

Predictive Maintenance for Fleets

Off-Hire, Capex and Debt-Service Protection

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Abstract

Sensors and analytical models can identify developing machinery faults before they become operational failures. The commercial case remains incomplete until a fleet operator can connect a signal to an approved maintenance action, an altered failure path, charter and service consequences, capital expenditure, reserves and collected cash. This paper develops an evidence-led framework for predictive maintenance across financed maritime fleets. It distinguishes monitoring, diagnosis, prognosis and maintenance decision; preserves the International Safety Management Code, class, original-equipment-manufacturer and human-authority boundaries; and reconciles reliability engineering with off-hire, repair cost, dry-dock scope, insurance, working capital and debt service. Forty modules cover asset criticality, data lineage, failure modes, baselines, sensor quality, model validation, false alarms, remaining useful life, work management, spares, class and cyber controls, charter allocation, matched cohorts, avoided-failure attribution, cash-flow protection, reserves, covenants, valuation and transaction diligence. Five figures, five tables, eight frequently asked questions and twenty-six authoritative references support vessel-, equipment-, failure-mode- and period-specific review. Illustrative methods and values require replacement with approved technical, contractual, regulatory and financial evidence. The framework does not substitute for maritime, engineering, class, regulatory, legal, insurance, tax, accounting, valuation or investment advice.

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1. Define the financing decision

State whether the analysis supports fleet deployment, maintenance planning, dry-dock scope, refinancing, acquisition, sale, lease or covenant review. Freeze the vessels, equipment, failure modes, period and accountable decision maker.

Controlled evidence includes approved mandate; fleet and equipment scope; financing purpose; valuation date; accountable committee. The immediate decision is to freeze the decision perimeter before reliability claims enter the model. Definitions should remain stable across technical records, maintenance systems, charter workpapers and financial models.

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2. Use the asset event as the analytical unit

A traceable event links equipment, signal, model version, diagnosis, approval, work order, parts, downtime, return to service, charter consequence and cash.

Controlled evidence includes asset identifier; event time; signal; recommendation; work order; downtime; invoice; settlement. The immediate decision is to retain one identifier from sensor observation through financial outcome. Definitions should remain stable across technical records, maintenance systems, charter workpapers and financial models.

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3. Preserve safety and engineering authority

The chief engineer, master, shore technical team, class and original-equipment manufacturer can hold different decision rights. A model output should not displace approved safety responsibility.

Controlled evidence includes role matrix; Safety Management System; class condition; maker instruction; approval; override. The immediate decision is to require accountable engineering review for safety-critical action. Definitions should remain stable across technical records, maintenance systems, charter workpapers and financial models.

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4. Build the asset-criticality register

Criticality should reflect safety, propulsion, power, cargo, environmental, redundancy, charter and repair consequences. Purchase price alone is an incomplete measure.

Controlled evidence includes equipment hierarchy; redundancy; failure consequence; lead time; charter exposure; replacement cost. The immediate decision is to direct analytical effort and spares toward consequence-weighted assets. Definitions should remain stable across technical records, maintenance systems, charter workpapers and financial models.

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5. Map failure modes and effects

Each model should address a defined failure mode, causal mechanism, detectable precursor and feasible intervention. Broad equipment-health scores can conceal different risks.

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6. Design the signal-to-action loop

The loop should connect sensing, validation, diagnosis, prognosis, decision, planning, execution, verification and learning. Time and authority matter at every stage.

Controlled evidence includes sensor record; alert; diagnosis; approver; work order; completion; post-work test. The immediate decision is to measure whether an alert changes a controlled maintenance decision. Definitions should remain stable across technical records, maintenance systems, charter workpapers and financial models.

