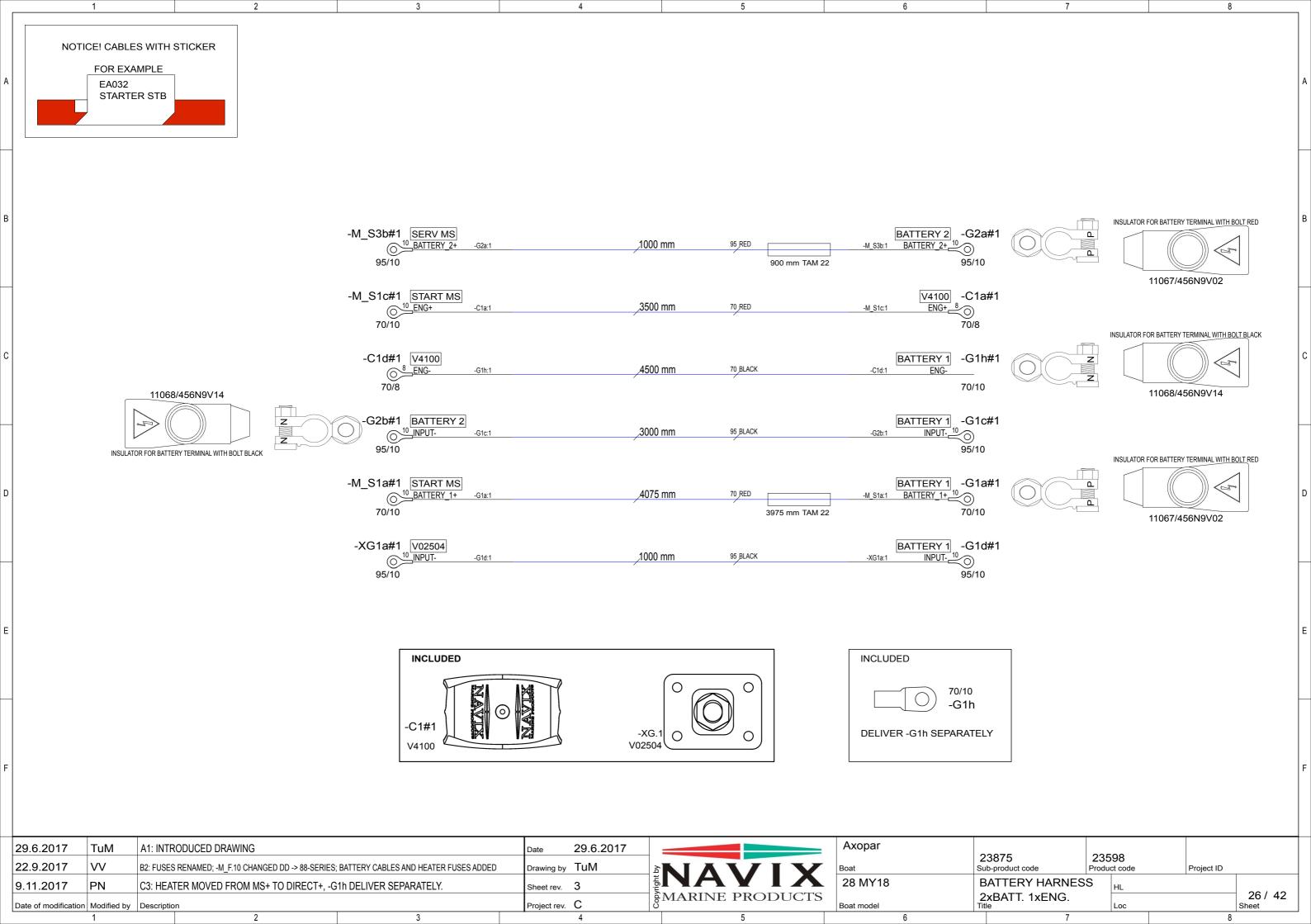


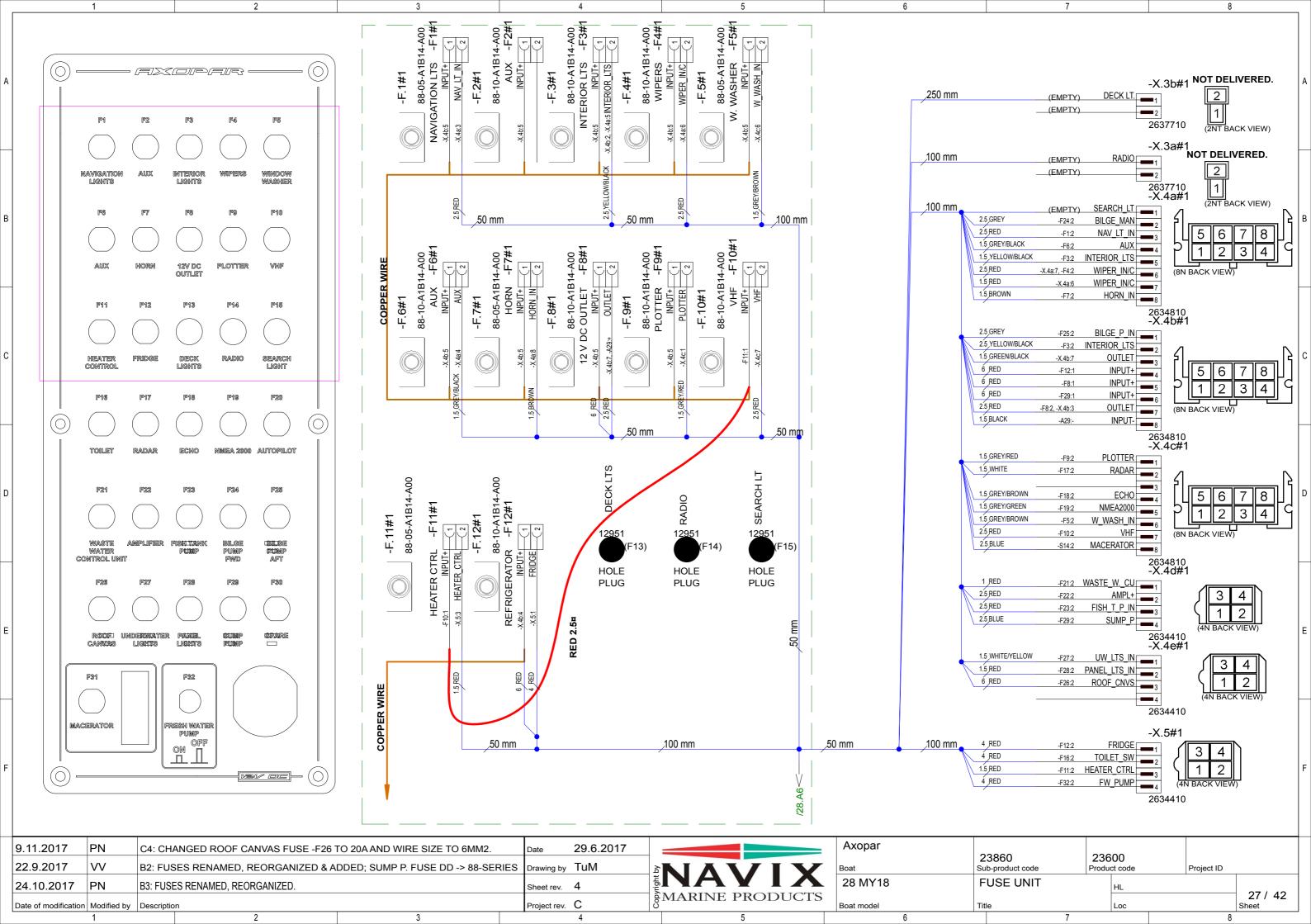


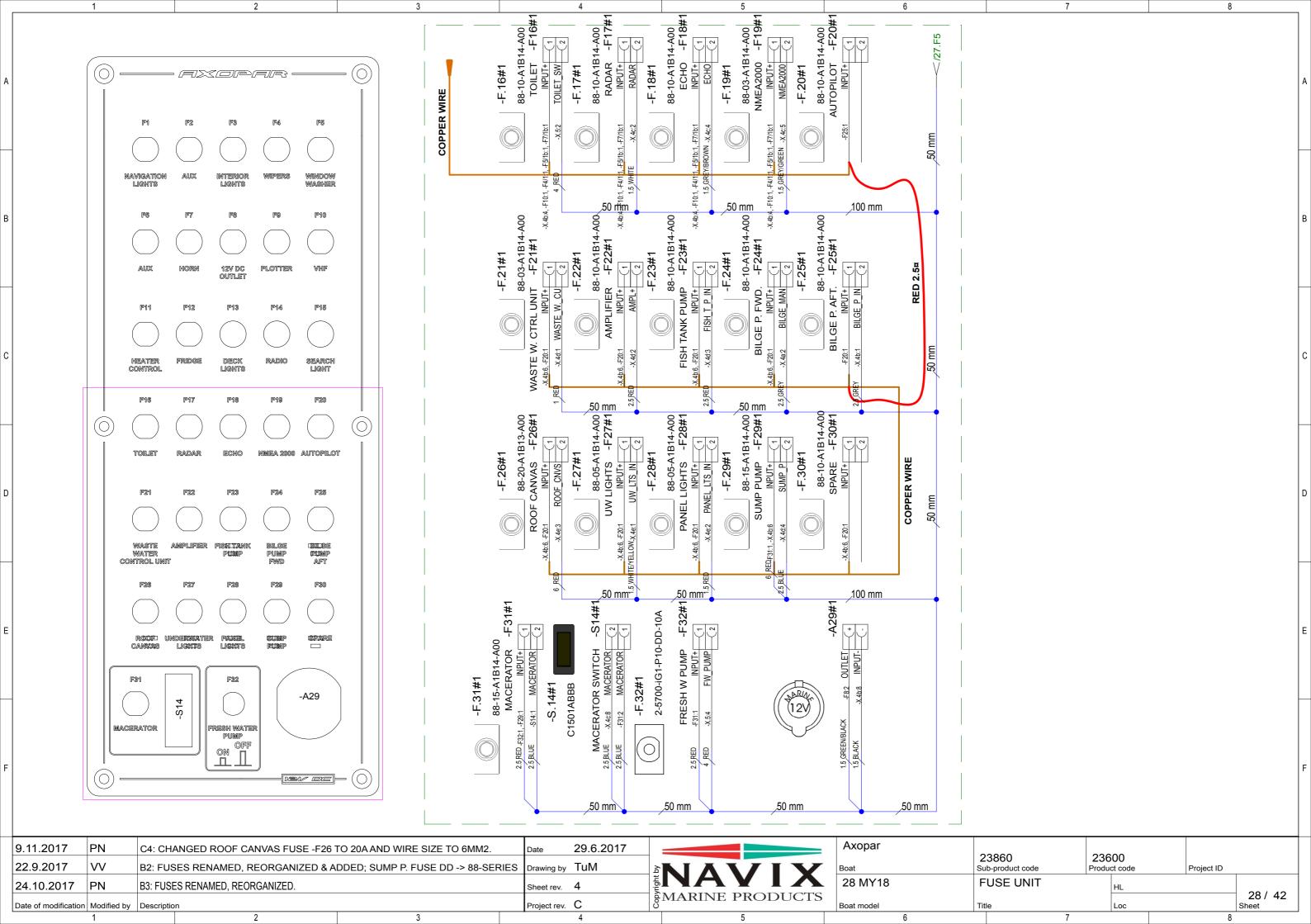


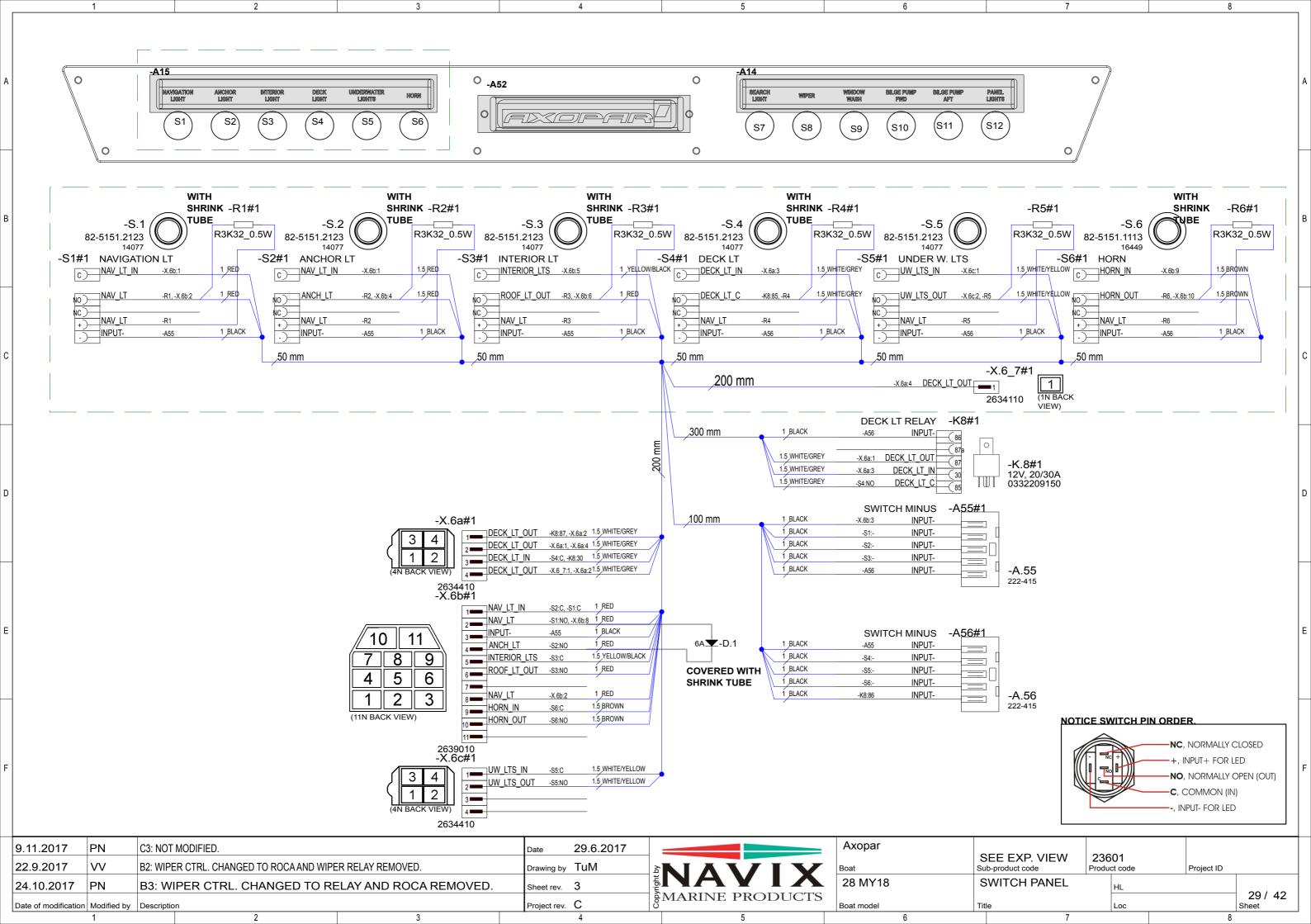


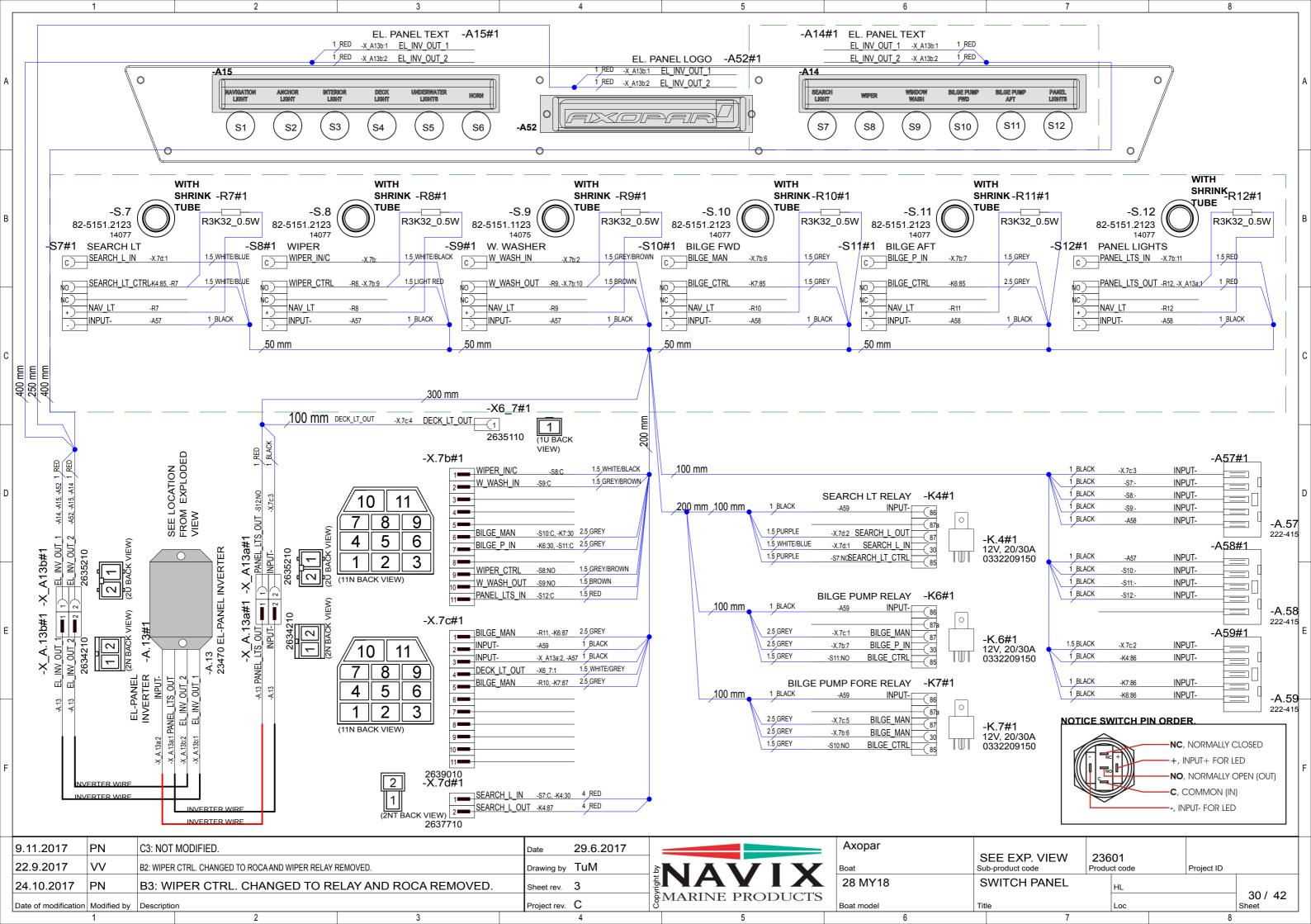


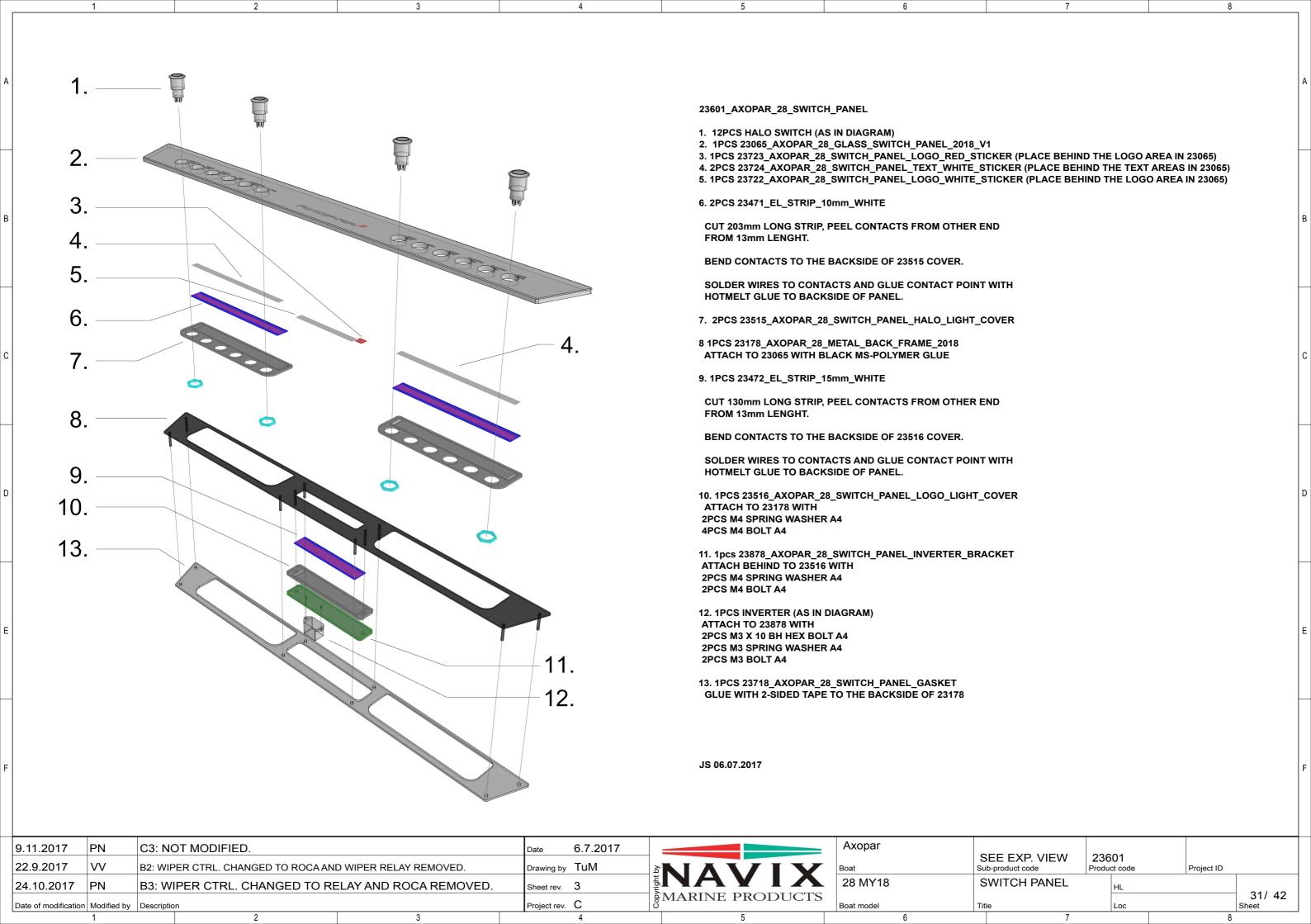


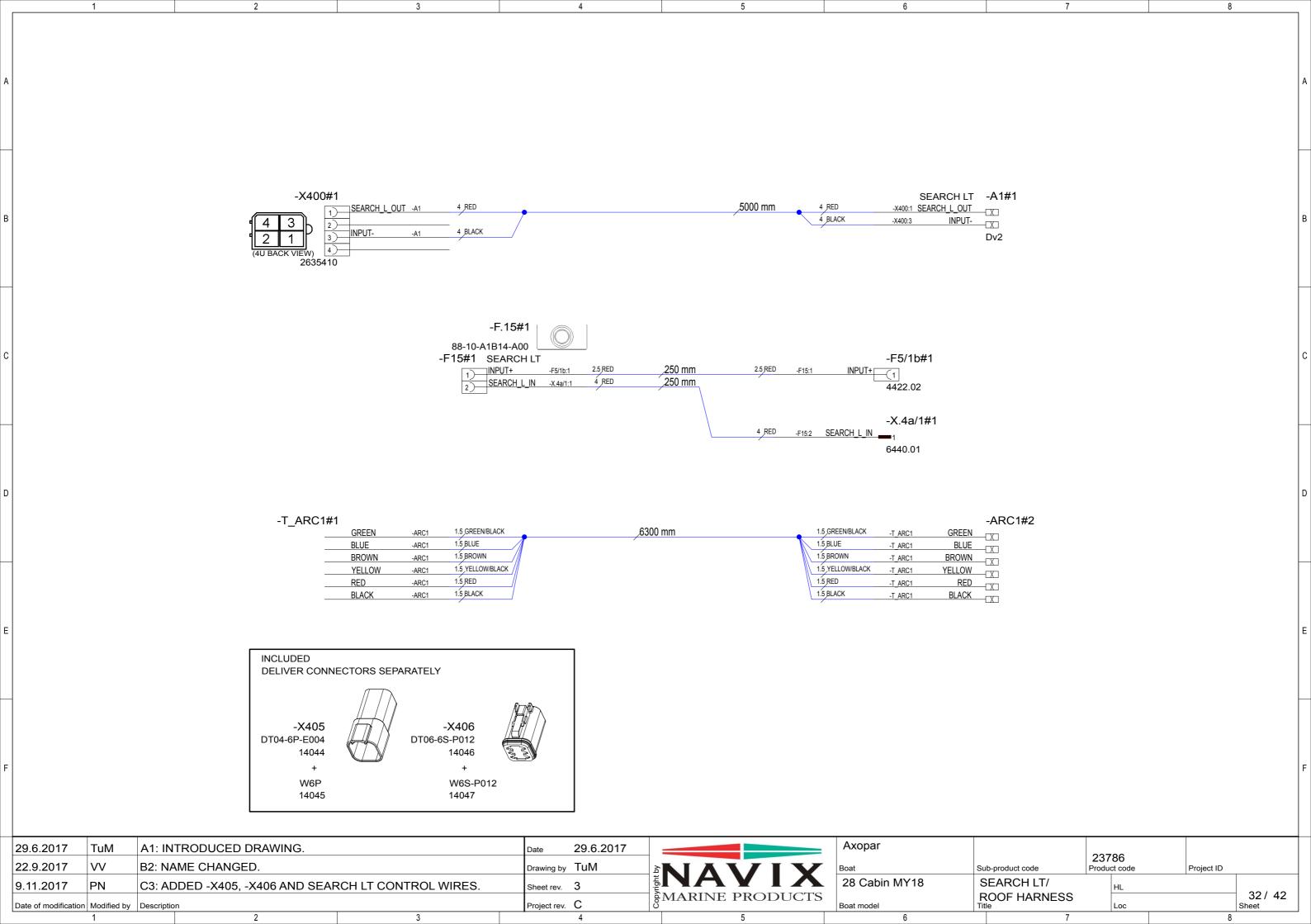


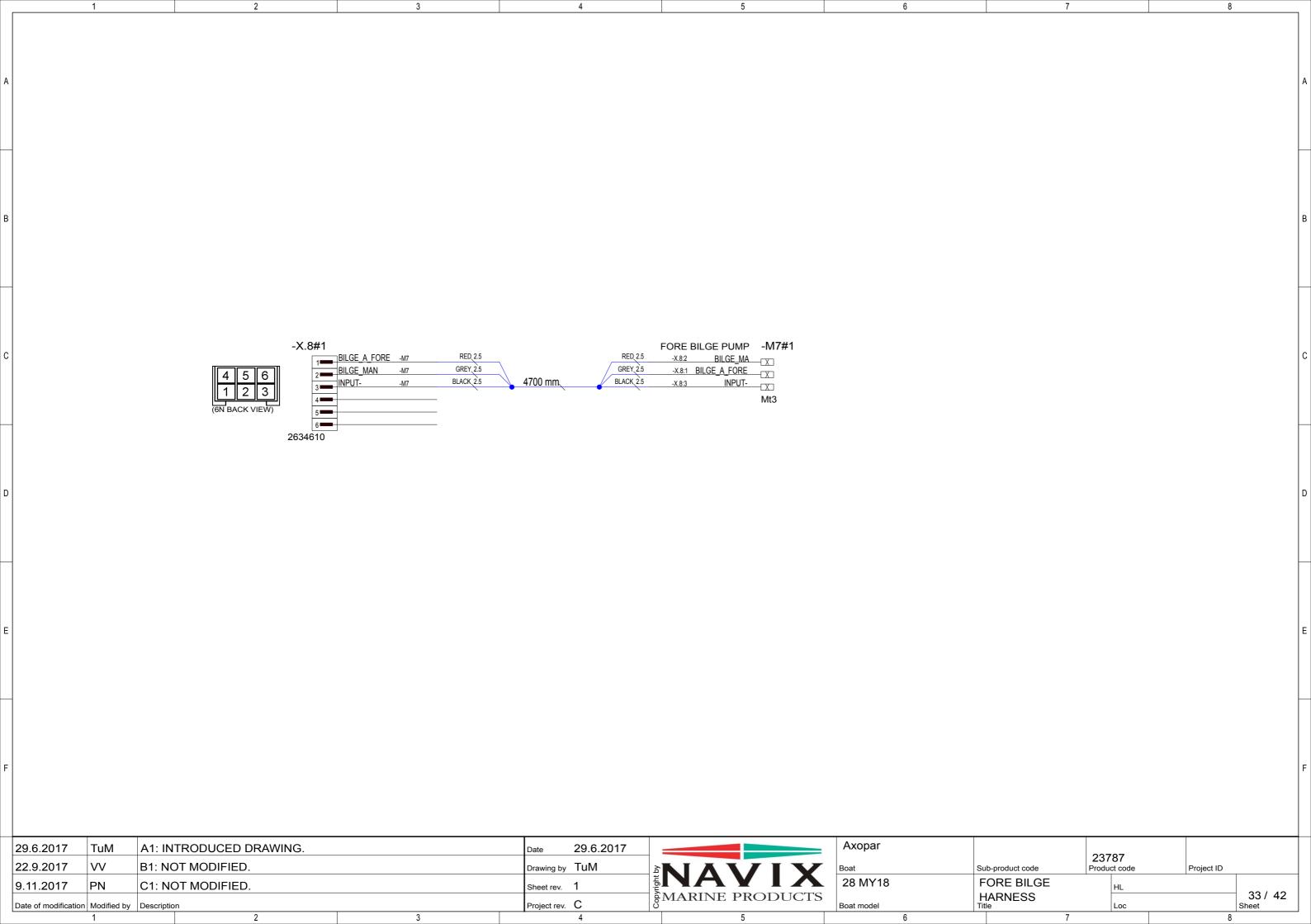


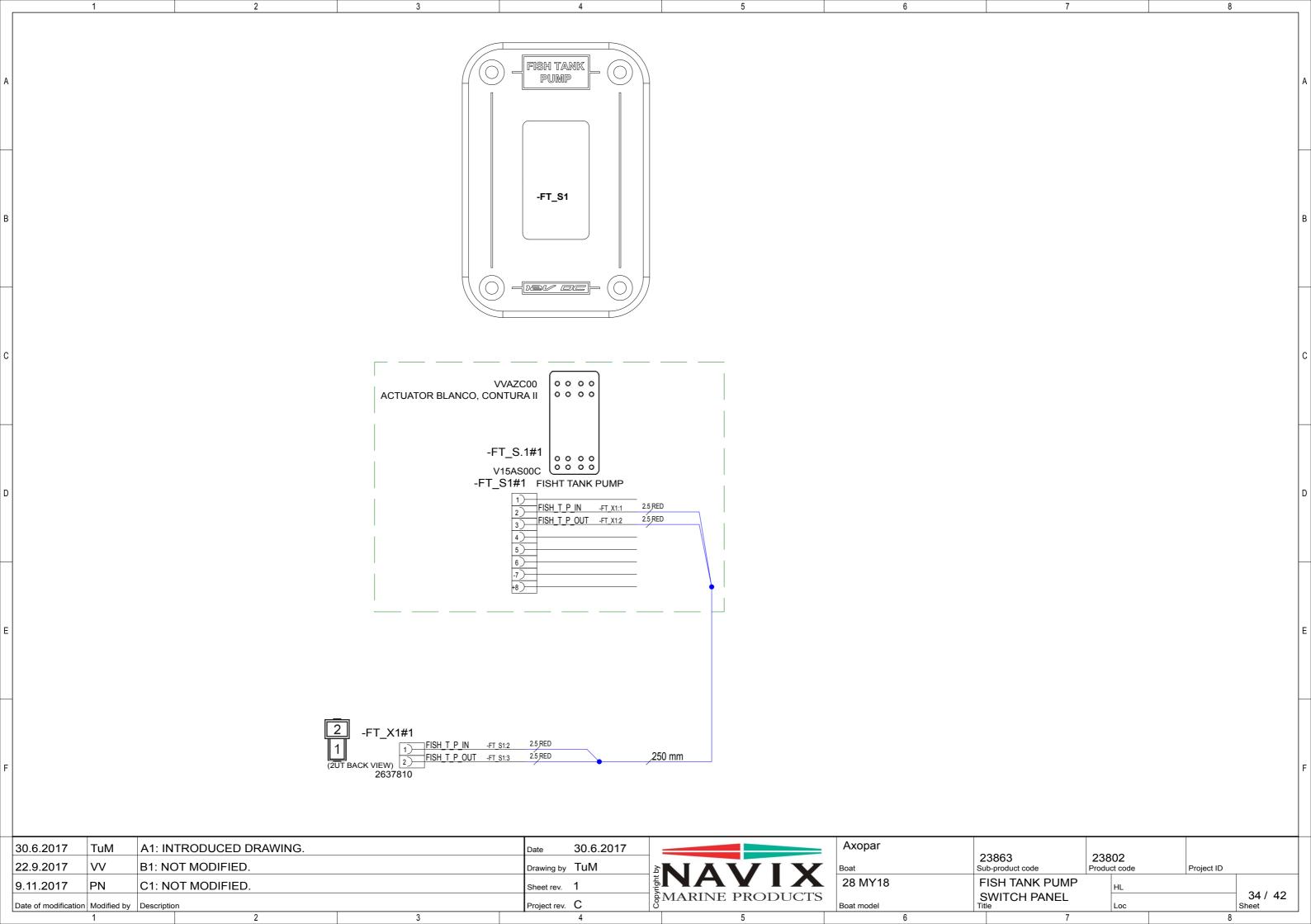


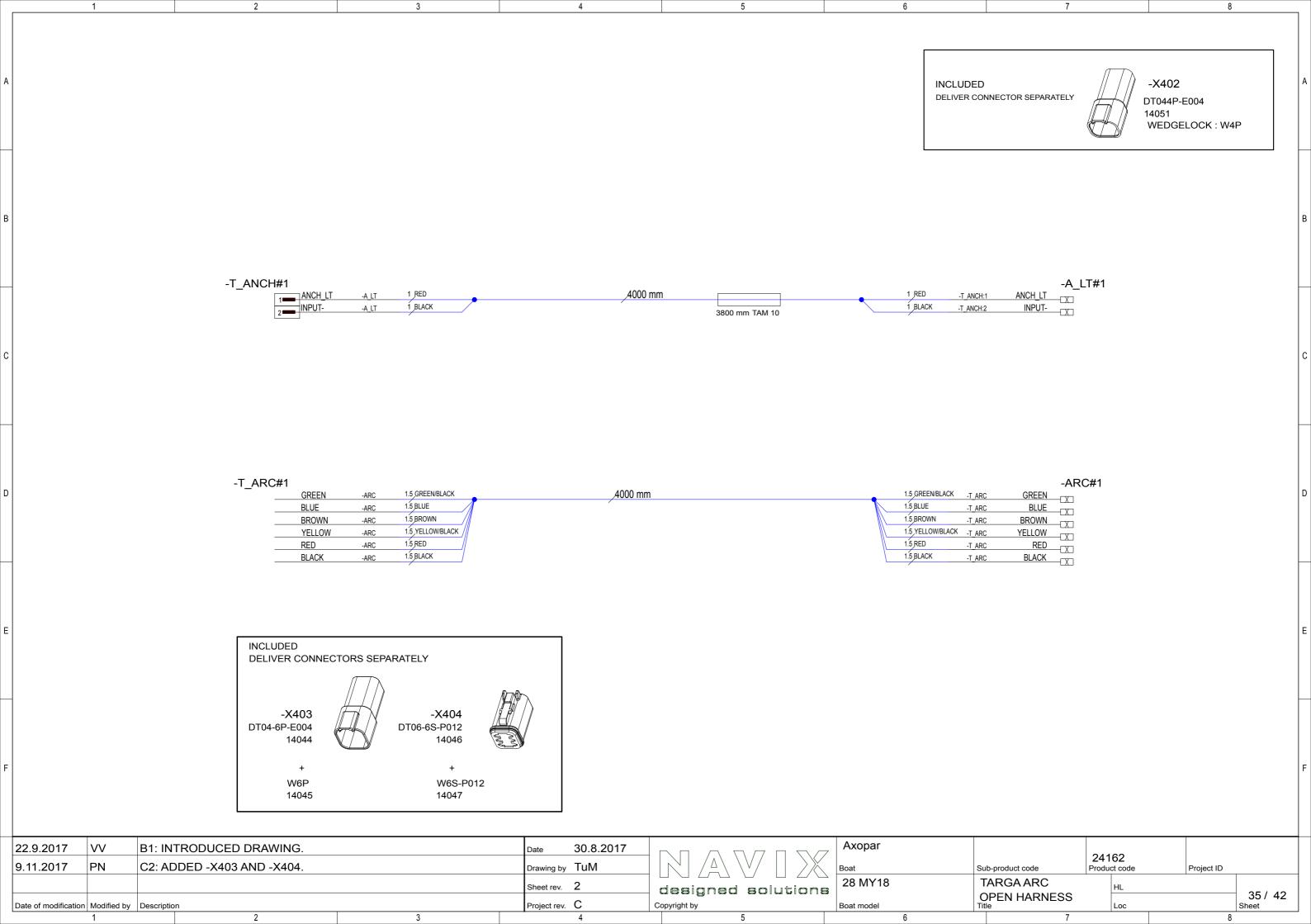


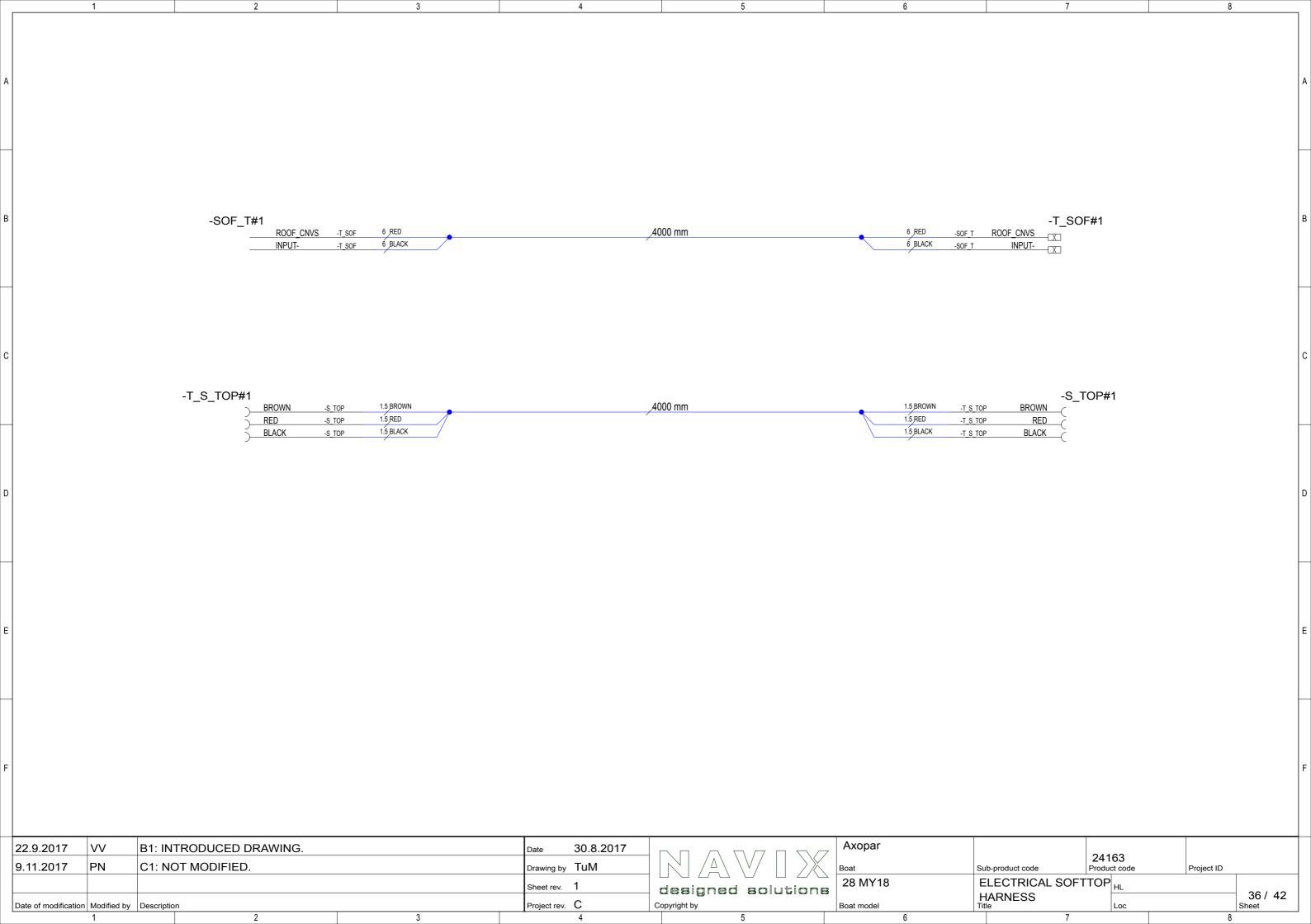


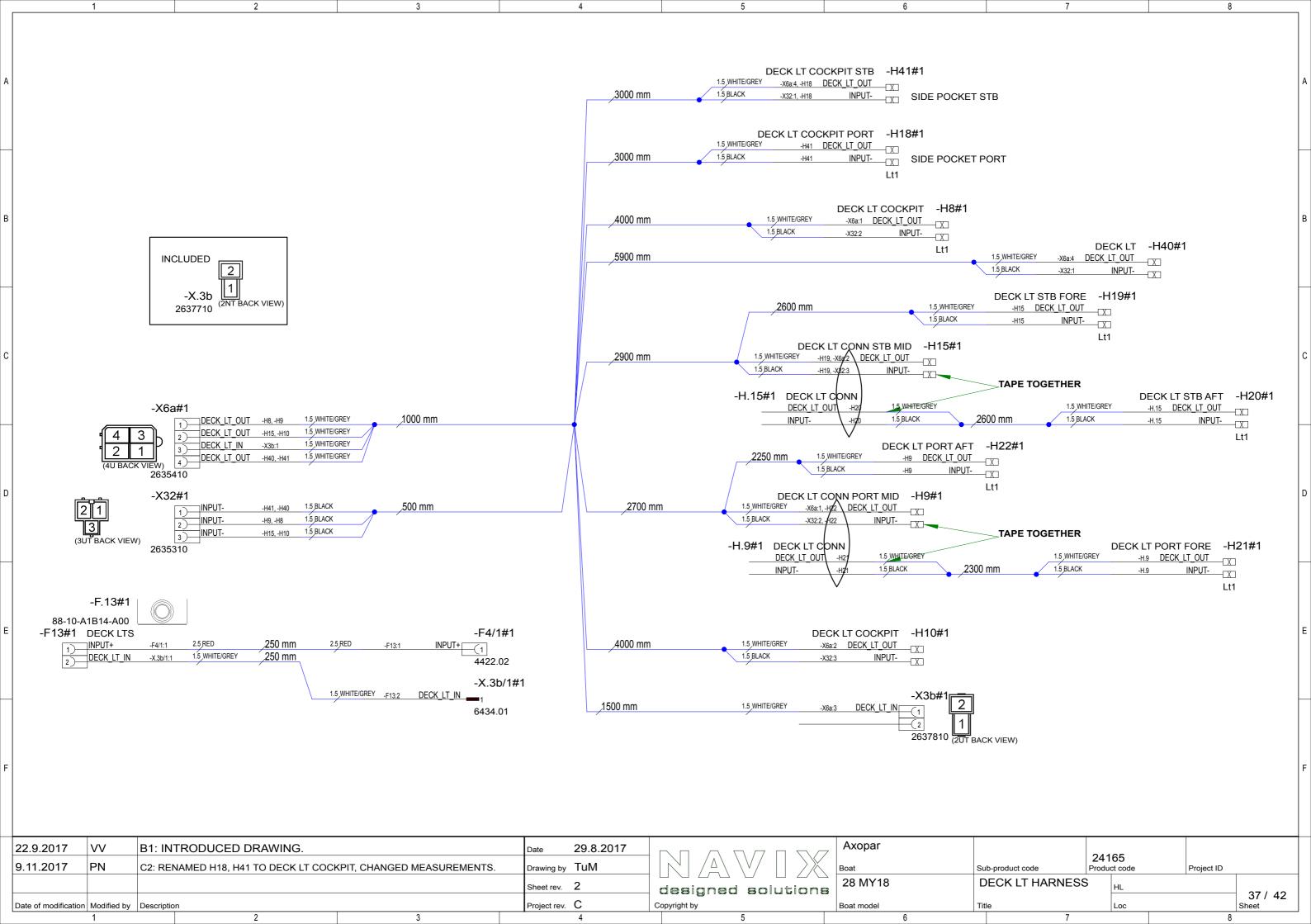


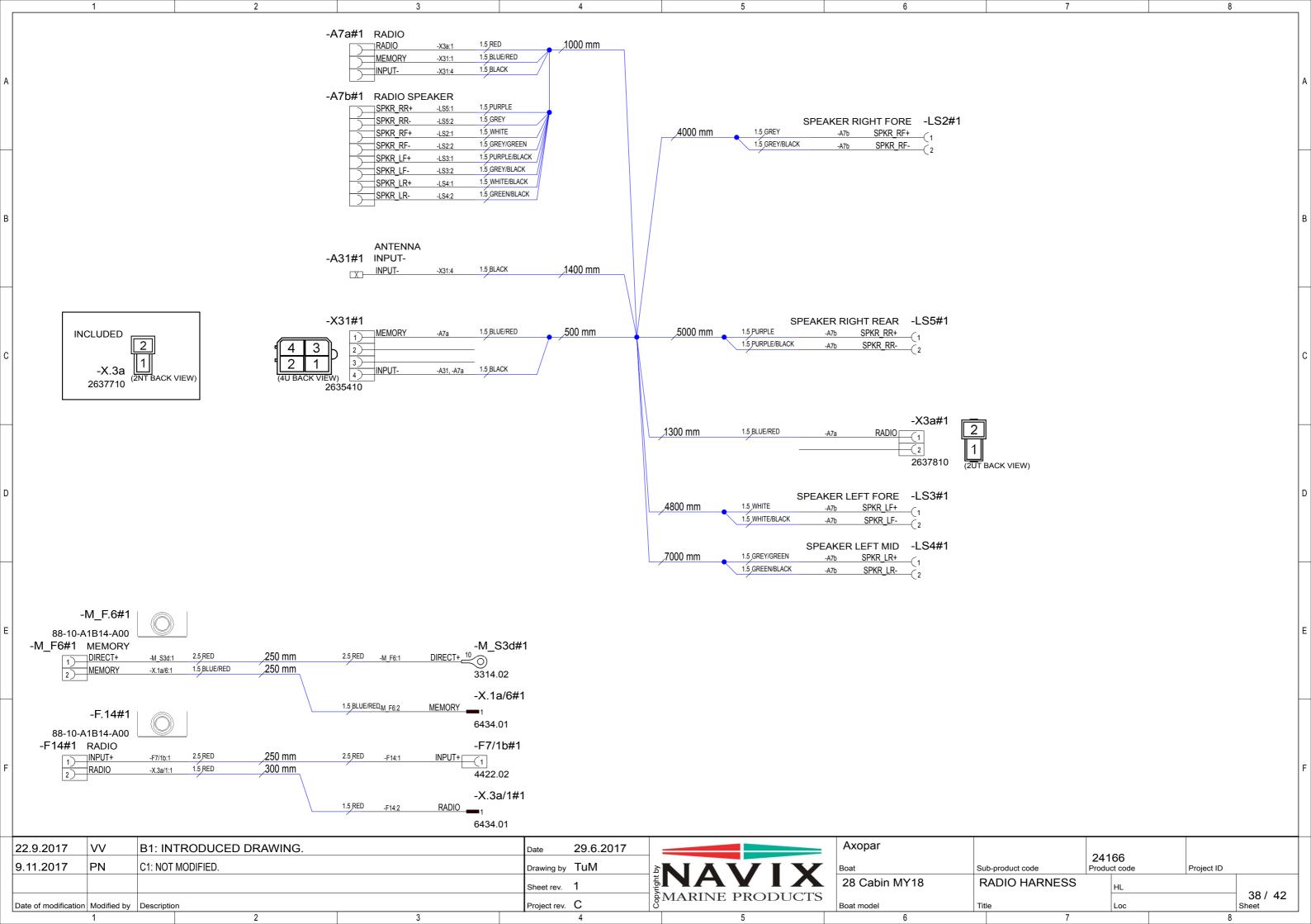


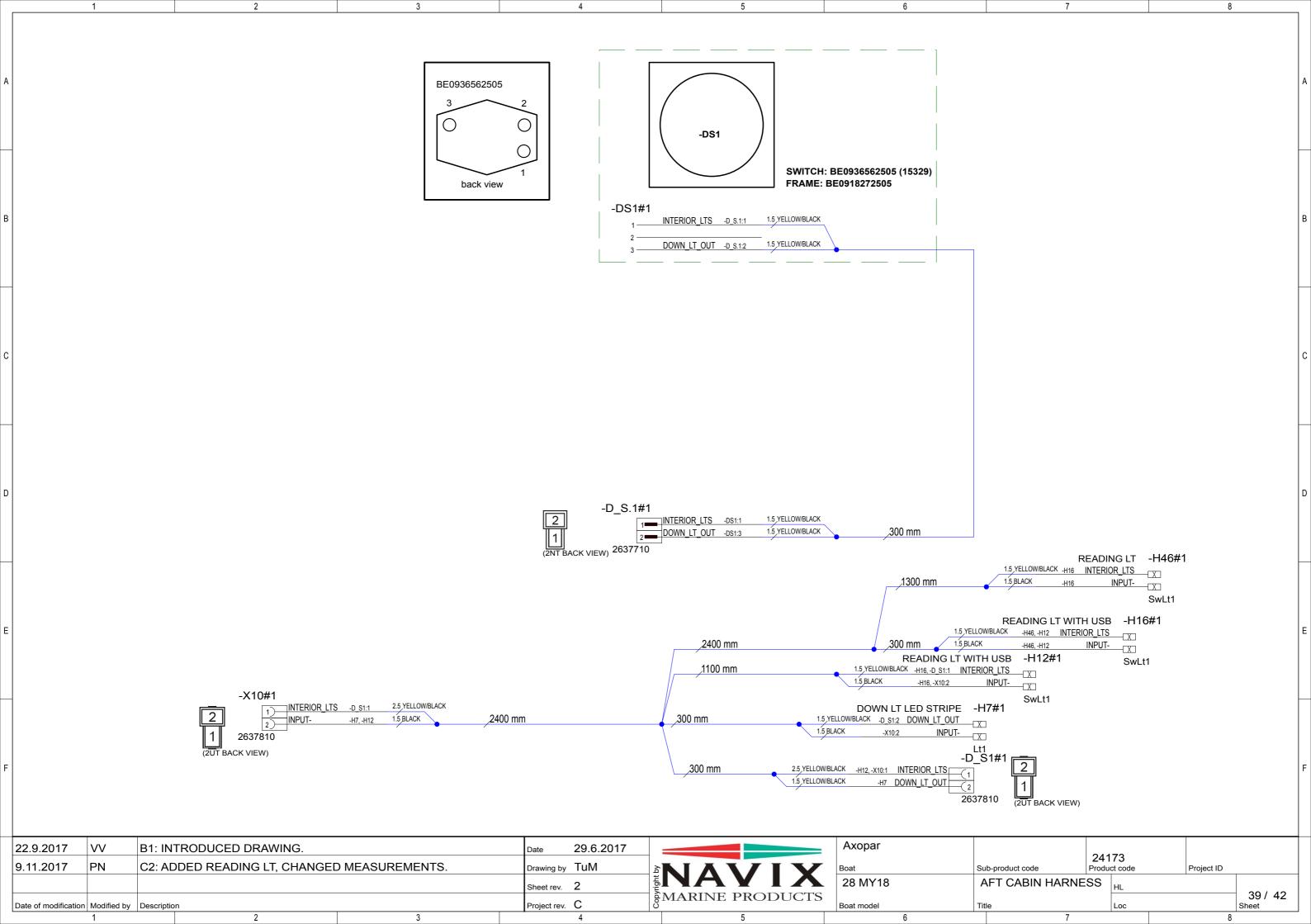


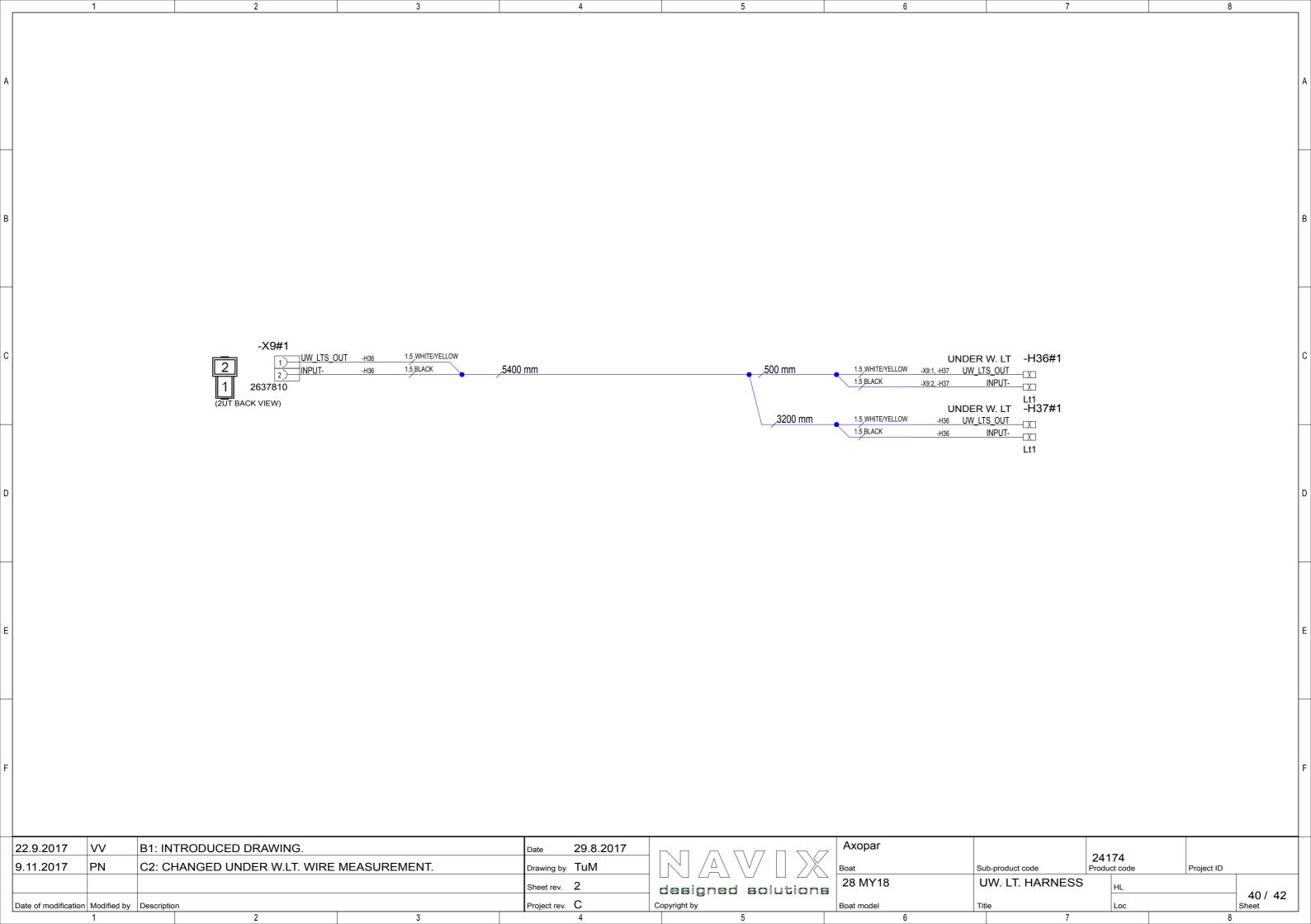


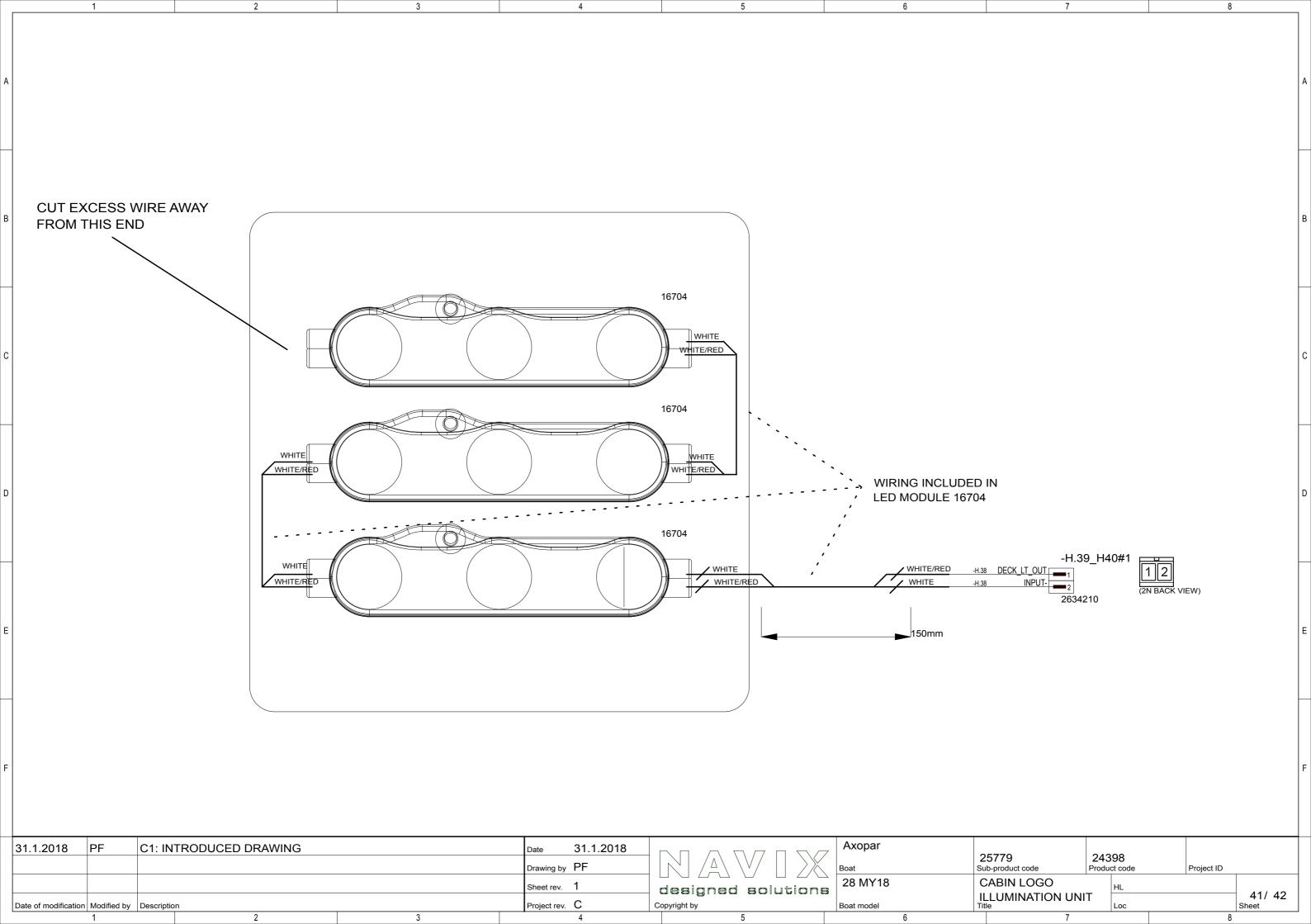


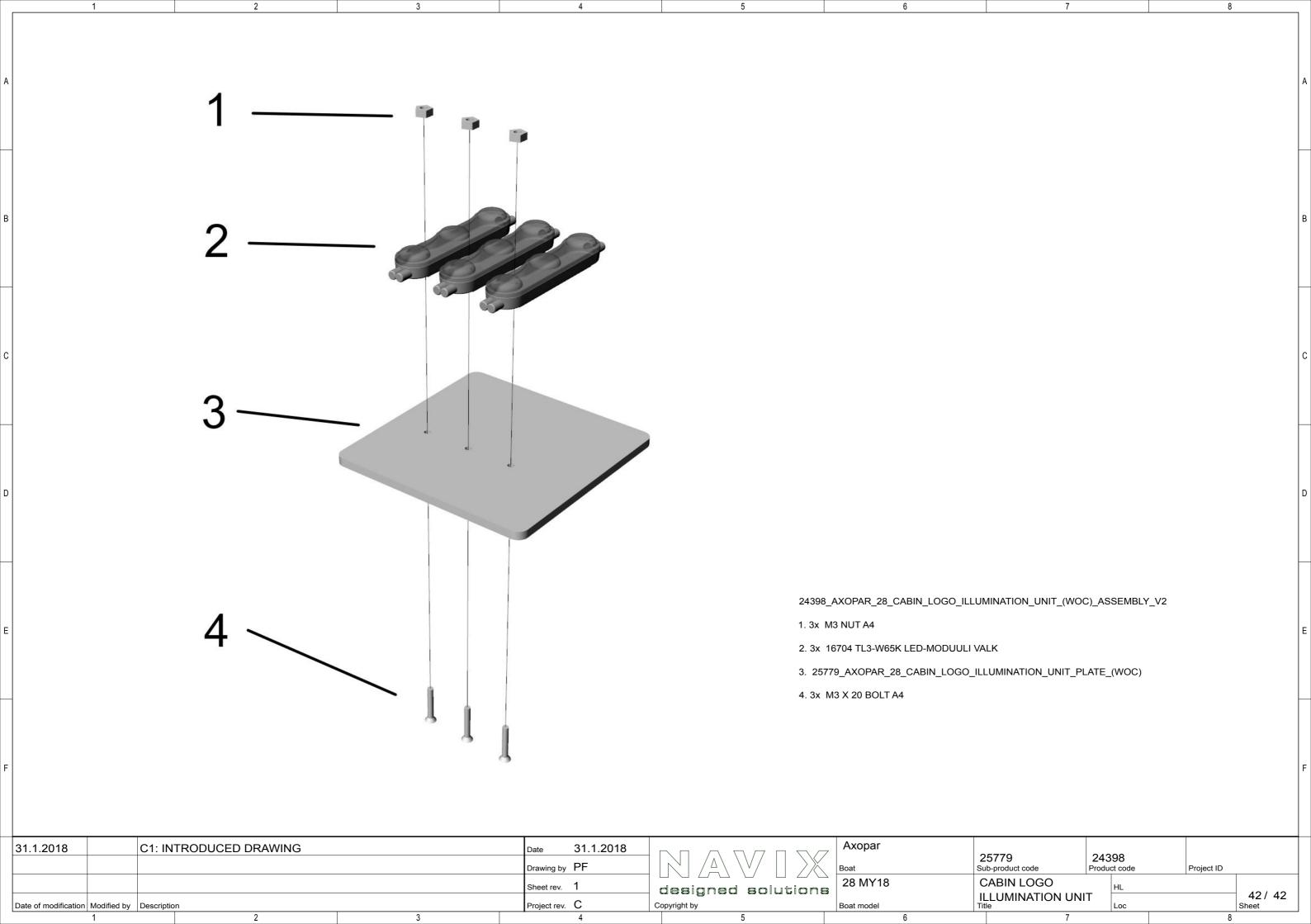














