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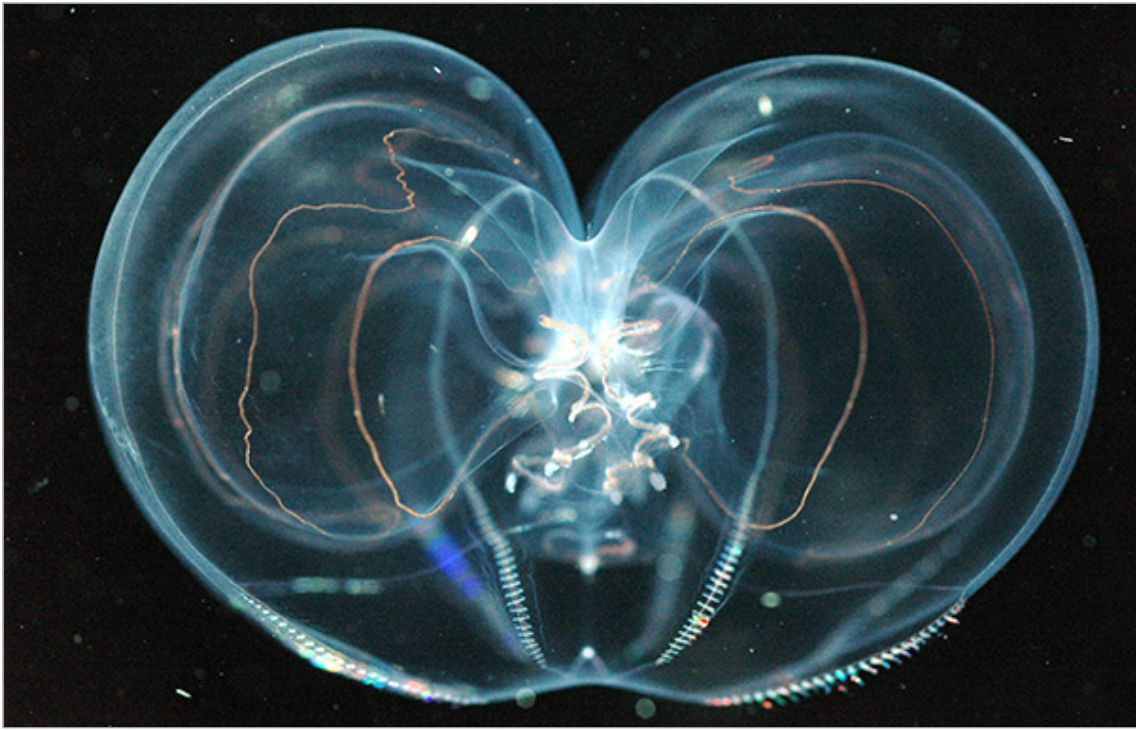
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Deep-living, transparent, and heart-shaped, this ctenophore (or comb-jelly) is called *Thalassocalyce*, which means "sea chalice." Like all ctenophores, it is predatory, catching prey with sticky secretions. (Photo by Larry Madin, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution)

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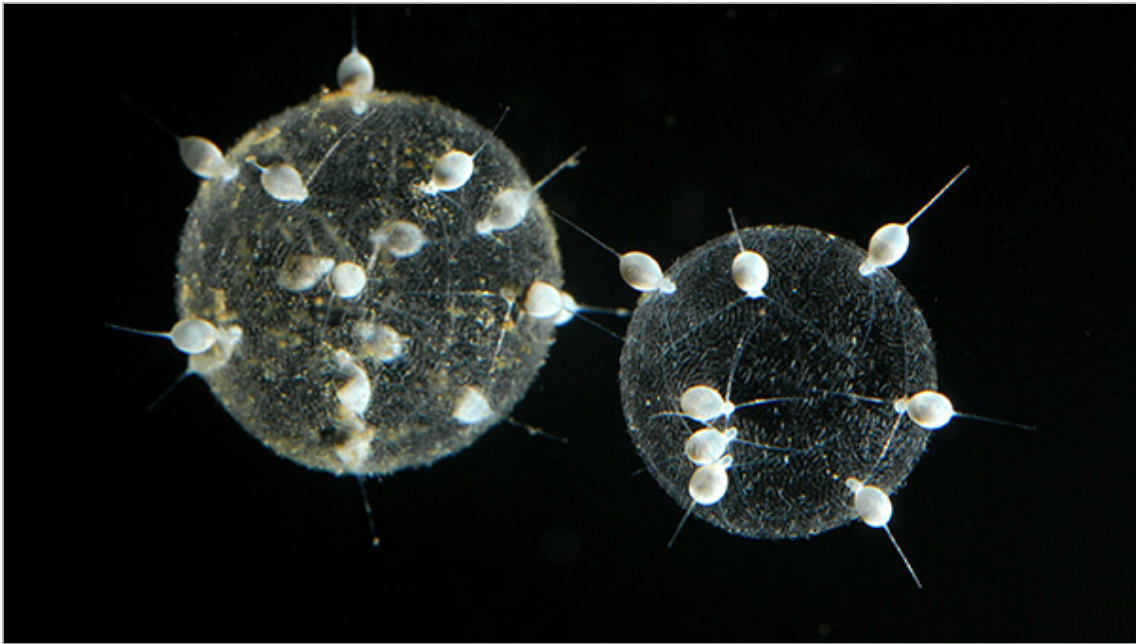
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EVENTS, EXPEDITIONS & END NOTES

Events Calendar

View the schedule for seminars, forums, lectures and more.

Peanut Butter Club

Friday, February 9, 12:00 p.m.

Presenting the PBS video "Building Chernobyl's MegaTomb" on Friday, February 9, at noon, in Redfield Auditorium, 45 Water St., Woods Hole. Engineers race to build a massive dome to contain the crumbling remains of the reactor. Sponsored by the Information Office. Coffee, tea, and cookies served. Donations accepted.

February Ocean Science Café

On the last Wednesday of the month through March, come and chat with WHOI scientists at local restaurants about interesting topics in ocean science. Join us **Wednesday, February 28, at 6:30 p.m.** at [Falmouth Cinema Pub](#) for [Cuba's Hidden Treasures: An underwater adventure to Gardens of the Queen coral reefs](#), featuring biologist Amy Apprill. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. so you can socialize and have a drink or something to eat with friends, neighbors, and other people who are curious about the ocean. Space is limited. [RSVP now](#) to reserve your seat. Questions? Contact jtromp@whoi.edu or call 508-289-2252.

February Summer Student Fellowship; Semester at WHOI Application Deadlines

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