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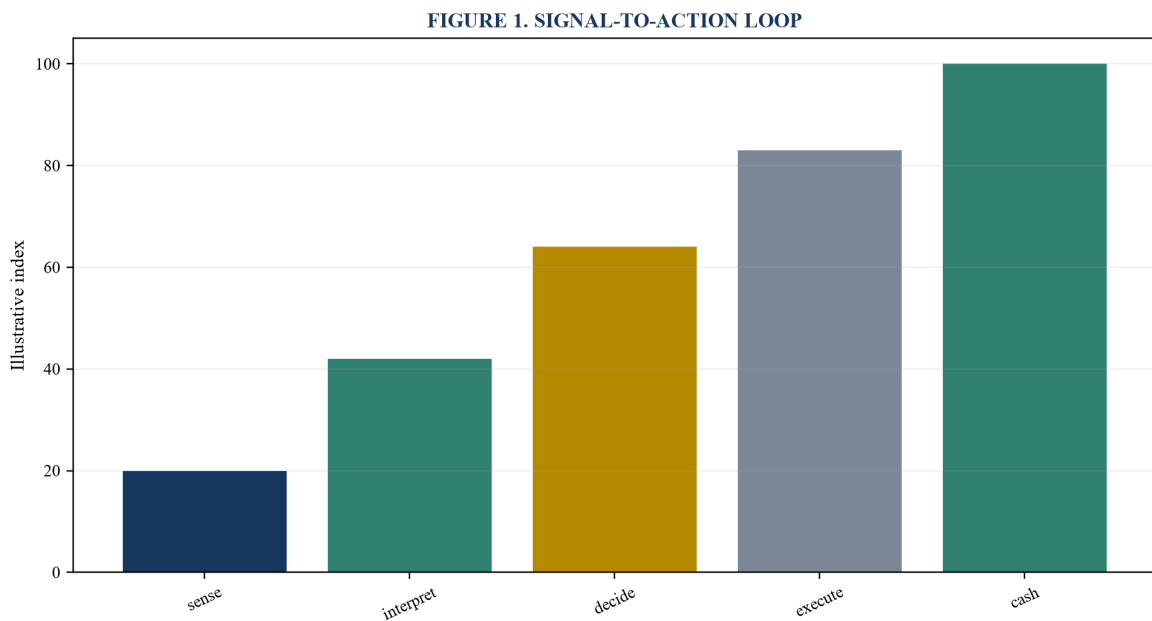
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Table 1. Signal-to-action loop

Stage	Required evidence	Decision question
sense	calibrated signal and operating state	what was observed?
interpret	versioned alert, diagnosis and uncertainty	what did it mean?
decide	engineer approval or override	what action was authorised?
execute	work order, part and test	what changed?
outcome	availability, cost and cash	what value was protected?

Replace illustrative classifications with company-specific evidence and approved transaction treatment.

Figure 1. Signal-to-action loop



An alert creates value only through accountable intervention and verified outcome.

7. Establish the counterfactual baseline

Avoided failure cannot be directly observed. The baseline should estimate failure, downtime and cost without the intervention using comparable equipment and operating conditions.

Controlled evidence includes historical events; matched assets; duty cycle; age; environment; maintenance history. The immediate decision is to replace gross avoided-cost assertions with a bounded counterfactual. Definitions should remain stable across technical records, maintenance systems, charter workpapers and financial models.

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8. Control sensor fitness

Sampling rate, range, calibration, drift, installation, timestamp and data loss determine whether vibration, temperature, pressure, lubricant or electrical signals are decision-ready.

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9. Create the equipment data lineage

Operational technology, historian, condition-monitoring platform, maintenance system, finance ledger and vendor cloud can transform the same event differently.

Controlled evidence includes source inventory; owner; units; transformations; retention; access; reconciliation. The immediate decision is to make each material maintenance claim reproducible from native records. Definitions should remain stable across technical records, maintenance systems, charter workpapers and financial models.

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10. Separate detection, diagnosis and prognosis

Anomaly detection indicates difference; diagnosis identifies a likely fault; prognosis estimates future condition or remaining useful life. Each output needs its own validation.

Controlled evidence includes model objective; label; horizon; error measure; decision threshold; approved use. The immediate decision is to prevent an anomaly score from being treated as a failure date. Definitions should remain stable across technical records, maintenance systems, charter workpapers and financial models.

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11. Freeze thresholds before outcome review

Alert thresholds should reflect failure consequence, intervention lead time, false-alarm cost and missed-detection risk. Retrospective tuning can overstate performance.

Controlled evidence includes threshold version; approval date; operating domain; alert population; exceptions. The immediate decision is to test prospective performance under frozen decision rules. Definitions should remain stable across technical records, maintenance systems, charter workpapers and financial models.

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12. Manage false alarms and missed detections

False alarms consume labour, parts and availability; missed detections can cause casualty, off-hire and loss. Average accuracy can hide the economically material tail.

