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SS05/2009

Salps, eddies and entrainment in the Stockton Bight

Voyage period

Start: 16/10/2009

End: 27/10/2009

Port of departure: Sydney, Australia

Port of return: Sydney, Australia

Responsible laboratory

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Scientific Objectives

The EAC is distinguished from other western boundary currents by the “mesoscale variability” – or eddies. Eddies of the East Australian Current entrain coastal water. Similar processes in the Kuroshio, California and Agulhas Currents are well documented for their importance to fisheries. We will compare ship-borne observations of species diversity and abundance; larval fish growth and zooplankton size frequency distributions within cold core eddies and compare these to the original coastal waters in the Stockton Bight. We will assess whether eddies are plankton incubators and provide cross-shelf transport to coastal nursery areas.

Last year (SS10/2008) we successfully investigated the biological oceanography of salps and coastal cold-core eddies in the Stockton Bight (33S, 152E), and we wish to establish the persistence of our findings. Salps are large, fast-growing gelatinous zooplankton that graze on diatoms, picoplankton and bacteria, and seem to displace the conventional crustacean zooplankton. Their dense blooms can significantly alter the food chain by removing phytoplankton but are also recorded in the guts of many fish. Described as the fastest growing animals on the planet, salps clearly have a major role in global carbon flux, but are essentially unstudied in the EAC since the work of Heron and others 20 years ago. By feeding on particles 1000 fold smaller than themselves, salps confound our biogeochemical models (Baird & Suthers 2007) and probably confound the biomass estimates of our optical plankton counter.

On SS05/2009 we will investigate eddies and entrainment processes off the central NSW coast, and thereby study the distributional ecology of salps. We will be conducting laboratory experiments with salps and krill in the Fish lab and the CT Room. We will retrieve an IMOS Slocum glider (“Nemo-3”) deployed 2 weeks earlier and deploy a Sea Glider (“Dory-1”) during the voyage and another Slocum (“Nemo-4”) after the voyage. The gliders support a CTD and an ‘Eco Puck’ which records chlorophyll a, coloured dissolved organic matter (CDOM) and backscatter. We need to characterise the response of our own Eco-Puck to the local conditions on the *Southern Surveyor*’s CTD and to see if this response is consistent between years. This voyage is supported by ARC grants to Suthers & Baird to investigate salp ecology and to Suthers & Oke to investigate eddies of the East Australian Current (EAC).

Our scientific aims are :

- a) the biological oceanography of small cyclonic eddies off the Stockton Bight in comparison to coastal waters, in conjunction with an IMOS Slocum Glider;
- b) the process of entrainment of coastal plankton into the EAC and eddies between 31°S (Smoky Cape) and 35 °S (Jervis Bay);
- c) the ecology and vertical distribution of salps and krill in shelf waters. The spatial pattern of sampling will take into consideration the synoptic and forecast oceanographic conditions from BlueLink;
- d) To conduct laboratory experiments with live plankton in the Fish Lab and in the CT Room;
- e) To retrieve a Slocum Glider (using the work boat) and to launch a Sea Glider; and to use the CTD and EZ or Rectangular Midwater Trawl (RMT) net samples to help interpret the glider's optical sensors.

Results

- a) In late September (27th) we observed a small eddy ("a billow") form off Port Stephens which grew over the following week into a 100 km wide eddy, constrained by the EAC to the east and the shelf to the west. It appeared to be entraining productive shelf water from off Port Stephens. Before the voyage we deployed a Slocum glider upstream of the eddy (Crowdy Head), which was successfully inserted into the eddy. Our initial ADCP run across the eddy confirm its rotation with 1.5 m/s to the east, and a broad region of westerly 1m/s currents across the southern side. We sampled the eddy with the Sea Soar
- b) We compared the plankton and abundance between the entrained eddy waters and the coastal waters in Stockton Bight and off Cape Hawke.....
- c) We sampled salps with the usual N70 net and found approximately a tenth of the abundance last year, and likely to be similar to that found with the same net by Thompson (1942).
- d) We found that the solitary stage of salps produced overnight less than 80 clones (aggregate stage) each as observed by Heron (1979), and the growth rates of the aggregates were measure and compared among water masses.
- e) The Slocum glider completed one revolution of the cold core eddy off Port Stephens, before its retrieval 40 nautical miles off Newcastle. Valuable data was obtained before the eddy was over-run or "flooded" by EAC. Our own Eco-triplet, and identical to the optical sensor on tehglider was used extensively on the CTD and the Sea Soar transects.
- f) The Sea Glider remained in the eddy off Port Stephens for a month, before moving SE over 100 nautical miles. It was navigated back into a new warm core that separated from the EAC off Port Stephens, and completed two complete revolutions before its retrieval on 6 January, 40 nautical miles NE of Sydney.



The N70 net
rigged for
vertical use

Methods and gear:

Description of gear (note: we did not deploy our usual 75 cm square neuston net this voyage).

1) modified N70 net (same as used in SS 10-2008 and SS Transit 01-2009). A 70 cm diameter ring net, with 53 cm long 4 mm mesh (formerly ¼" mesh), a 97 cm long 400 µm mesh section (formerly silk, 70 mesh/inch), a 135 cm long 225 µm mesh section (formerly silk, 200 mesh/inch, Kemp and Hardy 1929). Vertically hauled up from 50 m to the surface at ~1m/s using the alternate CTD wire (not ideal – a small electronic capstan winch is planned). We also used this net to collect live zooplankton.

2) EZ net. 1 m² multiple opening and closing (MOCNESS) net as Oct. 2008, with 5 nets and using 500 µm (0.5 mm) mesh nets (we used 375 µm mesh in SS 10-2008). On board was a CTD, the Wetlabs Eco puck (see below) and a standard camera strobe (Canon 560 EXII in a Photosea 600 m housing) mounted on the front of the net to stun krill. Net was deployed to 500 m.

CTD. 14 * 10 L bottles, brand CTD (unit #21), WETLabs chlorophyll fluorometer, PAR sensor, a UNSW-UTS Eco-puck/Eco-triplet (for chlorophyll and CDOM fluorescence, backscatter at 650 nm), a WETLabs hyperspectral absorption-attenuation meter ac-s (on loan from CSIRO Marine and Atmospheric Research in Hobart) and on some CTDs the WETStar CDOM fluorometer (on loan from CSIRO Land and Water in Brisbane).

4) Sea Soar. Sea Bird CTD, wetlabs fluorometer, a Wetlabs Eco-triplet. Optical plankton counter mounted on the Sea Soar and EZ net (the OPC was flooded on the first deployment, despite a special trip back to Canada for service)

Voyage Narrative

All times reported below are local Eastern Daylight Saving Time (i.e. 11 h ahead of UTC).

Friday 16 October 2009

4:10 pm departed White Bay wharf (muster drill and vessel induction held prior to departure).
~4:30 pm cleared heads.

Steamed east to ~1,500 for CTD pressure test. Toolbox held prior to deployment.
WP1 was along 152°00'

A number of N70 vertical hauls were also made (using the capstan winch over the stern) to collect live salps and krill for experiments. Only a few aggregate (blue) stages were retrieved but they served to improve our methodology.

Steamed east to WP2 (crossing a distinctive eddy or shear),
turned NE and steamed across eddy to WP3.

WP2 34°00' 153°00'

WP3 32°40' 153°50'

Observed strong changes in underway SST, from 19, to 17.3, to 19 across eddy and 22 in EAC. Gusty southerly winds and moderate swell created significant rolls at times.

Saturday 17 October 2009 (cold core eddy)

Arrived WP3 on the NE side of the eddy at 9 am,
launched Sea Soar and returned to WP4

33°40' 152 10'. Our initial deployment steamed NE to ensure well into the EAC,
before turning SW and returning along last night's track to WP4 33 40', 153 10'

ADCP surface currents confirmed a significant but peanut
shaped eddy, approximately 60 nm from NE to SW.

Retrieved Sea Soar at 7:30 pm

Sea Soar had the Eco-triplet (chl-a and CDOM fluorescence, backscatter)
sensor attached which was downloaded after the track had ended.

4 pm began a 10 station CTD transect from SW to NE to 300 m depth (300, 150, 100,
75, 50, 25, 0). The Eco-triplet was attached to the CTD, together with the WETLabs ac-s.

CTD wire alarms scrapped #2 and 3.

By the 9th station we had not observed warming SST as expected on approach to EAC.

The 10th station (CTD15) was moved 6 nm to east
and 22 degree water was quickly found.

Other CTD problems scrapped #13 & 14.

Salps were retained from CTD15 (EAC) for rearing experiments

Pilot respiration experiments were undertaken with live krill captured using
an N70 net deployed to 100 m. Preliminary calculations and modelling
indicate daily ration could be as high as 25% body weight per day.

Report by Martina on phytoplankton and bio-optics:

Water from every second CTD (4, 6, 8, 10 and 12 (12?)) at 6 depths (5, 25, 50, 75, 100, 150 m) was processed for phytoplankton pigments (HPLC), stable isotopes (¹³C and ¹⁵N), picoplankton (0.2 – 2 µm) and microplankton (> 10 µm) enumeration, as well as the bio-optical parameters such as particulate and coloured dissolved organic matter (CDOM) absorption coefficients and on occasion, pulse amplitude modulated (PAM) fluorescence. Time was too limited between CTDs to filter enough particulate material for measures of total suspended matter.

Between each CTD, data from the Eco-triplet and acs
sensors was downloaded, and briefly QAQCed.

The photochemical efficiency of surface phytoplankton along the first
transect was relatively high (>0.55 out of a maximum of 0.6-0.7), and
there was no apparent relationship with dissolved nutrients.

Sunday 18 October 2009 (Cold core eddy)

CTD transects (at #15) finished by 2 pm.

An EZ net toolbox was held at 3:30 pm. The overall sampling strategy was to sample 4 stations, with 2 tows per station down to 500 m deep (8 tows per region).

4 pm EZ net was deployed near CTD15.

EZ0 and EZ1 were commenced in the EAC water. The OPC software indicated anomalous readings and subsequent exploration revealed a tablespoon of water inside the right hand (pressure side) canister. Significant problems became apparent in the software and operation: false net trips, multiple net trips, flow readings.

We returned to EZ net sampling (EZ2 and EZ3), but problems continued to mount during the night. As a result of this 2 nets had to be discarded as we did not know at which depth they had opened.

