

Beaufort Gyre Exploration Project: Dispatch 25: Hands on Deck

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By reading these journals, I hope that you have developed an appreciation for how science is done out here. The sense of scale is hard to imagine (things weigh 2500 pounds, holes are made with 10" augers, our arms are replaced with cranes and winches and engines. And all of this is done outside where wind is taken into account). Decks are slippery, ice is moving, polar bears may be interested and all the while big heavy things, from helicopters

Who runs all this equipment? The *LSSL* Deck Crew. The term Boatswain (abbreviated "Bosun") is an old mariner term used to describe the person in charge of the deck every day.

They run the cranes and winches that bring in the moorings, Rosette, and Bongo nets. They get us into the helicopter to get out onto the ice, and



Rico Amamio is the Boatswain in charge of the deck crew.

Bosun Rico and Will Ostrom guide a sediment trap on a mooring aboard. Dan Staples runs the winch for the



Derrick Stone runs the Rosette winch while Will Burt waits for it to surface.

John Bray operates the crane on the fore deck. The crane is used to put a variety of large instruments, such as Bongo net mooring parts, in the water.

Gary Morgan and Rick Krishfield connect the wire to the buoy in the final stages of ITP deployment. Gary's experienced hands are a huge help out on the ice.

Dave McGrath watches out for polar bears at Ice Camp Moonscape.



Quartermaster Barry Hill drives the ship, under the command of the Captain.

Quartermaster Steve Archibald practices in a storeroom so as to not bother any sleepers. He bringing the set up this weekend for a jam session with the Captain and Chief Engineer.

Thank you LSSL Deck Crew!

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