Controlled evidence includes confusion matrix; failure consequence; investigation cost; downtime; root cause. The immediate decision is to price both error types by equipment and operating context. Definitions should remain stable across technical records, maintenance systems, charter workpapers and financial models.

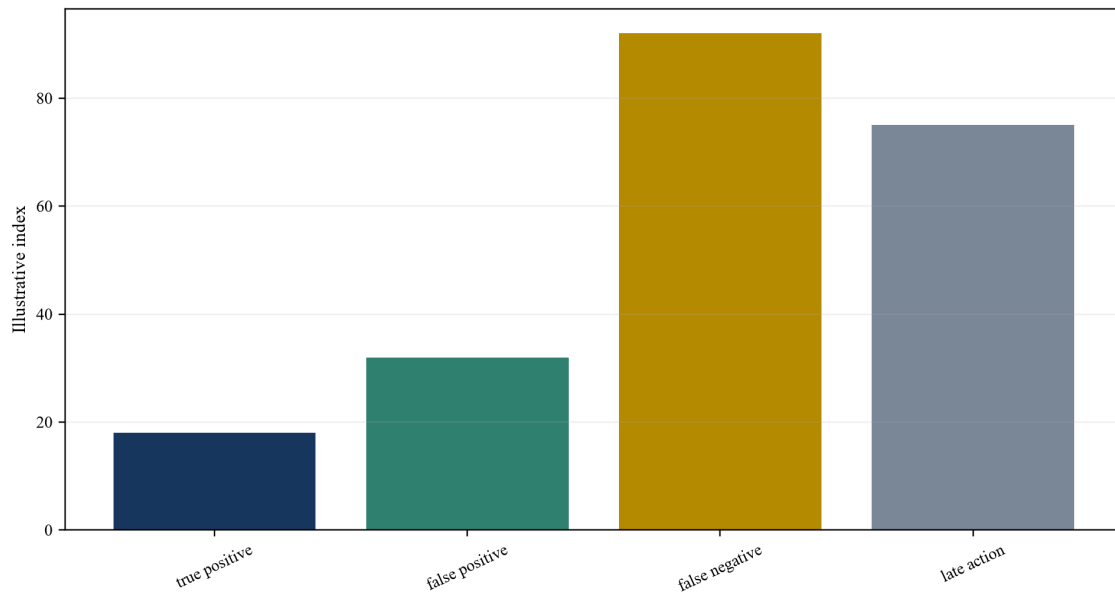
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Table 2. Error economics

Outcome	Operational effect	Financial treatment
true positive	planned intervention before failure	net realised protection
false positive	inspection or work without confirmed fault	investigation and outage cost
true negative	continued operation without event	monitoring evidence
false negative	unanticipated failure	full downside and control review

Replace illustrative classifications with company-specific evidence and approved transaction treatment.

Figure 2. Illustrative error-cost profile**FIGURE 2. ILLUSTRATIVE ERROR-COST PROFILE**

Replace indices with equipment- and failure-specific evidence.

13. Validate remaining useful life

Remaining-useful-life estimates require a stated degradation mechanism, uncertainty range and update rule. A precise point estimate can mislead maintenance and reserve decisions.

Controlled evidence includes degradation model; inspection; confidence range; validation cases; update history. The immediate decision is to use ranges tied to intervention windows and downside actions. Definitions should remain stable across technical records, maintenance systems, charter workpapers and financial models.

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14. Account for operating context

Load, speed, fuel, weather, ambient conditions, maintenance, crew practice and voyage profile can alter sensor patterns without a developing fault.

Controlled evidence includes operating state; load; environment; voyage; maintenance date; configuration. The immediate decision is to control context before attributing a signal to degradation. Definitions should remain stable across technical records, maintenance systems, charter workpapers and financial models.

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15. Integrate planned maintenance

Condition-based recommendations should reconcile to planned tasks, statutory inspections, class surveys, maker requirements and dry-dock windows.

Controlled evidence includes maintenance programme; class status; survey window; maker interval; deferral approval. The immediate decision is to coordinate condition evidence with approved maintenance obligations. Definitions should remain stable across technical records, maintenance systems, charter workpapers and financial models.

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16. Govern maintenance deferral

A recommendation to defer work can create value only when safety, class, maker, warranty and failure-risk conditions support the decision.