During dusk (~18:45) and dawn the EK500 (38 and 120 kHz) revealed the daily rise and fall of zooplankton from 550 m depth to the surface. Some of the rising bands were vertically discrete and separate. Subsequent EZ net tows managed to target some of these bands and found them composed of either krill or zooplankton.

Kylie Pitt: *Salps were collected using the N70 net at 3:40pm (at location where gliders were deployed / retrieved) and approximately 5 salps were transferred to each of 5 2L aquaria filled with water collected at the same location. At 2:15am salps were transferred to individual containers using a scoop (to ensure salps were always submerged). Salps were observed closely and once the bud detached from the parent the chain of aggregates was divided into two and half was preserved in 5% formalin and the other half was returned to the tank. Aggregates were harvested at various intervals up to 6 hours later. This method was discontinued as it was decided that the size difference between the two ends of the chain was too large and would compromise the results.*

Monday 19 October 2009 (Glider recovery and deployment)

At 8 am the weather was perfect for the Sea glider deployment and Slocum retrieval. It was decided to steam west to the last surfacing; arrived at 12:24 pm (33°14' 152°43'). After some minor glider communications problems, the work boat was launched 1:30 pm and Sea Glider deployed 200 m away from the vessel with the same way point as the Slocum at the eddy centre (33°24'S, 153°15'E). The Slocum was successfully retrieved at 2 pm.

We made two CTD casts: one at the retrieval site and corresponding to the initial Sea Glider profiles (CTD16), and then one 10.8 km to SE to correspond with the final profiles by the Slocum Glider (CTD17).

CTD water was processed as for the first transect but there was no time to do filtrations for stable isotopes at CTD16 and only the first three depths (surface, 25, 45 m) were completed for this parameter at CTD17. Interestingly, the

sunny, calm weather resulted in a strong decline of photochemical efficiency in surface phytoplankton at CTD17 (0.12 – 0.32 compared to >0.57 at depth).

**Salps were retrieved from CTD17 for rearing experiments (Kylie Pitt):
The experimental protocol is as follows:**

Approximately 100 actively swimming S2s were transferred to a ~70 l tank and held until 5am the following day (Thalia reportedly produces buds from ~5-7am). Water for experiments was collected at the same time as the salps. At 5am S2s that were asexually budding aggregates were gently removed using a scoop and transferred to individual 2L containers. Salps were closely observed and immediately following the release of the buds the S2 salps were preserved in 5% formalin (for subsequent analysis of size vs fecundity relationships) and the remaining chain of aggregates was haphazardly allocated to one of three time treatments: T0, T1, and T2. In the T0 treatment aggregates were harvested immediately after being released from the parent and preserved in 5% formalin. In the T1 and T2 treatments aggregates were harvested after 4 and 8 h respectively. Four replicates were assigned to each treatment for today's experiment.

We steamed inshore onto the shelf just off Gosford (WP 6 33 24' 151 50') to commence at 6pm, a 15 h, west to east Sea Soar transect of the eddy, and into the EAC WP7, 33 24' 154 20'. A new image revealed that the cold core eddy had been covered by 22 degrees. EAC water (to a depth of ~30 m), but still with clockwise currents. The Sea Soar performed very well (but with less cable out and only to 110 m deep).

Tuesday 20 October 2009 (return to the eddy)

~1 pm? the Sea Soar was recovered (33 24' 153 30') and we steamed 6 nm north to align with latitude of eddy centre (~33 18'), for EZ stations heading west back to eddy centre.

Due to the flooding of our eddy, we made two extra CTD casts – one in the EAC (CTD18) and one on Monday in the putative centre (CTD19), bracketing the EZ tows as well.

Martina comment on CTD samples from chlor max?

Water from CTD18 (25 m) and 19 (50 m) were processed for additional molecular analyses as well as the usual suite of phytoplankton and bio-optical parameters. As CTD18 was deployed in the late afternoon, there was a similar decline in photochemical efficiency of surface phytoplankton (0.18 – 0.29) compared to 0.52 – 0.60 at depths \geq 25 m.

EZ net tows commenced 5 pm in the EAC waters (EZ4, 5). We then sampled in the eddy (EZ6, 7), then EZ8, 9, and at the putative centre (EZ10, 11), completing tows by 8 am Wednesday.

Wind was gusting to 29 knots around midnight, making sampling difficult.

Salps for rearing experiments were retrieved from CTD 18 in the EAC:

Kylie Pitt:

The experiment was successfully completed on 21st Oct. The identical experimental protocol from Oct 19th was used except that a minimum of six aggregates were assigned to each time treatment. Some salps were preserved in LN2 for subsequent rna:dna analyses (see Jason).

Ben Hollings (IMOS) reported the Sea Glider was performing: "Position at 08:24EDST was 33°21.569'S, 152°35.041'E; Glider due to surface again at 12:24EDST estimated position then is 33°13.6'S, 152°42.5'E"

Wednesday 21 October 2009 (Stockton Bight)

CTD19 was completed by 1 pm , and we then steamed back 4.5 hours west towards the shelf to commence the Stockton Bight CTD transect (#2) at ~5.30 pm . CTD stations (20 to 27) were 5 nm apart, with the transect being completed early on Thursday morning

Wind picked up in the evening again, but not as strong.

Similar to CTD18, surface phytoplankton at CTD19 were photoinhibited, with photochemical efficiencies <0.1 compared to >0.53 at depth. At CTD20, surface phytoplankton were only slightly photoinhibited, showing photochemical efficiencies of >0.54.

The same phytoplankton and bio-optical parameters were assessed on this CTD transect, although limited time between stations meant that particulate absorption samples were only taken at some stations and limited depths.

Salps for growth experiments were retrieved from CTD station (collected at 18:15). The experiment was successfully completed 22nd Oct. The identical experimental protocol from Oct 19th was used except that a minimum of eight aggregates were assigned to each time treatment. Some salps were preserved in LN2 for rna:dna work.

Thursday 22 October 2009, Stockton Bight

Weather superb.

CTD 27 was completed by approximately 3 am.

Returning back to deeper water along the CTD transect, we completed the 4 stations*2 tows each: EZ12, 13 (near CTD24); EZ14, 15 (near CTD22), EZ 16, 17 (near CTD20), and then a further 10 nm offshore (EZ18,19).

We made detailed observations on Diel Vertical Migration through the EK500. A deeper diffuse layer exists from 600-400 m however at dusk this layer migrates to the surface layer in 2 discrete bands, which matches an increase in the echo intensity at the surface and a decrease in intensity in the mixed layer. The migrating

bands were sampled directly during EZ18 and initial inspection shows that krill migrate to the surface in the first band and copepods migrate in the second band. Over 400 samples were sorted from the EZ net tows for stable isotope analysis, to investigate the trophic relationships across this layer. Overall the deep layer revealed by the sounder is dominated by krill, the 100-50 m layer is dominated by krill in the evenings, the 50-0 m layer is dominated by salps and larval krill.

EZ sampling was completed by 8 pm and we then steamed back into Stockton Bight to near CTD27 off Stockton Beach (~70m deep) to deploy the Sea Soar.

On the way back ~11 pm we stopped near CTD22 (33 06' 152 27') for only one (1) gentle EZ net tow as slow as possible to collect live krill from 400 m depth (EZ20). Also at this station, we made 2 vertical hauls with N70 net (no CTD needed, just the plankton net samples) for live salp experiments.

Salp protocol: Put 6 pregnant S2 into birthing tank.

Put a single S1 each into guppy tanks containing 1 μ m filtered, 18 fold concentrated and control (n=6 tanks/treatment).

Kylie Pitt: *Treatments were inspected periodically during Friday 23rd October. Salps in the control treatment appeared to be 'lazy' and remaining stationary or swimming slowly near the bottom of the tanks. Salps in the 1 μ m filtered and 18 fold concentration treatments remained fairly active with the exception of one salp that died in the 1 μ m filtered treatment. Initial observations indicate that the salps are unaffected by 18 fold concentrations. The 6 pregnant S2s in the birthing tank were not used for any experiments.*

Friday 23 October 2009

Deployed Sea Soar off Stockton Beach near CTD27 around 2 am, and steamed back along our CTD transect (45 nautical miles) and out to the eastern most EZ station (WP8, 33 18' 152 47' Leg03-Stockton Bight),

Weather superb.

8 am Arrived WP8 & still towing Sea Soar to WP9 off Broughton Island

Arrived 2 pm WP9 (near Broughton) 32 34' 152 27', (Leg04- diagonal); and on to WP10 offshore.

Arrived 8 pm WP10 32 54' 153 15' (Leg05-Broughton Is Leg), and onto WP 11, off Cape Hawke

No salps were caught today, therefore no growth experiments undertaken.

Saturday 24 October 2009

Arrived 2 am WP11 (near Cape Hawke ___32 18' 152 38'___) (Leg06-diagonal)

Retrieved Sea Soar and commenced CTD transect #3, CTD28 commenced at 2.45 am and CTD36 finished at around 8 pm.

By the 3rd CTD station the alternate CTD winch we used for hauling the N70 net developed a tangle, entailing a 4.5 hour CTD station. Eventually the termination was removed and a line was wound onto the drum for the N70 net vertical haul.

Between CTD33 and CTD34 the northerly current of 1 knot changed to being dominated by the EAC, and by CTD35 was flowing over 2 m/s. Between CTD33 and 34 a large slick of green tinged water (an ephemeral filament?) was observed by the bridge, and the presence of some fishing boats. A spike in the ACS underway fluorometer was observed as well. We decided to investigate this area more on return along the transect with the Sea Soar, but no surface trace of it was seen. Lindsay's contour plot revealed a 20 nm wide patch of phytoplankton along this area at 40-50 m deep. The Sea Soar was deployed at 18:30 (Leg07) and we reached the coastal CTD28 by 1 am on Sunday morning.

No S2 salps were caught today and so no growth experiments were undertaken.

Sunday 25 October 2009

At 1 am the vessel turned SE and headed out to the 150 m contour, and to follow this contour along the shelf to Sydney (Leg 08 to 150 m depth, and then Leg09 to be completed off Broken Bay at 33 40').

2 pm arrived north of Sydney, retrieved Sea Soar off Broken Bay

5 pm commenced CTD#4 transect along 33 04' at the offshore end. The two nearshore CTD stations CTD43 and 44 were to correspond with the IMOS moorings SYD100 and SYD140.

These CTD samples were processed just as the previous transects, with CTD44 (PH100) being completed just after 1 am.

