

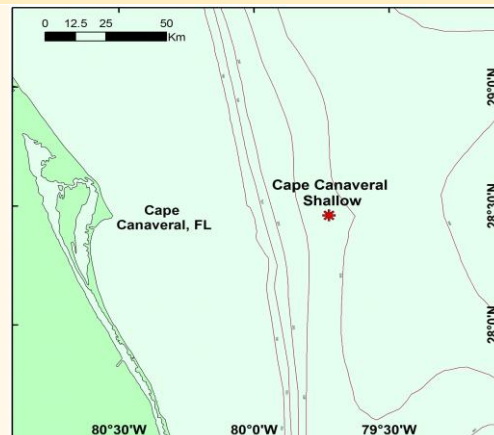
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STUDY AREA: Cape Canaveral Shallow

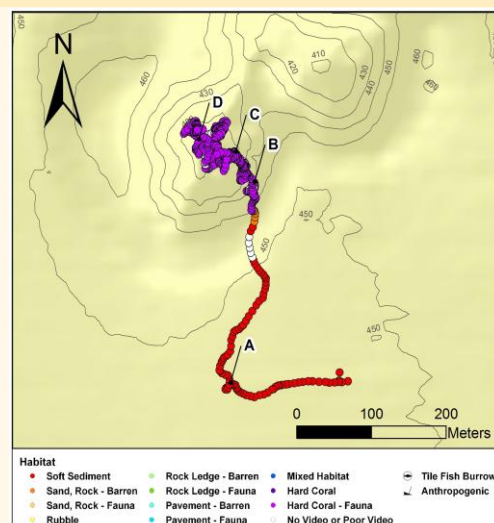
STATION OVERVIEW

Project	Deep-sea Coral Research
Principal investigators	SW Ross ¹
PI Contact Info¹	Center for Marine Science, 5600 Marvin Moss Ln., Wilmington, NC 28409
Purpose	Exploration of Deep-water Coral Ecosystems off Cape Canaveral, Florida
Vessel	R/V Seward Johnson, Johnson Sea Link II Submersible
Science Divers	M Nizinski (bow), E Baird (stern)
External Video Tapes	External Hard Drive
Internal Video Tapes	3 mini DVs
Digital Still Photos	Yes
Positioning System	dGPS
CTD File	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Specimens Collected	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	
Acknowledgements	NOAA, USGS, SAFMC, OIMB, NC Museum of Natural Sciences
SEADESC Analyst	M Watts
Date Compiled	1/26/2012
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GENERAL LOCATION



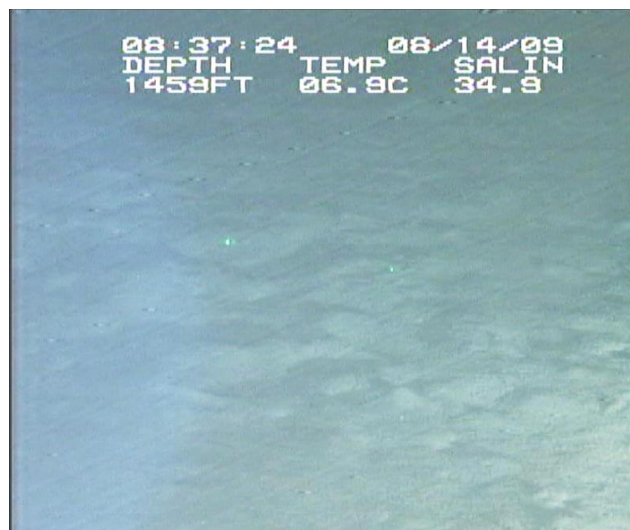
Dive Track:



DIVE DATA

Date	14-Aug-09
Minimum Bottom Depth (m)	407
Maximum Bottom Depth (m)	446
Start Bottom Time (EDT)	8:27
End Bottom End (EDT)	11:19
Starting Latitude (N)	28° 23.186'
Starting Longitude (W)	79° 45.901'
Ending Latitude (N)	28° 23.350'
Ending Longitude (W)	79° 46.017'
Surface Current (Kts)	
Bottom Current (Kts)	

