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## 2. Research Objectives

The area off NW-Africa is one of the most important upwelling systems of the global ocean. High amounts of Sahara dust influence the transport of nutrients into and their concentration in the ocean and therefore play a major role for the particle production in the ocean influencing the processes of the biological carbon pump system. Hence they are controlling factors of the global atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>-budget. Despite the main driving force for climatic variability located in the North Atlantic, the upwelling area off NW-Africa is suitable to reconstruct the past climatic variability by monitoring present in-situ environmental changes and variations.

The research topics were carried out in correlation with the following project:

### 2.1 MERSEA (Marine EnviRonment and Security for the European Area – Integrated Project)

The main task will concentrate on the MERSEA EU project. The main aim of MERSEA is the data management and processing to take aim to the needs of scientific end-users.

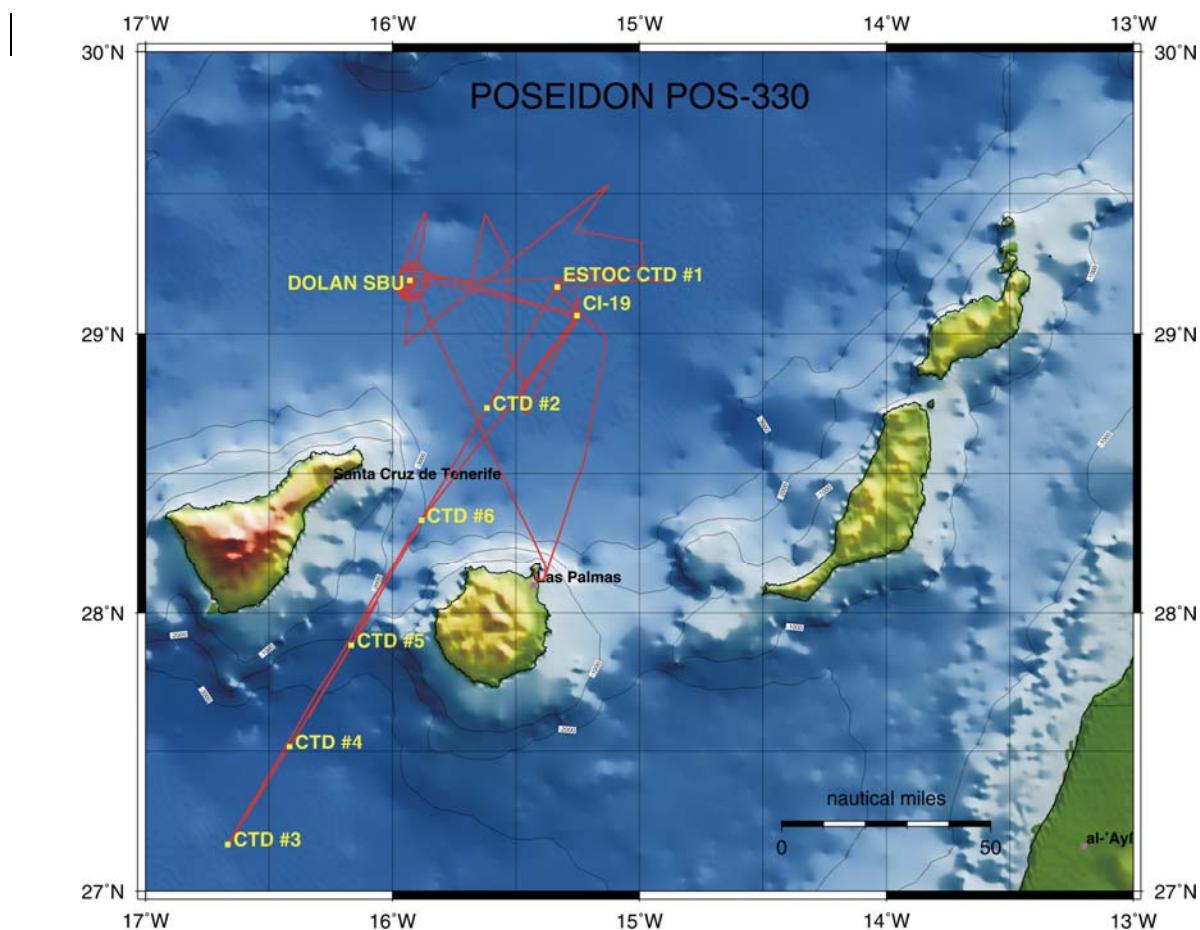
The participating institutions during R/V POSEIDON cruise 330, MARUM/University of Bremen and ICCM, are involved in work package 3. They will ensure the availability of real time and delayed-mode and regional in-situ data and products in the form required by the MERSEA modelling, data assimilation and validation systems. The activities are partly research and development, innovation, and partly demonstration. The served research sites, continued from the preceding ANIMATE and DOLAN projects, are DOLAN/ESTOC, Canary Islands; PAP, Porcupine Abyssal Plain; CIS, Central Irminger Sea. The main task during POS 330 cruise will be the work on the DOLAN site. The DOLAN station is located 25nm west of ESTOC and comprises technical devices for transmission of scientific data sets via satellite into the internet and research institutes.

### 3. Narrative of the Cruise

R/V Poseidon left the port of Las Palmas on November 21<sup>st</sup> with heading to the DOLAN position. The scientific work started with the recovery of the DOLAN buoy in the late afternoon. For the post calibration of the DOLAN sensors a CTD/rosette cast was run to 500m water depth close to the DOLAN position.

On November 22<sup>nd</sup>, the monthly monitoring ESTOC station was sampled using a 12 bottle CTD/rosette. This station was at the same time the first station of a CTD/rosette transect between the islands of Gran Canaria and Tenerife down to 27°10'N. This six station transect was continued for three days. Every station consisted of two casts, one two 2000m (except #3 and #6 which were operated to the bottom) and one of 800m water depth due to the fact that only a 12 bottle rosette was available.

In the morning of November 25<sup>th</sup> the mooring CI-18 which was located close to the ESTOC position was recovered. In the afternoon R/V Poseidon steamed to the DOLAN position further to the west to recover the MSD-5 mooring. Over night maintenance work for the deployment of the next mooring had been done while R/V POSEIDON went back to the ESTOC position.



**Figure 1:** Cruise track R/V POSEIDON cruise 330.

The deployment of CI-19 at ESTOC started in the morning of November 26<sup>th</sup> and could be successfully completed until noon. In the afternoon a precalibration station with one MicroCat cast and one fluorometer cast at the DOLAN position followed.

November, 27<sup>th</sup> the DOLAN surface buoy deployment has been prepared and the buoy was deployed together with the additional sensors. In the afternoon communication tests followed.

The next morning (November 28<sup>th</sup>) another CTD/rosette cast was made at ESTOC station as beginning of an west-east transect. After completing that first station the scientific work had to be stopped due to a cyclonic storm moving towards the working area. R/V POSEIDON had to steam to the harbour of Las Palmas immediately and arrived at 20.00h. Unfortunately R/V POSEIDON could not leave Las Palmas again on this cruise due to the stormy weather.

## 4. Scientific Report

### 4.1 Equipment Development and Tests

#### 4.1.1 DOLAN Surface Buoy (SBU)

The Surface Buoy Unit (SBU) operates since 1997 and was formerly part of the DOMEST project. The unit carries several meteorological sensors, satellite telemetry links, a sub sea telemetry link using an ORCA acoustic modem, and additionally a cable telemetry down to 100m.

On December 21<sup>st</sup> the DOLAN mooring, which is located at 29°10,40'N 15°55,30'W at a water depth of 3630m was recovered. The last routine maintenance has been carried out during R/V POSEIDON cruise 320 in March 2005.

The redeployment took place six days later on December 27<sup>th</sup>.



**Figure 2:** Recovery of the SBU.

While during R/V POSEIDON cruise 320 the DOLAN mooring array was completely recovered for maintenance it was only necessary to recover the upper 150m of the DOLAN mooring on the POS 330 cruise. The biofouling on the sensors and the buoy was at a low level compared to the POS 320 cruise in march. This seasonal change has been seen on all cruises. The sensors and the buoy had been cleaned before reading all the data from the sensors. For the redeployment of the buoy an upward looking ADCP has been installed in 150m water depth. It was removed on POS 320 for maintenance at the IFM-GEOMAR in Kiel.

There were no major damages visible on the buoy, all antennas, solar panels and cables on deck were in a good shape. Some minor damages like tight bearings of the windgenerator have been detected.

