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#### ABSTRACT

This report describes mooring operations and underway measurements conducted during RRS *Charles Darwin* Cruise CD177. Cruise CD177 was conducted between 12 November 2005 and 29 November 2005. The first part of the cruise consisted of a transit from Falmouth, UK to Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Tenerife with mooring preparation conducted on this leg. Further scientific staff joined in Santa Cruz de Tenerife for the second leg that started on the 19 November. The cruise finished in Tenerife on the 29 November.

This cruise was completed as part of the United Kingdom Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) funded RAPID Programme to monitor the Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation at 26.5°N. The primary purposes of this cruise were to service the two key moorings (EB1 and EB2) on the eastern boundary of the 26.5°N mooring array and to deploy two Pressure Inverted Echosounders (PIES). The array was first deployed in 2004 during RRS *Discovery* cruises D277 and D278 (Southampton Oceanography Centre Cruise Report No. 53) in order to set up a pre-operational prototype system to continuously observe the Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation (MOC). It was subsequently serviced on RRS *Charles Darwin* cruise CD170 and RV *Knorr* cruise KN182-2 (both covered in National Oceanography Centre Southampton Cruise Report No. 2). The array will be further refined and refurbished during subsequent years.

This cruise was planned in response to mooring losses suffered in the first year of the 26.5°N array deployment. The two key eastern boundary moorings were subjected to damage through suspected fishing activity causing the loss of data above 1200m at the eastern boundary. To reduce the risk of data loss we plan to service the two key moorings on a six-monthly cycle.

Instruments deployed on the array consists of a variety of current meters, bottom pressure recorders and CTD loggers which, combined with time series measurements of the Florida Channel Current and wind stress estimates, will be used to determine the strength and structure of the MOC at 26.5°N. (http://www.noc.soton.ac.uk/rapidmoc)

#### KEYWORDS

Atlantic Ocean, bottom pressure recorder, BPR, cruise CD177 2005, CTD, current meter, *Charles Darwin*, meridional overturning circulation, MOC, mooring array, moorings, North Atlantic, RAPID, RAPIDMOC, thermohaline circulation THC, McLane Moored Profiler, MMP, Pressure Inverted Echousounder, PIES, IES

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# 1. Scientific and Ship's Personnel

| Scientific and Technical               |   |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| Stuart Cunningham                      | Principal Scientist (National Oceanography Centre, Southampton) |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Christian Crowe                        | Technician (National Oceanography Centre, Southampton)          |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jeremy Evans                           | Technician (National Oceanography Centre, Southampton)          |  |  |  |  |  |
| Colin Hutton                           | Technician (National Oceanography Centre, Southampton)          |  |  |  |  |  |
| Robert McLachlan                       | Technician (National Oceanography Centre, Southampton)          |  |  |  |  |  |
| Stephen Whittle*                       | Technician (National Oceanography Centre, Southampton)          |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rory Bingham                           | Scientist (Proudman Oceanographic Laboratory)                   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Philip Staley                          | Scientist (National Oceanography Centre, Southampton)           |  |  |  |  |  |
| Enrique Vidal Vijande                  | Scientist (National Oceanography Centre, Southampton)           |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12 persons                             |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| -                                      |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| RSU Personnel                          |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Peter Sargeant                         | Master  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Peter Reynolds                         | Chief Officer   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Malcolm Graves 2 <sup>nd</sup> Officer |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| John Holmes                            | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Officer   |  |  |  |  |  |
| John Holt                              | Chief Engineer  |  |  |  |  |  |
| James Bills                            | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Engineer  |  |  |  |  |  |
| David Ardern                           | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Engineer  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Glynn Collard                          | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Engineer  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Robert Masters                         | Electro-technical Officer                                       |  |  |  |  |  |
| Michael Minnock                        | Chief Petty Officer (Science)                                   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Michael Drayton                        | Chief Petty Officer (Deck)                                      |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mark Squibb                            | Petty Officer (Deck)  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Stewart Barrett                        | Seaman 1A   |  |  |  |  |  |
| David Buffery                          | Seaman 1A   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Perry Dollery                          | Seaman 1A   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Michael Coles                          | Seaman 1A   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Peter Searle                           | Motorman 1A   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Keith Curtis                           | Ship's Catering Manager   |  |  |  |  |  |
| John Giddings                          | Chef  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Neil Rodda                             | Assistant Chef  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Peter Robinson                         | Steward   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 21 persons                             |   |  |  |  |  |  |

Details of personnel on cruise CD177 (\* only completed the transit leg from Table 1.1: Falmouth to Tenerife)

# 2. Itinerary

#### CD177

Depart Falmouth, UK, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2005 – Arrive Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Tenerife, 18<sup>th</sup> November 2005. Depart Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Tenerife, 19<sup>th</sup> November 2005 – Arrive Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Tenerife 21<sup>st</sup> Novmber 2005. Depart Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Tenerife 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2005 – Arrive Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Tenerife, 29<sup>th</sup> November 2005.

# 3. Acknowledgements

The Captain, Officers and crew were particularly helpful during the cruise and mindful of alternative options that minimised time lost through port calls for ship repairs.

The NOC moorings team were efficient and coped well despite being a person down following the unscheduled port call in Tenerife (and an incident with a wall that was higher than first thought!).

# 4. Introduction

#### S. Cunningham

The goal of this cruise was to recover and redeploy some RAPID-MOC moorings near the Eastern Boundary as part of our six-month turnaround programme. Specific cruise objectives were to:

- 1. Recover moorings EB1 (24 microcats) and EB2 (MMP profiling from 50m to 2500m with microcats and current meters below), two principal tall eastern boundary moorings, sited on a Topex crossover point near 24N, 24W.
- 2. Redeploy EB1 (24 inductive microcats plus the telemetry system) and EB2 (MMP mooring).
- 3. Deploy EBADCP to replace the instrument deployed in April but trawled after 10 days and recovered by the RV *Poseidon*.
- 4. Deploy two University of Rhode Island Pressure Inverted Echo Sounders. One in 1000 m and one in 5000 m next to the BPR lander at mooring EB1.
- 5. CTD stations for pre and post deployment calibrations of mooring instrumentation.
- 6. Search for and if possible recover MMP mooring EB2 deployed in April 2004 and located 150 km north of the deployment position, south of Gomera in October 2004.

The scientific and technical party consisted of six scientists and six technicians. However, only five technicians sailed after Steve Whittle broke his leg returning to the ship during the port call on  $21^{st}$  November.

RRS *Charles Darwin* finally sailed from Falmouth, delayed by one week due to technical problems with the ship (she had to be dry-docked to repair a hole in the hull). The scientific party flew to Tenerife and joined ship on the evening of Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Sailing was further delayed by the non-functioning bow thruster. Over the weekend, we sailed for Moroccan waters, deploying EBADCP and EBP2 (PIES instrument in 1000m), as both these operations did not require the use of the bow thruster. We returned to Tenerife to effect repairs and finally sailed again on Monday morning. Good weather and extremely hard work ensured the completion of objectives 1 to 5.

| Date     | Time<br>(GMT)  | Lat<br>(N)         | Lon<br>(W)         | Event  |
|----------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|--|
| 12/11/05 | (- )           |                    |                    | Transit from Falmouth to Tenerife  |
| _        |                |                    |                    |  |
| 18/11/05 |                |                    |                    |  |
|          |                |                    |                    |  |
|          |                |                    |                    |  |
|          |                |                    |                    |  |
| 19/11/05 | 18:22          | 28°26.9            | 16°10.6            | Set sail from Tenerife.  |
| 19/11/03 | 18:22          | 28°26.8            | 16°10.6            | Vessel stopped for PES deployment  |
|          | 10.27          | 20 20.0            | 10 10.0            | PES fish outboard. Resume passage on course 105°T  |
| 20/11/05 | 08:48          | 27°55.9            | 13°23.1            | Hove to at EBADCP. Assessing drift   |
| 20/11/05 | 09:07          | 27°55.8            | 13°22.7            | Commence deployment  |
|          | 09:12          | 27°55.79           | 13°22.77           | EBADCP Released. Hove to listening to ADCP   |
|          |                | ,                  |                    | descent  |
|          | 09:18          | 27°52.3            | 13°30.4            | ADCP on bottom. Transit to PIES site   |
|          | 10:21          | 27°51.86           | 13°31.19           | Hove to for drift check  |
|          | 10:35          | 27°51.78           | 13°31.37           | Repositioning for correct depth  |
|          | 11:04          | 27°51.88           | 13°31.20           | PIES deployed  |
|          | 11:13          | 27°52.19           | 13°30.72           | Transducer over side   |
|          | 11:25          |                    |                    | Transducer in board. Proceed to drift position   |
|          | 11:48          |                    |                    | Transducer outboard  |
|          | 12:00<br>12:30 |                    |                    | Vessel drifting NE at approx 1 kt over PIES site<br>Vessel approx 0.5 NE of PIES position. Science |
|          | 12:50          |                    |                    | completed. Transducer inboard  |
|          | 12.32          |                    |                    | Set course for Tenerife  |
|          | 16:15          |                    |                    | Emergency Drill  |
|          |                |                    |                    |  |
| 21/11/05 | 06:00          |                    |                    | Arrive Tenerife  |
| 22/11/05 | 11:36          | 28°23.17           | 16°16.19           | Set sail from Tenerife   |
|          | 12:19          |                    |                    | Vessel hove to. PES fish deployed. Stay in shallow   |
|          |                |                    |                    | water around Tenerife to calibrate ADCP. Heading to  |
| 23/11/05 |                |                    |                    | EB1/EB2 mooring site.<br>Continue transit to EB1/EB2 site  |
| 24/11/05 | 13:31          | 23°48.95           | 24°05.53           | Vessel hove to approx 4 cables NNE of EB1 position.  |
| 24/11/05 | 13:37          | 25 40.75           | 24 05.55           | Fire releases. Buoy visible on surface.  |
|          | 14:07          | 23°48.6            | 24°05.7            | Grappled.  |
|          | 14:14          |                    |                    | Top buoy inboard   |
|          | 14:20          |                    |                    | Commence recovery of 1 <sup>st</sup> string of Microcats   |
|          | 15:18          | 23°48.0            | 24°05.6            | 1000m buoyancy at transom  |
|          | 15:21          |                    | • 100              | Buoyancy inboard. Commence recovery of 2 <sup>nd</sup> string                                      |
|          | 15:55          | 23°47.8            | 24°05.7            | 2000m buoyancy inboard   |
|          | 16:42          | 23°47.6            | 24°05.6            | Microcat 3931 inboard  |
|          | 17:18          | 23°47.4            | 24°05.2<br>24°05.8 | All inboard<br>Vessel have to for CTD  |
|          | 18:05<br>18:08 | 23°47.5<br>23°47.5 | 24°05.8<br>24°05.8 | Vessel hove to for CTD<br>CTD outboard   |
|          | 19:38          | 23°47.3<br>23°47.4 | 24 03.8<br>24°05.7 | Cease veer at 5000m  |
|          | 19:58          | 23°47.4<br>23°47.3 | 24°05.7<br>24°05.7 | Commence recovery  |
|          | 22:40          | 23°47.4            | 24°05.4            | CTD inboard  |
|          | 23:39          | 23°47.4            | 24°05.6            | CTD outboard   |

# 5. Bridge Timetable of Events

| 25/11/05 | 00:35   | 23°47.38  | 24°05.78  | 3000m wire out. Commence hauling   |
|----------|---|---|---|--|
|          | 02:51   | 23°47.35  | 24°05.93  | CTD on deck  |
|          | 02:53   | 23°47.33  | 24°05.96  | CTD secured. Proceeding to PIES position   |
|          | 03:04   | 23°47.65  | 24°06.25  | Set course 342° T towards PIES position  |
|          | 03:32   | 23°48.65  | 24°06.80  | Commence drift check at EBP1 station.  |
|          | 04:06   | 23°48.50  | 24°06.47  | PIES lander deployed. Transducer outboard  |
|          | 05:03   | 23°48.9   | 24°06.5   | Monitored drift. Lander on bottom. Transducer  |
|          |   |   |   | inboard. Repositioning   |
|          | 05:22   | 23°48.3   | 24°06.5   | Vessel repositioned up stream of PIES lander.  |
|          |   |   |   | Transducer outboard  |
|          | 07:22   | 23°49.4   | 24°06.8   | Transducer inboard   |
|          | 07:26   | 23°49.4   | 24°06.8   | Repositioning  |
|          | 07:48   | 23°47.5   | 24°05.6   | Commence swath run. Course 355°T at 8kts   |
|          | 08:23   | 23°51.9   | 24°06.0   | Complete swath survey.   |
|          | 08:53   | 23°52.5   | 24°06.4   | Hove to on station for start of EB1 deployment   |
|          | 09:06   | 23°52.5   | 24°06.4   | Telemetry buoy overboard   |
|          | 09:00   | 23°52.4   | 24°06.4   | Steel buoyancy overboard   |
|          | 09:29   | 23°52.4   | 24°06.3   | 4 <sup>th</sup> Microcat fitted. Straightening streaming   |
|          |   |   |   |  |
|          | 10:48   | 23°51.1   | 24°06.2   | 2000m mark on mooring  |
|          | 11:32   | 23°50.7   | 24°06.2   | Syntactic buoyancy outboard  |
|          | 12:23   | 23°49.82  | 24°05.99  | Final Microcat attached  |
|          | 12:34   | 23°49.63  | 24°05.98  | Reduced ½ knot at mooring team's request   |
|          | 12:52   | 23°49.50  | 24°05.99  | Glass spheres in water. Anchor released  |
|          | 12:58   | 23°49.80  | 24°06.18  | Vessel on reciprocal track to observe buoyancy sinking   |
|          | 13:17   | 23°50.91  | 24°06.18  | Vessel reversed course around telemetry buoy   |
|          | 13:23   | 23°50.51  | 24°06.09  | Telemetry buoy under surface   |
|          | 13:45   | 23°50.74  | 24°05.89  | Set course towards EB2 recover site  |
|          | 14:37   | 23°55.90  | 24°02.93  | Vessel hove to on station. Releasing mooring   |
|          | 14:39   | 23°55.91  | 24°02.96  | Buoy sighted ahead   |
|          | 15:09   | 23°56.01  | 24°03.03  | Next set of flotation on surface   |
|          | 15:19   | 23°55.95  | 24°02.94  | Next set of flotation on surface   |
|          | 15:40   | 23°55.9   | 24°02.8   | Grappled and clear of transom  |
|          | 15:56   |   |   | Argos, buoy, RCM11 and SBE37 inboard   |
|          | 16:48   | 23°55.7   | 24°02.5   | Bunching of wire at approx 1500m   |
|          | 17:10   |   |   | Hauling at slow speed  |
|          | 17:30   |   |   | MMP recovered to deck  |
|          | 17:45   | 23°55.5   | 24°02.1   | 12 pack of buoyancy at stern   |
|          | 17:52   |   |   | SBE37 and MMP stop recovered   |
|          | 18:24   | 23°55.4   | 24°01.9   | SBE 3921 inboard   |
|          | 18:33   | 23°55.4   | 24°01.8   | SBE 3921 inboard and 6 pack glass and 4 pack   |
|          | 18:57   | 23°55.3   | 24°01.7   | All inboard. PES fish redeployed   |
|          | 19:59   | 23°55.9   | 24°02.7   | Hove to for CTD  |
|          | 20:00   | 23°55.9   | 24°02.6   | CTD outboard. Commence veering   |
|          | 21:04   | 23°55.9   | 24°02.8   | Cease veering at 3000m.  |
|          | 21:04   | 23°55.8   | 24°02.8   | Commence hauling   |
|          | 23:18   | 23°55.8   | 24°02.8   | CTD inboard  |
| 26/11/05 | 00:11   | 23°56.05  | 24°02.52  | CTD in water   |
| 20/11/03 | 01:05   | 23°56.00  | 24°02.32<br>24°02.44  | CTD at 3000m and hauling   |
|          | 03:16   | 23°26.07  | 24°02.44<br>24°02.32  | CTD at 5000m and nauning<br>CTD inboard  |
|          | 03.10   | 23°56.0   | 24°02.32<br>24°02.3   | CTD outboard   |
|          | 04.00   | 23°56.0   | 24°02.3<br>24°02.1  | CTD veered to 3000m. Commence hauling  |
|          | 07:25   | 23°55.5   | 24°02.1<br>24°01.6  | CTD verified to 5000hi. Commence hadning<br>CTD inboard. Vessel stopped to check drift.  |
|          |   |   |   |  |
|          | 07:54   | 23°55.6   | 24°01.7   | Vessel proceeding to start position for swath survey   |
|          | 08:14   | 23°54.9   | 24°02.0   | Commence swath survey course 300°T   |
|          | 08:48   | 23°58.7   | 24°04.1   | Cease survey. Hove to.   |
|          | 09:15   | 23°58.4   | 24°04.2   | On track for EB2 deployment  |
|          | 09:52   | 23°58.4   | 24°04.2   | Commence streaming mooring   |
| 1 1      |   | 1   |   | Argos and 2 instruments in water   |
|          | 09:54   | 22057 0   | 24002 0   | Attaching MMD  |
|          | 10:22   | 23°57.9   | 24°03.9   | Attaching MMP  |
|          | 10:22<br>10:37  | 23°57.5   | 24°03.7   | MMP released   |
|          | 10:22<br>10:37<br>11:50   | 23°57.5<br>23°55.9  | 24°03.7<br>24°03.1  | MMP released<br>Bottom stopper and SBE attached (2500m)  |
|          | 10:22<br>10:37<br>11:50<br>11:59  | 23°57.5<br>23°55.9<br>23°55.7   | 24°03.7<br>24°03.1<br>24°03.2   | MMP released<br>Bottom stopper and SBE attached (2500m)<br>Increased 0.25kt. Spheres and RCM11 deployed.   |
|          | 10:22<br>10:37<br>11:50<br>11:59<br>12:37                                     | 23°57.5<br>23°55.9<br>23°55.7<br>23°54.9  | 24°03.7<br>24°03.1<br>24°03.2<br>24°03.1  | MMP released<br>Bottom stopper and SBE attached (2500m)<br>Increased 0.25kt. Spheres and RCM11 deployed.<br>Reduced to 1.1kt over ground.  |
|          | 10:22<br>10:37<br>11:50<br>11:59<br>12:37<br>12:46                            | 23°57.5<br>23°55.9<br>23°55.7<br>23°54.9<br>23°54.7                                     | 24°03.7<br>24°03.1<br>24°03.2<br>24°03.1<br>24°03.2   | MMP released<br>Bottom stopper and SBE attached (2500m)<br>Increased 0.25kt. Spheres and RCM11 deployed.<br>Reduced to 1.1kt over ground.<br>8 x glass deployed.   |
|          | 10:22<br>10:37<br>11:50<br>11:59<br>12:37<br>12:46<br>13:56                   | 23°57.5<br>23°55.9<br>23°55.7<br>23°54.9<br>23°54.7<br>23°53.39                         | 24°03.7<br>24°03.1<br>24°03.2<br>24°03.1<br>24°03.2<br>24°03.2<br>24°03.32                          | MMP released<br>Bottom stopper and SBE attached (2500m)<br>Increased 0.25kt. Spheres and RCM11 deployed.<br>Reduced to 1.1kt over ground.<br>8 x glass deployed.<br>Streaming final buoyancy   |
|          | 10:22<br>10:37<br>11:50<br>11:59<br>12:37<br>12:46<br>13:56<br>13:57          | 23°57.5<br>23°55.9<br>23°55.7<br>23°54.9<br>23°54.7<br>23°53.39<br>23°53.38             | 24°03.7<br>24°03.1<br>24°03.2<br>24°03.2<br>24°03.2<br>24°03.2<br>24°03.32<br>24°03.32              | MMP released<br>Bottom stopper and SBE attached (2500m)<br>Increased 0.25kt. Spheres and RCM11 deployed.<br>Reduced to 1.1kt over ground.<br>8 x glass deployed.<br>Streaming final buoyancy<br>Mooring anchor released                                |
|          | 10:22<br>10:37<br>11:50<br>11:59<br>12:37<br>12:46<br>13:56<br>13:57<br>14:01 | 23°57.5<br>23°55.9<br>23°55.7<br>23°54.9<br>23°54.7<br>23°53.39<br>23°53.38<br>23°53.39 | 24°03.7<br>24°03.1<br>24°03.2<br>24°03.1<br>24°03.2<br>24°03.32<br>24°03.32<br>24°03.32<br>24°03.45 | MMP released<br>Bottom stopper and SBE attached (2500m)<br>Increased 0.25kt. Spheres and RCM11 deployed.<br>Reduced to 1.1kt over ground.<br>8 x glass deployed.<br>Streaming final buoyancy<br>Mooring anchor released<br>Completed turn to starboard |
|          | 10:22<br>10:37<br>11:50<br>11:59<br>12:37<br>12:46<br>13:56<br>13:57          | 23°57.5<br>23°55.9<br>23°55.7<br>23°54.9<br>23°54.7<br>23°53.39<br>23°53.38             | 24°03.7<br>24°03.1<br>24°03.2<br>24°03.2<br>24°03.2<br>24°03.2<br>24°03.32<br>24°03.32              | MMP released<br>Bottom stopper and SBE attached (2500m)<br>Increased 0.25kt. Spheres and RCM11 deployed.<br>Reduced to 1.1kt over ground.<br>8 x glass deployed.<br>Streaming final buoyancy<br>Mooring anchor released                                |

|          | 14:38          | 23°53.26             | 24°03.00             | Commenced triangulation at 8kts                       |  |
|----------|----------------|----------------------|----------------------|---|--|
|          | 14:43          | 23°52.91             | 24°03.37             | A/C 331°T. Vessel at southern point of triangle       |  |
|          | 14:59          | 23°54.58             | 24°04.09             | A/C 095°T. Vessel at NW point of triangle             |  |
|          | 15:15          | 23°54.23             | 24°02.30             | Vessel at NE point of triangle. A/C 215°T. Survey     |  |
|          |                |                      |                      | completed   |  |
|          | 15:23          | 23°53.38             | 24°02.93             | Set course 225°T towards EB1 telemetry buoy           |  |
|          | 15:51          | 23°50.18             | 24°05.87             | Vessel approx 0.5' N of EB1 sat buoy                  |  |
|          | 16:08          | 23°48.5              | 24°06.00             | Commence triangulation. Vessel at south point of      |  |
|          |                |                      |                      | triangle. A/C 332°T                                   |  |
|          | 16:22          | 23°50.2              | 24°06.9              | A/C to 90°T   |  |
|          | 16:36          | 23°50.1              | 24°04.8              | Triangulation complete. A/C to 057°T to lost mooring. |  |
| 27/11/05 | 10.50          | 20 00.1              | 210110               | Transit to lost EB2 position                          |  |
| 28/11/05 | 10:30          | 27°48.4              | 17°18.1              | Releases fired. Vessel hove to N of position          |  |
| 20/11/05 | 12:14          | 27°47.74             | 17°17.81             | Hove to. Slant ranges increasing                      |  |
|          | 12:14          | 27°47.53             | 17°17.66             | Vessel commencing triangulation                       |  |
|          | 12:28          | 27°47.18             | 17°17.54             | A/C 200°T. Vessel approx 0.5' SE of datum             |  |
|          | 12:32          | 27°46.79             | 17°17.83             | A/C 300°T. Vessel approx 1.0' south of position       |  |
|          | 12:38          | 27°40.79<br>27°47.50 | 17°18.33             | 1430m slant range                                     |  |
|          |                | 27 47.30<br>27°48.28 | 17 18.33<br>17°18.78 | Vessel approx 1.0' NW of datum                        |  |
|          | 12:50<br>12:52 |                      |                      | A/C 095°T   |  |
|          |                | 27°48.39             | 17°18.62             |   |  |
|          | 13:08          | 27°48.20             | 17°16.81             | Vessel approx1.0' NE datum. A/C 244°T                 |  |
|          | 13:20          | 27°47.70             | 17°17.87             | Vessel passed through datum                           |  |
|          | 13:25          | 27°47.49             | 17°18.34             | Vessel passed through min slant range to position     |  |
|          | 13:30          | 27°47.37             | 17°18.48             | Vessel hove to.                                       |  |
|          | 13:58          | 27°47.47             | 17°18.25             | Vessel crabbing East towards Min-Slant range          |  |
|          | 14.04          | 07047 40             | 17010.00             | positions   |  |
|          | 14:04          | 27°47.49             | 17°18.09             | Ranges increasing                                     |  |
|          | 14:11          | 27°47.48             | 17°18.22             | 1,426m min slant range                                |  |
|          | 14:14          | 27°47.49             | 17°18.32             | Slant ranges increasing                               |  |
|          | 14:21          | 27°47.42             | 17°18.52             | Vessel crabbing Eastward to reduce ranges             |  |
|          | 14:43          | 27°47.50             | 17°17.97             | Vessel crabbing westward                              |  |
|          | 14:56          | 27°47.53             | 17°18.22             | Vessel slow steaming to the southward                 |  |
|          | 16:04          | 27°45.90             | 17°15.12             | Vessel securing main deck deadlights and vents        |  |
|          | 16:14          | 27°45.74             | 17°14.94             | Main deck deadlights and FWD vents secured. Set       |  |
|          |                |                      | 1 = 01 = 0           | course 297°T  |  |
|          | 16:33          | 27°46.8              | 17°17.3              | Commence triangulation. A/C to 270°T                  |  |
|          | 16:47          | 27°46.8              | 17°18.9              | A/C to 000°T  |  |
|          | 16:57          | 27°48.2              | 17°18.9              | A/C to 090°T  |  |
|          | 17:12          | 27°48.2              | 17°17.3              | Triangulation complete. Vessel continuing on 090°T to |  |
|          |                |                      |                      | Tenerife.   |  |
| 29/11/05 |                |                      |                      | Arrive Tenerife                                       |  |

# 6. Data Logging and Email.

The standard RVS ABC suite was used on this cruise. Few problems were encountered with the data logging. On 25/11/05 the gps\_ash Level A was replaced. Email links were made at least twice a day to NOC with no major problems. Additional links were made on request.

# 7. Single Beam Bathymetry

#### P. Staley

Bathymetry data were acquired using a Simrad EA500 hydrographic echosounder and a Precision Echosounding transducer (PES) mounted in a 'Fish'. A hull mounted echosounder was used in the transit leg from Falmouth to Santa Cruz de Tenerife whilst the PES fish was used during the rest of the cruise and mooring operations. The EA500 gave continuous uncorrected depth measurements and a visual display of bathymetry used for mooring operations, with the data streamed and logged. The echosounder was switched off when communicating with the deployed Pressure Inverted Echosounders (PIES).

The PES fish was brought back on deck when entering Santa Cruz de Tenerife port. It was also brought in from 15:15 and redeployed at 19:05 on day 329 (25/11/05) in order to recover the EB2 mooring from the port side. Missing data from the EA500 in the transit leg where attributed to rough seas and high ship speeds.

Echosounder raw data (*ea500d1*) was streamed to level-A and -B monitors where they were regularly checked. The RVS program *prodep* corrected the raw dataset twice daily for variations in the speed of sound using Carter tables. The RVS format raw data containing time, uncorrected depth, corrected depth and Carter area were read into PSTAR through the *Simexec0* program which uses '*datapup*' and '*pcopya*' to create the file sim177ii.cal. These data were manually edited in *plxyed* to remove errors, spikes and anomalous data values. *Simexec1* runs '*pintrp*' to interpolate any missing data in the sim177ii.cal file. The program then calls '*pmerg*' to merge the bathymetry dataset with the navigational dataset abnv1771. This outputs the file sim177ii.nav containing time, latitude, longitude, uncorrected depth, corrected depth, Carter area and speed made good. Sim177ii.nav contains data in intervals of 6-10 seconds depending upon the echosounder ping return time. *Simexec1*'s final operation is to average the sim177ii.nav file into 5 minute intervals using '*pavrge*'.

The daily output files created were:

| Sim177ii -     | Uncorrected depth, from the echosounder using a constant sound |
|----------------|--|
|                | speed of 1500 m/s.   |
| Sim177ii.cal - | Data corrected with prodep and manual plot editing.            |
| Sim177ii.nav - | Data merged with the navigational file abnv.1771.              |
|                |  |

Sim177ii.5min - Data averaged into 5 minute intervals.

# 8. Navigation and Shipboard Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler

#### R. Bingham

Processing of the Navigation and Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler (ADCP) data involved four separate data streams: The best navigation stream "abnv"; the ashtech data stream; the gyro stream; and the ADCP data stream itself. This section provides a brief summary of each of these stages in the order in which they were processed.

#### 8.1 Navigation

There are four GPS systems on RSS *Charles Darwin*. These are ranked for the quality of positional fix they give, with the preferred system being the differential GPS system Trimble 4000. The RVS data stream abnv provides the best available estimate of the position. Usually this will be from the Trimble 4000 receiver, but if at any time a fix from this system is unavailable then next highest ranked available system is used.

Processing of the abnv data stream involved executing the UNIX script *navexec0*. This updated the PSTAR best navigation file abnv1771. As described below, this file was used to determine absolute water velocities from the ADCP relative velocities.

#### 8.1.1 Ship's Gyrocompass

The gyrocompass provides a continuous measurement of the ship's heading. The output from the gyrocompass is logged as the RVS data stream "gyro". This was processed daily by executing the UNIX script *gyroexec0* which captured the RVS data stream for a specific interval and created a PSTAR file with the name format gyr177nn.

# 8.1.2 3DGPS – Ashtech

The Ashtech GPS system uses four receiving antennae, mounted atop the bridge, to determine the ships attitude (heading, pitch, and roll) by comparing the phase difference between the four incoming signals. Although more accurate than the gyrocompass the Ashtech GPS system only provides heading at discrete intervals. For this reason the ADCP system uses the gyrocompass to resolve the east-west and north-south components of the relative velocities, with the Ashtech system used to provide a heading correction (ash heading - gyro heading) in the post-processing of the ADCP data. This is described below.

Processing of the Ashtech attitude measurements was performed in a number of stages: Firstly the UNIX script *ashexec0* was used to convert the RVS data stream "ashtech" to a PSTAR file with the naming convention ash177*nn*. Following this the *ashexec1* script was executed. This script takes, as its inputs, the output from *ashexec0* and *gyroexec0* and merges them into a single file that includes the heading difference (ash heading - gyro heading). The *ashexec2* script was then used to edit out data cycles not satisfying certain requirements, and wave noise was reduced by averaging the data into 2 minute bins. The two output files were named ash177*nn*.edit and ash177*nn*.ave respectively.

The program *plxyed* was then used to manually edit any data cycles that showed a spike in the averaged heading differences. In most cases this was not necessary. Finally *papend* was used to append the .ave file to a master file ash177a1, and also to the master file ash177i1.int. It is this final file that is incorporated into the ADCP data stream. Unless there are data gaps this final step is superfluous since the use of *plxyed* to edit the .ave file means that additional interpolation of data gaps where data has been edited is not required. In case of data gaps *pintrp* can be used to fill these by linear interpolation.

# 8.2 ADCP

Having processed the three data streams as described above, the ADCP data stream was processed. Firstly, the script *adpexec0* was used to capture for a specific time interval the RVS ADCP data stream adcp and split it into two components: the PSTAR files adp177*nn* contains gridded profile (depth dependent) data while the bot177*nn* files contain depth independent data, such as bottom track velocities and

spot headings. Apart for a few times when in bottom tracking mode (see below) the ADCP was set to record data for 40 bins each 8m thick.

Because the ADCP clock tends to drift relative to the ship's master clock regular observations (generally every 12 hours) of this offset were made. This drift is to a close approximation linear and was found to be of the order of 2 seconds per hour. On several occasions during the cruise the ADCP logging PC crashed due to the PC overheating. The processing of the ADCP data was performed in batches corresponding to the continuous operation of the logging PC.

The script *adpexec1* applies the clock corrections to the adp and bot files created in the previous step and generates the corrected files adp177nn.corr and bot177nn.corr. To make this process easier *adpexec1* was modified to provide the user with the option of supplying a list of corrections as an ASCII file rather than entering each correction individually at the terminal when the script is run. The script also creates a file – clocknn – that can be used to check the linearity of the drift. Any departure from linearity can usually be ascribed to human error.

The next script to be executed was adpexec2. This takes the .corr files and applies the heading correction (ashtech heading – gyro heading) created by the ashexec2 script, so that the horizontal velocities are referenced to the more accurate Ashtech headings rather than the ship's gyrocompass heading. This corrected data was output as .true files.

The ADCP derived water velocities are biased due to how the instrument is installed in the ships hull, and therefore the velocities must be calibrated to remove this bias. This step is performed with the script *adpexec3* that takes as its input the .true files, applies a calibration and then outputs the calibrated files with a .cal extension. Calibration values from an earlier cruise will not necessarily apply to a later cruise because when the instrument is removed from the ship for servicing, as it was before this cruise, it will not be reinstalled in precisely the same position.

The two calibration constants required by *adpexec3* are the time mean values

$$A = \frac{S_g}{S_a}$$
, and  $\phi = \phi_g - \phi_a$ ,

of

where  $s_g$  and  $s_a$  are the speeds of the ship deduced from GPS and from the ADCP, and  $\phi_g$  and  $\phi_a$  are the ship's directions deduced from GPS and from the ADCP.

The best way to calibrate the ADCP is to compare the ship's velocity as determined by GPS with the ship's speed relative to the ocean bottom, as determined from ADCP bottom tracking data. However, as discussed in more detail below, such data were not available. Therefore a less satisfactory approach was used that assumes that over a long enough time interval the currents (absolute water velocities) will integrate to zero, which of course may not be the case. Under this assumption the relative water velocity - the sum of the ship's velocity relative to the bottom plus the velocity of actual currents - are used to determine  $s_a$  and  $s_g$ . A script *calexec0* was developed for this purpose. This script takes as input the master best navigation data file and the ADCP data file adp177nn and uses *pcmcal* to calculate  $s_{a,g}$  and  $\phi_{a,g}$  for

each data stream. From these, timeseries of *A* and  $\phi$  are computed and output with filename cal177nn, and the temporal means of *A* and  $\phi$  are output as the file cal177nn.params. These values are unlikely to be the best choice for *A* and  $\phi$  so the actual timeseries should be inspected and a time interval over which *A* and  $\phi$  are relatively constant be used to determine the calibration values. For the calibration constants used on CD177, where *A*=1.018 and  $\phi$ =4.640, these were calculated over the interval  $t_1$ =27547744 s to  $t_2$ =27583743 s.

The *calexec0* script also served as a useful way of quickly validating the ADCP velocities against the GPS velocities. By this means a 180 degrees reset of the ship's gyrocompass while in port in Tenerife was quickly detected. Apparently when reset the gyrocompass may be completely out of phase with its previous setting. This then causes, for a given heading, the ADCP velocities to differ from their prior values by a factor of -1. It was found that for the first part of the cruise the gyrocompass was out of phase with its setting on the previous cruise CD170. This meant that a -1 multiplication of velocities introduced to *adpexec0* during CD170 was unnecessary; while after the reset in Tenerife it was necessary to reintroduce this factor. The gyrocompass was not reset for the remainder of the cruise.

The final step in processing the ADCP data was to run *adpexec4*. This script removed the ship's velocity components, as determined by the best navigation, from the calibrated ADCP velocity components to obtain the actual current velocity components in each bin.

#### 8.2.1 Bottom tracking

Because most the ship's time was spent in deep water very little bottom track data were obtained. To try to remedy this it was decided upon leaving Tenerife on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November to initially follow the coast approximately along the 500 m isobath on route to the EB1/EB2 mooring sites. Prior to leaving port the ADCP was reset in bottom tracking mode. In port the depth was determined to be 15 m. However, once the depth exceeded approximately 225 m the ADCP could not detect the bottom. We experimented with the number of bins, trying first 80 and then 100, and changed the ratio of water to bottom pings from 4:1 to 1:1. Yet, apart for a brief period when travelling over a seamount, no more bottom track data were obtained.

Inspection of the echo intensity for each beam and the spectral amplitude from the ADCP raw data stream revealed that beam four was significantly weaker than the other beams. Since the ADCP can only return bottom velocities if the all of the four beams exceed a certain quality threshold -25% percent good returns averaged over all bins over the sample interval – the weak beam 4 is a possible explanation of the lack of bottom tracking data. Once into deeper water the ADCP was reset to water tracking mode with 40 bins of 8 m thickness.

Upon inspection it was found that the short interval of bottom tracking velocities was of insufficient quality to determine calibration constants.

# 9. CTD Operations

## S. Cunningham

# 9.1 CTD Instrument Configuration and Sensor Serial Numbers

The Sea-Bird CTD configuration for the stainless steel frame was as follows:

- SBE 9 *plus* Underwater unit s/n 09P-37898-0782
- Frequency 0—SBE 3P Temperature Sensor s/n 03P-4151 (primary)
- Frequency 1—SBE 4C Conductivity Sensor s/n 04C-3054 (primary)
- Frequency 2—Digiquartz Temperature Compensated Pressure Sensor s/n 94756
- Frequency 3—SBE 3P Temperature Sensor s/n 03P-4105 (secondary)
- Frequency 4—SBE 4C Conductivity Sensor s/n 04C-2580 (secondary)
- SBE 5T Submersible Pump s/n 05T-2793
- SBE 5T Submersible Pump s/n 05T-3609
- SBE 32 Carousel 24 Position Pylon s/n 32-19817-0243
- SBE 11 plus Deck Unit s/n 11P-24680-0587

The auxiliary A/D output channels were configured as below:

- V1 --- SBE 43 Oxygen s/n 43B-0709
- V2 --- Benthos Altimeter s/n 874
- V3 --- Chelsea MKIII Aquatracka Fluorometer s/n 88-2050-095 (088095)
- V4 --- PML/RVS PAR DWIRR s/n 10 not used
- V5 ---- PML/RVS PAR UWIRR s/n 11 not used
- V7 --- Chelsea MKII Alphatracka 10cm path Transmissometer s/n 161050

# 9.2 CTD and Salinity Sample Processing Paths

# 9.2.1 Sample Path

The purpose of the sample path is to convert text files containing bottle salinities into PSTAR files that can then be manipulated for the purposes of calibrating the CTD. Raw salinity sample data were saved in Excel format tab delimited text files, and after checking the spreadsheets against the log sheets **ftp**'d to sohydro6. It was found that UNIX text editors could not read the .txt files due to an octal 15 incompatibility. The files were converted to octal 12 text format by tr '\015' '\012' < filein >! fileout in the routine >**macunixascii.exec**.

>**sal.exec** was then used to convert the .txt files into binary PSTAR format, File in: sal177*nnn*.txt, File out: sal177*nnn*.

# 9.2.2 CTD Path

The purpose of the CTD path was to generate from the raw ctd data files 10 s time averaged ctd data that could be compared to the rosette bottle data, and hence derive a calibration for the CTD conductivity measurements.

CTD data were logged to PC using Sea-Bird software (Seasave Win32 V 5.35). Raw CTD data files were first processed using Sea-Bird software (SEASOFT v5.30a) applying the following modules: DatCnv, AlignCTD, WildEdit, CellTM and Trans. See Cunningham, S. A., 2005 for complete details of the equations and parameters applied in these modules. An ASCII file was transferred from the PC to sohydro6 for processing and calibration using PSTAR.

# 9.3 CTD Processing

The following cshell scripts applied various PSTAR programmes for processing CTD data.

>ctd0 was used to read the 24hz ASCII Sea-Bird file and output to PSTAR. A header time was constructed from the time within the Sea-Bird .cnv file. File in: CD177*nnn*.cnv, File out: ctd177*nnn*.24hz.

>ctd1 was used to process the 24hz data to 1hz (median despike, average on time to 1hz, interpolate pressure to remove any absent data). It was also used to average 1hz files to 10s for matching to bottle samples. File in: ctd177nnn.24hz, Files out: ctd177nnn.1hz & ctd177nnn.10s.

>ctd2 was used to generate .2db and .ctu files. This routine requires records of the datacycles at start downcast, maximum pressure and end upcast from the 1hz file. File in: ctd177nnn.1hz, File out: ctd177nnn.2db & ctd177nnn.ctu.

Salinity sample and CTD data were merged using the following.

>**fir0** was used to read the Sea-Bird rosette firing file into PSTAR and merge 10s average CTD files to produce a file with the 10s averaged upcast CTD variables at the time of the bottle firing. Winch data were also read in using **datapup** from RVS file "winch". File in: CD177nnn.ros & ctd177nnn.10s, File out: fir177nnn & wini177nnn.

>**sam0** is a routine that was used to create a blank sample file for station *nnn* from the master sample file (sam.masterCD177) created at the beginning of the cruise with all required variables set to absent. File in: sam.master & fir177*nnn*, File out: sam177*nnn*.

>**passal** pastes salinity from the sal files into the sam files. File in: sal177*nnn*, File out: sam177*nnn*.

>botcond was used to: i. Calculate the salinity sample conductivity using the CTD pressure and temperatures at the bottle stops using PSTAR programme *peos83*, File out: sam177*nnn*.cal. ii. Create an appended file of sample data from all casts. File out: sam.appended.cal.

>**pload** loads the appended sample file sam.appended.cal into MATLAB. Calibrations were then derived using MATLAB.

## 9.4 CTD Calibration

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>**ctd\_cal.m** was the *MATLAB* script used to generate statistical and functional calibration information. Variables involved are: botcond (bottle conductivity), botcond/cond (bottle divided by CTD upcast conductivity), btc – uc (bottle – CTD upcast conductivity).

Prior to calibration of the CTD conductivities, plots of the deep  $\theta/S$  revealed a significant offset between bottle and CTD salinities. The primary conductivity sensor was around 0.02 fresh in salinity and the secondary conductivity around 0.015 fresh on constant  $\theta$  surfaces relative to the bottle salinities. Also on our two deepest stations 001 and 002 there was a significant hysteresis between down and up casts with the upcast being around 0.001 saltier than the down cast. The remaining stations are not deeper than 3000 dbar and no hysteresis is evident.

At the end of the cruise the CTD conductivity and temperature sensors were returned to SeaBird for post-cruise calibrations. These calibrations confirmed the general size of the offset since the last calibration (which is much larger than the expected for these sensors), but did not identify any problem with the conductivity sensors. The explanation forwarded by the UKORS CTD group is biofouling of the sensors. At present they are implementing a new cleaning routine procedure using a mild bleach solution as now recommended by SeaBird.

The usual correction applied to CTD conductivity is a slope correction to account for sensor drift (usually lower values with time). This is often calculated as the station mean ratio of bottle to CTD conductivity:  $K = \langle C_{bot} / C_{CTD} \rangle$ 

where  $C_{bot}$  is the bottle conductivity obtained from the measured bottle salinity and CTD pressure and temperature at the bottle depth and  $C_{CTD}$  is the upcast CTD conductivity average over 10 s at the time of the bottle closure.

However because of the unexpectedly large shift of CTD conductivity relative to the bottles we calibrated CTD conductivities by first obtaining coefficients a and b in the following fit to all stations,

 $C_{bot} - C_{CTD} = a + b \times C_{bot}$ 

so that the corrected CTD conductivities are obtained by,

 $C_{CTD \ corrected} = (a/1-b) + C_{CTD} \times (1/1-b)$ 

Bottle minus CTD conductivity differences greater than  $\pm 0.1 \text{ mS/cm}$  were rejected from the calibration dataset, as were bottles with a K greater than 1.001. For the remaining data, the mean ( $\mu$ ) and standard deviation ( $\sigma$ ) are recomputed and differences greater than  $\mu \pm 2\sigma$  are rejected.

A final station-by-station offset to conductivity was obtained by fitting a  $2^{nd}$  order polynomial to the station average of the resulting residuals,

 $C_{bot} - C_{CTD} = 0.00259 - 0.001432 \times C_{bot} + 0.000157 \times C_{bot}^2$ giving the following conductivity offsets (Table 9.1) that were added to each station.

The final calibrated bottle-CTD conductivity residuals are shown in Figure 9.1. Over the full water column for 62/72 points conductivity residuals are  $0.000028 \pm 0.0014$  mS/cm. For bottles deeper than 2500 dbar the residuals are  $0.0000 \pm 0.0012$  mS/cm.

| Station | Conductivity offset |
|---------|---------------------|
|         | mS/cm               |
| 1       | 0.0006              |
| 2       | -0.0009-            |
| 3       | -0.0006             |
| 4       | 0.0010              |
| 5       | 0.0003              |
| 6       | -0.0004             |

 Table 9.1: Conductivity offsets applied

 to each station



Figure 9.1 Conductivity differences against station number for calibrated data

>ctd\_calibrate was used to apply K to the 1hz files. File in: ctd177nnn.1hz, File out: ctd177nnn.1hz & ctd177nnn.10s. From these calibrated datasets the rest of the file types (.2db, .ctu, .24hz, fir177nnn, sam177nnn) were generated by the method described above in the CTD path.

>position.exec was then used to create a file with positions at the three times from the ctd177001.1hz file corresponding to the start down, maximum pressure and end up cast data positions. The user is also given the option of adding the position at the bottom of the downcast (nadir position) to the .1hz, .10s, fir, and sam files. File in: ctd177nnn.1hz & abnv177 (master gps navigation file), File out: nnn.position.

>position\_CD177.exec was used to add the maximum downcast (nadir) position to 1hz, 10s, fir, 24hz, and sam files.

>addepth.exec was used to add the corrected echo sounding depth to the position files. File in: five minute averaged corrected depth (sim177k1.ed5min) & position.nnn, File out: position.nnn.

| statnum | year | mm | dd | hhmmss | lat | lat   | lon | lon   | pmin | pmax | cordepth |
|---------|------|----|----|--------|-----|-------|-----|-------|------|------|----------|
|         |      |    |    |        | deg | min   | deg | min   | dbar | dbar | m        |
| 1       | 2005 | 11 | 18 | 093718 | 28  | 54.67 | -15 | 55.79 | 1    | 2025 | 3623.5   |
| 2       | 2005 | 11 | 24 | 194909 | 23  | 47.40 | -24 | 5.67  | 3    | 5121 | 5084.5   |
| 3       | 2005 | 11 | 25 | 003125 | 23  | 47.36 | -24 | 5.77  | 1    | 3041 | 5084.3   |
| 4       | 2005 | 11 | 25 | 210405 | 23  | 55.88 | -24 | 2.85  | 1    | 3043 | 5091.4   |
| 5       | 2005 | 11 | 26 | 010503 | 23  | 56.01 | -24 | 2.45  | 1    | 3043 | 5091.1   |
| 6       | 2005 | 11 | 26 | 050116 | 23  | 56.03 | -24 | 2.1   | 1    | 3039 | 5089.9   |

 Table 9.2: Summary of CTD station times and positions.

# 9.5 References

Cunningham, S. A., 2005: RRS Discovery Cruise 279, 04 APR - 10 MAY 2004: A transatlantic hydrographic section at 24.5°N. Cruise Report No. 54, 150 pp.

# 10. Surface Temperature and Salinity

#### E. Vidal Vijande

Temperature and salinity data measured by the onboard thermosalinograph was logged continually to the dedicated PC. On a daily basis it was converted from raw RVS format to PSTAR format. Sensor calibrations were applied and the data merged with positions from the bestnav file.

This was done using two main execs:

|            | 6   |
|------------|---|
| surexec0 : | Convert the raw data to PSTAR format                              |
| surexec1:  | Edit data within sensible ranges, edit for spikes and interpolate |
|            | Apply sensor calibrations   |
|            | Change variable names and units                                   |
|            | Create sea surface pressure value of zero to convert              |
|            | conductivity to salinity  |
|            | Merge in positions from bestnav file.                             |
|            |   |

Erroneous data spikes and all data collected during the time spent in port was edited out of the PSTAR files using the editing program *plxyed*.

To calibrate salinity measurements from the underway data recorded by the thermosalinograph, bottle salinities were collected from the uncontaminated water supply at four hour intervals during daytime hours only (genearly between 08:00 and 20:00). Time of sample collection was accurate to 30 seconds.

Sampling was interrupted during slow ship speed periods (mooring recovery /deployment and CTD casts).

# 11. Water Sample Salinity Analysis

#### E. Vidal Vijande and P. Staley

#### 11.1 Equipment

All salinity sample analysis was performed on the AUTOSAL Guildline 8400B Salinometer in the Constant Temperature (CT) laboratory. The water bath temperature was set to 21°C and the laboratory temperature oscillated between 17.5 and 19°C.

#### **11.2 Sample Collection and Analysis**

Water samples were collected from both the uncontaminated water supply (TSG) and CTD casts. All samples were taken in 200 ml glass sample bottles, rinsed three times and sealed with disposable plastic stoppers and screw on caps after drying the cap and neck. Samples were stored in the CT lab for a minimum of 24 hours prior to analysis to allow equilibration to the laboratory temperature, except for the samples from the uncontaminated water supply which were placed in the CT lab six hours prior to analysis (all but the last bottle had been in the air conditioned wet lab for at least 24 hours).

Six CTD casts were executed, one test cast with 24 bottles being fired and five casts for Microcat calibration purposes where only 12 bottles were fired each time.

Analysis followed the standard procedure. A sample of IAPSO Standard Sea Water was run every 12 samples for salinometer calibration. Three Standard Seawater batches were used: P145 from cast one (test) up to cast six, except the last calibration of cast five where P146 was used. The TSG sample calibration used P146 for the first calibration and P144 for the end calibration. The RS value was adjusted at the beginning of the cruise and was left fixed for the remainder of the cruise. Philip Staley and Enrique Vidal carried out all analysis.

The Raw conductivities from the salinometer were converted to salinities using an Excel spreadsheet, accounting for calibration of the salinometer itself.

# 12. Mooring Operations

#### R. McLachlan

#### 12.1 Day to Day Mooring Operations

12<sup>th</sup> November. Drove down from Southampton and arrived at ship at 1600. Sailed from Falmouth at 1700.

13<sup>th</sup> November. Unpacked instrumentation from container. Set up lab and put new batteries in seabirds.

Serviced and put new batteries in the following releases; 243, 439, 326, 263 and 370.

14<sup>th</sup> November.

Finished off preparing seabirds.

Installed batteries in MMP, fitted Seabird and successfully communicated with the instrument.

Produced working mooring diagrams.

15<sup>th</sup> November.

Unpacked and started up telemetry buoy, light on buoy flashed on indicating that it was working. Sent an email to Jon Campbell to let him know. Received a message from Jon that the buoy was talking away merrily.

Unpacked all the telemetry wires and connected them together with swivels and bridles, carried out an electrical test, all was working well.

Wound EB1 telemetry mooring on to reeler.

16<sup>th</sup> November.

Wound EB2 on to reeler. Put mooring table in to position, changed aft rails for chains.

17<sup>th</sup> November. Assembled EBADCP. Started to paint double barrel winch.

18<sup>th</sup> November.

Serviced mooring table rollers. Continued painting double barrel winch. Docked at Tenerife at 1630.

19<sup>th</sup> November.

Set up broadband ADCP for deployment.

Set up PIES and assembled in frames with anchor attached.

Sailed at 1700 heading for EBADCP/EBP2 sites as we didn't need the bow thruster for the deployment, ETA. 0900.

20<sup>th</sup> November.

Deployed EBADCP at 0900 using both aft cranes in synchronisation. Steamed to PIES site, deployed EBP2 at 1100 with one lift straight over using aft STBD crane with release hook. Heading back in to Tenerife to collect bow thruster parts.

21<sup>st</sup> November. Docked at Tenerife at 0900.

22<sup>nd</sup> November. Sailed at 1100. Changed over reeler drums ready for recovery operations. Made up recovery lines for reelers.

23<sup>rd</sup> November. Made up all the glass. Test fitted SBE clamps on to CTD frame, minor adjustments made. Prepared deck for recovery operations.

24<sup>th</sup> November.

Recovered EB1.

Wire tested releases, all fired fine apart from s/n 440. This unit needs to go back to Ixsea for repair.

Prepared EB1 ready for deployment.

25<sup>th</sup> November.

Deployed EB1 telemetry, all SBEs, apart from last two confirmed working by Jon Campbell.

Recovered EB2 (MMP mooring) – major wire tangles.

26<sup>th</sup> November.

Messages from Jon Campbell show that the top microcat on EB1 is at 16m depth when should have been at 50m.

Deployed EB2 (MMP mooring). 65m has been taken out of the mooring length as we believe we have a 1-2% error on the counting wheel. Chased subsurface buoyancy to watch down, submergence confirmed by the Gonio and Argos beacon. Triangulated releases.

27<sup>th</sup> November.

Started packing gear away, prepared deck for EB2 lost mooring recovery.

28<sup>th</sup> November.

Interrogated lost EB2 releases. The mooring was released, however, due to the weight of wire, the buoyancy never reached the surface. Insufficient back up buoyancy to lift the remains of the mooring. We then boxed in the releases in preparation for dragging operations.

Due to deteriorating weather conditions (the worst Tenerife has seen for 50 years), it was decided to abandon the emergency recovery of the mooring.

29<sup>th</sup> November. Docked.

# 12.2 Acoustic Releases

The acoustic releases used throughout the array are IXSEA AR861 and IXSEA RT661 units. The acoustic releases used on this cruise were originally going to be deployed using a new doubling system with stainless oval links in the release jaw, and a galvanised chain joining the two links. This chain would pass through a large round galvanised link that is attached to the anchor. Firing either release would drop one end of the chain, which would be pulled through the large round link allowing the mooring to surface. If for any reason it snagged then the second release could be fired too. Each shackle would be shielded from the stainless link in the release jaws through use of a welded plate of stainless and a bush. A similar system is being used by IFREMER.

Prior to deployment however, concerns were raised about the quality of the stainless and the welding. To this end we reverted back to the in series system used on CD170.

# **13. Anchor Triangulation Process**

#### **D.** Rayner

On the service cruises CD170 and KN182-2 (National Oceanography Centre Cruise Report, No 2) a routine was written to triangulate the most likely anchor position from three slant ranges around the suspected site. This routine was modified on CD177 to allow multiple slant ranges and position fixes.

Slant ranges were determined using the release deck unit patched into the PES fish transducer. These ranges and the position were entered into a text file and the Matlab routine *Anchor.m* then calculates actual ranges to the anchor site using the measured water depth. Loci are then plotted, with the intersect being the most likely anchor seabed position.

The height of the releases above the seabed and the depth of the transducer need to be entered, along with the uncorrected water depth.



Figure 13.1: Example plot of triangulation of anchor seabed position. Range recorded at each point with interception of loci giving anchor position.

| Mooring | UKORS<br>Mooring<br>Number | Deployment<br>Date | Deployment<br>Time | Recovery<br>Date | Comment  |
|---------|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|--|
| EB1     | 2005/16                    | 10/04/2005         | 08:45              | 24/11/2005       | Mooring recovered intact   |
| EB2     | 2005/18                    | 10/04/2005         | 15:08              | 25/11/2005       | MMP damaged on<br>recovery and battery<br>depleted early. Microcat<br>3917 battery depleted<br>early.                |
| EB2     | 2004/08                    | 28/02/2004         | 21:17              | N/A              | Mooring lost in 2004.<br>Attempted recovery<br>28/11/2005 but not<br>enough buoyancy to bring<br>releases to surface |
| EBADCP  | 2005/63                    | 20/11/2005         | 09:12              | N/A              | Redeployment of ADCP<br>recovered by Poseidon in<br>Spring 2005  |
| EBP2    | 2005/65                    | 20/11/2005         | 11:04              | N/A              |  |
| EBP1    | 2005/64                    | 25/11/2005         | 04:06              | N/A              |  |
| EB1     | 2005/61                    | 25/11/2005         | 12:52              | N/A              | Telemetry system<br>deployed   |
| EB2     | 2005/62                    | 26/11/2005         | 13:57              | N/A              |  |

# 14. Mooring Dates, Locations and Depths

Table 14.1: Summary details of recovery and deployment dates

| Mooring | UKORS<br>Mooring<br>Number | Lat (°N)<br>A/L | Lon (°W)<br>A/L | Corrected<br>Water<br>Depth (m) | Lat (°N)<br>A/B | Lon (°W)<br>A/B | Argos<br>ID |
|---------|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| EBADCP  | 2005/63                    | 27°55.79        | 13°22.76        | 416                             |                 |                 | 21442       |
| EBP2    | 2005/65                    | 27°51.86        | 13°31.16        | 1010                            |                 |                 |             |
| EBP1    | 2005/64                    | 23°48.52        | 24°06.50        | 5094                            |                 |                 |             |
| EB1     | 2005/61                    | 23°49.52        | 24°06.00        | 5093                            | 23°49.67        | 24°06.03        | 42749       |
| EB2     | 2005/62                    | 23°53.4         | 24°03.32        | 5086                            | 23°53.49        | 24°03.39        | 42745       |

Table 14.2: Mooring locations, deployment dates and Argos beacon details. (A/L = Anchor launch position. A/B = Anchor position on bottom determined from triangulation.)

# 15. Instruments

#### **D.** Rayner

# 15.1 Summary of Instruments Recovered and Deployed

In total 28 SeaBird Microcat SMP CTDs, two Aanderaa RCM11 current meters and one McLane Moored Profiler (MMP) were recovered. Replacing these were 24 Inductive Microcats, four standard Microcats, two Aanderaa RCM11s and one MMP. In addition to these instruments two Pressure Inverted Echosounders, supplied by the University of Rhode Island, and one RD Instruments Broadband ADCP were deployed. Details of the setup parameters used for the deployed instruments can be found in Appendix B, detailing each instrument by mooring.

#### **15.2 Instrument Problems**

There were problems experienced with the inductive Microcats when downloading data from the CTD calibration casts. The Seabird software tries to download the data in blocks of 200 records using the dd1,200 style command where 1 refers to the 1<sup>st</sup> record to download and 200 the last. The software receives the data reply from the instrument and saves it to an ascii file without displaying it to the screen. At times however, data could be seen written to the screen instead of the ascii file. This meant that the saved file was incomplete and as the capture setting has to be disabled for download this data could not be recovered without re-downloading the instrument. This was seen to occur as the dd1,200 style command incremented to the next record block.

To retrieve the data, it was necessary to download the data in blocks of 200 records using the dd1,200 style command from the command line and capture the screen text to file, rather than using the software's download routines. This is a user-intensive method as the user has to manually enter the command every 200 scans, with the total download taking several hours per instrument.

The same problem was experienced on the 2005 Spring service cruise upon the *RV Knorr*. The reason for this fallout of data download has never been found and it has not been able to be recreated in the lab at NOC. Seabird have been contacted but they too cannot recreate the problem. We plan to write a routine that will enable automatic download of the IMPs through the screen capture method, thus bypassing the problem without actually solving it. Further studies will be made on the forthcoming Spring service cruises

The recovered MMP was found to have depleted its batteries after approximately six months. This was one month before recovery, but the deployment parameters used were determined using a total profiling limit of 1,000,000 metres and should have permitted the MMP to run for the full year.

