

## Beaufort Gyre Exploration Project: Dispatch 4: Captains and Chiefs

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The LSSL underway. Below is the port life boat. To the left is one of several cranes on board used to move and deploy equipment.

We have spent the past two days unpacking, locating equipment, organizing, planning, testing-- all in preparation for the science activities that v early tomorrow morning. For all of this to work, for rosette casts to be drawn up from 4000 meters deep, for moorings to be deployed into, *and re from*, 3500 meters deep, for ice-tethered profilers to be set into ice, for nets to be dragged, the scientists rely on the ship, its officers and crew.

Captain Andrew McNeill is in command of the *Louis*. He has been going to sea for over 20 years. When not at sea, his home is Paradise, Newfo Captain McNeil is responsible for everything that concerns the ship. Reporting to the captain are the three "departments" on the ship.

Captain McNeill confers with Chief Scientists Sarah Zimmerman and Michiyo Kawai.

Bill Brockman is the ship's logistics officer, in charge of everything the ship including the fabulous food!

Sarah Zimmerman and Michiyo Kawai are our co-chief scientists. They coordinate all science activities on board. They discuss with Captain McI ship's track and when we will reach our first station.

Bill Brocklebank is the Logistics Officer, in charge of everything inside the ship, including the galley that produces our amazing meals. He comes Charlottesville, Prince Edwards Island and has been to sea for 23 years.

Stan Nunn, pictured yesterday commanding the port life boat, is the Chief mate. His responsibilities include all things that happen on the deck. V rosette, net and mooring teams were practicing today, he was on deck making sure everything was running smoothly and safely.

The Chief Engineer is Don Stortts. He oversees, among other things, water and garbage, two topics of great interest. To answer everyone's first

No, the ship does not dump any garbage at sea. I will have the opportunity to tour the engine room during this trip and will send a detailed report

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