

## Derek Johnston

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Derek,

A deck plate covers the cofferdam.

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Understood. Is there any type of cover/lid/hatch that is normally covering the cofferdam, or is it always open like in the picture?

-- Derek

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Derek,

Correct. The cofferdam was NOT designed to be watertight and/or was NOT separated from the engine room by a watertight hatch/bulkhead/etc. To be more specific, you have a picture of what is being referred to as cofferdam in the report on page 6. As you can see in the photo, water can overflow over the top of the space if it fills up and pump is not running.

Thanks,  
Kendall