CLAIMS:

1. A vessel having an extendable and retractable cursor frame assembly comprising:

a first track and a second track, each track having a base portion and a blade portion protruding from the base portion, wherein for each track, an upper half of the track is attached to a module provided on a hull of the vessel via the blade portion of the track and a lower half of the track is attached to the hull of the vessel via the blade portion of the track;

a first C-shaped guide rail that slidingly engages the first track and a second C-shaped guide rail that slidingly engages the second track, wherein the first C-shaped guide rail has a length that is shorter than a length of the first track and the second C-shaped guide rail has a length that is shorter than a length of the second track;

a first fastening structure provided on the module adjacent a first end of the first track for securing the first C-shaped guide rail;

a second fastening structure provided on the module adjacent a first end of the second track for securing the second C-shaped guide rail;

a first brace provided at a second end of the first track for buffering the first C-shaped guide rail and a second brace provided at a second end of the second track for buffering the second C-shaped guide rail; and

wherein the first fastening structure comprises:

a first bracket provided at a first side of the first end of the first track;

a second bracket provided at a second side of the first end of the first track;

a securing member for passing through the first and second brackets and an opening provided at a first end of the first C-shaped guide rail to secure the first C-shaped guide rail to the module.

2. The vessel according to claim 1, wherein the length of the first and second C-shaped guide rails are equal to the height of the module on the hull of the vessel.

3. The vessel according to claim 1 wherein the second fastening structure comprises:

a third bracket provided at a first side of the first end of the second track;

a fourth bracket provided at a second side of the first end of the second track;

a securing member for passing through the third and fourth brackets and an opening provided at a first end of the second C-shaped guide rail to secure the second C-shaped guide rail to the module.

4. The vessel according to claim 1 further comprising:

a winch provided on an upper surface of the module for raising or lowering the first and second C-shaped guide rails.

5. The vessel according to claim 4 wherein the winch is a constant tension type winch.

6. The vessel according to claim 1 wherein a first crosspiece connects the first C-shaped guide rail to the second C-shaped guide rail, the first crosspiece being provided such that the first crosspiece is perpendicular to the first and second C-shaped guide rails.

7. The vessel according to claim 6 wherein a second crosspiece connects the first C-shaped guide rail to the second C-shaped guide rail, the second crosspiece being provided such that the second crosspiece is parallel to the first crosspiece.

8. The vessel according to claim 7 wherein a third crosspiece connects the first C-shaped guide rail to the second C-shaped guide rail, whereby a first end of the third crosspiece is connected to an end of the first crosspiece that is connected to the first C-shaped guide rail and a second end of the third crosspiece is connected to an end of the second crosspiece that is connected to the second C-shaped guide rai.

9. The vessel according to claim 1 further comprising:

a carriage for receiving a remotely operated vehicle;

a first carriage guide for slidingly engaging a first side of the carriage to the first C-shaped guide rail; and

a second carriage guide for slidingly engaging a second side of the carriage to the second C-shaped guide rail.