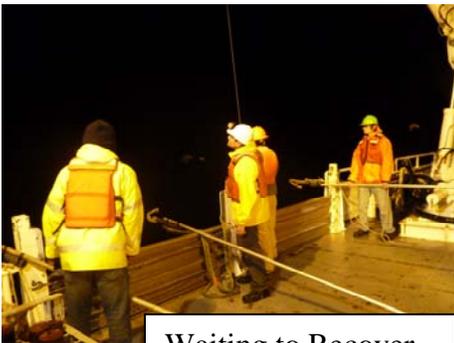


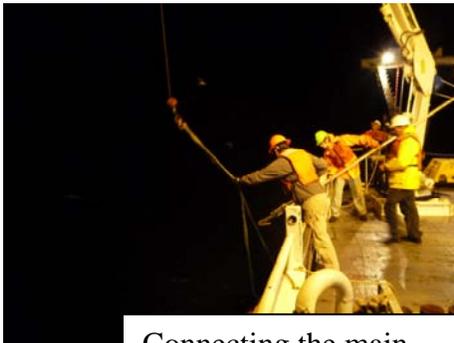
# Dave's Blarg!

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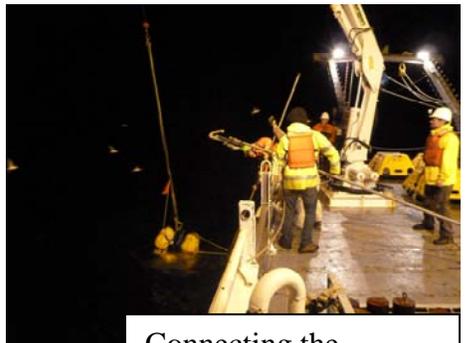
So today started off around 0200 with another deployment. I shan't trouble you with pictures because it's pretty much the same as the last. That leads me to the reason that I don't talk about my job all to often; as much as we are out here doing cool things – and they are cool – each day is kind of like the one before it. Oh well, we actually got some kind of excitement, as soon as we dropped the OBS (Ocean Bottom Seismograph) a scientist checked the chart and said, “ooh wait, we're in the wrong spot!”. No joke, we were 40 NM out of position because someone (a scientist mind you) typed 125 instead of 126. (This isn't the first time :p ) We sent the acoustic release code to the OBS and it dropped its drop weight. It wasn't even on the bottom yet, it takes these things about 40 minutes (in the depth of water that we were at) to reach the bottom. It came back up and we recovered it, then we drove to the correct deployment location and redeployed it. Here are some pics of the recovery



Waiting to Recover



Connecting the main recovery line



Connecting the taglines



Final tagline connection



Landing the OBS on deck - I'm the guy in the orange hardhat

So yeah, kind of groundhog day-esque. Just to spice things up here are some pics from other cruises that I always meant to send along.