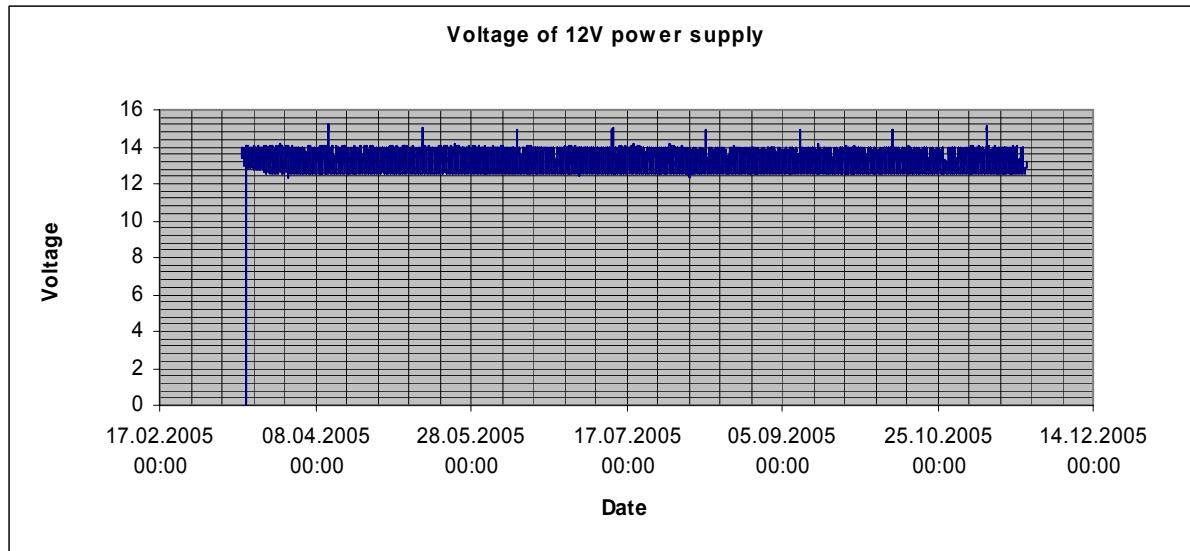


**Figure 3:** Recovered SBU.

*Status of the DOLAN Buoy before maintenance*

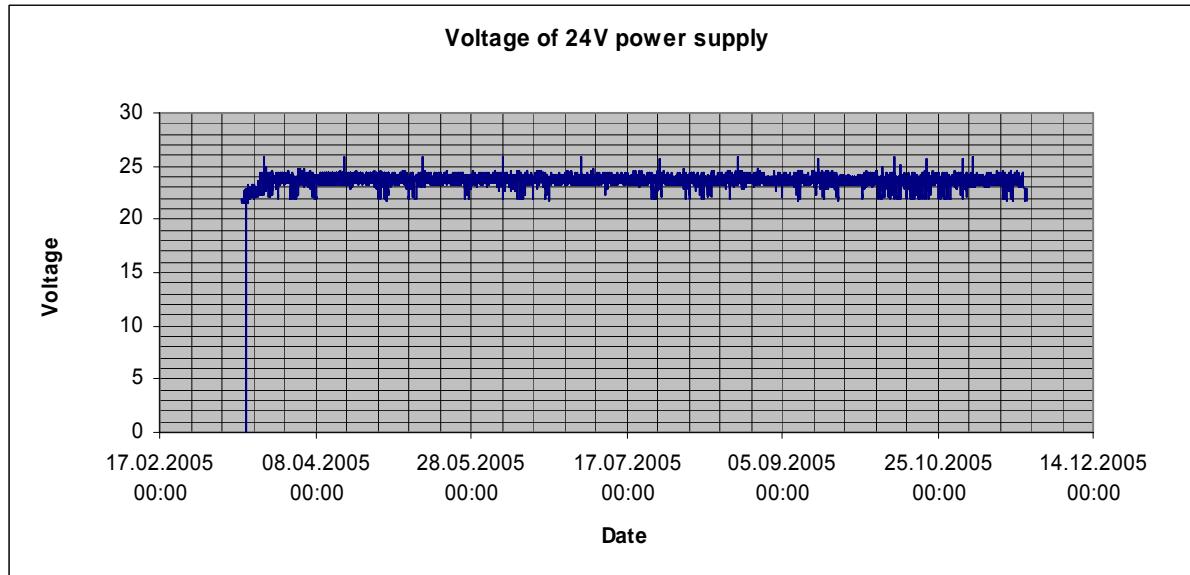
- The INMARSAT tracking system installed in December 2004 worked perfectly until August 2005. The batteries were exhausted after this time four months earlier as calculated. The reason for this effect could be the very high current peak drawn during transmission. The battery capacity installed on the POS 330 cruise has been doubled according to this result.
- The wind sensor and the compass were working fine during the tests.
- The air pressure sensor has been working well all the time and the data had been transmitted on the online telemetry during the whole past mooring period. This sensor has not been replaced.
- The weather sensors with relative humidity and air temperature were damaged. We suppose that they were in contact with sea water during bad weather. They have been replaced. The readings have been successfully compared to the ships weather sensors (DWD system).
- The DOLIX GPS including antenna was working well.
- There was no SAMI CO<sub>2</sub> sensor installed at 10m, only one Microcat. The Orbcomm telemetry of the MicroCat in 10m water depth worked very reliable during this mooring period. The biofouling was acceptable. The recorded data could be retrieved completely. There were five inductive microcats between 10m and 100m. They have been recovered and the data has been downloaded successfully. Only the data from the microcat at 150m could not be accessed. This microcat has been brought back to Bremen for maintenance.
- There was no ADCP at 150m, the ADCP had been shipped to Kiel for repair after the POSEIDON cruise 320.
- The fluorometer and the nutrient analyser in 100m water depth were only very slightly affected by biofouling. The copper shutter of the fluorometer worked well, so that its optical system has been found without a biofouling film. The intake of the nutrient analyser was not effected by biofouling as well. Both sensors were operated independently from the telemetry.

The maintenance of the buoy electronics shows that the buoy was in a good shape. Both, 12V and 24V power supply were working well.



**Figure 4:** Plot of the 12V power supply during the deployment period.

The voltage of the 24V power supply is shown below. No problems have been detected in the 24V power supply.



**Figure 5:** Plot of the 24V power supply during the deployment period.

The inspection of the 24V windgenerator shows that the bearings were corded. The wind generator has been replaced by a spare part.

After the analysis of the status of the DOLAN Buoy the maintenance of the DOLAN electronics has been started. The DOLIX computer has been replaced by the tested spare unit.

### *New sub seacable telemetry*

A new technique for the telemetry of data from the sensors at 100m depth has been developed during the last mooring period in Bremen. This new telemetry has been installed the first time on the DOLAN buoy. The 4-wire cable is a new design with a robust stainless steel armour. The installation worked well with the connected nutrient analyser, the fluorometer, and a Microcat CTD.

### *New WLAN link*

The old Satel RF modems have been replaced by a new WLAN link for controlling the system from the ship. The according antenna has been installed on this cruise.

### *Additional new Sensors*

- Also a new fluorometer has been integrated into the system. The HS2 Fluorometer (Hobilabs) has been replaced by a new WetLabs fluorometer.
- The nutrient analyser has also been replaced by another type of sensor. The new sensor did not perform the schedule well, so it has been decided not to put the sensor into the cable telemetry.
- The structure / software of the Orbcomm telemetry has been completely redesigned because the SAMI CO<sub>2</sub> sensor is no longer present in the system. The scheduler function of the SAMI has been replaced by the use of an RTC in the Orbcomm telemetry.
- One additional MicroCat at 0.5m has been installed onto the buoy and integrated in the software.
- There is one more MicroCat installed in a water depth of 100m and connected to the Iridium telemetry.

Several messages have been automatically generated and sent via the Iridium and the Orbcomm satellite link.

The wind speed and wind direction data have been compared with the ships wind data (DWD system). The results were reasonable but due to the fact that the buoy was standing on the aft deck the readings were not exact the same as the ships wind data.

### *Overview on the installed sensors / telemetry since December 2005*

<b>Sensor</b>	<b>Telemetry</b>	<b>Status</b>
Vaisala PTU200 - air temperature - relative humidity - barometric pressure	ORBCOMM	ONLINE But air temperature and humidity damaged by storm
Vaisala WS245 - windspeed - winddirection	IRIDIUM	ONLINE
TCM2 - buoy heading	Working, delivers data for wind speed	

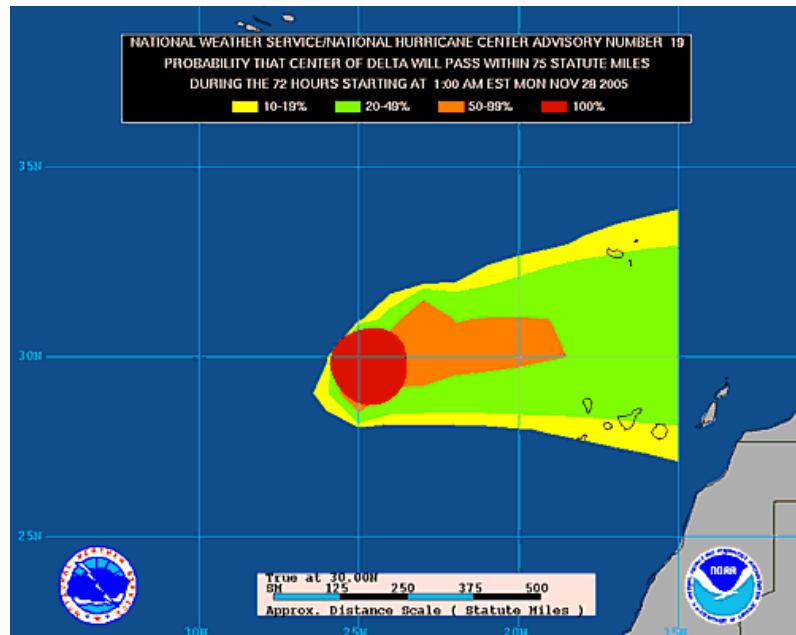
- pitch and roll for the buoy	calculation	
Thrane & Thrane - GPS	INMARSAT	ONLINE
MicroCat @0.5m	ORBCOMM	Status unclear
MicroCat @10m	ORBCOMM	Status unclear
MicroCat @100m	IRIDIUM	(ONLINE)
Fluorometer	IRIDIUM	(ONLINE)
Nutrient Analyser NAS-3E	Not in telemetry	
DOLIX GPS	IRIDIUM	ONLINE

### *Results of the tests before and after deployment*

All tested sensors and systems were working well during the tests prior to the deployment. The tests after the deployment were successful as well. A successful login on the DOLIX computer via Iridium from Bremen could be performed and the system has been restarted after a check.

