

## Beaufort Gyre Exploration Project: Dispatch 8: Mooring D Deployment

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The big science activity of the day was the deployment of a new mooring to replace the one recovered yesterday. The total operation took roughly 8 hours, though the actual deployment took only half that – the rest of the time was spent prepping gear and finding just the right spot to deploy the mooring, while still having favourable ice conditions at the surface.

The mooring deployment and recovery operations are performed on the bow of the ship, which is a very exposed location to be working. The air temperature was a balmy 0.5 C, but with the slight wind and the persistent fog, the cold can really creep into the bones. I'm sure all those involved were happy to come in for some hot food and a shower at the end. Hurrah for a successful deployment

In other news:

Day 4 of the BG Newbie Games!

Today's challenge, on top of the daily scavenger hunt, was a talent show. King and Queen Neptune were the presiding judges who declared scientist Deo Onda the winner for his priceless rendition of the "Banana Song" from Despicable Me. He had some tough competition though, with a ventriloquist Warrick Flynn and dummy David Dalley, and a mysterious band and a band of mummies charming the crowd.

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