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Large orange floats line the edge of the WHOI dock before being loaded onto the R/V Neil Armstrong. The ship departed recently for the Pioneer Array, an ocean observatory about 100 miles south of the New England coast. These floats, known as “subsurface flotation spheres,” are a component of a profiler mooring. A sphere is attached to the mooring’s underwater cable to give it the buoyancy it needs to stay as vertical as possible. That in turn allows a sensor-laden device called a wire-following profiler to travel up and down the mooring cable, measuring temperature, salinity, oxygen, and other seawater characteristics. (Photo by Ken Kostel, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution)

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