ROV Dive Summary EX2301, Dive 03, April 19, 2023

General Location Map



Dive Information

Site Name	Deep Mendocino Flats (Shakedown)
General Area Descriptor	Relatively flat bottom, likely sedimented area around 4000m
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Sample Data Manager	Caitlin Ruby, Ashley Marranzino
Mapping Lead	N/A
Dive Purpose	ROV Engineering Shakedown
Maritime Heritage Restrictions	No
ROV Dive Summary Data	Dive Summary: EX2301_DIVEO3 ^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^
	Max Vehicle Depth: 3955.8 m Min Seafloor Depth: 3945.4 m Distance Travelled: 170.9 m
Dive Description	Soft sediment bottom with a few types of echinoderms (sea pig: Elasipodida, sea cucumber: Psychropotes sp., swimming Peniagone sp., unidentified white sea cucumber, urchins from the family Pourtalesiidae: Echinocrepis sp, Cystocrepis sp., and Brisingid seastars), a few small sponges (likely a stalked Euplectellidae, possibly Hyalonema), Xenophyophores, benthic ctenophores (Lyrocteis sp.), and a Bathyalcyon robustum coral with two polyps. There were a few fish from the family Macrouridae. One biological collection of a zoanthid growing on a dead sponge stalk was completed as well as five niskins a few meters off the seafloor.
Notable Observations	Several cystocrepis



Community and Habitat	Corals and Sponges — Present
Observations	Chemosynthetic Community — Absent
	High biodiversity Community — Absent
	Active Seep or Vent — Absent
	Extinct Seep or Vent — Absent
	Hydrates — Absent
CMECS Feature Type(s)	Flat bottom composed of silty, unconsolidated sediment
SeaTube Link (science annotations)	https://data.oceannetworks.ca/SeaTubeV3?resourceTypeId=600&resourceId=2773

Equipment Deployed

ROV	Deep Discoverer
Camera Platform	Seirios
ROV Measurements	The following ROV measurements, data streams and equipment are used on each ROV deployment: CTD, depth, scanning sonar, USBL position, altitude, heading, attitude, high-resolution cameras, low resolution cameras, manipulator arms, suction sampler, sample drawers and thrusters. The following row notes if any of these sensors were malfunctioning or not operational
Equipment Malfunctions	



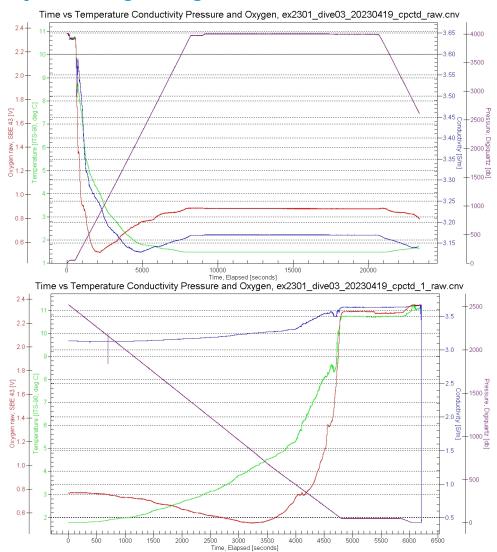
Close-Up Map of Main Dive Site



Main dive site for ROV shakedown on 50m bathymetry, depth in meters. 2X vertical exaggeration



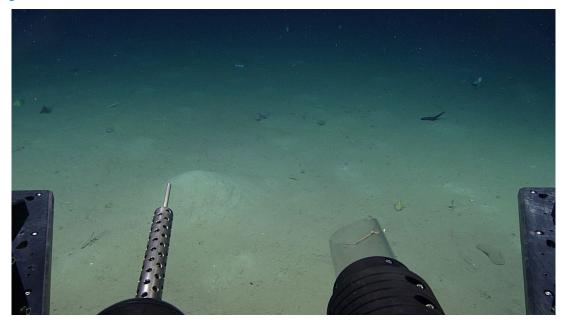
Sound Speed Manager Image of ROV CTD Profile



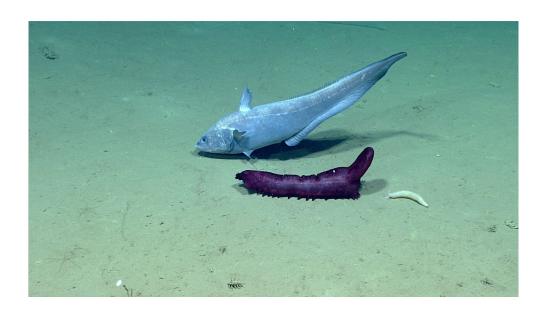
ROV CTD profiles for Dive 03. Multiple plots due to file split.



Representative Photos of the Dive



Dive site included a heavily sedimented bottom with scattered pyramid urchins, sea cucumbers, Xenophyophores, and Macrouridae fish. There were mounds in the sediment, likely biological.



Sablefish and sea cucumber. Sablefish were common at this dive site.