Controlled evidence includes deferral request; technical basis; risk assessment; approval; expiry; monitoring. The immediate decision is to make deferral a dated accountable decision with stop conditions. Definitions should remain stable across technical records, maintenance systems, charter workpapers and financial models.

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17. Optimise intervention timing

Early intervention can waste useful life and create outage; late intervention can convert a planned task into an emergency. Timing should minimise expected whole-life consequence.

Controlled evidence includes failure probability; lead time; repair duration; port access; charter window; cost. The immediate decision is to choose a feasible window using risk-adjusted total cost. Definitions should remain stable across technical records, maintenance systems, charter workpapers and financial models.

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18. Plan spares and logistics

Predictive lead time has value when the correct part, technician, permit, berth and lifting capability can reach the vessel before deterioration crosses a limit.

Controlled evidence includes bill of materials; stock; lead time; supplier; transport; technician; port plan. The immediate decision is to convert warning time into executable maintenance readiness. Definitions should remain stable across technical records, maintenance systems, charter workpapers and financial models.

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19. Reconcile work-order execution

A closed work order does not prove fault removal. Scope, findings, parts, labour, test result, repeat alert and return-to-service evidence should agree.

Controlled evidence includes job plan; technician record; parts issue; finding; test; sign-off; recurrence. The immediate decision is to verify technical closure before recognising financial benefit. Definitions should remain stable across technical records, maintenance systems, charter workpapers and financial models.

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20. Measure off-hire exposure

Off-hire depends on the charter terms, causal event, service capability, notices, duration and evidence. Technical downtime and contractual off-hire can differ.

Controlled evidence includes charterparty; event log; notice; statements of fact; hire statement; settlement. The immediate decision is to bridge machinery unavailability to the actual contractual cash consequence. Definitions should remain stable across technical records, maintenance systems, charter workpapers and financial models.

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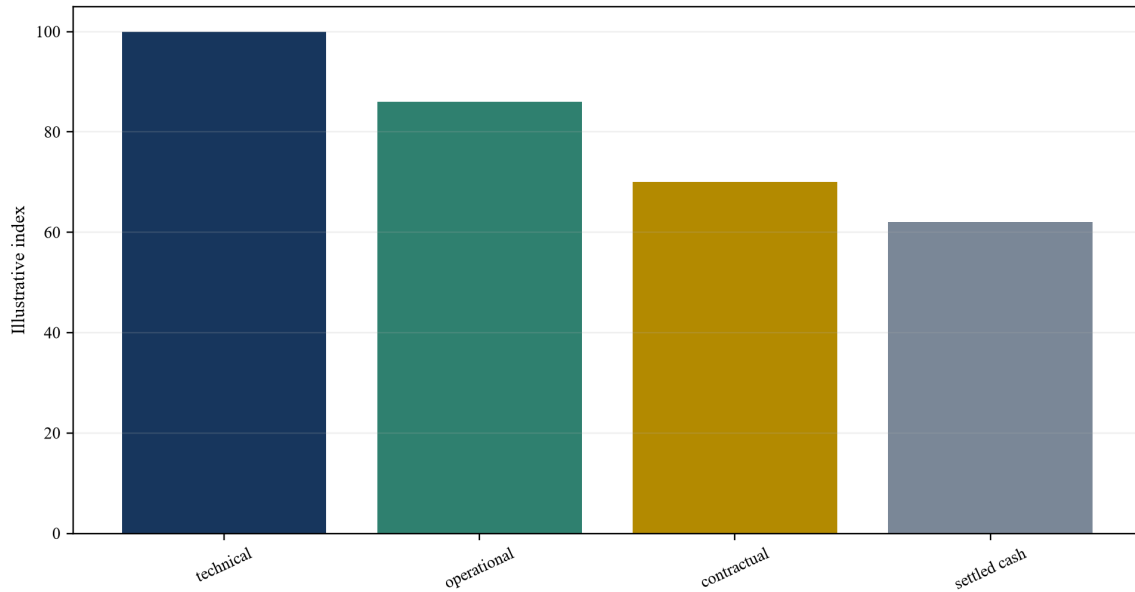
Table 3. Off-hire evidence bridge

Layer	Evidence	Reconciliation
technical	availability and repair event	equipment timeline
operational	service capability and delay	voyage record
contractual	off-hire clause and notices	hire statement
financial	settlement, invoice and collection	ledger and bank

Replace illustrative classifications with company-specific evidence and approved transaction treatment.

