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2020 Joint Ocean Ice Study / Arctic Observing Network - Beaufort Gyre Observing System CCGS Louis S. St-Laurent

- > A USA-Canada collaboration aboard the CCGS Louis S. St-Laurent
- Created and supported by the National Science Foundation, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Yale and the Institute of Ocean Sciences.
- > 2020 was our 18th year! Funded until 2024.



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Sea-Ice extent at the 2020 sea-ice minimum (from NSIDC):





Observations and Sampling:



50 Stations using SBE911+ CTD with Pressue, Temperature, Salinity, Dissolved Oxygen, Chl Fluorometer, CDOM Fluorometer, PAR, Transmissometer. Rosette has 24 x 10L Niskins



Water Samples: 1175 Niskin Bottles sampled.

All full depth stations:

- Salinity
- Dissolved O₂
- Nutrients (NO₃, PO₄, SiO₄)
- ¹⁸O isotope in H₂O
- Alkalinity
- Dissolved Inorganic Carbon (DIC)
- Chlorophyll-a
- Bacteria (Connie Lovejoy, U. Laval)
- Fluorescent Dissolved Organic Matter (FDOM) (Celine Gueguen, U. Sherbrooke)



30 Zooplankton Net casts to 100m depth

Water samples at select stations:

- Microbial Diversity (Connie Lovejoy, U. Laval, David Walsh, Concordia)
- Dissolved Organic Material (DOM), Lignin and Phenols, Barium (Celine Gueguen, U. Sherbrooke)
- ¹²⁹I and ²³⁶U (John Smith DFO, Nuria Casacuberta ETH Zurich)

Buoy Deployments and Recoveries:



2 Ice Stations, each with an Ice Tethered Profiler and Seasonal Ice Mass Balance Buoy (WHOI; Mary-Louise Timmermans, Yale; CRREL; Mike DeGrandpre, U Montana)



temperature

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320

ER

300

salinity

-0.4

-0.8

-1.2

-1.6

-2.0

1.8

0.8

0.6

0.4

0.0

-20

ITP121 Up Profile Contours (to profile 118)



Recoveries of expired buoys from 4 ice stations (deployed from LSSL and Healy)



280

Underway Measurements:

Surface water measurements:

- Thermosalinograph with Chl-a and FDOM Fluorometers
- pCO2 system (Mike DeGrandpre, U Montana)
- Water samples for Salinity, Chlorophyll, Nutrients, DIC/Alkalinity, FDOM (Celine Gueguen, U Sherbrooke)

Meteorological data: AVOS weather station

Sea-Ice Observations (Jenny Hutchings, Oregon State University; ¹⁶⁰ KazutakaTateyama, Kitami Institute of Technology; Canadian Ice Service)

Expendable CTDs (XCTD) deployed between Rosette Stations (DFO, WHOI, JAMSTEC)

Data and Dispatches (2003-2020) :

Project	Website Address
Beaufort Gyre Observing System	www.whoi.edu/beaufortgyre
Beaufort Gyre Observing System dispatches	https://www.whoi.edu/page.do?pid=166776
Ice-Tethered Profiler buoys	www.whoi.edu/itp
Ice Mass Balance buoys	http://imb-crrel-dartmouth.org/







Monitoring of the Beaufort Gyre since 2003:

2020 Freshwater content:



Pacific Water temperature maximum:



50

40 45

55 60

Depth [m] of the near-surface Tmax

65

70

(from Birgit Rogalla, UBC)

Monitoring of the Beaufort Gyre since 2003:

2020 Freshwater content:



(from Rick Krishfield, WHOI)

Thank you for your participation in this successful mission!





There were 20 research scientists involved this year from 14 research institutions from 4 countries.

Of the 15 on board, 5 were undergraduate and graduate students.





CCGS Sir Wilfrid Laurier C3O/DBO cruise 2020 August 8 to 18*

*approx. 1 month later than typical

COVID-19 restrictions resulted substantially scaled back C3O/DBO activities in 2020.

Activities:

- XCTDs Across the Gulf of Alaska
- 5 ARGO floats deployed across the Gulf of Alaska, approximately evenly spaced starting at 51 18.9 N 134 30.1 W
- Underway temp, salinity, fluorescence Victoria to Barrow and beyond.
- Continuous Plankton Recorder (CPR)
- Mooring recovery Chukchi Sea

Gulf of Alaska: ^{21 XCTD casts and} 5 ARGO floats deployed (black circles)



Underway:

2020







Last three years temperature and salinity:



Last three years fluorescence:











Tow #2 stopped at site of JAMSTEC Mooring recovery (successful) of SCH-17 deployed in Sept 2017





(two cassettes)

CCGS Sir Wilfrid Laurier (Arctic Leg 3) Marine Hazards ... Beaufort Shelf Monitoring 15 Sep – 7 Oct 2020 ... Kugluktuk to Bering Strait <u>Chief Scientist</u> Humfrey Melling, DFO at IOS <u>Collaborators</u> DFO at FWI, ECCC, NOAA, WCS



Year-round data document marine climate and hazards: Norms, natural variation, extremes, progressive change

<u>Sea ice</u>
Thickness, drift, hazardous features
<u>Sea surface</u> Storm waves, storm surge
<u>Ocean current – surface to seabed</u> Seawater pathways (e.g. nutrient delivery, pollutant dispersal), dangerous currents
<u>Ocean water masses – temperature, salinity</u> Identify properties, origins of seawater <u>Sediment in seawater</u> Suspension, transport & deposition <u>Organic contaminants in seawater</u>
Biological enhancers Nutrient upwelling, zooplankton variation
<u>Ambient sound</u> Mammal's vocalization, species presence, natural sound, seismic surveys, ship noise
Ocean and ice dynamics



Up-welling and down-welling at DBO-8, 2015 and 2019:





