Beaufort Gyre Exploration Project: Dispatch 16: Routines

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Though some work the night watch so they end their day with breakfast, and the constant light challenges the brain to differentiate day and night --- still the ship has routines. Some routines are daily and some are weekly. Meals are taken in two mess halls.

The crew eats here, 3 meals a day plus endless snacks--we are never hungry.

Sunday dinner at the Captain's table is a LSSL tradition.

The science meeting happens most days at 11AM in the Board Room.

The Captain's Sunday Dinner is a 5-course tradition held in the Senior Officer's Dining Room. Several scientists are invited each week to attend. Hugh Maclean, David Meldrum and I enjoyed a really yummy meal-- the home-made mint patties made out of potato were killer.

Chef Randy and his team prepare a serious spread for Friday night in the Forward Lounge. Meanwhile, work goes on. Equipment is prepared, a tested.

Joe Gurney (left) and Chief Cook Randy Turner lay out a serious spread Friday night in the Forward Lounge.

I am helping Will Ostrom and Jim Dunn (not pictured) rechain the glass balls for the next mooring deployment.

Samples are collected, and run.

Engineer Derek Keough tests the fire hose on the heli deck.

Mike Dempsey contemplates the ice while on CTD watch. The Watch is outside at all times while the Rosette is in the water to be sure that no ice interferes with the equipment. This can be cold and lonely work.

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