Since the cruise we have been informed by the manufacturer that a revised estimate of total profiling distance of 800,000 metres should be used for future deployments.

# 16. Instrument Calibration Using CTD Casts

#### D. Rayner

As with the Spring 2005 service cruises, calibration of the instruments measuring conductivity and temperature was conducted using the ship's CTD system. Once recovered instruments had been downloaded they were set to the fastest possible sampling rate, attached to the CTD frame and lowered to depth as per a normal CTD cast. Bottle stops on the upcast were extended to 5 minutes (2 minutes longer than previously used) to provide time for the instruments to stabilise relative to the more accurate ship's CTD.

Twelve sample bottles were removed from the CTD frame to allow the instruments to be attached using bespoke brackets. Details of instruments deployed on calibration casts are given in Appendix E.

# 17. Attempted Recovery of EB2

#### **D.** Rayner

The mooring deployed at EB2 in 2004 from cruise D277 was not found on the 1<sup>st</sup> service cruise CD170 in Spring of 2005. The top buoy was recovered by *RRS Discovery*, during a transit cruise, about 150 km from the original deployment position. No acoustic release deck unit was on board at the time of recovery so it was not possible to attempt interrogation of the EB2 releases.

It was thought that the buoy was free drifting to have travelled so far from the deployment position but the opportunity was taken on CD177 to pass over the location of the top buoy recovery and sound for the releases. The releases were found, with a diagnostic implying the releases were upright. It is suspected that the anchor was underweight and the mooring bounced away from the deployment position when subjected to stronger tidal currents. The location was marked for an attempt at recovery during the transit back to Tenerife from the new EB2 position.

On return to the site the releases were fired and a confirmed release received. The initial ascent rate was calculated to be approximately 60 m/min but this was seen to decrease as the amount of wire lifted by the buoyancy increased. A quick calculation of the backup buoyancy indicated that there was insufficient to lift the mooring to the surface.

Approximately two hours after firing the releases the ascent rate was negligible. A triangulation survey was conducted using the procedure described in section 14, and the position determined. It was estimated that the releases had reached approximately 1300 m below the surface (see figure 17.1 for the triangulation survey).



It is thought that the loss of the top buoy caused the mooring to collapse to the seabed as the only remaining buoyancy was immediately above the releases. This pack of ten glass spheres would provide approximately 240kg of lift, but the total water weight of wire, releases and instruments thought to be still attached is approximately 335 kg. This implies that there is approximately 95kg of weight holding the mooring in place.

The option of dragging for the mooring was discussed, but with deteriorating weather the decision was taken to abandon the site and if possible attempt recovery on a subsequent cruise.

# **18. PIES Deployments**

#### T. Kanzow and D. Rayner

Following deployment of the two PIES their descent rate was monitored and the telemetry option tested: the ship then repositioned and the transducer was lowered over the side. The PIES were supplied with the Matlab routine PPDTb.m to conduct telemetry and this was tested on PC laptops using a stand alone version of Matlab so that connection to the network was not required. After a number of measurement cycles have passed, burst telemetry can be used to verify the correct operation of the PIES.

#### 18.1 Burst telemetry at EBP2

| Serial Number: 131 |                     |            |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------|---------------------|------------|--|--|--|--|
| Codes:             | XPND                | 70         |  |  |  |  |
|                    | TELEM               | 66         |  |  |  |  |
|                    | BEACON              | 74         |  |  |  |  |
|                    | RELEASE             | 3          |  |  |  |  |
|                    | CLEAR               | 76         |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Position</b> :  | 27 51.86'N          | 13 31.15'W |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Date: 20</b> /  | /11/05 11:03:15 (   | GMT)       |  |  |  |  |
| Water De           | <b>pth</b> : 1020 a | m          |  |  |  |  |

**Descent Rate**: could not be measured, PIES had already reached sea floor when transducer was deployed

**Communication**: Good communication after switching off the echosounder, range of 1020 m.

**Telemetry**: PPDTb.m Matlab routine supplied by Randy Watts from URI was not stable; it crashed if pulses were not received properly. Software was modified by Torsten Kanzow and Darren Rayner to be more robust. Current version: PPDTb\_v3.m

#### 18.2 Burst telemetry at EBP1

```
Serial Number: 136
Codes: XPND 69
TELEM 65
BEACON 73
```

RELEASE 8 76 CLEAR **Position**: 23 48.50'N 24 06.47'W Date: 25/11/05 04:06:40 (GMT) Water Depth: 5090m (corrected) **Descent Rate**: ~ 90 meters / minute Burst telemetry survey conducted between 05:27 and 07:17. **Programme used**: PPDTb\_v3.m Settings: Gain 6 for all 8 channels **Connection**: USB to serial converter

**Recommendations**: use gain 6 for all channels, but gain 8 for CH02. Reason for bad reception could either be related to CH02 on DS 7000 or to signal strength of PIES on that frequency (12.5 kHz). Could be checked by receiving 12.5 kHz signal on other channel to see if problems prevail.









#### Figure A.3: Mooring diagram of EBADCP\_3\_200563 as deployed on CD177



Figure A.4: Mooring diagram of EBP2 as deployed on CD177



Figure A.5: Mooring diagram of EBP1 as deployed on CD177


Figure A.6: Mooring diagram of EB1\_3\_200561 as deployed on CD177



### Figure A.7: Mooring diagram of EB2\_4\_200562 as deployed on CD177

## Appendix B: Instrument Setup Details

#### **EBADCP**

| RD Instruments 150kHz Broadband ADCP – | Serial Number <b>1184</b> |
|--|---------------------------|
| System frequency                       | 150kHz                    |
| Beam angle                             | 20 degrees                |
| System Power                           | Low                       |
| Water temperature                      | 15 deg C                  |
| Water salinity                         | 35ppt                     |
| Depth of transducer                    | 430m                      |
| WT Pings per ensemble                  | 16                        |
| Depth cell size                        | 12.00m                    |
| Number of depth cells                  | 40                        |
| Blank after transmit                   | 4.00m                     |
| WT profiling mode                      | 4                         |
| WT ambiguity velocity                  | 480cm/s                   |
| BT pings per ensemble                  | 0                         |
| Time between ping groups               | 0.00s                     |
| Time per ensemble                      | 00:20:00:00               |
| Deployment length                      | 450 days                  |
| Velocity collected                     | YES                       |
| Coordinate system                      | Earth                     |
| Correlation collected                  | YES                       |
| Intensity collected                    | YES                       |
| Percent good collected                 | YES                       |
| Status collected                       | YES                       |
| Enable recorder                        | YES                       |
| Enable serial output                   | NO                        |
| Baud rate                              | 38400                     |
| Start date                             | 19/11/05                  |
| Start time                             | 13:00:00                  |
|  |                           |

#### <u>EBP2</u>

Aanderaa RCM11 – serial number 302

Pings per ensemble Temperature range

Conductivity range

| University of Rhode Island PIES – serial numbers | per 131                      |
|--|------------------------------|
| Mission statement                                | EBP2 November 2005           |
|  | deployment from cruise CD177 |
| Travel time measurements                         | 4 pings every 10 minutes     |
| Pressure and temperature                         | measured every 10 minutes    |
| Telemetry data file                              | enabled                      |
| Estimated water depth                            | 1000m                        |
| Acoustic lockout                                 | 1.20 seconds                 |
| Acoustic output                                  | 172dB                        |
| Release date/time                                | Sat Jun 30, 2012. 12:00:00   |
| <u>EB2</u>                                       |                              |

600 High 45-55mS (rollover on)

| Recording interval  | 30 mins                             |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| No of channels  | 8                                   |
| Mode  | Burst                               |
| Instrument started  | 26/11/05 01:30:00                   |
| instrument started  | 20/11/05 01:50:00                   |
| Seabird SBE37 SMP CTD – serial number 3264                      |                                     |
| Sample interval   | 900 seconds                         |
| Start date  | 26/11/2005                          |
| Start time  | 06:00:00                            |
|   |                                     |
| McLane Moore Profiler – serial number 11672-01                  |                                     |
| Comprising MMP electronics – serial nu                          |                                     |
|   | ne V1.0 – serial number <b>0705</b> |
| FSI ACM – serial number 1                                       |                                     |
| Start date  | 26/11/2005                          |
| Start time  | 18:00:00                            |
| Profile start interval  | 2 days 5 hours                      |
| Reference date  | 27/11/2005                          |
| Reference time  | 18:00:00                            |
| Burst interval  | Disabled                            |
| Paired profiles   | Enabled                             |
| Shallow pressure limit  | 52 dbar                             |
| Deep pressure limit   | 2500 dbar                           |
| Shallow pressure error  | 100 dbar                            |
| Deep pressure error   | 100 dbar                            |
|   |                                     |
| Aanderaa RCM11 – serial number 303                              |                                     |
| Pings per ensemble  | 600                                 |
| Temperature range   | Arctic                              |
| Conductivity range (rollover on)                                | 32-34mS (rollover on)               |
| Recording interval  | 30 mins                             |
| No of channels  | 8                                   |
| Mode  | Burst                               |
| Instrument started  | 26/11/05 02:00:30                   |
|   |                                     |
| Seabird SBE37 SMP CTD – serial number 3248                      |                                     |
| Sample interval   | 900 seconds                         |
| Start date  | 26/11/2005                          |
| Start time  | 06:00:00                            |
|   |                                     |
| Seabird SBE37 SMP CTD – serial number <b>3249</b>               |                                     |
| Sample interval   | 900 seconds                         |
| Start date  | 26/11/2005                          |
| Start time  | 06:00:00                            |
|   |                                     |
| Seabird SBE37 SMP CTD – serial number <b>3259</b>               | 000 1                               |
| Sample interval   | 900 seconds                         |
| Start date  | 26/11/2005                          |
| Start time  | 06:00:00                            |
| FR1   |                                     |
| <u>EB1</u><br>Seabird SBE37 IMP CTD – serial number <b>3242</b> |                                     |
| ID Number   | 31                                  |
| Sample interval   | 900 seconds                         |
| Sample Interval<br>Start date                                   | 25/11/2005                          |
|   | 2J/11/200J                          |

| Start time  | 08:00:00                                    |
|---|---|
| Seabird SBE37 IMP CTD – serial number <b>3241</b><br>ID Number<br>Sample interval<br>Start date<br>Start time | 32<br>900 seconds<br>25/11/2005<br>08:00:00 |
| Seabird SBE37 IMP CTD – serial number <b>3240</b><br>ID Number<br>Sample interval<br>Start date<br>Start time | 33<br>900 seconds<br>25/11/2005<br>08:00:00 |
| Seabird SBE37 IMP CTD – serial number <b>3239</b><br>ID Number<br>Sample interval<br>Start date<br>Start time | 34<br>900 seconds<br>25/11/2005<br>08:00:00 |
| Seabird SBE37 IMP CTD – serial number <b>3284</b><br>ID Number<br>Sample interval<br>Start date<br>Start time | 35<br>900 seconds<br>25/11/2005<br>08:00:00 |
| Seabird SBE37 IMP CTD – serial number <b>3283</b><br>ID Number<br>Sample interval<br>Start date<br>Start time | 36<br>900 seconds<br>25/11/2005<br>08:00:00 |
| Seabird SBE37 IMP CTD – serial number <b>3282</b><br>ID Number<br>Sample interval<br>Start date<br>Start time | 37<br>900 seconds<br>25/11/2005<br>08:30:00 |
| Seabird SBE37 IMP CTD – serial number <b>3281</b><br>ID Number<br>Sample interval<br>Start date<br>Start time | 38<br>900 seconds<br>25/11/2005<br>08:30:00 |
| Seabird SBE37 IMP CTD – serial number 4475<br>ID Number<br>Sample interval<br>Start date<br>Start time        | 39<br>900 seconds<br>25/11/2005<br>08:30:00 |
| Seabird SBE37 IMP CTD – serial number 4474<br>ID Number<br>Sample interval<br>Start date<br>Start time        | 40<br>900 seconds<br>25/11/2005<br>08:30:00 |

