### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

#### FORM 8-K

### CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 22, 2024

### NAUTICUS ROBOTICS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

001-40611

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

(Commission File Number) 87-1699753

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

17146 Feathercraft Lane, Suite 450, Webster, TX 77598 (Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (281) 942-9069

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

x Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

" Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

" Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

" Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Sym+bol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock	KITT	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC
Warrants	KITTW	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company x

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act."

#### Item 3.01. Notice of Delisting or Failure to Satisfy a Continued Listing Rule or Standard; Transfer of Listing

On January 22, 2024, Nauticus Robotics, Inc. (the "Company") received written notice from Nasdaq notifying it that the average closing bid price of the Company's shares of common stock was below the minimum closing bid price of \$1 per share during the last 30 consecutive trading days, as required for continued listing on the Nasdaq under Nasdaq's listing rules (the "Rules").

The notice has no immediate impact on the listing of the Company's common stock and warrants, which will continue to be listed and trade on Nasdaq subject to the Company's continued compliance with the other listing requirements of the Rules. The Company's securities will have an added indicator on NASDAQ.com indicating that it is non-compliant. Pursuant to the Rules, the Company has 180 days to cure the deficiency and regain compliance with the minimum bid price (subject to additional time periods for which the Company may be eligible). The Company intends to monitor the closing bid price for its securities and explore available options to regain compliance within the proscribed time period.

In the event the Company does not evidence compliance with the minimum bid price requirement during the 180-day grace period, it is expected that Nasdaq would notify the Company that its securities are subject to delisting. At such time, the Company may appeal such determination to a Nasdaq Hearings Panel (the "Panel") and it is expected that the Company's securities would continue to be listed and available to trade on Nasdaq at least pending the completion of the appeal process. There can be no assurance that any such appeal would be successful or that the Company would be able to evidence compliance with the terms of any extension that may be granted by the Panel.

# SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: January 26, 2024

## Nauticus Robotics, Inc.

By:

/s/ Nicholas J. Bigney Name: Nicholas J. Bigney Title: General Counsel