# 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 28, 2024

### NAUTICUS ROBOTICS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)                                                                                                                                                                                         | (Commission File Number)                                                                                                                                                                                           | (IRS Employer<br>Identification No.)                                                                           |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 17146 Feathercraft Lane, Suite 450, Webster, TX 77598 (Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                |
| Regis                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | strant's telephone number, including area code: (281) 942-9069                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                |
| (F                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Not Applicable Former name or former address, if changed since last report)                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                |
| Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8 provisions:                                                                                                                                                                              | 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing ob                                                                                                                                                     | igation of the registrant under any of the following                                                           |
| Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under th                                                                                                                                                                                   | ne Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                |
| ☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the E                                                                                                                                                                              | 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:                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                |
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| Title of each class                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Trading Symbol(s)                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Name of each exchange on which registered                                                                      |
| Common Stock                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Trading Symbol(s)  KITT                                                                                                                                                                                            | The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC                                                                                    |
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| Common Stock<br>Warrants                                                                                                                                                                                                               | KITT KITTW  ng growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities A                                                                                                                                           | The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC<br>The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC                                                     |
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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

On January 28, 2024, the board of directors of Nauticus Robotics, Inc. (the "Company") appointed Victoria Hay as the Company's "principal accounting officer." Mrs. Hay, 40, has been the Company's Interim Chief Financial Officer since her appointment in December 2023. Mrs. Hay, 40, has been the co-owner and President of Flexible Consulting, LLC, a financial and accounting consulting firm, since May 2021. In her capacity as President of Flexible Consulting, LLC, Mrs. Hay has acted as a financial and accounting advisor for numerous companies, including acting as contracted Chief Financial Officer of Enovate, an AI company focused on the oil and gas sector. Prior to her time at Flexible Consulting, LLC Mrs. Hay was at Weatherford International plc (NASDAQ: WFRD) from 2008 to May 2021 in accounting and finance roles of increasing seniority, most recently as the Senior Director – Global Accounting and Reporting Services. Mrs. Hay began her career as a finance analyst with Morgan Stanley. Mrs. Hay is a CIMA chartered accountant and has a BSC(Hon) in Biotechnology with a Management emphasis from Edinburgh University.

Ms. Hay's compensation did not change as a result of her appointment as principal accounting officer. There is no arrangement or understanding between Mrs. Hay and any other person pursuant to which she was selected to be principal accounting officer and there is no family relationship between Mrs. Hay and any of the Company's directors, executive officers, or any person nominated or chosen by the Company to become a director or executive officer, other than herself in her current role as Interim Chief Financial Officer.

Since January 2023, the Company has engaged Flexible Consulting, LLC, where Mrs. Hay is President and which she co-owns, to provide it with accounting and finance services relating to its quarterly reporting and mergers/acquisition activity. The total value of services provided by Flexible Consulting, LLC to the Company during this engagement is approximately \$496,000.

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## 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: February 1, 2024 Nauticus Robotics, Inc.

By: /s/ Nicholas J. Bigney

Name: Nicholas J. Bigney Title: General Counsel