### *Status of the DOLAN system after the cyclone 'Delta'*

The cruise had to be finished three days earlier as planned because of a tropic cyclone coming directly to the DOLAN position. Windspeeds of 151km/h have been measured on the island La Palma. The check of the system after the cyclone 'Delta' showed some damage on the DOLAN system. The position sensors show that the mooring is not broken and the systems are still working.



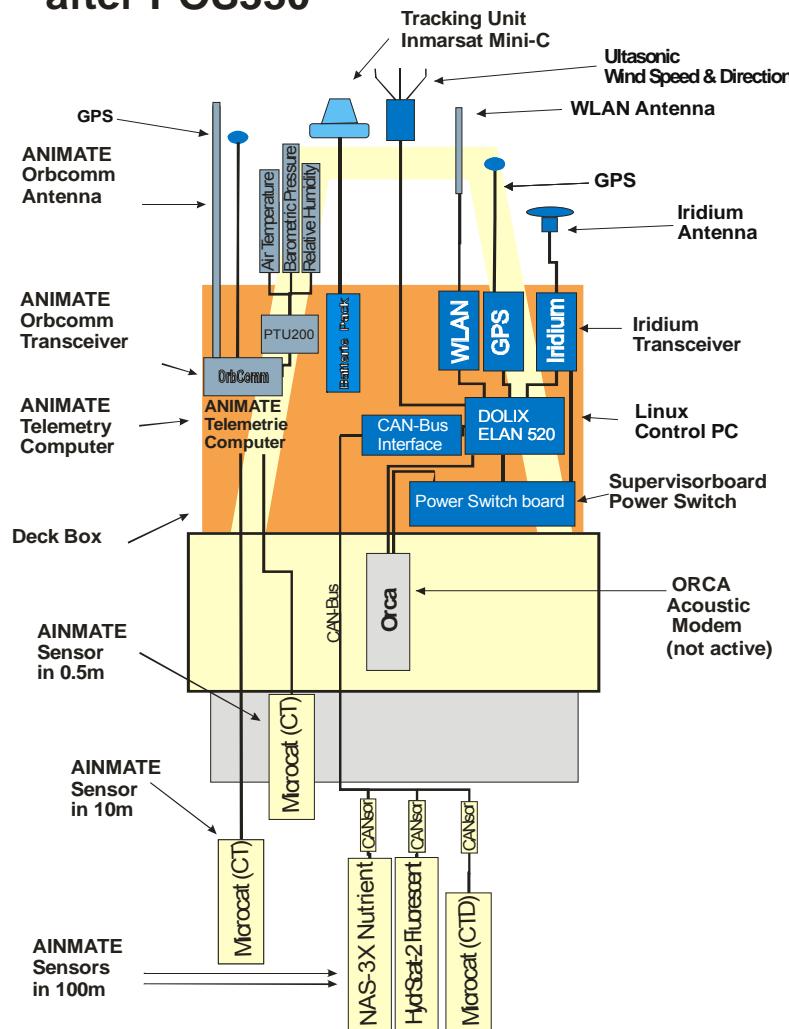
**Figure 6:** Probability of storm movement of the cyclone "Delta" in the working ares.

The weather sensor with air humidity and air temperature detection has been damaged by sea water. The DOLIX computer was still sending data, position reports and windspeed measurements, but the fluorometer and MicroCat data from 100m depth have not been sent any more. Further tries to dial in onto the DOLIX via Iridium were only partly successful. A connection to the Iridium modem on the buoy could be established, but an access the DOLIX computer was not possible.

### DOLAN configuration December 2005

The sensors which have been maintained in Bremen were mounted on the DOLAN buoy again. Several new sensors have been implemented into the DOLAN system. Two new telemetry systems have been implemented and tested, the subsea telemetry for the 100m sensors and the WLAN telemetry. The transducer for the ORCA Modem has not been deployed again, because there are no acoustic clients deployed at this time.

## Configuration of the DOLAN buoy after POS330



**Figure 7:** Configuration of the DOLAN SBU after POS 330.

The redeployment of the upper 150m of the mooring took place on the November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Several final tests could not be performed due to the cyclone storm “Delta” which moved rapidly towards the DOLAN position. Tests of all sensors on the DOLIX took place after the deployment of the DOLAN buoy. All sensors like windspeed, fluorometer, MicroCat DOLIX GPS were working fine. These tests have been performed via the new WLAN link on the buoy.

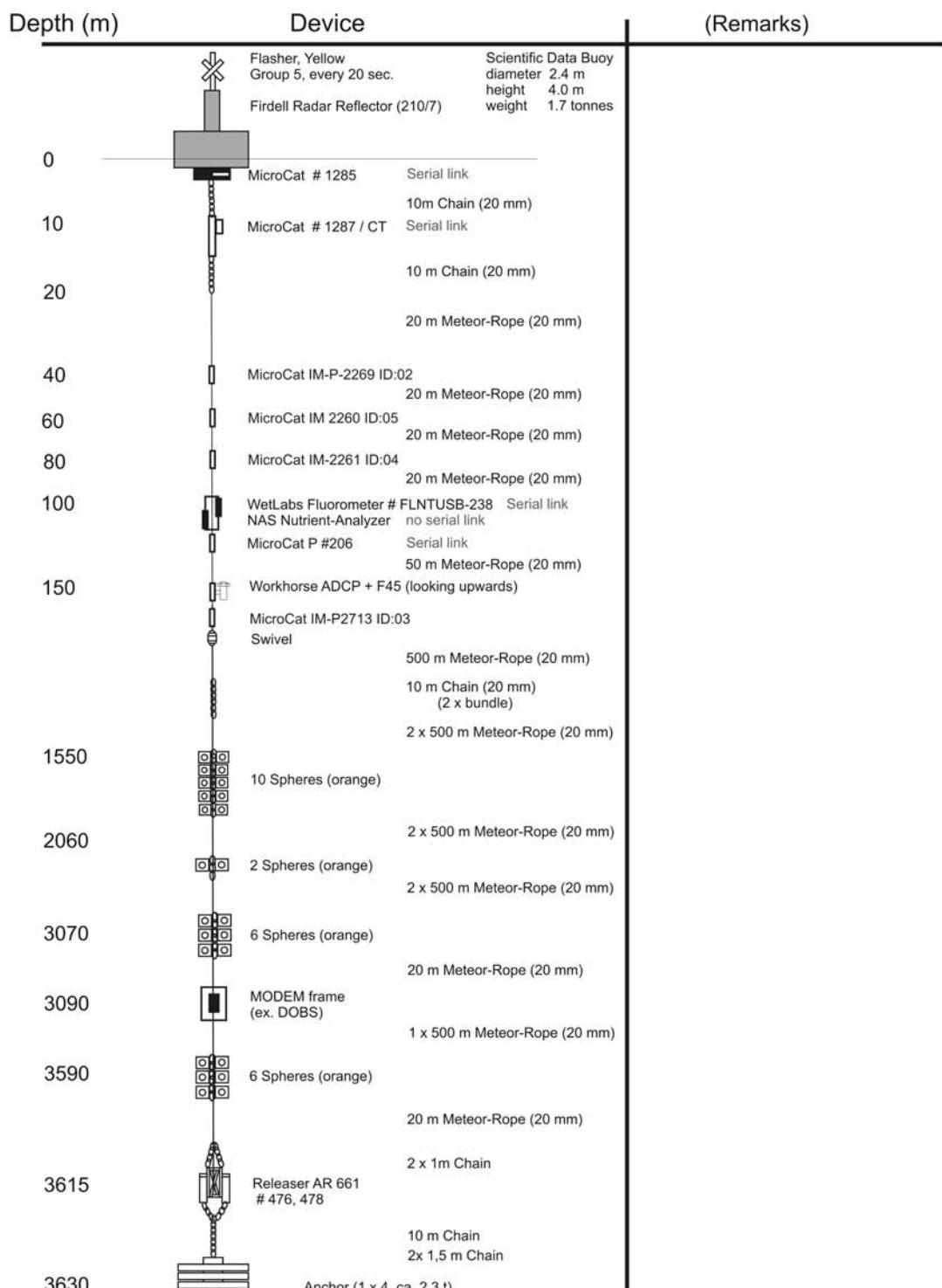
The test of the maximum range of the WLAN link shows that a very stable communication with a signal level of -74dBm was possible at a distance of 500m. Also the internal Laptop WLAN cards could be used for this distance. The maximum distance where a communication was not longer reliable was 1km with a signal level of -90dBm. A high rate of lost packets makes a telnet connection instable at this distance. The tests show that WLAN at a distance of 500m is a very useful and reliable link for communication with the buoy.

*Status of the tasks from the POS 330 cruise*

- Implementation of a more stable power switch concept  
Status: Still in progress, DOLIX is now permanently powered
- Implementation of an log concept for different units to determine the propagation of failures  
Status: Has been installed and shows very valueable results for development and tests
- Development of an robust sub-sea cable link for the fluorometer and nutrient analyser in 100m depth  
Status: Has been developed and installed, works well
- Monitoring of the power supply voltages (12V and 24V) via the DOLIX or the power switch board  
Status: two independent monitors for the 12V and 24V power supply via Orbcomm link and via Iridium Link have been implemented, they are active

*Tasks for the next cruise*

- The power switching concept has to be redesigned
- A magnetic switch should be applied to switch on the WLAN link without opening the electronics box
- The scheduler of the DOLIX need to be checked, it seems not to be reliable
- The power supply concept for the different sensors need to be redesigned



Mooring: DOLAN SBU (Surface Buoy) 2005\_2006

Cruise: POS 330

Area: Canary Islands / 25 nm west of ESTOC

Waterdepth: 3630 m

Date: 27.11.2005

Position 29°11.4'N; 015°55.8'W

Releasercodes	#476: I/R	5845
	Rel	5846
#478: I/R		5850
	Rel	5859



Figure 8: Drawing of the DOLAN-SBU mooring

## 4.2 Collection with Particle Traps

The particulate material collected will be analysed to determine total flux, particulate flux, particulate organic carbon, particulate nitrogen, biogenic opal, carbonate and stable isotopes of organic matter, and lithogenic material. The trapped material also will be investigated for species composition of the planktonic organisms (pteropods, foraminifera, coccolithophorides and diatoms). The objective of these studies is to identify signals of seasonal variations in those components, which play an important role in the sediment formation process. The result of these investigations will form a basis for the reconstruction of paleocurrent systems and paleoproduction from the sediments.

### 4.2.1 MSD- 5 (DOLAN)

The MSD-5 mooring was deployed on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at 29°12,80'N 15°50,60'W in a water depth of 3630m. On November 25<sup>th</sup> this mooring, which was equipped with a trap with two sample turntables, was recovered. The trap delivered a complete set of 40 samples covering a time interval from March 11<sup>th</sup> to November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Due to the storm at the end of the cruise this mooring could not be deployed again.

**Table 1:** Mooring data for recoveries and redeployments during R/V POSEIDON cruise 330.

Mooring	Position	Water depth (m)	Interval	Instr.	Depth (m)	Intervals (no x days)
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#### Mooring recoveries

DOLAN MSD 5	29°012.80'N 015°50.60'W	3630	11.03.2005 06.11.2005	MSD	890	41 x 6
ESTOC CI-18	29°03.90'N 015°15.15'W	3590	16.03.2005 10.01.2006	S/MT 234	699 1025 3052	20 x 15

#### Mooring deployments

ESTOC CI-19	29°04.20'N 015°15.36'W	3590	27.11.2005 25.02.2006	S/MT 234	699 1025 3052	20 x 4.5
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Instruments used:

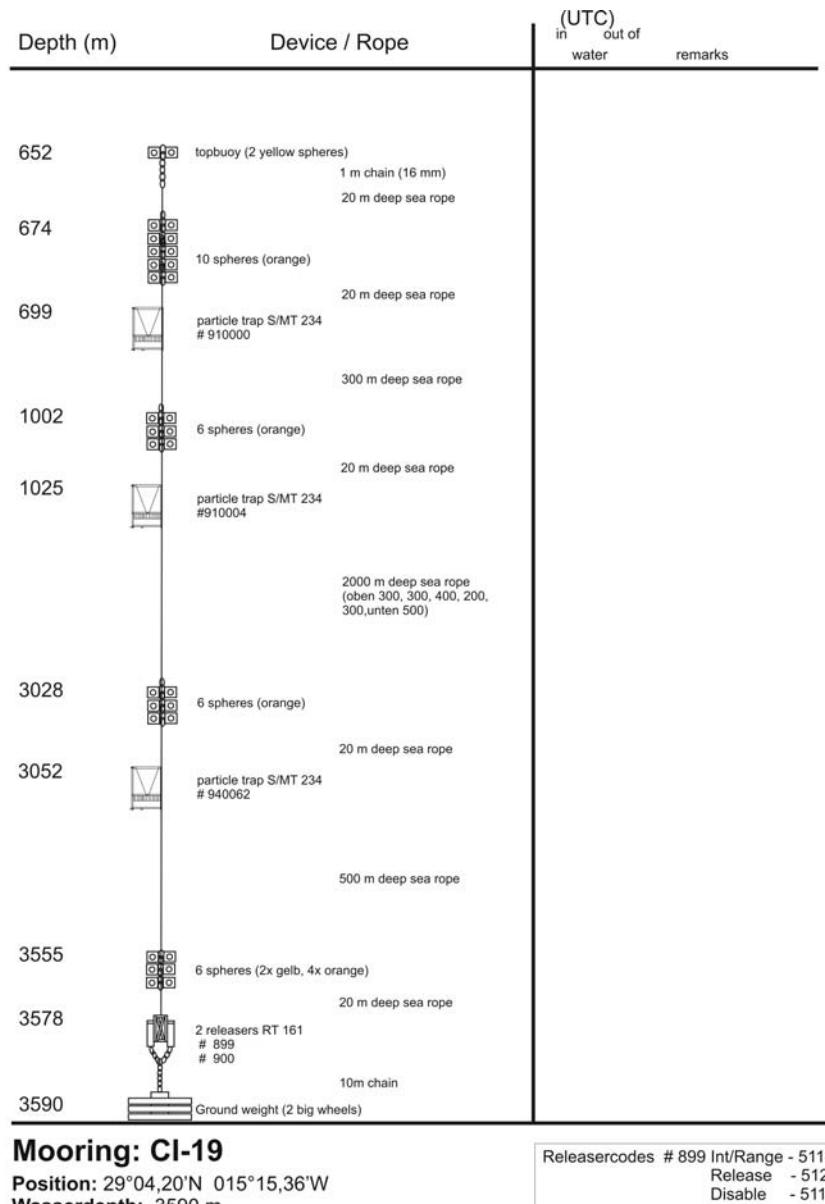
MSD  
S/MT 234

= Multi Sensor Device with particle trap KUM, Kiel  
= Particle sediment trap S/MT 234 KUM, Kiel

## 4.2.2 CI-19 (ESTOC)

The CI-18 mooring was deployed on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at 29°03,90'N and 015°15,15'W at a water depth of 3590m. It has been recovered on November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Attached to this array were three particle traps at water depths of 699m, 1025m and 3052m. All traps delivered a set of 17 samples, covering the time interval from March 16<sup>th</sup> to November 25<sup>th</sup>. The sample sets are not completed due to the fact that the recovery was originally planned for January, 2006.

The mooring was redeployed on November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2005 as CI-19, with a comparable configuration. It is planned to recover this mooring at the beginning of March, 2006 with R/V POSEIDON.



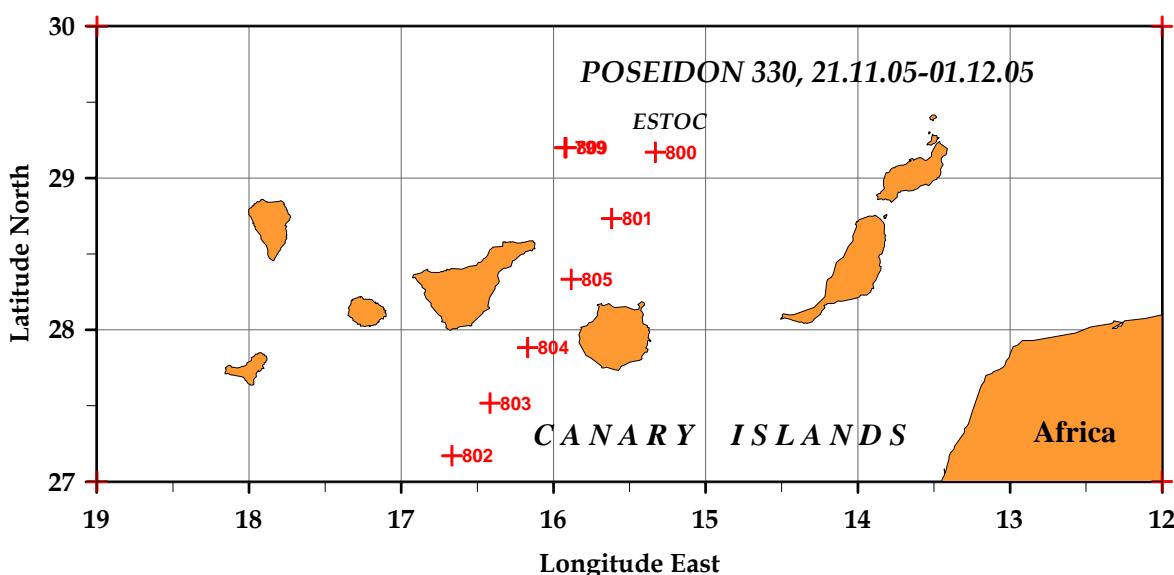
**Figure 9:** Drawing of CI-19 mooring

### 4.3 Marine Chemistry

Along POSEIDON cruise 330 the ICCM had to recover the nitrate sensor and extract the data. A new one was deployed because the one on place did not work adequately.