## 12 Appendix IV: Warning label placement

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# 13 Appendix V: AIS Decontamination – North America

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# 1 Decontamination criteria based on UMPS III, Table 3

The table is a summary of scientific research indicating the lethal water temperature at point of contact and duration for decontamination. Information is grouped by the location of the boat that is targeted and the life form of Dreissenid mussel targeted (e.g., adult mussel or veliger). Please refer to the *Student Training Curriculum for Watercraft Inspectors and Decontaminators to Prevent and Contain the Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species in the USA* for complete step by step procedures.

	Boat part/ location	Water temperature	Duration <sup>1)</sup> (sec)	Type of application	Target life stage
Exterior	Hull	140°F	10	High pressure spray <sup>2)</sup>	Adult
	Trailer	140°F	70	Low pressure spray <sup>3)</sup>	Adult
	PFDs, anchor, paddle	140°F	10	Low pressure spray	Adult or Veliger
Propulsion system	Gimbal	140°F	132	Low pressure spray	Adult
	Engine	140°F <sup>5)</sup> , <sup>6)</sup>	See note <sup>7)</sup> .	Flush <sup>6)</sup>	Veliger
Interior	Ballast tanks 120°F	120°F	130	<i>Low risk</i> – Flush <sup>4)</sup>	Veliger
		100	<i>High risk</i> – Fill and flush	vollger	
	Live well/bait well	120°F	130	Low pressure spray or flush	Veliger
	Bilge	120°F	130	Flush or low pressure spray	Veliger

<sup>1)</sup> The times listed are the minimum times necessary to achieve mortality.

<sup>2)</sup> High pressure = 3000 psi.