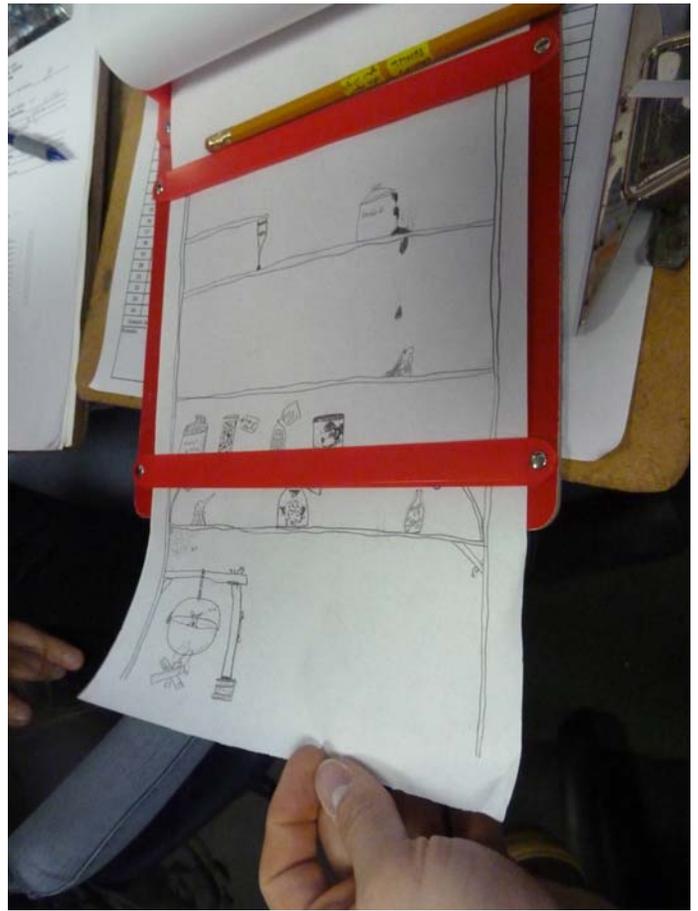


Including this potential entry for Best Picture Ever!!!! This is Claudine, a Swiss oceanographer who flew over for a cruise in September with her (no joke!) swiss army knife!!! Real deal!! I made her wait so I could get my camera the moment she took it out :D I had trouble getting a picture of her tautology club membership card, apparently the card is the card or something... For real though, we get a **lot** of international students out here, that's one of my favorite parts of the job, they're all a blast. This cruise had folks

from Canada, Switzerland, and Mexico.