At the same time it was necessary to do the biogeochemical monthly samplings at the ESTOC station (European Station for Time series in the Ocean Canary Islands) and surrounded areas, that it has been continuously done since 1994. Calibration casts with CTD/Rosette were also made to accomplish the requirements of the sensors being recovered/deployed.

Further stations were made to check the intermediate waters in the passage between Tenerife and Gran Canaria Islands, with the aim to track the presence of the Antarctic Intermediate Water (AAIW). Variability of this water mass is found to the north of the archipelago due to the circulation through the passages between the different islands.



**Figure 10:** Position of the CTD stations (crosses) made along POSEIDON cruise 330.

At the beginning of the cruise the DOLAN/ANIMATE mooring had to be recovered, hence a rosette/CTD cast to 500m was made in order to have a calibration of the chemical sensors before their recovery (st. #799). Then, after the DOLAN mooring with the physical and biogeochemical sensors from the MERSEA was recovered, the ESTOC station monthly sampling took place (st. 800, sampled to the bottom). As part of the monthly sampling at ESTOC since 1994, a NOAA buoy #54678 was deployed at 29°07.34'N, 15°22.02'W.

After this, a transect between Tenerife and Gran Canaria islands were made starting from ESTOC and going diagonally south (st. 801-805 down to 2000m except station 802 that was made to the bottom), and finally a calibration was made prior to the mooring deployment (st. 809, to 500m). Other stations were planned to sample for  $\delta^{15}\text{N}$  and coccolithophorids but only station #811 could be done to a depth of 1600m, because of the tropical storm DELTA, which started the 28.11.05. The vessel had to return to the port of Las Palmas due to bad ocean conditions.

The nitrate sensor was exchanged, collecting NAS-3X #2624 and deploying completely refurbished the NAS-2E #2404, changing the battery. Data obtained from the nitrate sensor were not satisfactory because the sensor colorimeter was saturated, always giving the same saturation value.

**Table 2:** List of stations sampled along the cruise POS 330, Las Palmas-DOLAN-Cape Blanc ANIMATE-DOLAN-Las Palmas (O=oxygen, N=nutrients, S=salinity, C=chlorophyll "a", Inc= Incidences) .

Date	Sta.# cast	Water depth	Lat. N	Long. W	Cast depth	Ni sk bo t.	Depth samp	PARAMETERS													
								O	N	S	C	Inc									
21.11. 2005	799, 01	3586	29°11.34'	15°55.50'	500			Test cast for chemical pack calibration before recovery													
						1	500	✓	✓	✓											
						2	200	✓	✓			✓									
						3	150	✓	✓			✓									
						4	125	✓	✓			✓									
						5	100	✓	✓			✓									
						6	90	✓	✓			✓									
						7	80	✓	✓			✓									
						8	70	✓	✓			✓									
						9	55	✓	✓			✓									
						10	40	✓	✓			✓									
						11	25												Open		
						12	10	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓									
22.11. 2005	800, 01	3596	29°10.64'	15°19.74'	3500			Station ESTOC November 2005 Alk & pH (only this station) Alk pH													
						1	3500	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓							
						2	3000	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓							
						3	2800	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓							
						4	2500	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓							
						5	2000	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓							
						6	1800	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓							
						7	1500	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓							
						8	1300	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓							
						9	1200	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓							
						10	1100	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓							
						11	1000	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓							
						12	800	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓							
22.11. 2005	800, 02	3596	29°09.66'	15°19.78'	800			Station ESTOC November 2005 Alk & <sup>13</sup> C (this station) Alk <sup>13</sup> C													
						1	800	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓							
						2	600	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓							
						3	400	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓							
						4	300	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓							
						5	200	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓							
22.11. 2005	800, 02	3596	29°09.66'	15°19.78'	800			Station ESTOC November 2005 Alk & <sup>13</sup> C (this station) Alk <sup>13</sup> C													
						6	150	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓							
						7	125	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓							
						8	100	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓							
						9	75	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓							
						10	50	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓							
						11	25	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓							
						12	10													Close at 10m	Open

**Table 2:** continued

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Date	Sta.# cast	Water depth	Lat. N	Long. W	Cast depth	Ni sk bo t.	Depth samp	PARAMETERS				
								O	N	S	C	Inc
23.11. 2005	803, 01	3507	27°31.01'	16°24.96'	2000			3 <sup>rd</sup> station transect TF- GC Islands				
						1	2000					Open
						2	1800	✓	✓	✓		
						3	1500	✓	✓			
						4	1300	✓	✓			
						5	1200	✓	✓			
						6	1100	✓	✓			
						7	1000	✓	✓			
						8	800	✓	✓			
						9	600	✓	✓			
						10	400	✓	✓			
						11	300	✓	✓			
						12	200	✓	✓	✓		
23.11. 2005	803, 02	3502	27°31.02'	16°25.0'	200	1	200	✓	✓	✓	✓	
						2	175	✓	✓		✓	
						3	150	✓	✓		✓	
						4	125	✓	✓		✓	
						5	110	✓	✓		✓	
						6	100	✓	✓		✓	
						7	90	✓	✓		✓	
						8	75	✓	✓		✓	
						9	50	✓	✓		✓	
						10	25	✓	✓		✓	
						11	10		✓		✓	
						12	10	✓	✓	✓	✓	
24.11. 2005	804, 01	2752	27°53.01'	16°10.03'	2000			4 <sup>th</sup> Station transect TF- GC Islands				
						1	2000	✓	✓	✓		
						2	1800	✓	✓			
						3	1500	✓	✓			
						4	1300	✓	✓			
						5	1200	✓	✓			
						6	1100	✓	✓			
						7	1000	✓	✓			
						8	800	✓	✓			
						9	600	✓	✓			
						10	400	✓	✓			
						11	300	✓	✓			
						12	200	✓	✓	✓		
24.11. 2005	804, 02	2752	27°53.01'	16°10.04'	200	1	200					Open
						2	175	✓	✓	✓	✓	
						3	150	✓	✓		✓	
						4	125	✓	✓		✓	
						5	110	✓	✓		✓	
						6	100	✓	✓		✓	
						7	90	✓	✓		✓	
						8	75	✓	✓		✓	
						9	50	✓	✓		✓	
						10	25	✓	✓		✓	
						11	10		✓		✓	
						12	10	✓	✓	✓		

**Table 2:** continued

Date	Sta.# cast	Water depth	Lat. N	Long. W	Cast depth	Ni sk bo t.	Depth samp	PARAMETERS				
								O	N	S	C	Inc
24.11. 2005	805, 01	3191	28°19.88'	15°52.99'	2000			5 <sup>th</sup> station transect TF- GC Islands				
						1	2000	✓	✓	✓		
						2	1800	✓	✓			
						3	1500	✓	✓			
						4	1300	✓	✓			
						5	1200	✓	✓			
						6	1100	✓	✓			
						7	1000	✓	✓			
						8	800	✓	✓			
						9	600	✓	✓			
						10	400	✓	✓			
						11	300	✓	✓			
						12	200	✓	✓	✓		
24.11. 2005	805, 02	3226	28°19.88'	15°52.99'	200	1	200					Open
						2	175	✓	✓	✓	✓	
						3	150	✓	✓		✓	
						4	125	✓	✓		✓	
						5	110	✓	✓		✓	
						6	100	✓	✓		✓	
						7	90	✓	✓		✓	
						8	75	✓	✓		✓	
						9	50	✓	✓		✓	
						10	25	✓	✓		✓	
						11	10		✓		✓	
						12	10	✓	✓	✓	✓	
26.11. 2005	809, 01	3628	29°11.34'	15°55.50'	300			Test microCats prior to mooring deployment				
26.11. 2005	809, 02	3628	29°11.96'	15°55.01'	500			Test cast for chemical pack calibration prior to deployment, fluorometer mounted				
						1	500	✓	✓	✓		
						2	200	✓	✓		✓	
						3	150	✓	✓		✓	
						4	125	✓	✓		✓	
						5	100	✓	✓		✓	
						6	90	✓	✓		✓	
						7	80	✓	✓		✓	
						8	70					Open
						9	55	✓	✓		✓	
						10	40	✓	✓		✓	
						11	25	✓	✓		✓	
						12	10	✓	✓	✓	✓	
28.11. 2005	811, 01	3652	29°09.94'	15°19.78'	1800			Station for sampling on δ <sup>15</sup> N and Coccolithophorids δ <sup>15</sup> N Cocos				
						1	1600	✓	✓			
						2	1200	✓	✓			
						3	800	✓	✓			
						4	400	✓	✓			
						5	200	✓	✓			
						6	150	✓	✓			
						7	125	✓	✓			
						8	100	✓	✓			
						9	75	✓	✓			
						10	50	✓	✓			
						11	25	✓	✓			
						12	10	✓	✓			

Physical (CTD, salinity) and biogeochemical parameters (oxygen, nutrients, chlorophyll, alkalinity and pH were only taken at ESTOC for the CO<sub>2</sub> group from the Chemistry Dptm. of the University of Las Palmas) were measured in order to characterize the water masses present in the water column (Table 2). Certain number of the parameters (oxygen, chlorophyll filtration) were analysed on board after sampling, and others were taken frozen to the ICCM (nutrients and filters from chlorophyll, samples for alkalinity and <sup>13</sup>C).