<sup>3)</sup> Low pressure = using the pressure from the decontamination unit with no nozzle, not to exceed 60 psi (essentially a garden hose flow).

<sup>4)</sup> Flush = adding water to a compartment of a boat to treat or force the water out.

<sup>5)</sup> These temperatures denote the exit temperature (i.e., temperature of water exiting the boat not exiting the wand or flush attachment).

<sup>6)</sup> When flushing engines with a dedicated connection (not muffs), the pressure should be limited to less than 60 psi to prevent internal engine damage. The maximum input temperature during flushing should not exceed 140°F.

<sup>7)</sup> NOTE: Engine flushing relies on the exit temperature as a guideline for decontamination duration.



### 2 Example of AIS Owner's Manual Information

#### Aquatic invasive species

Aquatic invasive species (AIS) are plants and animals that occur in waters in which they are not native and whose introduction causes or is likely to cause economic or environmental damage or harm to human health. AIS have a negative impact on the waterway, its native species, and recreational and commercial uses of the waterway.

As responsible boaters and citizens, each boat owner should do their part to prevent the spread of these aquatichitchhikers. In many cases, it is also required by law. Check local regulations for any waterway where you will boat.

After each boating trip, follow these three simple steps before you leave the water access to stop the spread of AIS: Clean, Drain, and Dry. This is the boater's way to help protect the environment from the damage that AIS can cause.