| Seabird | SBE37 IMP CTD – serial number <b>4473</b><br>ID Number<br>Sample interval<br>Start date<br>Start time | 41<br>900 seconds<br>25/11/2005<br>08:30:00 |
|---------|---|---|
| Seabird | SBE37 IMP CTD – serial number <b>4472</b><br>ID Number<br>Sample interval<br>Start date<br>Start time | 42<br>900 seconds<br>25/11/2005<br>08:30:00 |
| Seabird | SBE37 IMP CTD – serial number <b>4471</b><br>ID Number<br>Sample interval<br>Start date<br>Start time | 43<br>900 seconds<br>25/11/2005<br>08:30:00 |
| Seabird | SBE37 IMP CTD – serial number <b>4470</b><br>ID Number<br>Sample interval<br>Start date<br>Start time | 44<br>900 seconds<br>25/11/2005<br>08:30:00 |
| Seabird | SBE37 IMP CTD – serial number <b>4469</b><br>ID Number<br>Sample interval<br>Start date<br>Start time | 45<br>900 seconds<br>25/11/2005<br>08:30:00 |
| Seabird | SBE37 IMP CTD – serial number <b>4468</b><br>ID Number<br>Sample interval<br>Start date<br>Start time | 46<br>900 seconds<br>25/11/2005<br>08:30:00 |
| Seabird | SBE37 IMP CTD – serial number <b>4467</b><br>ID Number<br>Sample interval<br>Start date<br>Start time | 47<br>900 seconds<br>25/11/2005<br>08:30:00 |
| Seabird | SBE37 IMP CTD – serial number <b>4466</b><br>ID Number<br>Sample interval<br>Start date<br>Start time | 48<br>900 seconds<br>25/11/2005<br>08:30:00 |
| Seabird | SBE37 IMP CTD – serial number <b>4465</b><br>ID Number<br>Sample interval<br>Start date<br>Start time | 49<br>900 seconds<br>25/11/2005<br>08:45:00 |

| Seabird SBE37 IMP CTD – serial number <b>4464</b><br>ID Number<br>Sample interval | 50<br>900 seconds |
|---|-------------------|
| Start date  | 25/11/2005        |
| Start time  | 08:45:00          |
| Seabird SBE37 IMP CTD – serial number 4463  |                   |
| ID Number   | 51                |
| Sample interval   | 900 seconds       |
| Start date  | 25/11/2005        |
| Start time  | 08:45:00          |
| Seabird SBE37 IMP CTD – serial number 4462  |                   |
| ID Number   | 52                |
| Sample interval   | 900 seconds       |
| Start date  | 25/11/2005        |
| Start time  | 08:45:00          |
| Seabird SBE37 IMP CTD – serial number <b>4461</b>                                 |                   |
| ID Number   | 53                |
| Sample interval   | 900 seconds       |
| Start date  | 25/11/2005        |
| Start time  | 09:00:00          |
| Seabird SBE37 IMP CTD – serial number 4460  |                   |
| ID Number   | 54                |
| Sample interval   | 900 seconds       |
| Start date  | 25/11/2005        |
| Start time  | 09:00:00          |

# Appendix C: Instrument Record Lengths

|         |                        |          |           |            | Date of |                       |
|---------|------------------------|----------|-----------|------------|---------|-----------------------|
|         |                        |          |           |            | first   | Date of Last          |
|         |                        | Serial   | Approx.   |            | useable | usable                |
| Mooring | Instrument             | Number   | depth (m) | Recovered? | record  | record                |
| EB2     | Aanderaa RCM11         | 448      | 50        | Yes        | 10/4/05 | 25/11/05              |
|         | Seabird SBE37 SMP CTD  | 3276     | 51        | Yes        | 10/4/05 | 25/11/05              |
|         | McLane Moored Profiler | 11794-01 | 55-2490   | Yes        | 10/4/05 | 20/10/05 <sup>‡</sup> |
|         | Seabird SBE37 SMP CTD  | 3917     | 2495      | Yes        | 10/4/05 | 30/8/05 <sup>‡</sup>  |
|         | Aanderaa RCM11         | 449      | 2510      | Yes        | 10/4/05 | 25/11/05              |
|         | Seabird SBE37 SMP CTD  | 3920     | 3500      | Yes        | 10/4/05 | 25/11/05              |
|         | Seabird SBE37 SMP CTD  | 3921     | 4850      | Yes        | 10/4/05 | 25/11/05              |
| EB1     | Seabird SBE37 SMP CTD  | 3207     | 50        | Yes        | 10/4/05 | 20/11/05              |
|         | Seabird SBE37 SMP CTD  | 3208     | 100       | Yes        | 10/4/05 | 20/11/05              |
|         | Seabird SBE37 SMP CTD  | 3209     | 175       | Yes        | 10/4/05 | 20/11/05              |
|         | Seabird SBE37 SMP CTD  | 3210     | 250       | Yes        | 10/4/05 | 20/11/05              |
|         | Seabird SBE37 SMP CTD  | 3212     | 325       | Yes        | 10/4/05 | 20/11/05              |
|         | Seabird SBE37 SMP CTD  | 3213     | 400       | Yes        | 10/4/05 | 20/11/05              |
|         | Seabird SBE37 SMP CTD  | 3214     | 500       | Yes        | 10/4/05 | 20/11/05              |
|         | Seabird SBE37 SMP CTD  | 3215     | 600       | Yes        | 10/4/05 | 20/11/05              |
|         | Seabird SBE37 SMP CTD  | 3216     | 700       | Yes        | 10/4/05 | 20/11/05              |
|         | Seabird SBE37 SMP CTD  | 3217     | 800       | Yes        | 10/4/05 | 20/11/05              |
|         | Seabird SBE37 SMP CTD  | 3218     | 900       | Yes        | 10/4/05 | 20/11/05              |
|         | Seabird SBE37 SMP CTD  | 3922     | 1000      | Yes        | 10/4/05 | 20/11/05              |
|         | Seabird SBE37 SMP CTD  | 3923     | 1100      | Yes        | 10/4/05 | 20/11/05              |
|         | Seabird SBE37 SMP CTD  | 3924     | 1200      | Yes        | 10/4/05 | 20/11/05              |
|         | Seabird SBE37 SMP CTD  | 3925     | 1400      | Yes        | 10/4/05 | 20/11/05              |
|         | Seabird SBE37 SMP CTD  | 3926     | 1600      | Yes        | 10/4/05 | 20/11/05              |
|         | Seabird SBE37 SMP CTD  | 3927     | 1800      | Yes        | 10/4/05 | 20/11/05              |
|         | Seabird SBE37 SMP CTD  | 3928     | 2000      | Yes        | 10/4/05 | 20/11/05              |
|         | Seabird SBE37 SMP CTD  | 3929     | 2500      | Yes        | 10/4/05 | 20/11/05              |
|         | Seabird SBE37 SMP CTD  | 3930     | 3000      | Yes        | 10/4/05 | 20/11/05              |
|         | Seabird SBE37 SMP CTD  | 3931     | 3500      | Yes        | 10/4/05 | 20/11/05              |
|         | Seabird SBE37 SMP CTD  | 3932     | 4000      | Yes        | 10/4/05 | 20/11/05              |
|         | Seabird SBE37 SMP CTD  | 3933     | 4500      | Yes        | 10/4/05 | 20/11/05              |
|         | Seabird SBE37 SMP CTD  | 3934     | 4850      | Yes        | 10/4/05 | 20/11/05              |

<sup>‡</sup> indicates battery failure

# Appendix D:Details of Instruments Lowered on CTDCalibration Casts.

| CTD  | Max   | Instrument details |                   |         |                  |
|------|-------|--------------------|-------------------|---------|------------------|
| Cast | Depth | Туре               | Serial<br>numbers | Comment | Calibration type |
| 1    |       |                    | numbers           |         |                  |
| 2    |       | Microcat           | 3281              |         | Pre-deployment   |
|      |       | Microcat           | 3282              |         | Pre-deployment   |
|      |       | Microcat           | 3283              |         | Pre-deployment   |
|      |       | Microcat           | 4460              |         | Pre-deployment   |
|      |       | Microcat           | 4461              |         | Pre-deployment   |
|      |       | Microcat           | 4462              |         | Pre-deployment   |
|      |       | Microcat           | 4463              |         | Pre-deployment   |
|      |       | Microcat           | 4464              |         | Pre-deployment   |
|      |       | Microcat           | 4465              |         | Pre-deployment   |
|      |       | Microcat           | 4466              |         | Pre-deployment   |
|      |       | Microcat           | 4467              |         | Pre-deployment   |
|      |       | Microcat           | 4468              |         | Pre-deployment   |
| 3    |       | Microcat           | 3239              |         | Pre-deployment   |
|      |       | Microcat           | 3240              |         | Pre-deployment   |
|      |       | Microcat           | 3241              |         | Pre-deployment   |
|      |       | Microcat           | 3242              |         | Pre-deployment   |
|      |       | Microcat           | 3284              |         | Pre-deployment   |
|      |       | Microcat           | 4469              |         | Pre-deployment   |
|      |       | Microcat           | 4470              |         | Pre-deployment   |
|      |       | Microcat           | 4471              |         | Pre-deployment   |
|      |       | Microcat           | 4472              |         | Pre-deployment   |
|      |       | Microcat           | 4473              |         | Pre-deployment   |
|      |       | Microcat           | 4474              |         | Pre-deployment   |
|      |       | Microcat           | 4475              |         | Pre-deployment   |
| 4    |       | Microcat           | 3248              |         | Pre-deployment   |
|      |       | Microcat           | 3249              |         | Pre-deployment   |
|      |       | Microcat           | 3259              |         | Pre-deployment   |
|      |       | Microcat           | 3264              |         | Pre-deployment   |
|      |       | Microcat           | 3276              |         | Post-deployment  |
|      |       | Microcat           | 3917              |         | Post-deployment  |
|      |       | Microcat           | 3920              |         | Post-deployment  |
|      |       | Microcat           | 3921              |         | Post-deployment  |
|      |       | RCM11              | 302               |         | Pre-deployment   |
|      |       | RCM11              | 303               |         | Pre-deployment   |
| 5    |       | Microcat           | 3207              |         | Post-deployment  |
|      |       | Microcat           | 3212              |         | Post-deployment  |
|      |       | Microcat           | 3214              |         | Post-deployment  |
|      |       | Microcat           | 3215              |         | Post-deployment  |
|      |       | Microcat           | 3923              |         | Post-deployment  |
|      |       | Microcat           | 3925              |         | Post-deployment  |
|      |       | Microcat           | 3929              |         | Post-deployment  |
|      |       | Microcat           | 3930              |         | Post-deployment  |
|      |       | Microcat           | 3931              |         | Post-deployment  |

|   | Microcat | 3932 | Post-deployment |  |
|---|----------|------|-----------------|--|
|   | Microcat | 3933 | Post-deployment |  |
|   | Microcat | 3934 | Post-deployment |  |
|   | RCM11    | 448  | Post-deployment |  |
|   | RCM11    | 449  | Post-deployment |  |
| 6 | Microcat | 3208 | Post-deployment |  |
|   | Microcat | 3209 | Post-deployment |  |
|   | Microcat | 3210 | Post-deployment |  |
|   | Microcat | 3213 | Post-deployment |  |
|   | Microcat | 3216 | Post-deployment |  |
|   | Microcat | 3217 | Post-deployment |  |
|   | Microcat | 3218 | Post-deployment |  |
|   | Microcat | 3922 | Post-deployment |  |
|   | Microcat | 3924 | Post-deployment |  |
|   | Microcat | 3926 | Post-deployment |  |
|   | Microcat | 3927 | Post-deployment |  |
|   | Microcat | 3928 | Post-deployment |  |