#### **4.3.1 Water Sampling and Analysis**

Samples from each depth were collected immediately after the Niskin bottles were on board. The sampling sequence was as follows:

##### *Oxygen*

Oxygen was taken in glass bottles of about 125ml of volume which were previously cleaned and washed with HCl acid and was fixed at once; then it was kept for at least six hours according to WOCE regulations and finally it was analysed at the laboratory on board R/V POSEIDON. The samples were analysed using the method described in the WOCE Operations Manual, WHP Office Report No. 68/91; the final titration point was detected using a Metrohm 665 Dosimat Oxygen Auto-Titrator Analyser.

##### *Carbonate system measurements*

Carbon system measurements, in this case pH and alkalinity, samples were taken in glass bottles and were fixed immediately on board.

The pH<sub>t</sub> in total scale ( $\text{mol (kg-SW)}^{-1}$ ) was measured following the spectrophotometric technique of Clayton and Byrne (1993) using the m-cresol purple indicator (DOE, 1994). 0.0047 pH units were added to the pH experimental values in order to take into consideration the recommendations by Lee et al. (2000). A system similar to that described by Bellerby et al. (1995) was developed in our lab. The pH<sub>t</sub> measurements were carried out using a Hewlett Packard Diode Array spectrophotometer in a 25°C-thermostated 1-cm flow-cell using a Peltier system. A stopped-flow protocol was used to analyse seawater previously thermostated to 25°C for a blank determination at 730, 578 and 434 nm. The flow was restarted, and the indicator injection valve switched on to inject 10 µl dye through a mixing coil (2 m). Three photometric measurements were carried out for each injection in order to remove all dye effect on the seawater pH<sub>t</sub> measurement. Repeatedly, seawater measurements of the different Certified Reference Materials (CRM provided by Dr. Dickson, Scripps Institution of Oceanography) samples gave a standard deviation of ± 0.0015 (n = 54).

The total alkalinity of seawater (A<sub>T</sub>) was determined by titration with HCl to the carbonic acid end point using two similar potentiometric systems, as described in more detail by Mintrop et al. (2000). In order to yield an ionic strength similar to open ocean seawater, the HCl solution (25 l, 0.25 M) was made from concentrated analytical grade HCl (Merck®, Darmstadt, Germany) in 0.45 M NaCl. The acid was standardised by titrating weighed amounts of Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> dissolved in 0.7 M NaCl solutions. The total alkalinity of seawater was evaluated from the proton balance at the alkalinity equivalence point, pH<sub>equiv</sub> = 4.5, according

to the exact definition of total alkalinity (Dickson, 1981). The performance of the titration systems was monitored by titrating different samples of certified reference material (CRM, batch 42) with known inorganic carbon and  $A_T$  values. The agreement between our data and CRM values was within  $\pm 1.5 \text{ } \mu\text{mol kg}^{-1}$ . Total inorganic carbon ( $C_T$ ) is computed from experimental values of  $\text{pH}_t$  and total alkalinity, using the carbonic acid dissociation constants of Mehrbach after Dickson and Millero (1987). This set of constants presented the best agreement between  $C_T(\text{pH}, A_T)$  calculations and certified  $C_T$  values for CRM, batch 42, with a  $C_T$  residual of  $\pm 3 \text{ } \mu\text{mol kg}^{-1}$ ,  $n=54$  (Millero, 1995; Lee et al., 1997).

### *Nutrients*

Nutrients were taken in polypropylene bottles which were previously cleaned and washed with HCl acid and were completely dry. Samples were immediately frozen at -20°C, analysing them as soon as possible after arrival at the laboratory. Freezing the samples is a common practice; it does not or only in a non-significant way affects the nitrate+nitrite and the phosphate values (by a slight decrease) and is not noticeable in the silicate values (Kremling and Wenck, 1986; McDonald and McLunghlin, 1982).

The nutrients determination was performed with a segmented continuous-flow autoanalyser, a Skalar® San Plus System (ICCM).

### *Nitrate and Nitrite*

The automated procedure for the determination of nitrate and nitrite is based on the cadmium reduction method; the sample is passed through a column containing granulated copper-cadmium to reduce the nitrate to nitrite (Wood et al., 1967), using ammonium chloride as pH controller and complexer of the cadmium cations formed (Strickland and Parsons, 1972). The optimal column preparation conditions are described by several authors (Nydahl, 1976; Garside, 1993).

### *Phosphate*

Orthophosphate concentration is understood as the concentration of reactive phosphate (Riley and Skirpov, 1975) and according to Koroleff (1983a) is a synonym of “dissolved inorganic phosphate”. The automated procedure for the determination of phosphate is based on the following reaction: ammonium molybdate and potassium antimony tartrate react in an acidic medium with diluted solution of phosphate to form an antimony-phospho-molybdate complex. This complex is reduced to an intensely blue-coloured complex, ascorbic acid. The complex is measured at 880 nm. The basic methodology for this anion determination is given by Murphy and Riley (1962); the used methodology is the one adapted by Strickland and Parsons (1972).

### *Silicate*

The determination of the soluble silicon compounds in natural waters is based on the formation of the yellow coloured silicomolybdic acid; the sample is acidified and mixed with an ammonium molybdate solution forming molybdsilicic acid. This acid is reduced with

ascorbic acid to a blue dye, which is measured at 810 nm. Oxalic acid is added to avoid phosphate interference. The used method is described in Koroleff (1983b).

#### *Phytoplankton pigments*

Pigments were measured using fluorimetric analysis, following the methodology described by Welschmeyer (1994). The determination was achieved using a fluorometer TURNER 10-AU-000.

#### *Salinity*

Salinity samples were taken in dark glass bottles which were previously cleaned and washed with HCl acid. Then, they were kept in boxes to protect them from light till analysis on land. Samples were measured with a salinometer, model Autosal 8400a, whose measurement range was between 0.005 - 42 (psu), with an accuracy of  $\pm 0.003$ , according to the manufacturer. It was calibrated following the manufacturer's information and standarizing it with IAPSO Standard Seawater. Salinity values were calculated as practical salinity according to Unesco (1978, 1984).

#### *Chlorophyll*

Chlorophyll samples of one litre of water were taken. The chlorophyll samples were filtered immediately and the filters were frozen subsequently at -20°C. Their analyses take place at the ICCM laboratory on land.

All samples were taken using the procedures established in the WOCE Operations Manual, WHP Office Report WHPO 91-1/WOCE Report No.68/91.

### **4.3.2 Preliminary Results**

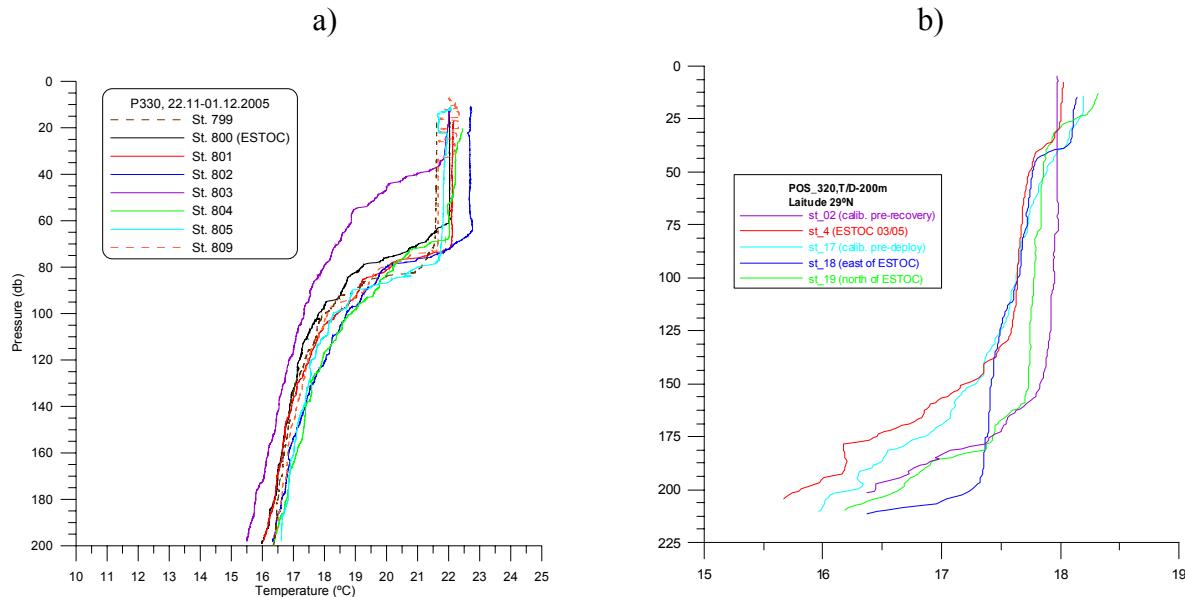
This cruise took place during autumn, which corresponds in surface waters and for this northeast Atlantic subtropical marine area to the time of the year when the seasonal thermocline - that was formed last summer - begins to break though still is found for all the CTD's; meanwhile, the mixed layer starts its development being found at a depth range of about 60-80m (Figure 11a). An exception was station 803 which had a very shallow layer of 35m depth, maybe due to the surface dynamicity of this location.

