**Cruise Report: AX8 Jan 2006**

a) XBT deplyed: 268

b) Problems:

The extractor pin of tube number 5 got struck, but came loose after the application of WD40.

Tube number 6 gave bad data, came right after application of WD40 to the extractor pin.

We had a power failure on the 26th of January 2006. This caused the MK21 S/N 00923 to malfunction.

The backup one was used for the duration of the cruise.

Some of the Float boxes had two serial numbers on the box.

Both these numbers were recorded. Two of the float boxes had one of the four yellow straps missing.

These were replaced by some rope. This did not however interfere with the deployment of the floats.

These straps were not removed by someone on the ship because both the plastic covers were still intact.

c) Recommendations: It will be a good thing to get the MK21 replaced.

d) Other narrative:

e) Drifters deployed: See log sheets

f) ARGO floats deployed: See log sheets