Collected salps at 3pm immediately following retrieval of Sea Soar (33°41.851, 151°44.845). Note that we have no CTD data for this location. The experiment was successfully conducted on Mon Oct 26th following the methods described earlier.

Note that no salps were caught in the N70 net during today's CTD transect.

Monday 26 October 2009

After setting up the EZ net and swapping over the Eco-triplet, we prepared to deploy the EZ net (EZ21). Unfortunately a southerly had picked up with gusts to 30 knots.

The net was successfully deployed and retrieved, although the retrieval conditions could be described as "marginal". Due to the pitching and surge, Net#3 was jammed open and the remainder failed to drop down.

After discussion it was decided to hove-to until 8 am.

Southerly had not abated by 8 am, nor at the next review at 4 pm. After discussion with Hobart, we decided to complete a swath-map transect along the Sydney shelf.

The vessel completed the transect off Newcastle by ~1 am and returned back to Sydney.

Tuesday 27 October 2009

8 am Met pilot off Sydney Heads

10 am docked in White Bay.

Summary

We were fortunate to observe the birth and development of a large cold core eddy off northern NSW, and into it deploy a Slocum glider for weeks and a Sea Glider for some months to come. This eddy is now nearly 4 weeks old, 100 km in diameter, in generally the same location, and is showing no sign of waning. It can be seen to entrain coastal waters from the western side, and to become encircled by EAC water and ultimately entrain that water as well. The eddy had the attributes of the Oct 2006 eddy where we found considerable numbers of larval fish in the centre, but not as much phytoplankton. Vertical profiles revealed upward doming of the isotherms on our first transect, before the eddy was flooded by EAC water to 30 m depth by our second transect, effectively obscuring it from satellite view. Subsequent Sea Soar profiles on the western (Stockton Beach) side and northern (Cape Hawke) side revealed the entrainment of shelf productivity.

We filtered over a metric tonne of water to analyse suspended particulate matter at multiple depths at 23 CTD stations for phytoplankton biomass, pigment composition, stable isotopes (^{13}C and ^{15}N), and occasionally, particulate absorption. The particle-free filtrate was stored for analysis of coloured dissolved organic matter. General observations show a consistent subsurface chl-a maximum

between 30 and 50 m, with greater phytoplankton biomass inshore compared to offshore. Real-time measurements of photochemical efficiency indicated that in situ fluorescence profiles were strongly impacted by diel light effects. As analyses are completed phytoplankton and bio-optical parameters will be assessed against fluorescence and backscatter profiles collected by the CTD, Seasoar and EZ net.

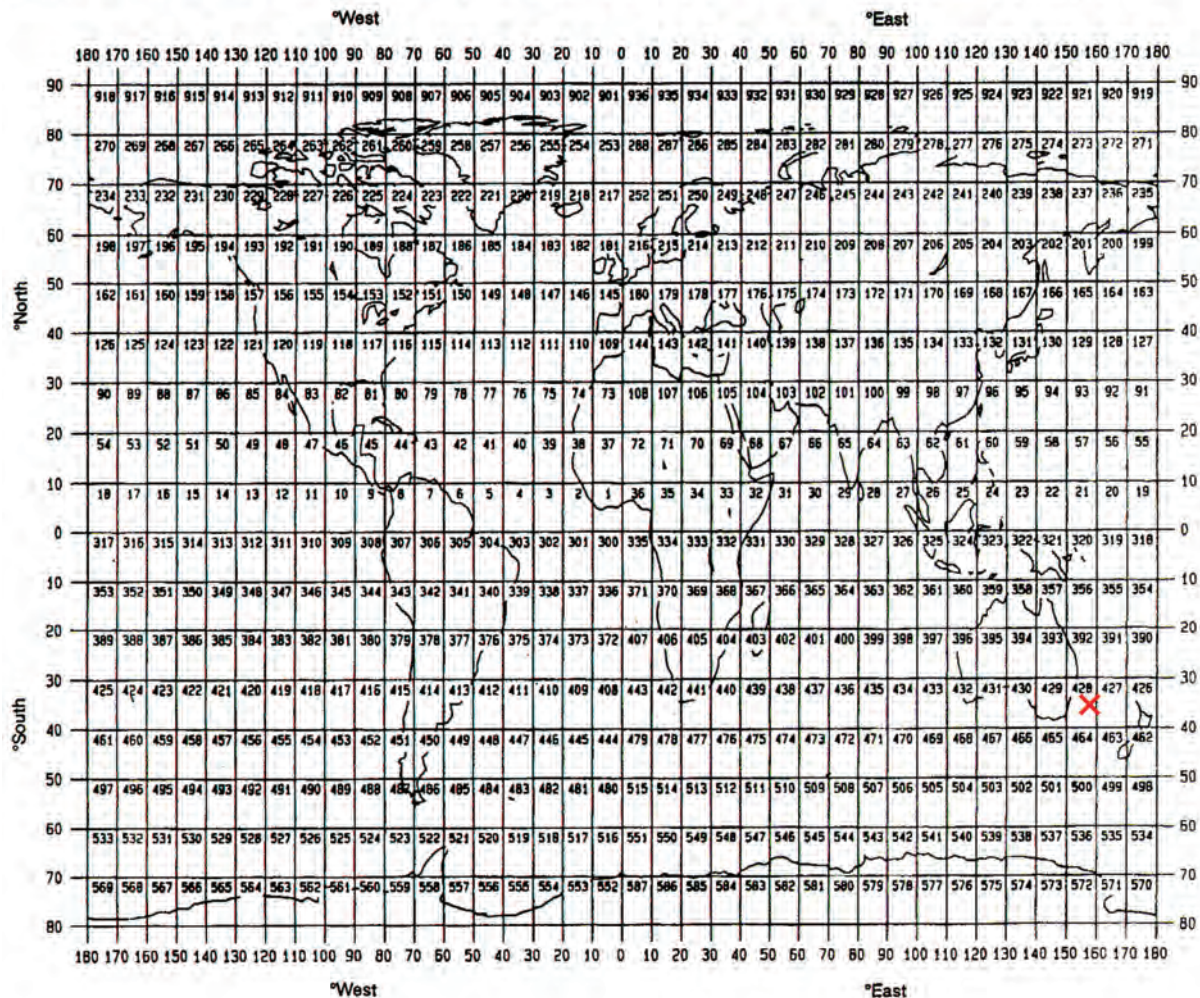
Our standardised N70 tows during this late October voyage, revealed far fewer salps (~10%) than early October 2008, and comparable to the abundances described by Thompson (1943).

We made detailed acoustic observations of zooplankton and diel vertical migration, coupled with discrete depth net samples. A deeper diffuse layer of zooplankton exists from 600-400 m which migrates to the surface at dusk in 2 discrete bands (which matches an increase in the echo intensity at the surface and a decrease in intensity in the mixed layer). Net samples show that krill migrate to the surface in the first band and copepods migrate in the second band. Over 400 samples were sorted from the EZ net tows for stable isotope analysis, to investigate the trophic relationships across this layer. Overall the deep layer revealed by the sounder is dominated by krill, the 100-50 m layer is dominated by krill in the evenings, and the upper 50 m layer is dominated by salps and larval krill.

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| SUMMARY OF MEASUREMENTS AND SAMPLES TAKEN | | | | | |
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| 3 | A,C | 78 | Tows | B09, B14 | N70 vertical haul plankton net, 0.7 m diameter, 0.4-0.2 mm mesh; 50 m Vertical haul |
| 4 | A,B,D | 9 | Tows | H11 | Sea Soar – Undulating horizontal tow |
| 5 | A | 11 | days | H71, H13, D71 | Underway Instruments, ADCP |
| 6 | A,D | 11 | days | B28 | Echo sounder, EK500 and EA500 |