Some stations as DOLAN (st. 799 and 809 for P330, st. 2 and 17 for P320) and ESTOC (st. 800 and st. 4 respectively) were also sampled for comparison purposes, the corresponding results from P320 cruise sampling (Spring 2005) is also included as Figure 11b, showing that the mixed layer reaches about 200m of depth.

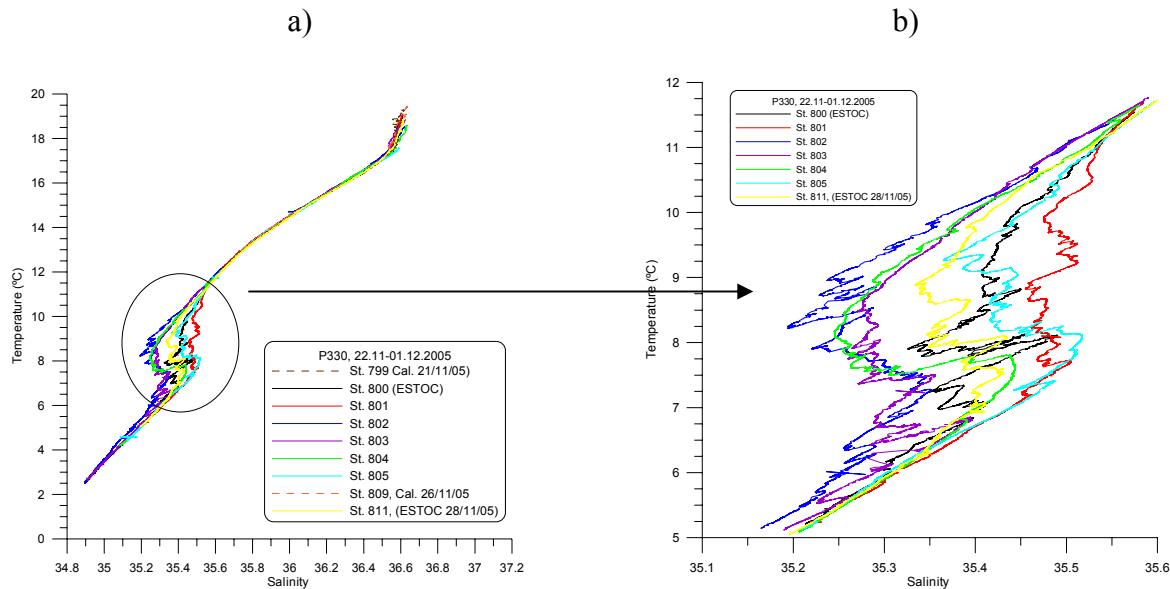
Below the surface layer, the temperature/salinity plots from the CTD's made during POS 330 denote the presence of the North Atlantic Central Water (NACW), which is always found as a straight transect, showing ranges for this area of 12-17.5°C and 35.6-36.6 for temperature and salinity respectively (Figure 12).

At intermediate depths both the Antarctic Intermediate Water (AAIW) and the Mediterranean Water (MW) masses are found at different stages to the north of the Canary

Islands (Figure 3a). Ranges of temperature and salinity at depths of 800-1200 m in the Canary Islands environment are 5-12°C and 35.2-35.5 respectively. The limit of the presence of MW in this area is a salinity value of 35.5, and all the values recorded during this cruise are just below this detection limit (Llinás et al., 2003).



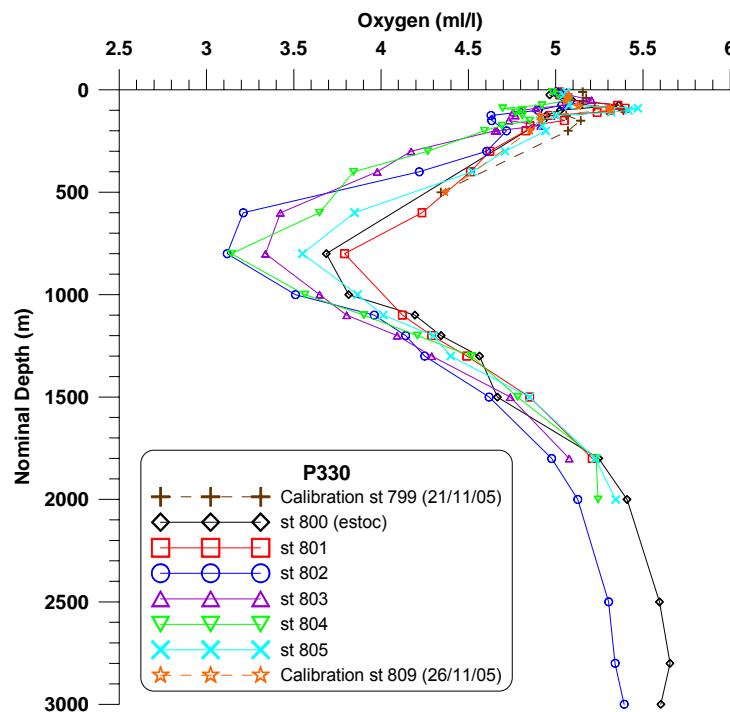
**Figure 11:** Potential temperature (°C, abcise) versus depth (m, ordinate) for the upper surface layer, around 200m deep. **(a)** DOLAN, ESTOC and transect between Tenerife and Gran Canaria Islands during cruise P330. **(b)** DOLAN and ESTOC during cruise POS 320.



**Figure 12:** **a)** T/S plots from the stations made during POS 330, including DOLAN (only to 500m), ESTOC and the transect made between Gran Canaria and Tenerife.  
**b)** detail of the intermediate water masses mixing.

The passages between the islands are always controversial, due to the complex mixing - both vertical and horizontally - produced by the bulk process induced by the channelling of the water masses (Figure 12b). During POS 330 and for the core temperature range of the intermediate water masses (7-11°C), the stations located south of the islands (802, 803) are mainly composed of only AAIW (35.2-35.3 salinity), whereas the others stations sampled to the north or between the islands (800-801, 804-805) show mixing of both AAIW and MW, having a decreasing gradient of MW from north to south (35.5 to 35.35 of salinity variation).

The oxygen measured during POS 330 down to 3000m (Figure 13) show approximately the same trend, having the southern stations the lower values. The presence of AAIW is also pointed out by the relative minima, which is lower at the south though it is found at the same depth (800 m, 3.12 ml/l). Station 803 is a exception because it has a range between a southern and a northern station, with an oxygen minimum of 3.34 ml/l.

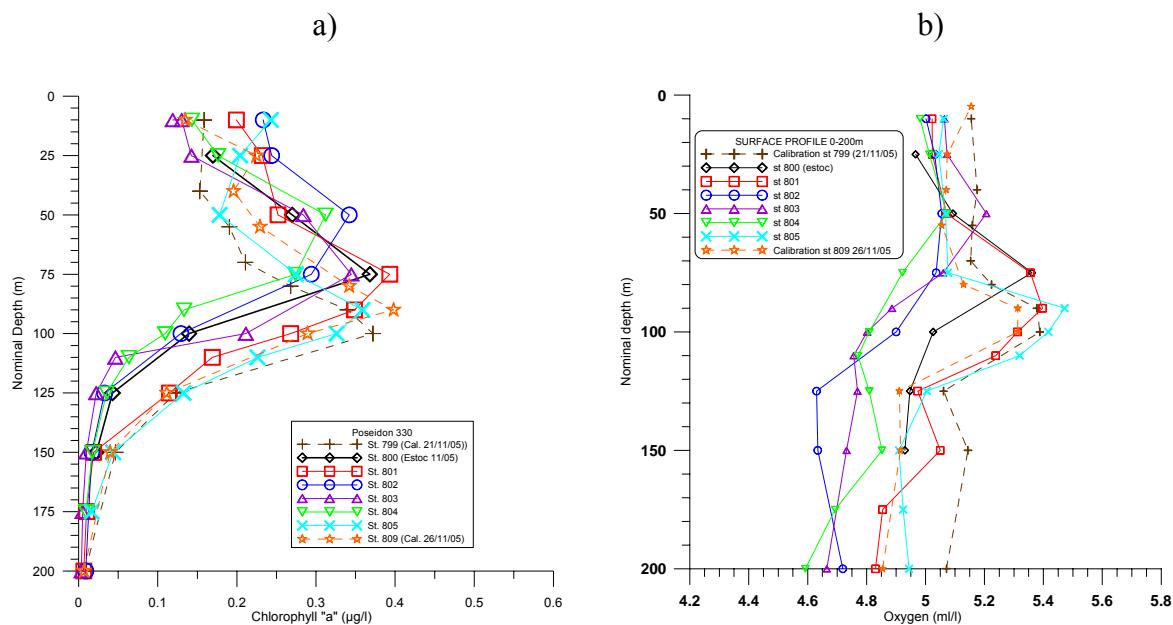


**Figure 13:** Oxygen (3000m depth) for the stations measured during POS 330, ESTOC 11/05 is depicted in black. Calibration stations by DOLAN (st. 799 and 809) were only made to 500m due to sensors depth restrictions.