#### Clean

Inspect and remove all aquatic plants, animals, mud, and debris from the boat, engine, trailer, anchor, and any watersports equipment.

- Rinse, scrub or wash, as appropriate, away from storm drains, ditches, or waterways.
- · Rinse watercraft, trailer, and equipment with hot water, when possible.
- · Flush motor according to owner's manual.

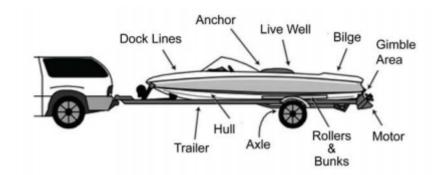
#### Drain

Completely drain all water from the boat and its compartments, including but not limited to the bilge, wells, lockers, ballast tanks or bags, bait containers, engines, and outdrives.

#### Dry

Allow the boat to completely dry before visiting any other bodies of water.





NOTE: Some localities may require inspection or decontamination before and/or after launching. Check state and local laws and regulations for requirements prior to traveling to go boating.



### 3 Additional boat-specific recommendations

#### Nonmotorized watercraft

Canoes, rafts, kayaks, rowboats, paddleboats, inflatables, sculls, and other nonmotorized recreational watercraft also require proper treatment.

- Clean straps, gear, paddles, floats, ropes, anchors, dip nets, and trailer before leaving the water body.
- Dry everything completely between each use and before storing.
- Wear quick-dry footwear or bring a second pair of footwear with you when portaging between waterbodies.

#### Sailboats

- Clean centerboard, bilge board, wells, rudderpost, trailer, and other equipment before leaving the water body.
- Drain water from boat, motor, bilge, ballast, wells, and portable bait containers before leaving the water body.

#### Motorized watercraft

- Inspect and clean motor or engine, including the gimbal area; trailer, including axles, bunkers, and rollers; anchors; dock lines; and equipment before leaving the water body.
- Drain live wells, bait containers, ballast and bilge tanks, and engine cooling systems.

#### Jet boats and personal watercraft (PWCs)

- Inspect and clean hull, trailer, intake grate, and steering nozzle, etc.
- Clean hull, trailer, intake grate, and steering nozzle, etc before leaving the water access.
- Run engine 5-10 sec to blow out excess water and vegetation from internal drive before leaving the waterbody.