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Voyage track

GENERAL OCEAN AREA: Tasman Sea

SPECIFIC AREAS: Stockton Bight, Broughton Island, Cape Hawke, Sydney

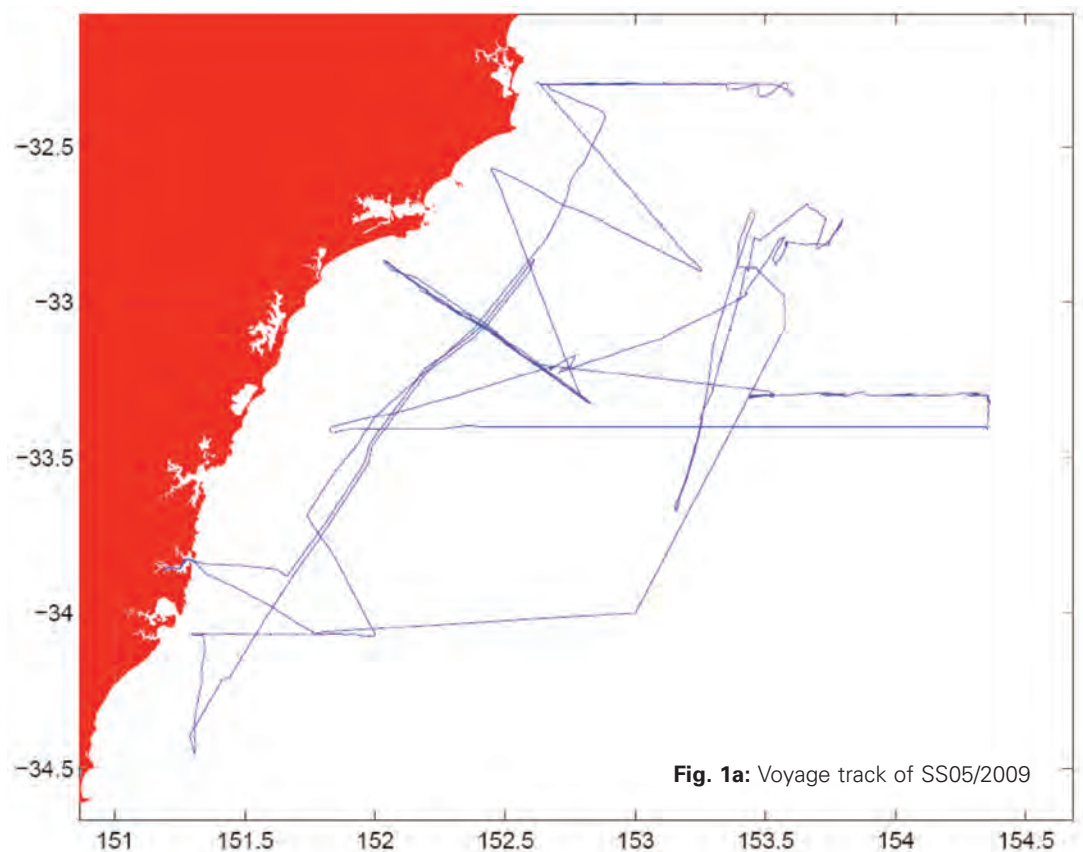


Fig. 1a: Voyage track of SS05/2009

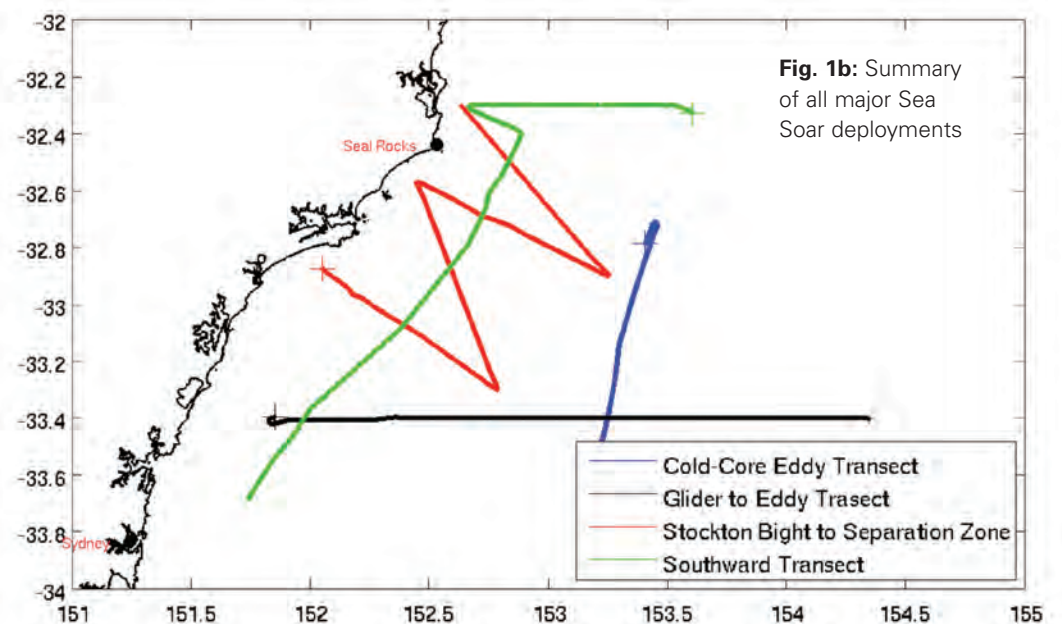


Fig. 1b: Summary of all major Sea Soar deployments

Scientific Participants

| Name | Affiliation | Role |
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| Lindsay Pender | CSIRO MNF | Electronics, voyage manager |
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| Jason Everett | UNSW | 2am-2pm |
| Matthew Taylor | SIMS-UNSW | 2pm-2am |
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| Kadija Oubelkheir | UTS | Bio-optics |
| Benjamin Harris | UNSW | 2pm-2am |
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| Adrian Ferguson | UNSW | 2pm-2am |
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| 2ND ENGINEER | Jamie Wheatcroft |
| BOSUN | John Howard |
| IR | Jeremy Blyth |
| IR | Jonathon Lumb |
| IR | Peter Mathiassen |
| IR | Ben McLucas |
| CHIEF STEWARD | Andrea Henderson |
| CHIEF COOK | Kyle Short |
| 2ND COOK | Ken Rawson |

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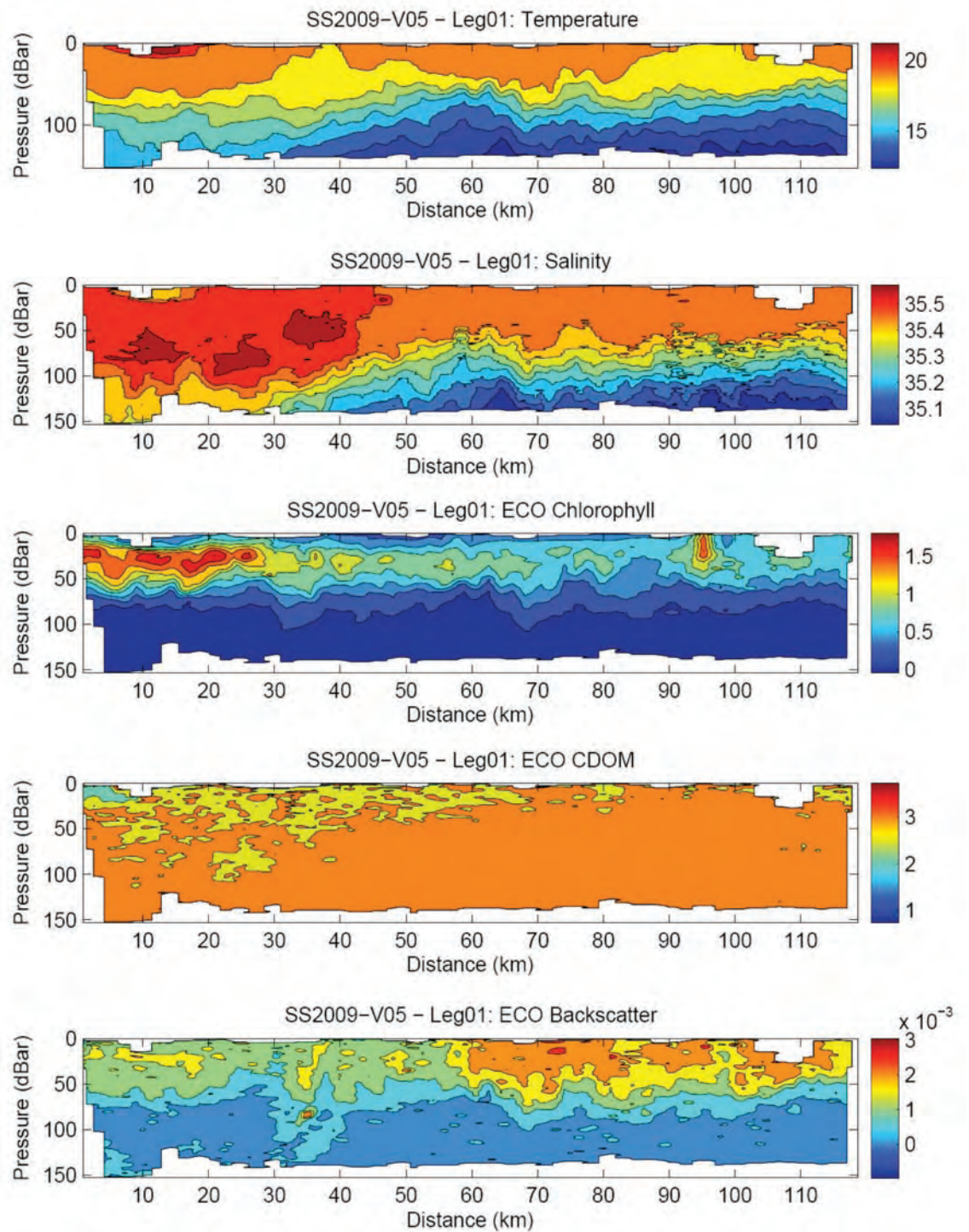


Fig. 2: Initial Sea Soar transect across the eddy, just out of Sydney, from south to north, followed by a CTD transect.

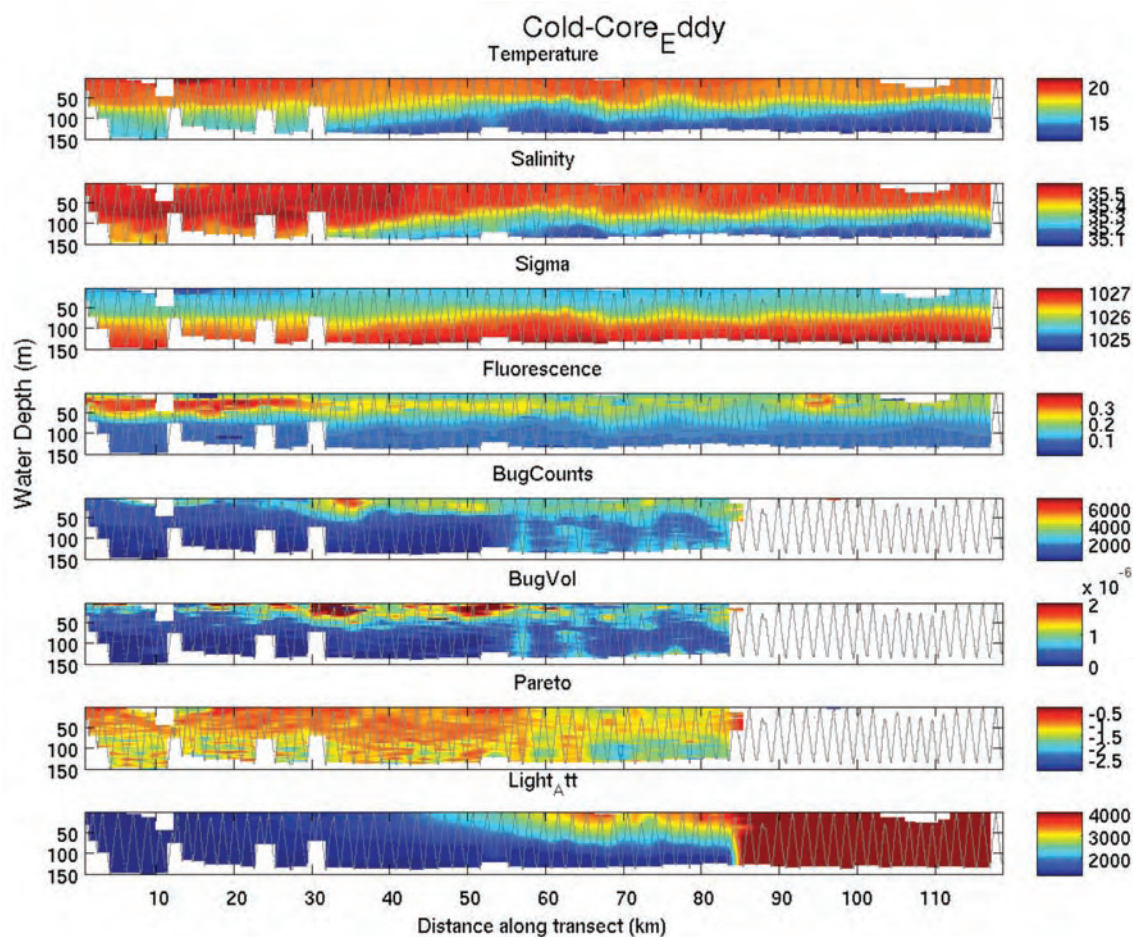


Fig. 3: Corresponding image of Leg01 (Fig. 2) but including the OPC data of particle ("bug") counts, total particle biovolume, the pareto statistic (numerically equivalent to the slope of the normalised biomass size spectrum) and the light attenuation signal (the latter showing the demise of the instrument due to a minute leak).