Figure 3. Off-hire evidence bridge

FIGURE 3. OFF-HIRE EVIDENCE BRIDGE



Technical downtime and contractual cash require separate proof.

21. Protect schedule and cargo service

A failure can create delay, port omission, transshipment, cargo damage, customer concession and network recovery cost beyond lost hire.

Controlled evidence includes schedule; cargo commitment; delay event; claim; recovery action; customer settlement. The immediate decision is to include service and cargo consequences in failure severity. Definitions should remain stable across technical records, maintenance systems, charter workpapers and financial models.

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22. Distinguish planned and emergency cost

Emergency repair can include premium labour, expedited parts, towage, deviation, port, class, accommodation and consequential costs. Planned work has its own outage and mobilisation cost.

Controlled evidence includes repair scope; invoice; premium; port call; towage; travel; downtime. The immediate decision is to compare full intervention pathways rather than spare-part prices. Definitions should remain stable across technical records, maintenance systems, charter workpapers and financial models.

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23. Model dry-dock and capex consequences

Condition evidence can accelerate, defer or reshape dry-dock work. Capex treatment should preserve required class, safety and useful-life expenditure.

Controlled evidence includes dock plan; survey scope; steel and machinery finding; quotation; contingency; approval. The immediate decision is to connect predictive evidence to funded scope and remaining useful life. Definitions should remain stable across technical records, maintenance systems, charter workpapers and financial models.

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24. Control cannibalisation and deferred defects

Parts transfers and repeated deferrals can keep one vessel operating while moving risk elsewhere. Fleet availability should not conceal accumulated technical debt.

Controlled evidence includes defect register; cannibalisation record; donor asset; replacement date; recurrence. The immediate decision is to reconcile local recovery with fleet-wide risk and liability. Definitions should remain stable across technical records, maintenance systems, charter workpapers and financial models.

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25. Integrate energy-efficiency consequences

Degraded hull, propeller, engine and auxiliary systems can increase fuel use and emissions. Maintenance effect should be separated from route, speed and market-price effects.

Controlled evidence includes performance curve; fuel record; maintenance date; operating context; CII evidence. The immediate decision is to bridge restored technical condition to measured energy outcome. Definitions should remain stable across technical records, maintenance systems, charter workpapers and financial models.

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26. Manage class and survey evidence

Alternative survey or machinery reliability programmes depend on approved plans, records and surveyor access. Analytical outputs should support the evidence package.

Controlled evidence includes class approval; maintenance plan; annual report; condition record; survey finding. The immediate decision is to preserve class acceptance and auditability as deployment conditions. Definitions should remain stable across technical records, maintenance systems, charter workpapers and financial models.

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27. Secure connected maintenance systems

Sensors, gateways, vendor access, software updates and shore connections create operational-technology and data risks that can affect safety and evidence integrity.

Controlled evidence includes asset inventory; access; segmentation; update; log; backup; incident response. The immediate decision is to include cyber residual risk in system approval and financing. Definitions should remain stable across technical records, maintenance systems, charter workpapers and financial models.

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28. Validate the model by operating domain

Performance can vary by equipment maker, vessel class, age, sensor, load and environment. Validation should state where the model may be used and when review is required.

Controlled evidence includes training population; test population; domain; error; drift; limitation; approval. The immediate decision is to restrict use to evidenced equipment and conditions. Definitions should remain stable across technical records, maintenance systems, charter workpapers and financial models.

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29. Keep accountable human review

Engineers need alert context, uncertainty, recommended action and escalation. Overrides should be recorded without discouraging justified professional judgement.

Controlled evidence includes role; competence; alert; review; override; reason; outcome. The immediate decision is to make human decisions traceable and suitable for learning. Definitions should remain stable across technical records, maintenance systems, charter workpapers and financial models.

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30. Build adoption and workflow capability

Value depends on crews, technical managers, procurement, class, finance and chartering acting within the available warning window.

Controlled evidence includes workflow; response time; completion; training; rejected alert; backlog; owner. The immediate decision is to measure sustained execution rather than dashboard access. Definitions should remain stable across technical records, maintenance systems, charter workpapers and financial models.

