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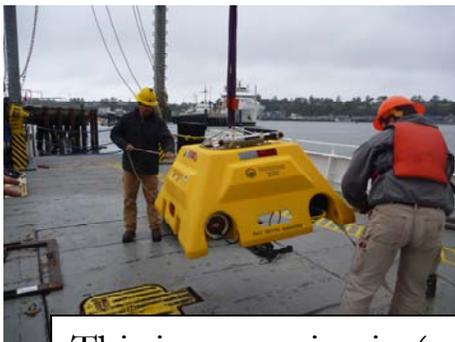
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Okay, I think this will set the dates straight :p today was pretty busy. We dropped two last OBS' after midnight last night, the last one being at around 0800, then headed for the dock. I had to snap this one last pic of the gud engrish one one of the obs units (all the units that were this style had the same sticker):



Some day's I tell ya
☺

After that we headed for the dock to pick up some spare parts for our very last OBS. These units are designed to sit on the bottom for a period of time (a year for this deployment) and then – when triggered acoustically – release their anchor weight and come to the surface. During a deployment earlier in the cruise an obs had the anchor weight break free when the unit was about to be dropped, so we went back to the dock and picked up a spare anchor for it.



This is us coming in (past the new NOAA Pacific fleet facility) and bringing the anchor aboard and mounting the Scripps style OBS to it. Yes James and Amela, I know you cry when you look at my ah-may-zing photo layout skillz :D

After that we jobbed back out to the last deployment site and dropped the last OBS, it looked the same as most of the rest, but I managed to snag a video of this one, it's at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8AGF1LFI8KY>

I started before we got to station, and I *maaaay* have skimped on the editing, so unless you want to watch guys standing around and chatting for a while you can just skip ahead to around 6 minutes when we actually put it in the water ☺

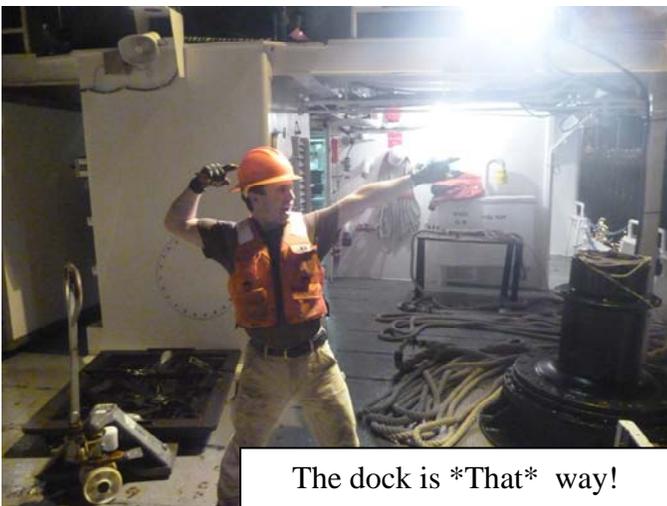
After that we headed back to the dock. We got in around 9:30pm and these guys were pretty well out of here by 11. It always surprises me; even most of the more elaborate ship configurations seem to get taken down pretty darn fast. I've seen setups that take 4 days to put together be gone in four hours when we hit the dock. The labs got an extra cleaning, apparently the Governor of Oregon is stopping by for a tour tomorrow morning ☺ (figures it would be right after I started blogging, I swear it's usually not that happening around here :p



Coming into Newport at night



Hai!



The dock is *That* way!



I have four arms!

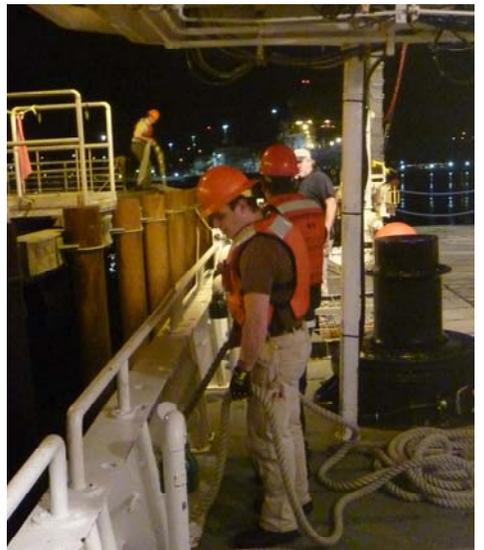
Oh! We also did a webcast to a classroom full of 6th graders for career day this morning. I had to change some of our sat interweb settings because we got extra bandwidth allocated from the rest of the vessels in the fleet (lest you think all I do is handle lines ;) *and* I got to get interviewed! It was pretty fun.



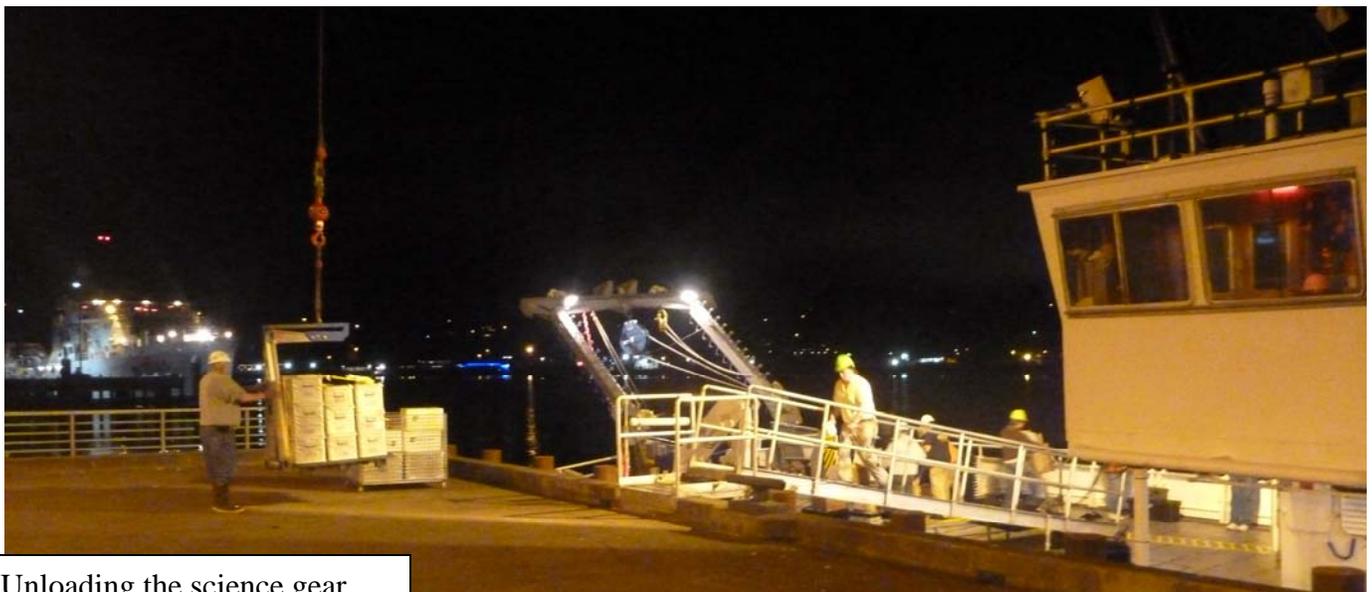
Blue Steel!



We're short a deckhand so I helped tie up the ship



Some of the crew heading out



Unloading the science gear

Until Tomorrow!