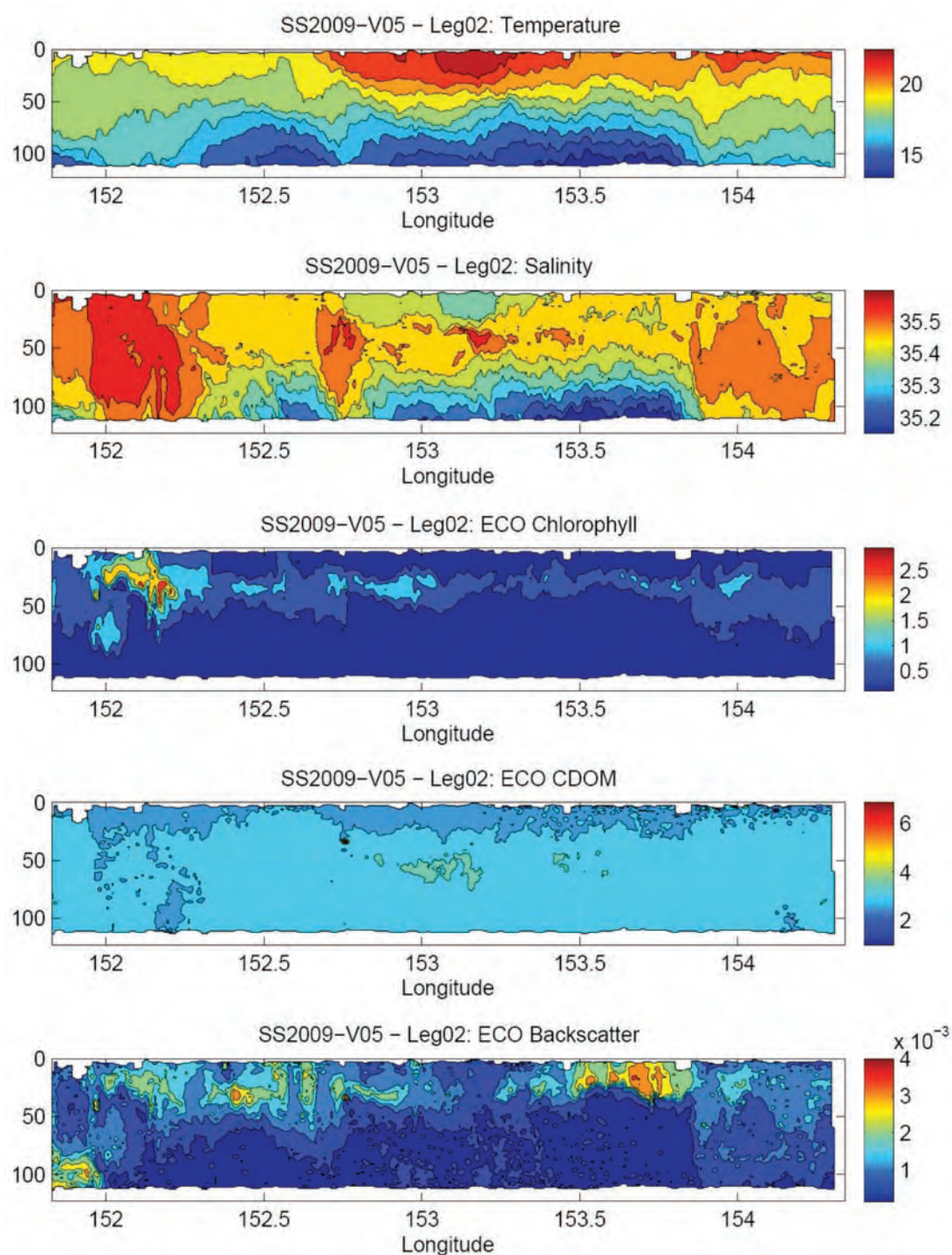


Fig. 4: East to West transect of the cold core eddy (after retrieval of Slocum and deployment of Sea glider) showing flooding of the eddy by EAC water.

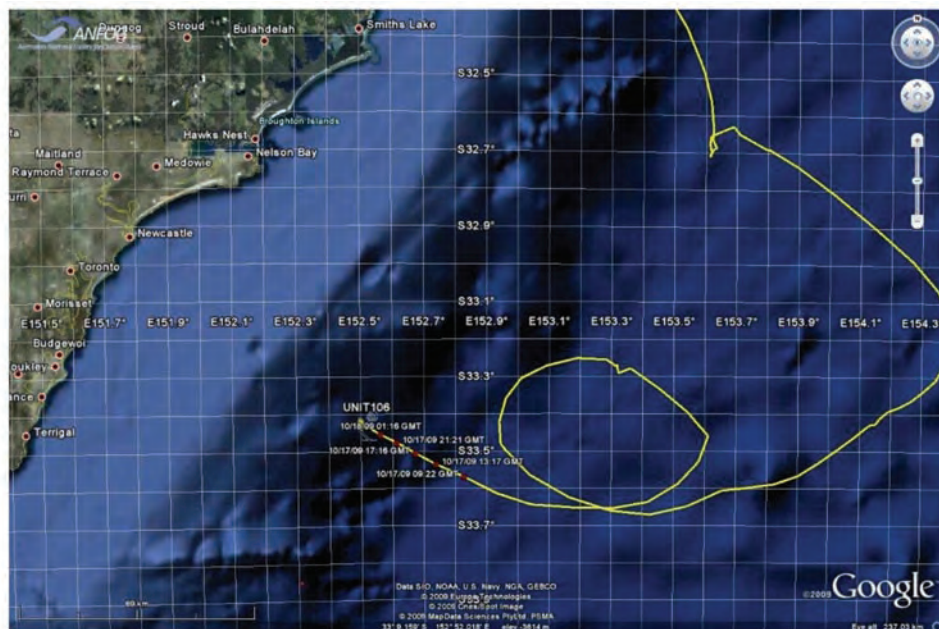


Fig. 5a: Glider track of Slocum Unit 109 “Nemo-3” retrieved off Gosford by *Southern Surveyor*.