## Appendix E: Mooring Deployment and Recovery Log Sheets.

## UKORS MOORINGS GROUP

| GROUP              |       | CRUISE CD177   | MRG ID: | EB1       |
|--------------------|-------|----------------|---------|-----------|
| FALMOUTH - UK      | PJS   | RECOVERY       | UKORS   | ID        |
| LATITUDE           |       | _23 49 01278N  | DATE    | 24/11 328 |
| LONGITUDE          |       | _024 05 44071W | DAY     | Thursday  |
| NOTE ALL TIMES REC | ORDED | IN GMT         |         |           |
| COMMENCE TIME      |       | 14.06          |         |           |
| COMPLETION TIM     | E     | 17.16          |         |           |

| ITEM             | SER NO | COMMENT  | TIME  |
|------------------|--------|--|-------|
| RECOVERY BUOY    |        | Cut when grappled  | 14.06 |
| ARGOS BEACON     | 097    | ID. 13346 algae cover  | 14.11 |
| 41" STEEL SPHERE |        | Algae cover. Wire rubbing on transom, and swivel   | 14.11 |
| SBE              | 3207   |  | 14.16 |
| SBE              | 3208   | Lost guard frame and conductivity cell   | 14.21 |
| SBE              | 3209   | Creature attached to guard   | 14.30 |
| SBE              | 3210   |  | 14.34 |
| SBE              | 3212   |  | 14.36 |
| SBE              | 3213   |  | 14.38 |
| SBE              | 3214   |  | 14.41 |
| SBE              | 3215   |  | 14.45 |
| SBE              | 3216   | P wire entangled (above the top clamp of the SBE)<br>The Pwire was damaged and taped up. | 14.49 |
| SBE              | 3217   | The same taped up section of P wire entangled above this SBE                             | 14.57 |
| SBE              | 3218   | P wire well entangled around 3/16" wire  | 15.00 |
| SBE              | 3922   | SBE entangled in glass buoy packet, had some scratches                                   | 15.16 |
| 12 GLASS SPHERES |        | And swivel   | 15.20 |
| SBE              | 3923   | Line untangled and free- back to single line.  | 15.22 |
| SBE              | 3924   | Arrived and recovered after SBE3218. line entangled                                      | 15.03 |
| SBE              |        | Recovered after SBE3923.<br>Previously taped up P wire comes up between 3924-3925        | 15.36 |
| SBE              | 3926   |  | 15.41 |
| SBE              | 3927   |  | 15.47 |
| SBE              | 3928   |  | 15.55 |
| 8 GLASS SPHERES  |        | & swivel   | 15.55 |
| SBE              | 3929   |  | 16.09 |
| SBE              | 3930   | 16.21 drums changed  | 16.19 |
| SBE              | 3931   |  |       |
| SBE              | 3932   |  | 16.50 |
| SBE              | 3933   |  | 17.01 |

| SBE              | 3934 |  | 17.11 |
|------------------|------|--|-------|
| 8 GLASS SPHERES  |      |  | 17.16 |
| ACOUSTIC RELEASE | 369  |  | 17.16 |
| ACOUSTIC RELEASE | 258  |  | 17.16 |
| MOORING METHOD   |      | FALL DEPLOYMENT<br>Contact with mooring at : time:13.26 depth:5047m<br>pos: 23 49 02133N, 024 05 30016W<br>Acoustic release activated at: time: 13.35 depth: 5047m<br>Pos: 23 49 99431N, 024 05 49294W range: 5017m<br>Surface visual (Port forward) at: 13.37 depth: 5047m<br>Pos: 23 49 01278N, 024 05 44071 |       |

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CRUISE CD177 MRG ID: EB2

| FALMOUTH - UK      | E.V.V.                    | RECOVERY                            | UKORS ID |          |
|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| LATITUDE           | Not recorded on log sheet |                                     | DATE     | 25/11/05 |
| LONGITUDE          | Not recorded on log sheet | -<br>t                              | DAY      | 329      |
| NOTE ALL TIMES REC | ORDED IN GMT              | -                                   |          |          |
| COMMENCE TIME      | 15:49:00                  |                                     |          |          |
| COMPLETION TIME    | 18:31:00                  | (last element on board)             |          |          |
|                    | 18:55:00                  | (last of wire on board)             |          |          |
| ITEM               | SER NO                    | COMMENT                             | TIME     |          |
| RECOVERY BUOY      |                           |                                     | 15:49:00 |          |
| ARGOS BEACON       | 264                       | ID. 46242                           | 15:49:00 |          |
| 48" STEEL SPHERE   |                           |                                     | 15:49:00 |          |
| RCM 11             | 448                       | Ok. just a little algae             | 15:49:30 |          |
| SBE                | 3276                      | Connector wrenched off on recovery  | 15:49:30 |          |
| MMP STOP           |                           |                                     | 15:19:30 |          |
| MMP                |                           | See comments below                  | 17:21:00 |          |
| MMP STOP           |                           |                                     | 17:44:30 |          |
| SBE                | 3917                      |                                     | 17:44:30 |          |
| 12 GLASS SPHERES   |                           |                                     | 17:45:00 |          |
| RCM 11             | 449                       | Entangled with swivel of 6 spheres  | 17:45:00 |          |
| SBE                | 3920                      | Hitting against swivel of 6 spheres | 18:31:30 |          |
| 6 GLASS SPHERES    |                           |                                     | 18:31:30 |          |
| SBE                | 3921                      |                                     | 18:22:45 |          |
| 4 GLASS SPHERES    |                           |                                     | 18:27:00 |          |
| ACOUSTIC RELEASE   | 363                       |                                     | 18:27:00 |          |
| ACOUSTIC RELEASE   | 255                       |                                     | 18:27:00 |          |
|                    |                           | Last of wire on deck                | 18:55:00 | _        |
|                    |                           |                                     |          |          |

MOORING METHOD FREEFALL DEPLOYMENT COMMENTS

- 16:41:00 Huge "fankle" of wire between first MMP stop and MMP. Involving 3/16" wire and parafil. 5 different lines coming up at the same time. Tangle and lines taped and pulled in.
- 17:21:00 MMP arrives tangled in wire. During recovery CTD 'antenna' impacts against the ship and is bent. Current meter sting is tangled in wire and support ripped off (all cables fine though). Rest of MMP OK.

Below RCM11 449 huge fankle again.

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| GROUP                          |           | CRUISE CD177                    | MRG ID      | : EB1    |
|--------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-------------|----------|
| FALMOUTH - UK                  | E.V.V.    | DEPLOYMENT                      | UKORS<br>ID |          |
| LATITUDE                       | 23°49.67N |                                 | DATE        | 25/11/05 |
| LONGITUDE                      | 24°06.03W |                                 | DAY         | 329      |
| NOTE ALL TIMES RECORDED IN GMT |           |                                 |             |          |
| COMMENCE TIME                  | 08:56:30  | Position : 23°52.53 N, 24°06.38 |             |          |

#### COMPLETION TIME 12:53:00

| ITEM               | SER NO | COMMENT   | TIME      |
|--------------------|--------|---|-----------|
| TELEMETRY BUOY     |        |   | 08:56:30  |
| ARGOS BEACON       | 257    | ID. 42749   | 09:09:30  |
| 49" STEEL SPHERE   |        | Upper and Lower conducting swivels taped            | 09:09:30  |
| SBE                | 3242   | ID 31   | 09:09:30  |
| SBE                | 3241   | ID 32 - Cell guard slightly bent                    | 09:12:45  |
| SBE                | 3240   | ID 33 -   | 09:24:50  |
| SBE                | 3239   | ID 34 - A few worm/barnacles on cell                | 09:28:00  |
| SBE                | 3284   | ID 35 -   | 09:33:20  |
| SBE                | 3283   | ID 36   | 09:36:45  |
| SBE                | 3282   | ID 37   | 09:40:45: |
| SBE                | 3281   | ID 38   | 09:43:10  |
| SBE                | 4475   | ID 39   | 09:47:30  |
| SBE                | 4474   | ID 40   | 09:50:55  |
| SBE                | 4473   | ID 41   | 09:54:35  |
| 4 CLAMP ON SPHERES |        | Cable stopped at 990m to clamp on spheres           | 10:14:45  |
| SBE                | 4472   | ID 42   | 10:16:45  |
| SBE                | 4471   | ID 43   | 10:20:10  |
| SBE                | 4470   | ID 44   | 10:23:40  |
| SBE                | 4469   | ID 45   | 10:29:15  |
| SBE                | 4468   | ID 46   | 10:35:25  |
| SBE                | 4467   | ID 47   | 10:41:20  |
| SBE                | 4466   | ID 48   | 10:52:00  |
| SBE                | 4465   | ID 49   | 10:58:15  |
| SBE                | 4464   | ID 50 - On diagram appears after Syntacic buoy      | 11:12:00  |
| SYNTACTIC BUOY     |        | Attached at 3062m depth (12 m deeper than expected) |           |
| SBE                | 4463   | ID 51   | 11:44:10  |
| SBE                | 4462   | ID 52   | 11:51:00  |
| SBE                | 4461   | ID 53   | 12:14:20  |
| SBE                | 4460   | ID 54   | 12:23:60  |
| 8 GLASS SPHERES    |        |   | 12:53:00  |
| ACOUSTIC RELEASE   | UPPER  | Serial no: 370                                      | 12:53:00  |
| ACOUSTIC RELEASE   | LOWER  | Serial no: 263                                      | 12:53:00  |
| ANCHOR             |        | Release Position : 23°49.508 N, 24°05.988 W         | 12:53:00  |
|                    |        |   |           |

**MOORING METHOD** FREEFALL DEPLOYMENT

24 Small red floats on telemetry buoy cable. Yellow buoy leaving surface 13:17:25,Pos: 23°50.91N, 24°6.18 W

COMMENTS

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**CRUISE CD177** 

MRG ID: EB2

| FALMOUTH - UK                  | R.J.B.    | DEPLOYMENT | UKORS ID |          |  |
|--------------------------------|-----------|------------|----------|----------|--|
| LATITUDE                       | 23°53.49N |            | DATE     | 26/11/05 |  |
| LONGITUDE                      | 24°03.39W |            | DAY      | 330      |  |
| NOTE ALL TIMES RECORDED IN GMT |           |            |          |          |  |
| COMMENCE TIME                  | 09:00:00  |            |          |          |  |

#### COMPLETION TIME 14:35:00

| ITEM             | SER NO   | COMMENT                                | TIME  |
|------------------|----------|--|-------|
| RECOVERY BUOY    |          |  | 09:49 |
| ARGOS BEACON     | 253      | ID. 42745                              | 09:52 |
| 48" STEEL SPHERE |          |  | 09:52 |
| RCM 11           | 302      |  | 09:52 |
| SBE              | 3264     |  | 09:52 |
| MMP STOP         |          |  | 09:52 |
| MMP              | 11672-01 | Small crack in housing                 | 10:35 |
| MMP STOP         |          |  | 11:38 |
| SBE              | 3248     |  | 11:58 |
| 8 GLASS SPHERES  |          |  | 11:59 |
| RCM 11           | 303      |  | 11:59 |
| SBE              | 3249     | Clamped 985m beneath RCM 303           | 12:40 |
| 8 GLASS SPHERES  |          |  | 12:45 |
| SBE              | 3259     | ~5m cable + spheres unmeasured         | 13:40 |
| 6 GLASS SPHERES  |          |  | 13:55 |
| ACOUSTIC RELEASE | Upper    | S/N: 243                               | 13:55 |
| ACOUSTIC RELEASE | Lower    | S/N: 439                               | 13:55 |
| ANCHOR           |          | Rel.: 23°53.42N, 24°3.2W, 5098m (corr) | 13:56 |

MOORING METHOD FREEFALL DEPLOYMENT

#### COMMENTS

- 10:40 : Cable tension too low therefore increased ship speed to 1.5 knots to increase deployment rate (to avoid overshooting the target site).
- 11:10 : Speed increased for extra tension.
- Heading change midway due to possibility of overshooting target site into an uncertain depth area. New heading going towards area where depth was well mapped.

Depth correction for area = +47m

### NB: No deployment log sheets were completed for EBADCP, EBP2 or EBP1.