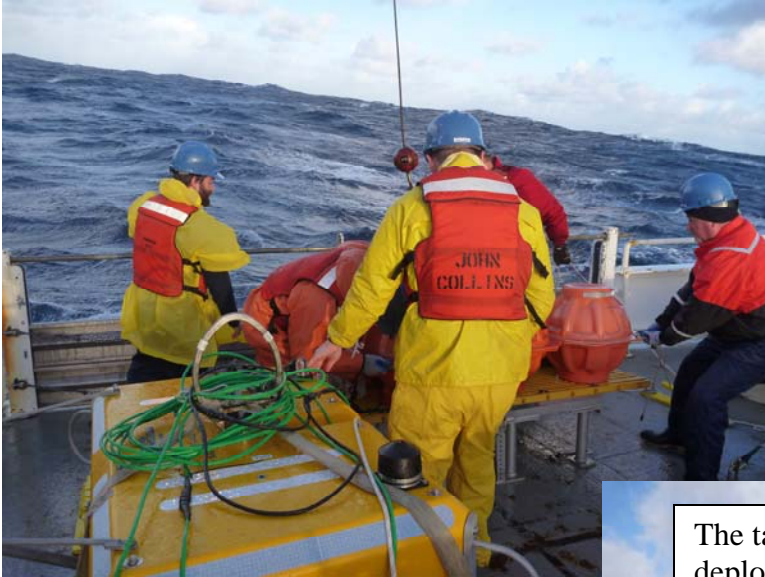


Dave's Blarg!

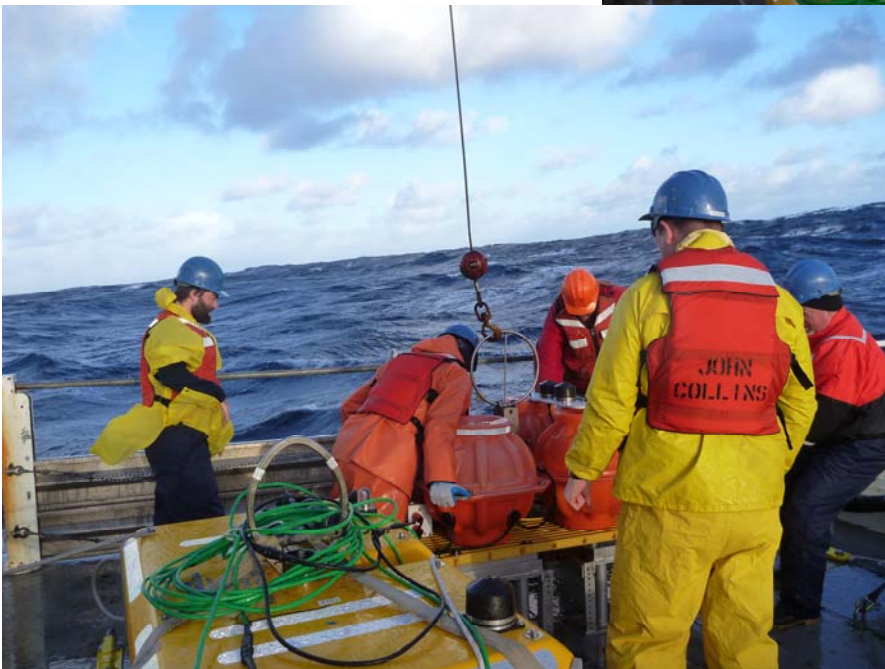
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Today Rocked!! (And rolled!) :D It's been nothing but great weather out here ☺ We're actually headed to the dock right now to drop off a few folks who've come down with terminal seasickness ☹ I still have to update the spreadsheet for it, but it's 'only' about 24 hours to the

dock from where we're at :p (and then, you know, back again...) Honestly though, this is the first time in six years that I've been out on a cruise where this has happened. Oh well, it's only going to be a day or two until we're back on station again :p

The take home part of the photos of these guys deploying the OB is the horizon, and the fact that they were all taken about 15 seconds apart.



So, by the numbers our ship is 184.5' long by 33'(ish) wide, which means (in practical terms) that we roll like crazy in 26' seas. The interesting thing is that it's not all constantly breaking waves like you see on the beach or in the movies, it's just a whole lot of up and

down. It's like we're sitting still while the hills roll by (and under) us. Most of the wave breaking gets done by the ship. As it bucks and shakes on its way through the waves. Even a video can't quite capture the feeling of the