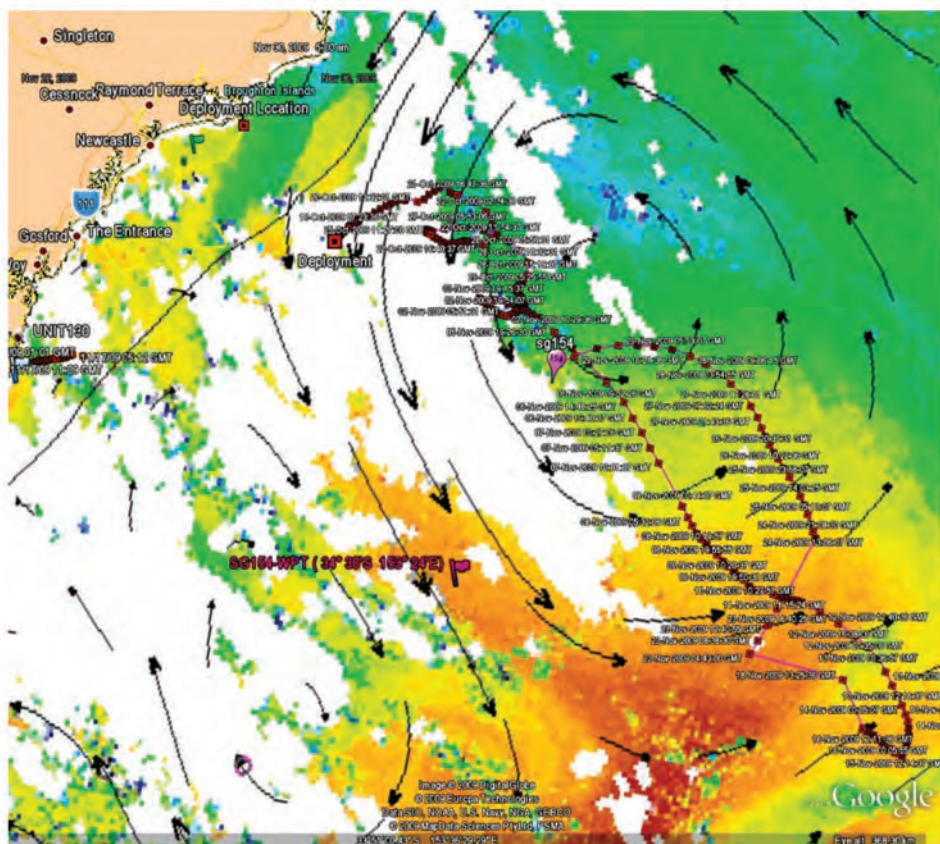
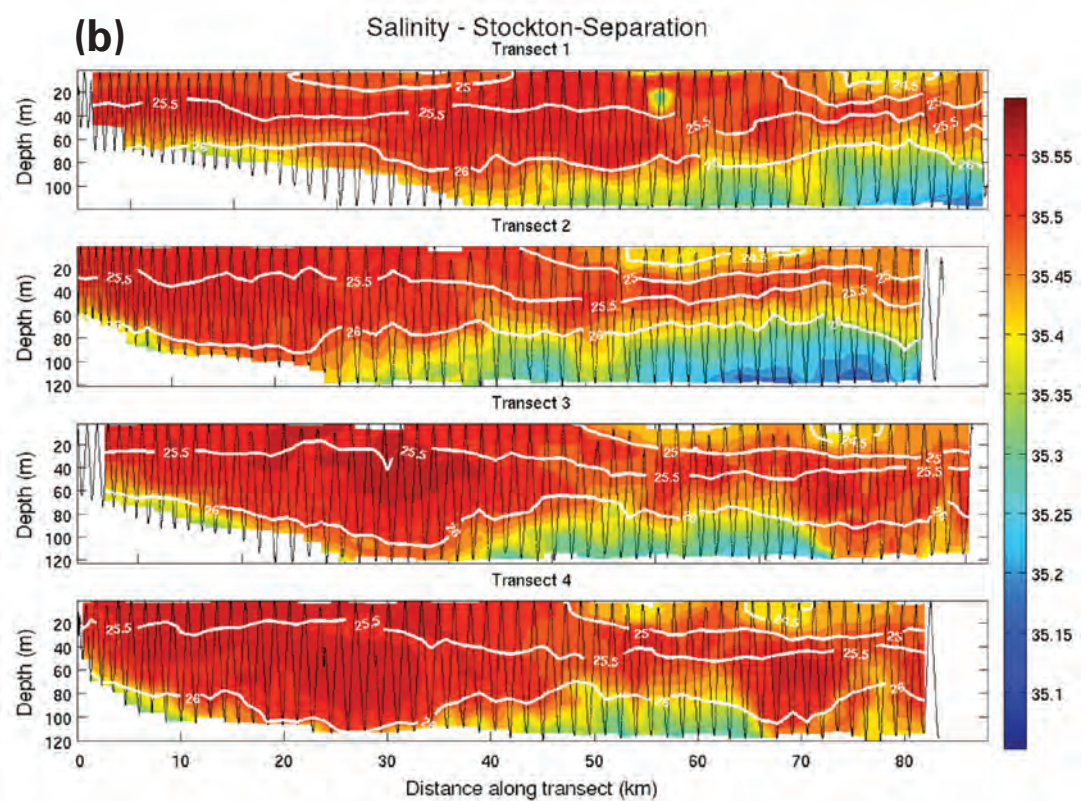
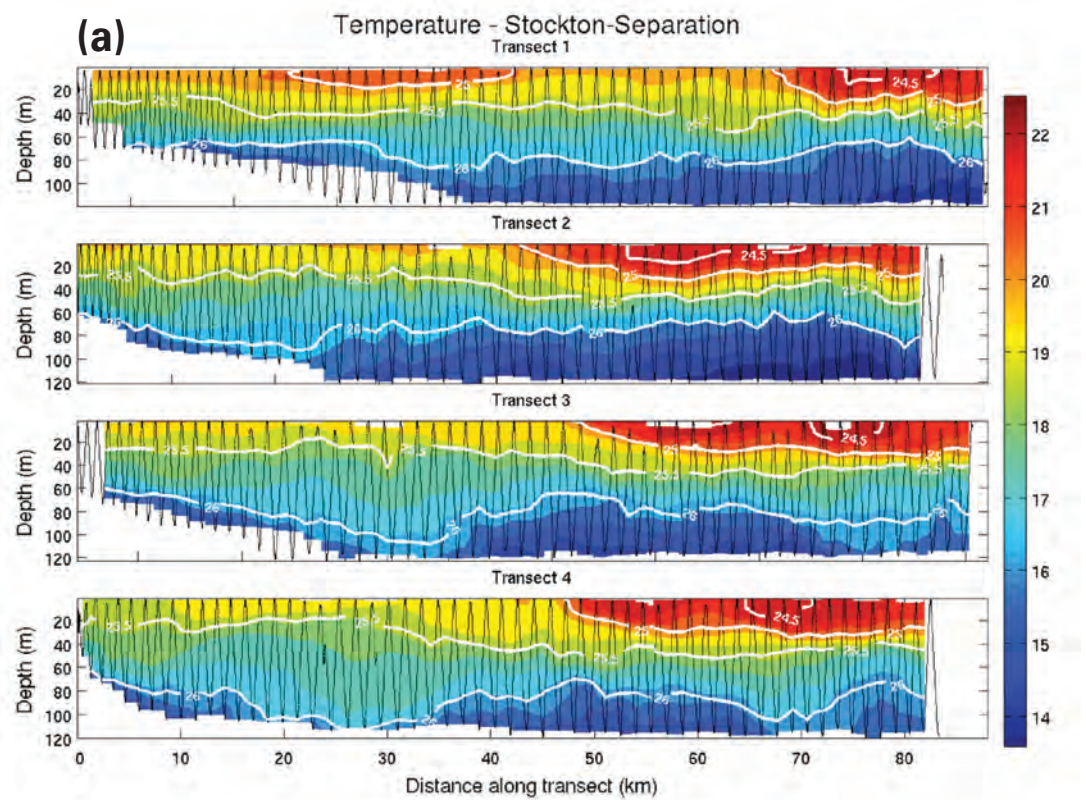


Fig. 5b: Glider track of Sea Glider 154 by late November, released from *Southern Surveyor* 05-2009 in mid October (Slocum Glider 130 “Nemo-4” is also shown in yellow on the shelf off Newcastle). The sea glider completed two revolutions of the warm core eddy off Sydney and was retrieved on 11 Jan. 2010.



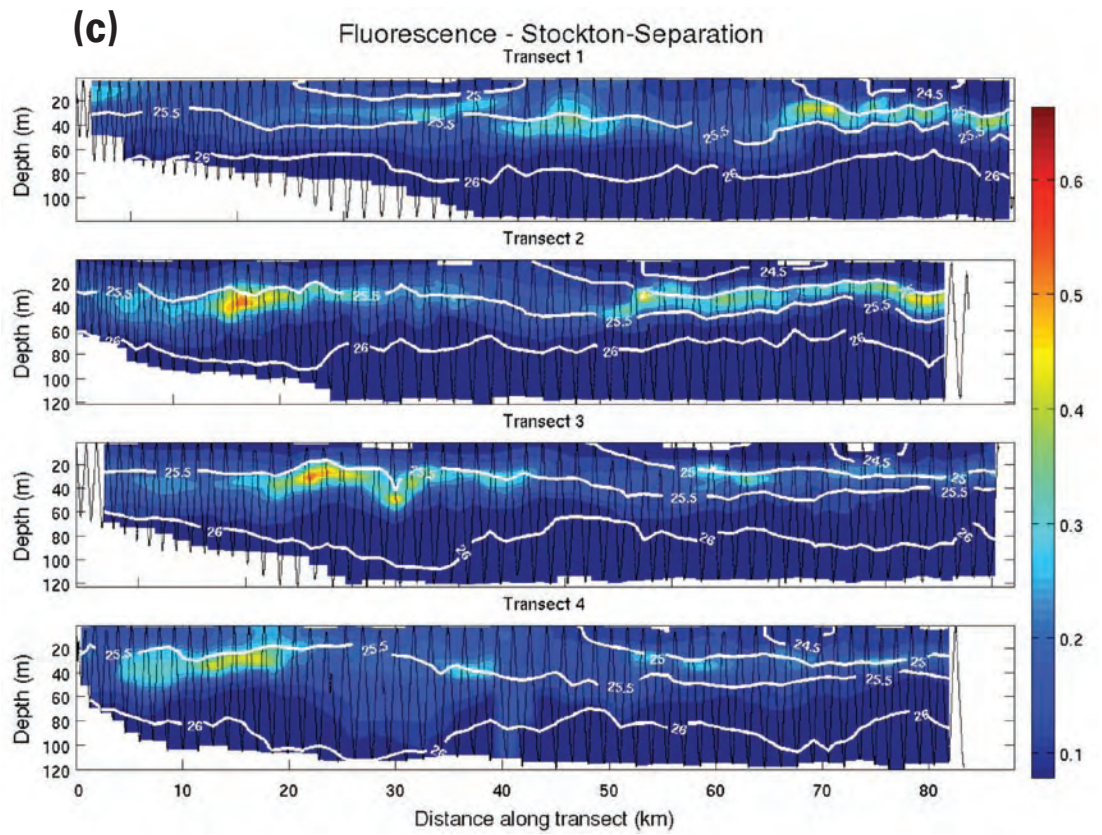


Fig. 6: Sea Soar transects through the EAC separation zone (see Fig. 1b for locations)
a) temperature; b) salinity; c) fluorescence

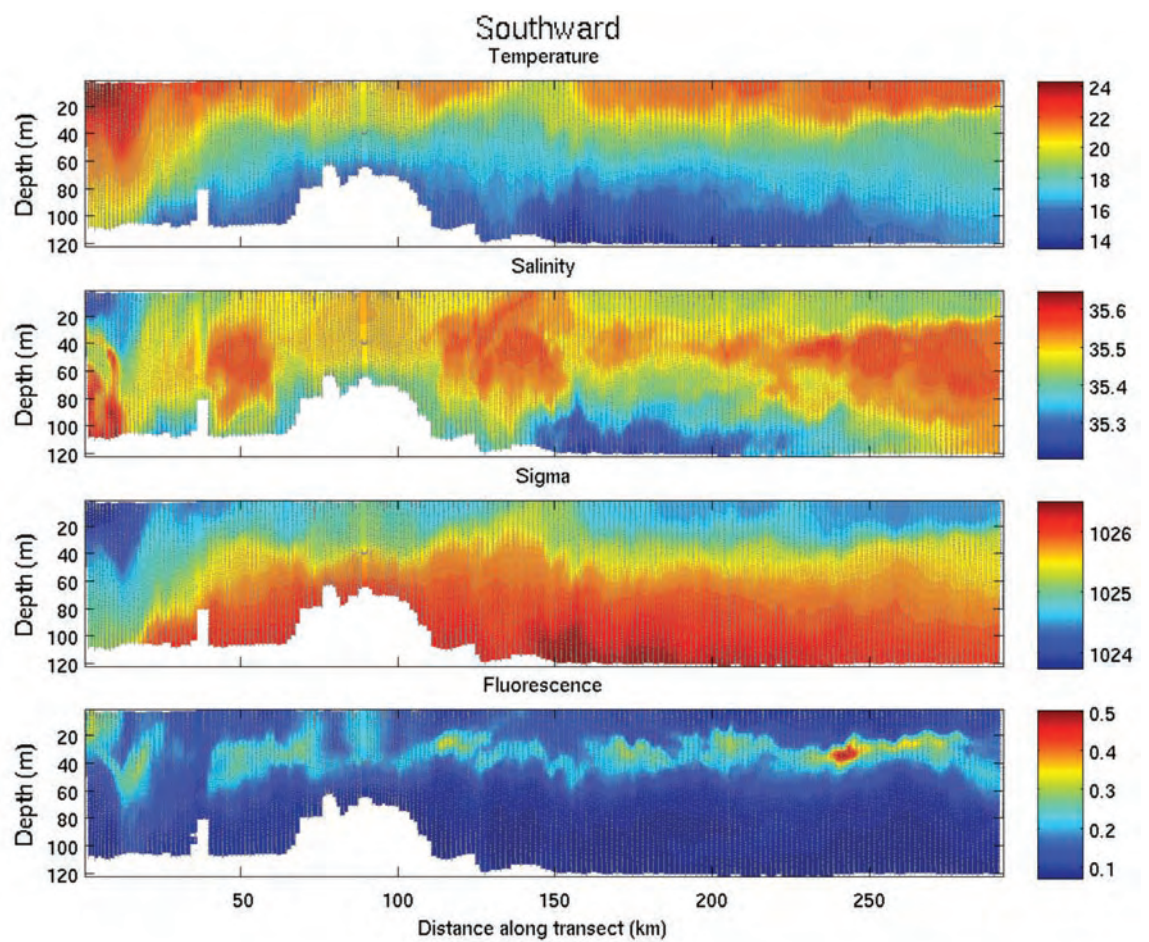


Fig. 7: Sea Soar summary of a 300 km deployment along the continental shelf, north to south, from off Cape Hawke to off Broken Bay.