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31. Create matched equipment cohorts

Cohorts should preserve maker, model, age, duty cycle, maintenance state, sensor configuration and operating environment. Matching rules should be fixed before reviewing outcomes.

Controlled evidence includes population; inclusion; exclusion; matching key; balance test; observation period. The immediate decision is to reduce selection bias while retaining failures and exceptions. Definitions should remain stable across technical records, maintenance systems, charter workpapers and financial models.

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32. Attribute avoided failure carefully

Changes in downtime and cost can result from maintenance, spares, crew, operating profile, fleet renewal, warranty or chance. Attribution needs reconciled cohorts and sensitivity.

Controlled evidence includes baseline; intervention; confounder; timing; calculation; reviewer; range. The immediate decision is to avoid crediting every favourable reliability variance to the model. Definitions should remain stable across technical records, maintenance systems, charter workpapers and financial models.

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33. Build the cash-protection bridge

The bridge should reconcile avoided off-hire, service recovery, repair, spares, dry-dock, insurance, fuel, software, connectivity, people, working capital and tax.

Controlled evidence includes event ledger; charter settlement; invoice; inventory; capex register; cash; full cost. The immediate decision is to separate gross avoided cost from recurring free cash flow. Definitions should remain stable across technical records, maintenance systems, charter workpapers and financial models.

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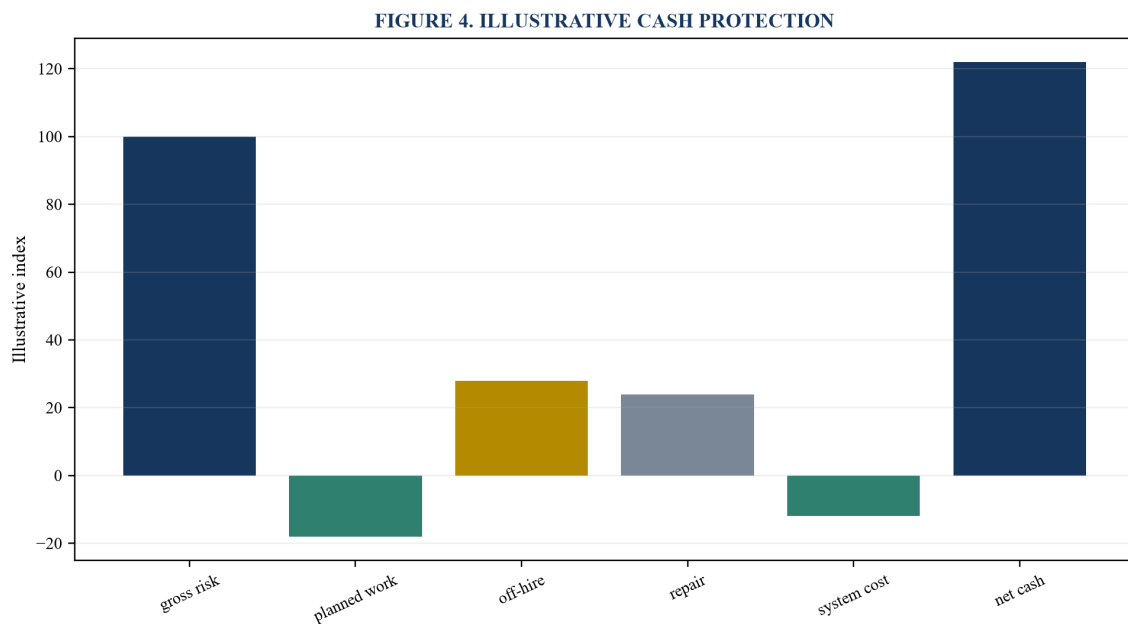
Decision makers need both upside and downside. The analysis should state which party controls conversion, what investment remains, when cash appears, which risks survive and whether the result continues after a change of ownership. Unsupported precision should be replaced with bounded scenarios. The committee should record the decision consequence of each range, including price, structure, funding, covenant, integration and monitoring implications.

Table 4. Cash-protection bridge

Line	Evidence	Primary risk
off-hire	settled charter consequence	contract attribution
repair	invoice and avoided scope range	counterfactual
spares	inventory and logistics	working capital
capex	approved dry-dock change	deferral risk
technology	software, sensors and people	omitted full cost
cash	ledger and bank reconciliation	timing and persistence

Replace illustrative classifications with company-specific evidence and approved transaction treatment.