The ship really shakes as it hits each wave

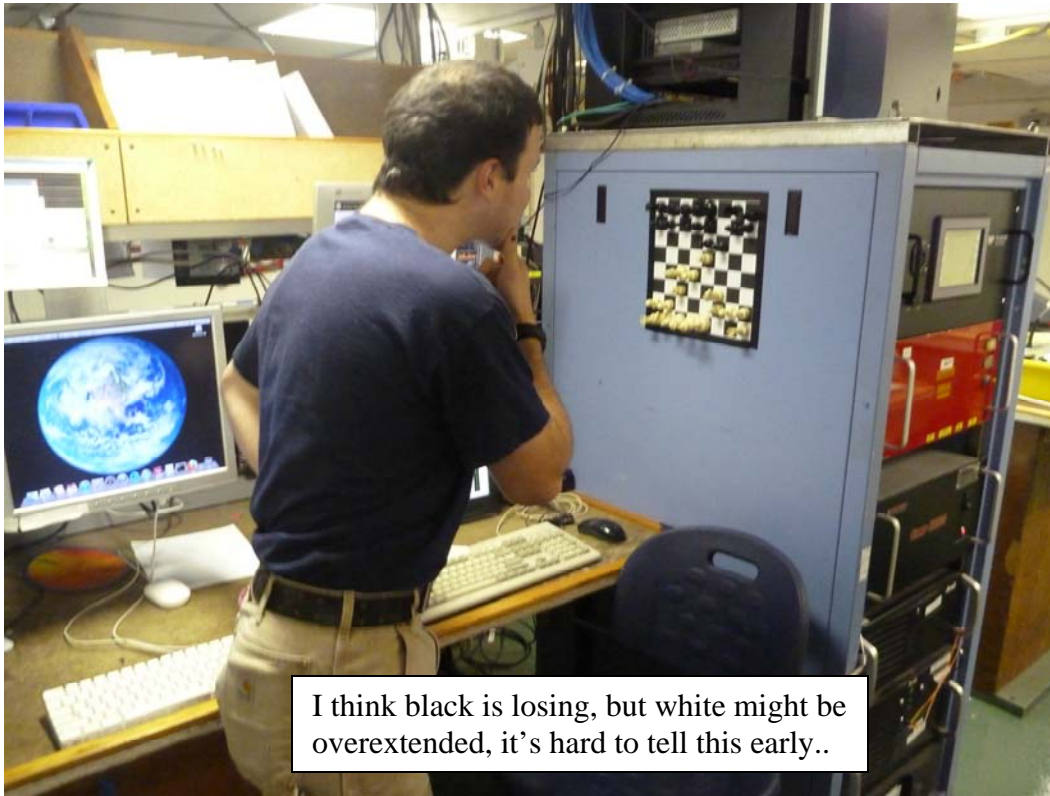
wall (bulkhead for the purists) shuddering next to you as The Ship plows through mountain after mountain of water.



This shot is just a few seconds after the first.

I went up to the bridge for a bit and got some good shots. The part that doesn't come through quite so in the pictures is how, after not too incredibly long, hanging on to keep from falling over becomes second nature and in a short while the crashing spray and rolling deck become a backdrop for a

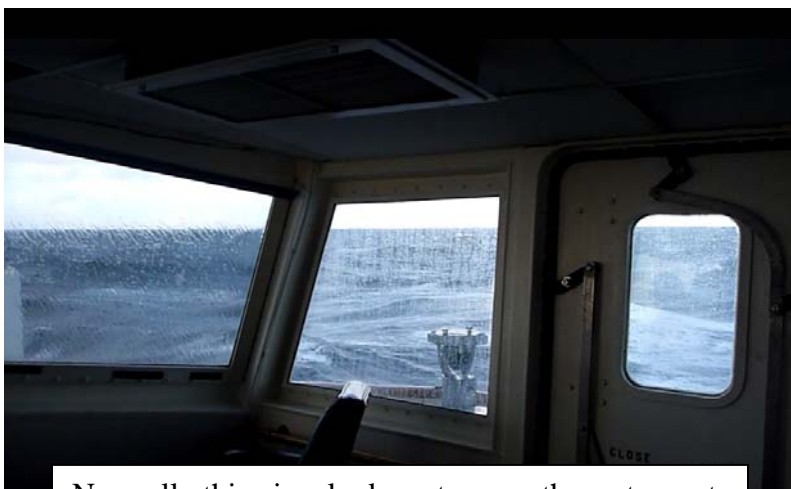
conversation about the knicks or the best way to make bread. That's the part that has always struck me about being out here, the way the life just goes on. Speaking of that, one of the scientists dredged up a set of magnetic chess pieces.



I think black is losing, but white might be overextended, it's hard to tell this early..

We didn't have a sheet of tin lying about (don't get me wrong, we have a pretty good stash of 'improvising' materials, but it mostly centers around things that don't rust when you leave them in seawater..) but they managed to make do with our navigation and

echosounder electronics rack... :P Life carries on indeed ☺ Speaking of which, I'm a quarter of the way through the cups ☺ *And* I think that my stomach is steeled enough that I can train up tomorrow, it's only a few weeks until the frozen trail run ☺ Only one day left after this! I've really been enjoying hearing back from everyone who has been writing back, you should all do blargs! ☺



Normally this view looks out across the water, not into it. Then again, normally we don't drop people off because they've gotten too seasick to eat...

Have a great day everyone!!

-Dave

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