A closer look to the T/S diagram shows some mixing of water at 7°C of temperature and 35.35 of salinity for pressures of 1300-1400 db, which could be the cause of greater oxygen values. The oxygen minima relative values in the north are of the order of 3.55 ml/l which are related to the MW presence for this season. The minima in the northern part ranges from 3.55 ml/l (st. 805) to 3.79 ml/l (st. 801), showing st. 800 (ESTOC) a value of 3.69 ml/l.

The chlorophyll „a“ and oxygen for the surface layer down to 200m are plotted in figure 14a and 14b respectively. The relative maximum of oxygen ranged from 5.47 ml/l (st. 805, between GC and TF to the north) to 5.05 ml/l in the southern most station (802), coinciding the depths mostly with those of chlorophyll „a“.

Values for chlorophyll ranged between 0 and 0.4 µg/l along POS 330 for all the stations, showing the southern stations (802 - 804) slightly lower relative maxima values (less than 0.35 µg/l). The maximum were located between 50 and 75 db in the south and 75 - 90 db in the north. The variability found for the maxima at each station is related to the mixed layer formation effects already mentioned. Opposite to the spring cruise, during the autumn there are very low amounts of chlorophyll „a“ available in oligotrophic waters and a lot of mixing. Hence, the mixed layer starts to develop and the thermocline disappears as consequence of the water column getting homogeneous.



**Figure 14:** Chlorophyll „a“ ( $\mu\text{g/l}$ ) to the left (a) and oxygen to the right (b) down to 200 m along POS 330; colours correspond between the graphs.

### 4.3.3 Stable Nitrogen and Carbon Isotopes of Marine Particles

#### 4.3.3.1 Introduction

The origin of organic matter may be characterized by its chemical composition. Especially the stable nitrogen isotopes allow valuable insights into the production and degradation history of organic particles. Low values of the stable nitrogen isotope ratio  $\delta^{15}\text{N}$  and high concentration of organic nitrogen and carbon are expected of material generated in an upwelling system. Higher  $\delta^{15}\text{N}$  values, on the other hand, are typical of organic matter produced in oligotrophic systems. In addition, degradation of organic matter causes an enrichment of  $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ . In this study, the stable nitrogen isotope ratio as well as the carbon isotope ratio of particulate (mainly suspended) material will be determined and compared to the organic chemistry of fast sinking material sampled by particle traps. To get a better compendium of the isotopic composition of the different water masses influencing the particle trap sample isotope compositions, sea surface samples were also taken for nitrogen and carbon isotope measurements.

#### 4.3.3.2 Methods

##### *Vertical profiles (Rosette)*

Water from selected depths, reaching from 10m water depth to near the sea floor, was sampled on certain rosette stations for analysis of  $\delta^{15}\text{N}$  and  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  of particulate material. For stations see table 2.

For the rosette samples 5l of seawater from each depth and site were filtrated onto precombusted GGF-filters. The filters were dried at 60°C to inhibit chemical and biological reactions, which could have an influence on the isotope ratios.  $\delta^{15}\text{N}$  and  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  will be measured using a Finnigan mass spectrometer. For the analysis the filters will be divided into halves, for one decalcified and one non decalcified series of measurements.

#### 4.3.3.3 First Results

##### *Vertical profiles (Rosette)*

Assuming that the colour of the filters is an indicator of the particle concentration, first results can be seen based solely on the optical impression of the filters. As observable in the volumes at some stations it was impossible to filtrate 5l of seawater at each depth, due to the fact that the filters get plugged after a few litres. The particle concentration was highest in depths between 50m and 200m at each station.

Additional information will be expected by comparison of salinity and temperature data from the sea surface, and from each depth of CTD measurements (Tab. 2).

## 6. List of Stations

Station Number	Date (2005)	Time UTC	Description	LATITUDE			LONGITUDE			WD [ m ] +4,3m	Remarks
798	21.11.	18:19	DOLAN buoy aside	29° 10,65'	N	015° 55,07'	W	3628,0	Recovery SBU		
		18:44	SAMI Analyser	29° 10,67'	N	015° 54,93'	W	3628,0			
		18:50	Transducer	29° 10,66'	N	015° 54,89'	W	3628,0			
		18:58	1. MicroCat	29° 10,70'	N	015° 54,83'	W	3628,0			
		19:01	2. MicroCat	29° 10,70'	N	015° 54,82'	W	3628,0			
		19:04	3. MicroCat	29° 10,70'	N	015° 54,81'	W	3627,0			
		19:11	NAS Nutrient Sensor	29° 10,68'	N	015° 54,75'	W	3628,0			
799	21.11.	19:24	DOLAN buoy	29° 10,69'	N	015° 54,73'	W	3627,0	Post-calibration cast		
		20:22	CTD/Rosette	29° 11,29'	N	015° 54,69'	W	3629,0			
800	22.11.	08:12	CTD/Rosette	29° 10,17'	N	015° 19,67'	W	3597,0	ESTOC monitoring deep cast		
800-2	22.11.	11:18	CTD/Rosette	29° 09,64'	N	015° 19,78'	W	3597,0	ESTOC monitoring		
800-3	22.11.	12:28	NOAA-Drifter	29° 07,34'	N	015° 15,22'	W	3598,0			
801	22.11.	15:31	CTD/Rosette	28° 44,05'	N	015° 36,98'	W	3587,0			
801-2	22.11.	17:21	CTD/Rosette	28° 44,05'	N	015° 36,92'	W	3585,0			
802	23.11.	08:03	CTD/Rosette	27° 10,01'	N	016° 40,00'	W	3576,0			
802-2	23.11.	10:49	CTD/Rosette	27° 10,03'	N	016° 40,00'	W	3575,0			
803	23.11.	14:35	CTD/Rosette	27° 31,04'	N	016° 24,99'	W	3502,0			
803-2	23.11.	17:17	CTD/Rosette	27° 31,00'	N	016° 24,98'	W	3503,0			
804	24.11.	08:01	CTD/Rosette	27° 52,98'	N	016° 10,01'	W	2722,0			
804-2	24.11.	09:48	CTD/Rosette	27° 53,00'	N	016° 10,02'	W	2716,0			
805	24.11.	13:45	CTD/Rosette	28° 19,99'	N	015° 53,01'	W	3226,0			
805-2	24.11.	15:44	CTD/Rosette	28° 20,01'	N	015° 52,99'	W	3228,0			
806	25.11.	08:27	top buoy recognized	29° 03,53'	N	015° 15,50'	W	3588,0	Recovery CI-18		
		08:55	top buoy	29° 04,25'	N	015° 14,95'	W	5391,0			
		09:14	2. particle trap	29° 04,13'	N	015° 14,99'	W	3589,0			
		10:29	3. particle trap	29° 03,24'	N	015° 15,26'	W	3590,0			
		10:50	Releaser	29° 02,99'	N	015° 15,36'	W	3588,0			
807	25.11.	15:36	top buoy recognized	29° 12,86'	N	015° 50,53'	W	3626,0	Recovery MSD-5		
		15:56	top buoy	29° 12,86'	N	015° 50,99'	W	3626,0			
		16:00	particle trap	29° 12,83'	N	015° 50,99'	W	3626,0			
		17:24	releasers	29° 11,87'	N	015° 51,14'	W	3626,0			
808	26.11.	10:09	top buoy	29° 02,06'	N	015° 15,57'	W	3590,0	Deployment CI-19		
		10:13	1. particle trap	29° 02,11'	N	015° 15,57'	W	3593,0			
		10:32	2. particle trap	29° 02,36'	N	015° 15,48'	W	3591,0			
		10:56	3. particle trap	29° 04,20'	N	015° 15,10'	W	3590,0			
		12:24	releasers	29° 04,70'	N	015° 14,98'	W	3590,0			
		12:34	mooring weight	29° 04,78'	N	015° 14,96'	W	3590,0			
809	26.11.	17:17	CTD/Rosette	29° 11,83'	N	015° 55,25'	W	3628,0	Pre-Calibration Microcats		
809-2	26.11.	18:41	CTD/Rosette	29° 11,97'	N	015° 55,04'	W	3628,0	Pre-Calibration Fluorometer		
810	27.11.	13:50	Swivel+Microcat	29° 10,49'	N	015° 55,36'	W	3628,0	Deployment DOLAN buoy		
		13:54	MicroCat	29° 10,44'	N	015° 55,34'	W	3628,0			
		13:54	NAS Nutrient Sensor	29° 10,44'	N	015° 55,34'	W	3628,0			
		14:02	1. MicroCat	29° 10,36'	N	015° 55,32'	W	3628,0			
		14:09	2. MicroCat	29° 10,30'	N	015° 55,29'	W	3627,0			
		14:15	3. MicroCat	29° 10,23'	N	015° 55,22'	W	3628,0			
		15:05	MicroCat	29° 10,29'	N	015° 55,17'	W	3627,0			
811	28.11.	15:16	DOLAN buoy	29° 10,26'	N	015° 55,15'	W	3627,0			
		08:08	CTD/Rosette	29° 00,44'	N	015° 19,78'	W	3597,0			
		11:09	finish of scientific work due to cyclonic storm "Delta"								

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