Close up of pyramid urchins (Echinocrepis). Several pyramid urchins in different colors were found at this site.



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Close up of benthic ctenophore.

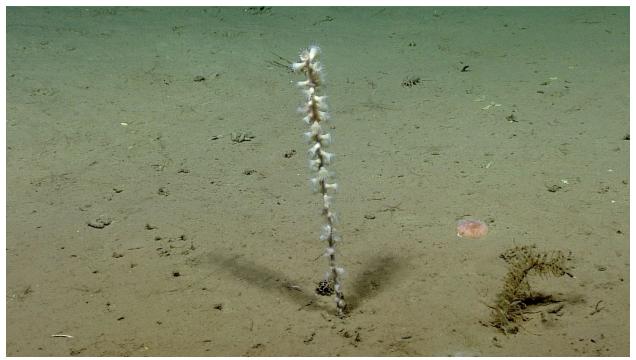


[Caption]

Samples Collected

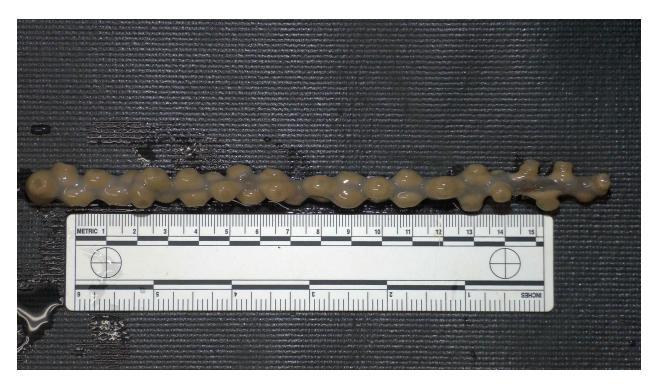


Zoanthidea in situ. Close-up of polyps.



Zoanthidea in situ prior to collection.





Zoanthidea after recovery with scale bar in lab photograph.

Sample ID	EX2301_D03_01B
Date (UTC)	04-19-2023
Time (UTC)	19:58:56
Depth (m)	3952.426
Latitude (decimal degrees)	40.133655
Longitude (decimal degrees)	-126.126149
Temp. (°C)	1.515
Field ID(s)	Zoanthidea
Comments	Cream colored polyps growing on sponge stalk. Total sample approximately 17cms long. Each polyp approximately 1cm in length.

Associates Sample ID	Field Identification	Count
n/a		



Niskin Sampling Summary

Sample ID	EX2301_D03_02W
Date (UTC)	20230419
Time (UTC)	205906
Depth (m)	3948.44
Latitude (decimal degrees)	40.1331443786621
Longitude (decimal degrees)	-126.125747680664
Bottle Number	1
Temperature (°C)	1.49300003051758
Dissolved Oxygen (ml/L)	3.77600002288818
Treatment	1.75 L collected, 1 L filtered through 0.22µm filter. Filter stored in freezer.

Sample ID	EX2301_D03_03W
Date (UTC)	20230419
Time (UTC)	210005
Depth (m)	3948.79
Latitude (decimal degrees)	40.1331748962402
Longitude (decimal degrees)	-126.125686645508
Bottle Number	2
Temperature (°C)	1.4919998378754
Dissolved Oxygen (ml/L)	3.61100006103516
Treatment	1.75 L collected, 1 L filtered through 0.22μm filter. Filter stored in freezer.

Sample ID	EX2301_D03_04W
Date (UTC)	20230419
Time (UTC)	210103
Depth (m)	3947.98



Latitude (decimal degrees)	40.1331825256348
Longitude (decimal degrees)	-126.125671386719
Bottle Number	3
Temperature (°C)	1.49300003051758
Dissolved Oxygen (ml/L)	3.68099999427795
Treatment	1.75 L collected, 1 L filtered through 0.22μm filter. Filter stored in freezer.

Sample ID	EX2301_D03_05W
Date (UTC)	20230419
Time (UTC)	210203
Depth (m)	3947.63
Latitude (decimal degrees)	40.1331939697266
Longitude (decimal degrees)	-126.12548828125
Bottle Number	4
Temperature (°C)	1.4900000953674
Dissolved Oxygen (ml/L)	3.63599991798401
Treatment	1.75 L collected, 1 L filtered through 0.22µm filter. Filter stored in freezer.

Sample ID	EX2301 D03 06W
Sample 1D	EX2301_D03_00W
Date (UTC)	20230419
Time (UTC)	210303
Depth (m)	3947.47
Latitude (decimal degrees)	40.1331939697266
Longitude (decimal degrees)	-126.125541687012
Bottle Number	5
Temperature (°C)	1.48599994182587
Dissolved Oxygen (ml/L)	3.6800000667572
Treatment	1.75 L collected, 1 L filtered through 0.22μm filter. Filter
	stored in freezer.



Sample ID	EX2301_D03_BLW	
Date (UTC)	20230419	
Treatment	500 mL distilled water filtered through 0.22µm filter. Filter stored in freezer.	

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