Appendix 1

Table of all CTD stations and associate N70 vertical hauls.

| CTD | Date | UTC | Local | Location | Lat | Long | Bathym | N70 | Notes |
|----------|----------------|-------|-------|-------------------|--------|---------|---|-------|---|
| 1 (test) | | 8:34 | 19:34 | | | | 1185 | | |
| 2 | Sun 18/10/2009 | | | miss-fire | | | | | |
| 3 | Sun 18/10/2009 | | | miss-fire | | | | | |
| 4 | Sun 18/10/2009 | 10:06 | 21:06 | Big Ed | 33 40' | 153 10' | 4816 | 1,2 | southern end of eddy, 12 nm to next |
| 5 | Sun 18/10/2009 | 11:52 | 22:52 | Big Ed | 33 28' | 153 14' | 4830 | 3,4 | 6 nm to next |
| 6 | Sun 18/10/2009 | 13:40 | 0:40 | Big Ed | 33 23' | 153 16' | 4845 | 5,6 | 6 nm to next |
| 7 | Sun 18/10/2009 | 15:25 | 2:25 | Big Ed | 33 17' | 153 18' | 4847 | 7,8 | 6 nm to next |
| 8 | Sun 18/10/2009 | 16:58 | 3:58 | Big Ed | 33 11' | 153 20' | 4850 | 9,10 | 6 nm to next |
| 9 | Sun 18/10/2009 | 18:48 | 4:48 | Big Ed | 33 05' | 153 22' | 4849 | 11,12 | 6 nm to next |
| 10 | Sun 18/10/2009 | 20:37 | 7:37 | Big Ed | 32 59' | 153 24' | 4850 | 13,14 | 6 nm to next |
| 11 | Sun 18/10/2009 | 22:11 | 9:11 | Big Ed | 32 53' | 153 26' | 4823 | 15,16 | 6 nm to next |
| 12 | Sun 18/10/2009 | 23:43 | 10:43 | Big Ed | 32 48' | 153 29' | 4710 | 17,18 | 6 nm to next |
| 13 | Sun 18/10/2009 | | | miss-fire | | | | | |
| 14 | Sun 18/10/2009 | | | miss-fire | | | | | |
| 15 | Sun 18/10/2009 | 2:35 | 13:35 | Big Ed | 32 40' | 153 40 | 4808 | 19,20 | NE off line to find 21deg and EAC |
| 16 | Mon 19/10 | 3:55 | 14:55 | glider deployment | 3328 | 21,22 | to correspond with initial Sea Glider profiles | | |
| 17 | Mon 19/10 | 5:25 | 16:25 | glider pickup | 2483 | 23,24 | to correspond with final Slocum Glider profiles | | |
| 18 | Tues 20/10 | 4:35 | 15:35 | EAC-EZ start | 4413 | 23,24 | nb – duplicate mislabel on N70, should have a few pillies in it | | |
| 19 | Wed 21/10 | 1:35 | 12:35 | eddy centre | | | 4797 | 25,26 | |
| 20 | Wed 21/10 | 6:37 | 17:37 | Stockton Bight | 33 12' | 152 37' | 1689 | 27,28 | Martina chlorophyll, EZ16,17 |
| 21 | Wed 21/10 | 7:56 | 18:56 | Stockton Bight | 33 09' | 152 32' | 1099 | 29,30 | |
| 22 | Wed 21/10 | 9:05 | 20:05 | Stockton Bight | 33 06' | 152 27' | 521 | 31,32 | Martina chlorophyll, EZ14,15 |
| 23 | Wed 21/10 | 10:32 | 21:32 | Stockton Bight | 33 03' | 152 22' | 146 | 33,34 | |
| 24 | Wed 21/10 | 11:34 | 22:34 | Stockton Bight | 33 01' | 152 17' | 139 | 35,36 | Martina chlorophyll, EZ12,13 |
| 25 | Wed 21/10 | 12:38 | 23:38 | Stockton Bight | 32 58' | 152 12' | 131 | 37,38 | |
| 26 | Wed 21/10 | 13:47 | 0:47 | Stockton Bight | 32 55' | 152 07' | 122 | 39,40 | Martina chlorophyll |
| 27 | Wed 21/10 | 14:59 | 1:59 | Stockton Bight | 32 52' | 152 02' | 69 | 41,42 | N70 re-labelled OK;went to only 40 m as shallow |
| 28 | Sat 24/10 | 15:38 | 2:28 | Cape Hawke | 32 18' | 152 38' | 87 | 43,44 | |
| 29 | Sat 24/10 | 16:41 | 3:41 | Cape Hawke | 32 18' | 152 45' | | 45,46 | |
| 30 | Sat 24/10 | 18:54 | 4:54 | Cape Hawke | 32 18' | 152 52' | 117 | 47,48 | |
| 31 | Sat 24/10 | 20:30 | 11:30 | Cape Hawke | 32 18' | 153 00' | 359 | 49,50 | |
| 32 | Sat 24/10 | 0:57 | 11:57 | Cape Hawke | 32 18' | 153 07' | 2000 | 51,52 | snafu sorted out with N70 winch |
| 33 | Sat 24/10 | 2:22 | 13:22 | Cape Hawke | 32 18' | 153 14' | | 53,54 | |
| 34 | Sat 24/10 | 3:39 | 14:39 | Cape Hawke | 32 18' | 153 21' | 3305 | 55,56 | |
| 35 | Sat 24/10 | 5:04 | | Cape Hawke | 32 18' | 153 28' | 4193 | 57,58 | |
| 36 | Sat 24/10 | 6:38 | | Cape Hawke | 32 18' | 153 35' | 4505 | 59,60 | |
| 37 | Sun 25/10 | 6:21 | | Sydney | 34 04 | 152 00 | 2171 | 61,62 | Chlorophylls |
| 38 | Sun 25/10 | | | Sydney | 34 04 | 151 54' | | 63,64 | |
| 39 | Sun 25/10 | | | Sydney | 34 04 | 151 48 | | | Chlorophylls |
| 40 | Sun 25/10 | | | Sydney | 34 04 | 151 42 | | | |
| 41 | Sun 25/10 | | | Sydney | 34 04 | 151 36 | | | Chlorophylls |
| 42 | Sun 25/10 | | | Sydney | 34 04 | 151 30 | | | |
| 43 | Sun 25/10 | | | Sydney | 34 04 | 151 24' | | | Chlorophylls, S of SYD140 |
| 44 | Sun 25/10 | | | Sydney | 34 04 | 151 18' | | | Chlorophylls, S of SYD100 |

Appendix 2. Table of all EZ net stations

| Sample (EZ&net) | Lat | long | Region | Correlating CTD | Team | Success | Date UTC | Date local | Time UTC | Time local | depth (m) | Notes |
|-----------------|--------|--------|----------------|--|------|---------|----------|------------|----------|------------|-----------|--|
| 0.1 | 32 | 153 | Off Shore Eddy | 15 | B | Yes | 18/10/09 | 18/10/09 | 504 | 1607 | 500-340 | Had to pay out of wire; net haul from 50m-100m |
| 0.2 | 43.658 | 43.231 | | | | Yes | | | | | 340-200 | |
| 0.3 | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 200-100 | |
| 0.4 | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 100-50 | |
| 0.5 ≈50m | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 50-0 | |
| 1.1 | 32 | 153 | Off Shore Eddy | 15/9 | B | Yes | 18/10/09 | 18/10/09 | 831 | 1932 | 500-320 | |
| 1.2 | 45.483 | 47.122 | | | | Yes | | | | | 320-200 | |
| 1.3 | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 200-100 | |
| 1.4 | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 100-50 | |
| 1.5 | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 50-0 | |
| 2.1 | 32 | 153 | Off Shore Eddy | 12 and/or 15 | B | Yes | 18/10/09 | 19/10/09 | 1353 | 1253 | 500-300 | |
| 2.2 | 48.85 | 34.59 | | | | Yes | | | | | 300-100 | |
| 2.3 | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 100-0 | |
| 2.4 | | | | | | No | | | | | * | |
| 2.5 | | | | | | No | | | | | * | |
| 3.1 | 32 | 153 | Off Shore Eddy | 12 | A | Yes | 18/10/09 | 19/10/09 | 1629 | 330 | 500-400 | Check Nets at SIMS!! Do we have the surface net? |
| 3.2 | 51.40 | 31.84 | | | | Yes | | | | | 400-300 | |
| 3.3 | | | | | | No | | | | | 300-100 | |
| 3.4 | | | | | | No | | | | | 100-50 | |
| 3.5 | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 50-0 | |
| 4.1 | 33 | 154 | Off Shore Eddy | 18 | B | Yes | 20/10/09 | 20/10/09 | 554 | 1640 | 500-350 | |
| 4.2 | 18.22 | 21.46 | | | | Yes | | | | | 350-200 | |
| 4.3 | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 200-100 | |
| 4.4 | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 100-50 | |
| 4.5 | | | | | | No | | | | | 50-0 | |
| 5.1 | 33 | 154 | Off Shore Eddy | 19/18 | B | Yes | 20/10/09 | 20/10/09 | 814 | 1914 | 500-350 | 400 for 23m3 |
| 5.2 | 17.55 | 19.30 | | | | Yes | | | | | 350-200 | 200 for 25m3 |
| 5.3 | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 200-100 | haul 100m for 30m3 |
| 5.4 | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 100-50 | net 4 may have sampled 100-om depth |
| 5.5 | | | | | | No | | | | | 50-0 | Didn't drop |
| 6.1 | 33 | 154 | Off Shore Eddy | In between 18/19 but not close proximity | | Yes | 20/10/09 | 20/10/09 | 1051 | 2151 | 500-400 | |
| 6.2 | 18.01 | 03.65 | | | | Yes | | | | | 400-200 | |
| 6.3 | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 200-100 | |
| 6.4 | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 100-50 | |