Figure 4. Illustrative cash protection



Benefits should be stated after intervention and full programme cost.

34. Set maintenance reserves

Reserve policy should reflect criticality, remaining useful life, dry-dock plan, repair inflation, lead times, deductibles and downside liquidity. Model output should inform ranges rather than erase prudence.

Controlled evidence includes asset forecast; dock budget; failure range; insurance; liquidity; governance. The immediate decision is to fund credible downside while releasing unsupported excess only through approval. Definitions should remain stable across technical records, maintenance systems, charter workpapers and financial models.

Finance should distinguish observed operation, engineering estimate, funded action, management forecast and buyer-specific opportunity. Every benefit needs timing, full cost, responsibility and a route to cash.

The analytical unit should remain stable from source record to valuation conclusion. Reviewers should see the population, exclusions, period, owner and reconciliation to finance. Where evidence is incomplete, the model should retain a range and identify the action needed to narrow it. Comparisons should preserve product, customer, site, complexity and market conditions; aggregation should not conceal adverse cohorts or delayed consequences.

35. Assess debt-service protection

Lenders may recognise lower volatility and stronger cash resilience when maintenance evidence, contracts, controls and monitoring are reviewable. Forecast avoided failures alone do not create debt capacity.

Controlled evidence includes debt service; charter cash; reserve; covenant; downside; monitoring; cure. The immediate decision is to link maintenance outcomes to repayment and covenant headroom. Definitions should remain stable across technical records, maintenance systems, charter workpapers and financial models.

Engineering, marine operations, procurement, chartering and finance should use the same equipment and event identifiers. Representative cases should be traced from signal through settlement.

Evidence should distinguish observation, estimate, management plan and transaction judgement. A supported claim includes timing, full cost, dependency, transferability and a cash consequence. Sensitivity should show how the conclusion changes when adoption, demand, quality or persistence underperforms. Material assumptions need validation dates, accountable owners and explicit expiry conditions so that stale expectations do not survive into pricing or financing decisions.

36. Design covenant and reporting treatment

Availability, minimum liquidity, reserve, capex and technical-status covenants need stable definitions, cure rights and evidence. A proprietary health score may be unsuitable as a sole covenant metric.

Controlled evidence includes facility agreement; definition; certificate; source; threshold; cure; audit right. The immediate decision is to use measures that lender and borrower can independently reproduce. Definitions should remain stable across technical records, maintenance systems, charter workpapers and financial models.

Decision makers need bounded downside for sensor failure, model error, unsafe advice, part delay, cyber incident, class restriction, charter dispute, vendor exit and weak adoption.

The operating team and finance team should use the same definitions. Native records should support aggregate dashboards, and sample testing should follow representative cases from input through outcome and cash. Exceptions, failed cases and client concessions remain part of the population. Reconciliation should cover opening and closing balances, acquisitions, disposals, foreign exchange, allocation changes and manual adjustments that could otherwise mimic operating improvement.

37. Address insurance and warranty

Maintenance data can support risk management while creating disclosure, warranty and causation questions. Policy, maker and broker treatment should be confirmed before relying on recovery.

Controlled evidence includes policy; warranty; notice; disclosure; exclusion; claim history; settlement. The immediate decision is to separate technical prevention from contractual risk transfer. Definitions should remain stable across technical records, maintenance systems, charter workpapers and financial models.

Evidence should remain vessel-, equipment-, failure-mode- and period-specific. The analysis should preserve false alarms, missed detections, overrides, repeat defects, unplanned failures and adverse outcomes.

Decision makers need both upside and downside. The analysis should state which party controls conversion, what investment remains, when cash appears, which risks survive and whether the result continues after a change of ownership. Unsupported precision should be replaced with bounded scenarios. The committee should record the decision consequence of each range, including price, structure, funding, covenant, integration and monitoring implications.

38. Translate protected cash into value

Valuation should distinguish observed performance, funded rollout, management forecast, buyer synergy and unresolved technical risk. The same benefit should not enter cash flow and multiple times.

Controlled evidence includes valuation bridge; forecast; discount rate; comparable evidence; capex; downside. The immediate decision is to recognise transferable and persistent cash protection once. Definitions should remain stable across technical records, maintenance systems, charter workpapers and financial models.