Including (but not limited to) this dashingly well dressed lot :D

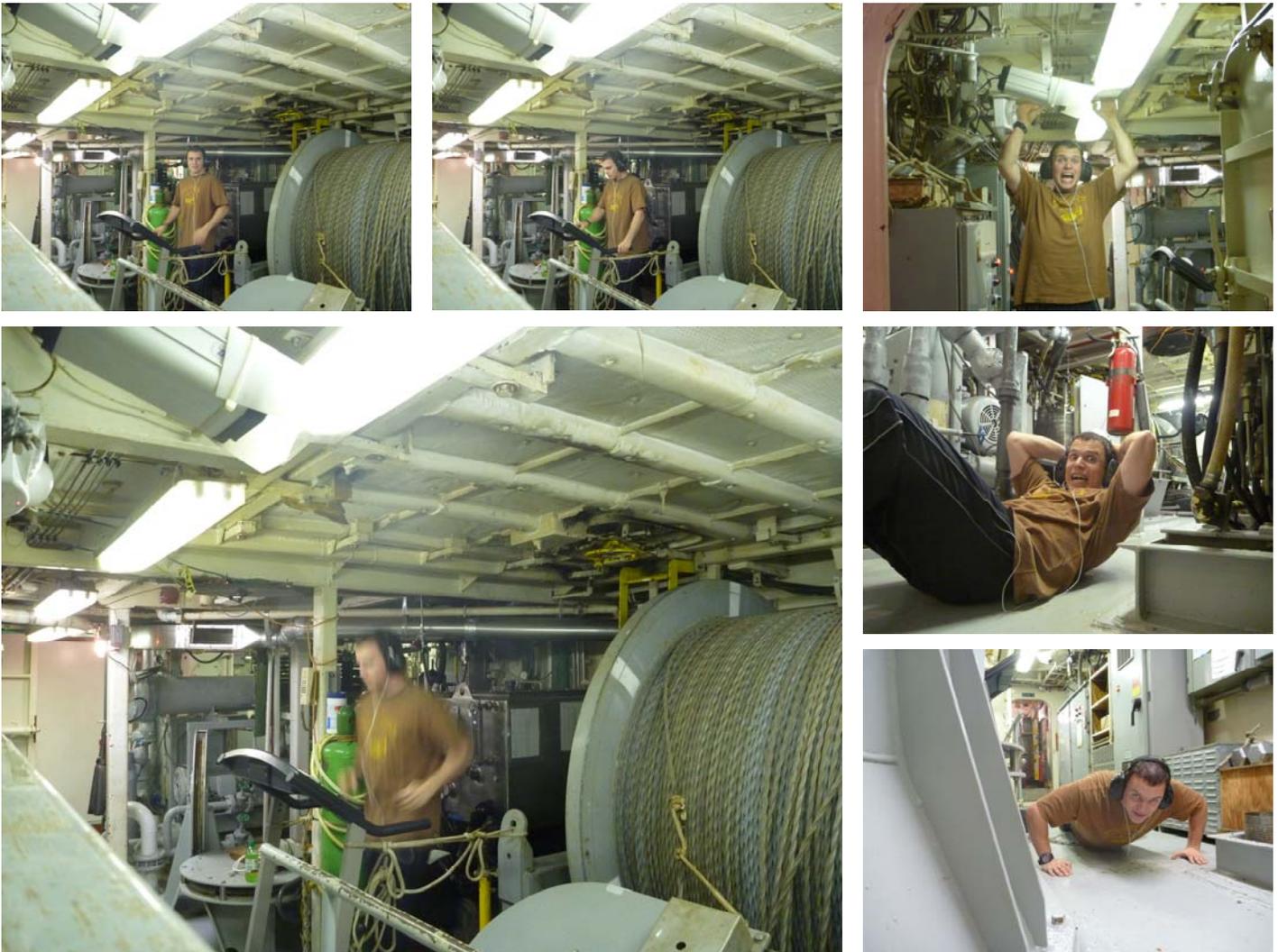


And this is the place where I give a special shout out to Rebecca for getting me the Sea Life art kit, as Claudine is demonstrating it comes in very handy for planning laboratory setups....

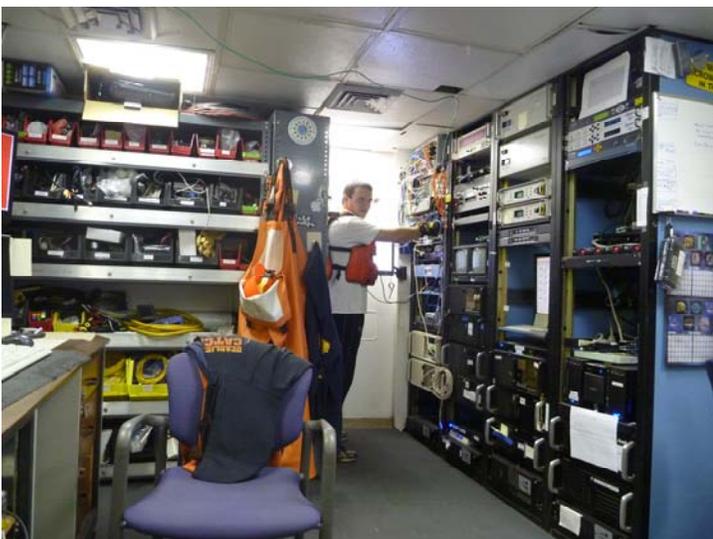


And what set of pictures of Dave would be complete without some comp tickets to the gun show baby :D Booya! This is when Jennifer and I were in the middle of towing a net to catch phytoplankton as part of an ongoing survey of the West Coast.

Which reminds me, I actually remembered to work out today, we have a treadmill tucked in amongst the gear in one of our mechanical spaces, and a good spot for situps, pushups, and pullups, which is all a growing body needs according to the Marine Corps (I swiped a fitness manual a while back).



It's loud in there, so I have to wear headphones, but they make it so I don't hear anything else when I crank up my earbuds :D



One of my favorite things about this job is the variety. I cut my workout a little close to our next deployment, so I just went out and did it in my jogs, then when I got in one of our satellite internet connections had a problem, so I rerouted the ship to go out through a different system, thus, here I am in my jogs, wearing my lifejacket and M-Pact gloves changing some of our network wiring. This is probably the second best juxtaposition of task and life that I know of, second only to a friend of mines showering with a lithium battery antics ☺ If you know him you know the story, and if you don't words just can't properly describe it. That and no one has ever asked me if I have a case of the Mondays :D I hope no one ever does.