| Sample (EZ&net) | Lat | long | Region | Correlating CTD | Team | Success | Date UTC | Date local | Time UTC | Time local | depth (m) | Notes |
|--------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------------------|------|---------|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|--|
| 6.5 | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 50-0 | Kept 1/4 of sample. 8 pillies kept from 3/4 disposed. (work out volumes) |
| 7.1 | 33 17.72 | 154 03.95 | Off Shore Eddy | In between 18/19 | B | Yes | 20/10/09 | 20/10/09 | 1234 | 2335 | 500-400 | |
| 7.2 | | | | but not close proximity | | Yes | | | | | 400-200 | |
| 7.3 | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 200-100 | |
| 7.4 | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 100-50 | |
| 7.5 | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 50-0 | |
| 8.1 | 33 17.82 | | Off Shore Eddy | In between 18/19 | A | Yes | 20/10/09 | 21/10/09 | 1532 | 232 | 500-400 | |
| 8.2 | | | | but not close proximity | | Yes | | | | | 400-200 | |
| 8.3 | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 200-100 | |
| 8.4 | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 100-50 | 2L subsampled to 1.1L |
| 8.5 | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 50-0 | |
| 9.1 | 33 17.80 | 153 48.80 | Off Shore Eddy | In between 18/19 | B | Yes | 20/10/09 | 21/10/09 | 1811 | 511 | 500-400 | |
| 9.2 | | | | but not close proximity | | | Yes | | | | 400-200 | |
| 9.3 | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 200-100 | Migration occurring, most likely affectinh net 3 |
| 9.4 | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 100-50 | Plume (migration?) past net 4 by the time net dropped |
| 9.5 | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 50-0 | |
| 10.1 | 33 18.00 | 153 31.9 | Off Shore Eddy | 19 | B | Yes | 20/10/09 | 21/10/09 | 2056 | 755 | 500-400 | Vertical migration finished. Log file was not activated, no data obtained. |
| 10.2 | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 400-200 | |
| 10.3 | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 200-100 | |
| 10.4 | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 100-50 | |
| 10.5 | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 50-0 | |
| 11.1 | 33 18.17 | 153 31.83 | Off Shore Eddy | 19 | B | Yes | 20/10/09 | 21/10/09 | 2309 | 1009 | 500-400 | |
| 11.2 | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 400-200 | |
| 11.3 | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 200-100 | |
| 11.4 | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 100-50 | |
| 11.5 | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 50-0 | Iain took ≈30 assorted larval fish, stored in EtOH |
| 12.1 | 33 01.16 | 152 17.37 | Stockton bight | 23/24 | A | Yes | 21/10/09 | 22/10/09 | 1720 | 420 | 125-100 | first net was opened at 134m (EZ was in shallow shelf water) |
| 12.2 | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 100-75 | |
| 12.3 | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 75-50 | |
| 12.4 | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 50-25 | |
| 12.5 | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 25-0 | |

| Sample (EZ&net) | Lat | long | Region | Correlating CTD | Team | Success | Date UTC | Date local | Time UTC | Time local | depth (m) | Notes |
|-----------------|-----------|------------|----------------|-----------------|------|---------|----------|------------|----------|------------|-----------|--|
| 13.1 | 33 00.881 | 152 17.237 | Stockton bight | 23/24 | A | Yes | 21/10/09 | 22/10/09 | 1849 | 549 | 125-100 | |
| 13.2 | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 100-75 | |
| 13.3 | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 75-50 | |
| 13.4 | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 50-25 | |
| 13.5 | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 25-0 | |
| 14.1 | 33 05.848 | 152 27.012 | Stockton bight | 21/22 | A | Yes | 21/10/09 | 22/10/09 | 2115 | 815 | 500-400 | On continental slope, echoes from deeper depths than on the abyssal plains |
| 14.2 | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 400-200 | |
| 14.3 | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 200-100 | |
| 14.4 | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 100-50 | |
| 14.5 | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 50-0 | |
| 15.1 | 33 05.160 | 152 27.219 | Stockton bight | 21/22 | A | Yes | 21/10/09 | 22/10/09 | 2309 | 1009 | 500-400 | |
| 15.2 | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 400-200 | problems with net opening, net tripped after 100m3 so volume was reset |
| 15.3 | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 200-100 | |
| 15.4 | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 100-50 | 1.1L subsample from 2.2L |
| 15.5 | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 50-0 | |
| 16.1 | 33 12.112 | 152 37.062 | Stockton bight | 17/20 | B | Yes | 22/10/09 | 22/10/09 | 147 | 1247 | 500-400 | |
| 16.2 | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 400-200 | |
| 16.3 | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 200-100 | |
| 16.4 | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 100-50 | |
| 16.5 | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 50-0 | |
| 17.1 | 33 12.055 | 152 37.13 | Stockton bight | 17/20 | B | Yes | 22/10/09 | 22/10/09 | 359 | 1459 | 500-400 | Began to do EZ trawls at less than 2kn |
| 17.2 | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 400-200 | |
| 17.3 | | | | | | Check | | | | | 200-100 | |
| 17.4 | | | | | | Check | | | | | 100-50 | |
| 17.5 | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 50-0 | |
| 18.1 | 33 17.94 | 152 46.89 | Stockton bight | 16/17 | B | Check | 22/10/09 | 22/10/09 | 632 | 1732 | 500-400 | |
| 18.2 | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 400-200 | |
| 18.3 | | | | | | Check | | | | | 200-100 | |
| 18.4 | | | | | | Check | | | | | 100-50 | |
| 18.5 | | | | | | Check | | | | | 50-0 | |
| 19.1 | 33 17.98 | 152 46.96 | Stockton bight | 16/17 | B | Yes | 22/10/09 | 22/10/09 | 827 | 1927 | 500-400 | Problem with this final EZ, net order was different, watch for anything abnormal |
| 19.2 | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 400-200 | |
| 19.3 | | | | | | No | | | | | 200-100 | Will tell us what was traveling up at dusk |
| 19.4 | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 100-50 | |
| 19.5 | | | | | | Yes | | | | | 50-0 | |

CSR/ROSCOP PARAMETER CODES

METEOROLOGY

| | |
|-----|-----------------------------------|
| M01 | Upper air observations |
| M02 | Incident radiation |
| M05 | Occasional standard measurements |
| M06 | Routine standard measurements |
| M71 | Atmospheric chemistry |
| M90 | Other meteorological measurements |

PHYSICAL OCEANOGRAPHY

| | |
|-----|--|
| H71 | Surface measurements underway (T,S) |
| H13 | Bathythermograph |
| H09 | Water bottle stations |
| H10 | CTD stations |
| H11 | Subsurface measurements underway (T,S) |
| H72 | Thermistor chain |
| H16 | Transparency (eg transmissometer) |
| H17 | Optics (eg underwater light levels) |
| H73 | Geochemical tracers (eg freons) |
| D01 | Current meters |
| D71 | Current profiler (eg ADCP) |
| D03 | Currents measured from ship drift |
| D04 | GEK |
| D05 | Surface drifters/drifted buoys |
| D06 | Neutrally buoyant floats |
| D09 | Sea level (incl. Bottom pressure & inverted echosounder) |
| D72 | Instrumented wave measurements |
| D90 | Other physical oceanographic measurements |

CHEMICAL OCEANOGRAPHY

| | |
|-----|---|
| H21 | Oxygen |
| H74 | Carbon dioxide |
| H33 | Other dissolved gases |
| H22 | Phosphate |
| H23 | Total – P |
| H24 | Nitrate |
| H25 | Nitrite |
| H75 | Total – N |
| H76 | Ammonia |
| H26 | Silicate |
| H27 | Alkalinity |
| H28 | PH |
| H30 | Trace elements |
| H31 | Radioactivity |
| H32 | Isotopes |
| H90 | Other chemical oceanographic measurements |

MARINE CONTAMINANTS/POLLUTION

| | |
|-----|--------------------------------|
| P01 | Suspended matter |
| P02 | Trace metals |
| P03 | Petroleum residues |
| P04 | Chlorinated hydrocarbons |
| P05 | Other dissolved substances |
| P12 | Bottom deposits |
| P13 | Contaminants in organisms |
| P90 | Other contaminant measurements |

MARINE BIOLOGY/FISHERIES

| | |
|-----|---|
| B01 | Primary productivity |
| B02 | Phytoplankton pigments (eg chlorophyll, fluorescence) |
| B71 | Particulate organic matter (inc POC, PON) |
| B06 | Dissolved organic matter (inc DOC) |
| B72 | Biochemical measurements (eg lipids, amino acids) |
| B73 | Sediment traps |
| B08 | Phytoplankton |
| B09 | Zooplankton |
| B03 | Seston |
| B10 | Neuston |
| B11 | Nekton |
| B13 | Eggs & larvae |
| B07 | Pelagic bacteria/micro-organisms |
| B16 | Benthic bacteria/micro-organisms |
| B17 | Phytobenthos |
| B18 | Zoobenthos |
| B25 | Birds |
| B26 | Mammals & reptiles |
| B14 | Pelagic fish |
| B19 | Demersal fish |
| B20 | Molluscs |
| B21 | Crustaceans |
| B28 | Acoustic reflection on marine organisms |
| B37 | Taggings |
| B64 | Gear research |
| B65 | Exploratory fishing |

MARINE GEOLOGY/GEOPHYSICS

| | |
|-----|---|
| G01 | Dredge |
| G02 | Grab |
| G03 | Core – rock |
| G04 | Core – soft bottom |
| G08 | Bottom photography |
| G71 | In-situ seafloor measurement/sampling |
| G72 | Geophysical measurements made at depth |
| G73 | Single-beam echosounding |
| G74 | Multi-beam echosounding |
| G24 | Long/short range side scan sonar |
| G75 | Single channel seismic reflection |
| G76 | Multichannel seismic reflection |
| G26 | Seismic refraction |
| G27 | Gravity measurements |
| G28 | Magnetic measurements |
| G90 | Other geological/geophysical measurements |