Finance should distinguish observed operation, engineering estimate, funded action, management forecast and buyer-specific opportunity. Every benefit needs timing, full cost, responsibility and a route to cash.

The analytical unit should remain stable from source record to valuation conclusion. Reviewers should see the population, exclusions, period, owner and reconciliation to finance. Where evidence is incomplete, the model should retain a range and identify the action needed to narrow it. Comparisons should preserve product, customer, site, complexity and market conditions; aggregation should not conceal adverse cohorts or delayed consequences.

39. Build the transaction evidence room

The room should connect equipment hierarchy, models, data lineage, alerts, work orders, failures, class, charters, costs, cash, reserves, covenants and open findings.

Controlled evidence includes index; source; owner; date; version; finding; closure; access. The immediate decision is to support diligence with native and reconcilable evidence. Definitions should remain stable across technical records, maintenance systems, charter workpapers and financial models.

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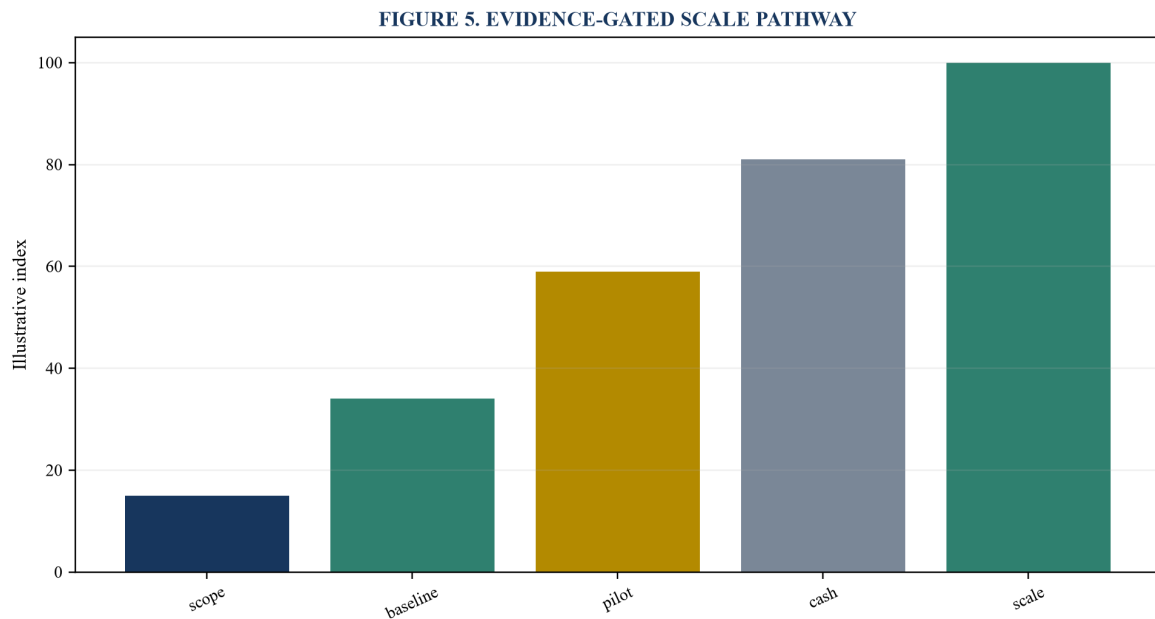
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Table 5. One-hundred-day programme

Period	Primary work	Gate
days 1-30	criticality, rights, data and baseline	approve evidence design
days 31-60	validate models and controlled equipment	approve operating case
days 61-100	reconcile charters, reserves and cash	approve scale decision

Replace illustrative classifications with company-specific evidence and approved transaction treatment.

Figure 5. Evidence-gated scale pathway



Fleet capital should follow technical, contractual and financial proof.

40. Conclusion

Predictive maintenance protects financeable value when reliable signals lead to safe, timely interventions and reproducible reductions in failure consequence, off-hire and cash volatility after full cost.

Controlled evidence includes asset event; model version; engineering decision; work record; charter outcome; cash; control. The immediate decision is to use one evidence chain across machinery, operations, contracts and finance. Definitions should remain stable across technical records, maintenance systems, charter workpapers and financial models.

Decision makers need bounded downside for sensor failure, model error, unsafe advice, part delay, cyber incident, class restriction, charter dispute, vendor exit and weak adoption.

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