Image A: Soft Substrate
28° 23.185' N, 79° 45.984' W



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IMAGE GALLERY

* indicates image position is approximated

Image B: Hard Coral -
with Attached Fauna

28° 23.317' N, 79° 45.972' W



Image C: Hard Coral -
with Attached Fauna

28° 23.336' N, 79° 45.984' W



Image D: Hard Coral -
with Attached Fauna

28° 23.335' N, 79° 46.020' W



RELEVANT WORK AND/OR LITERATURE CITED

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BIOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT

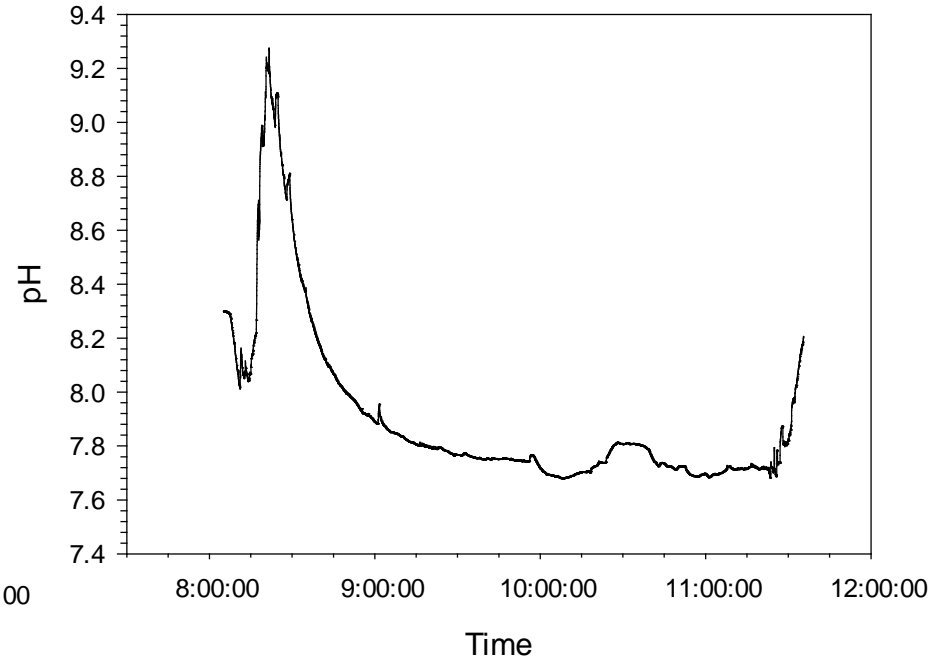
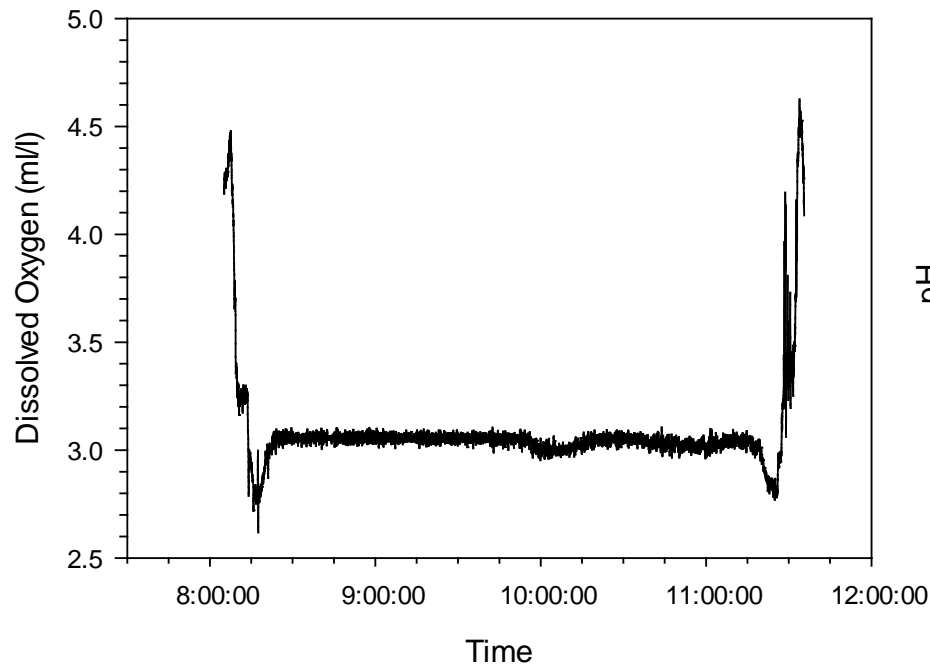
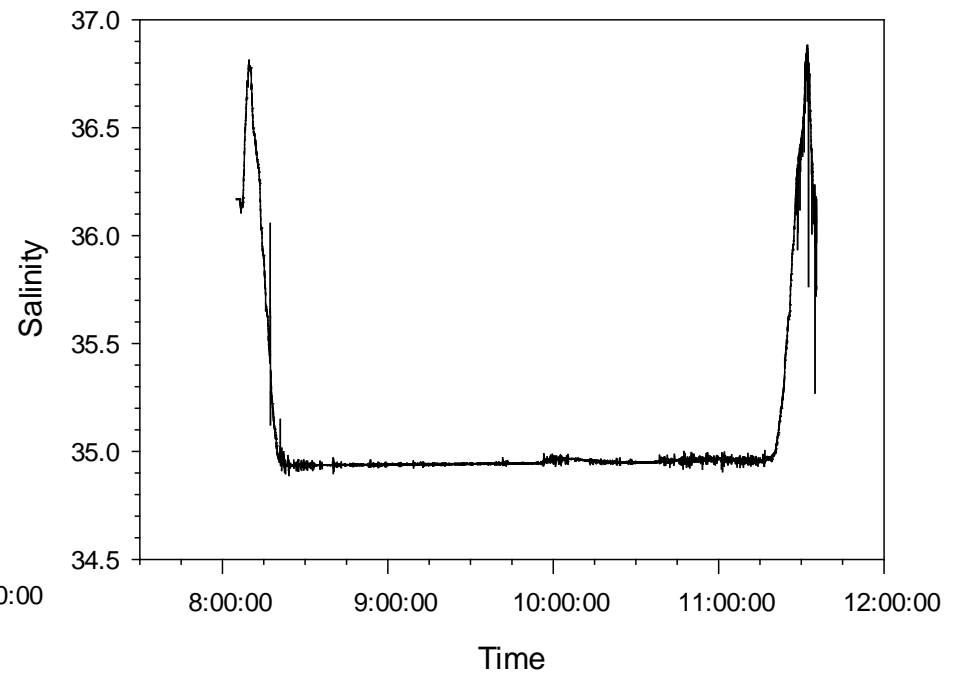
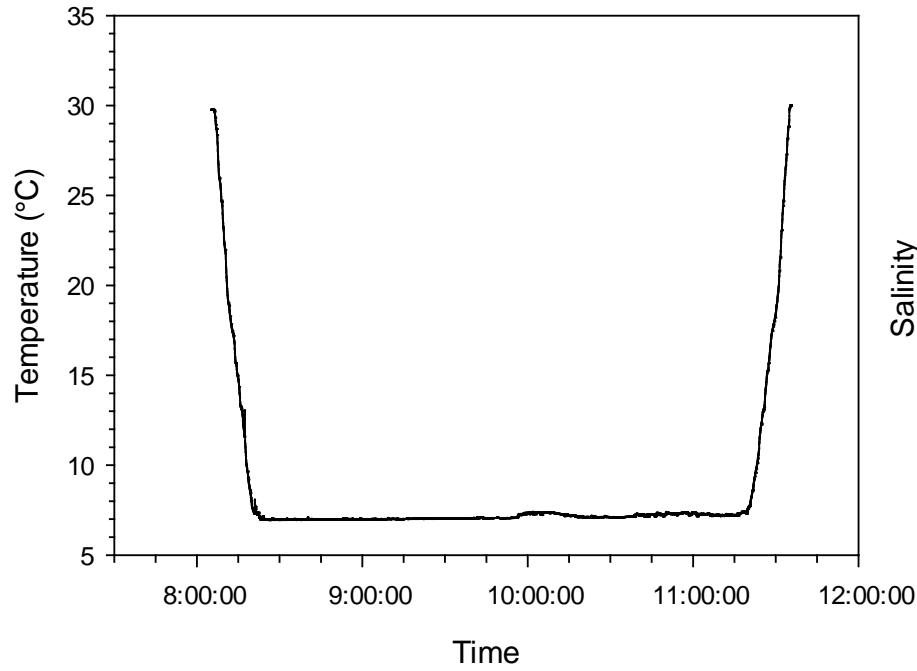
This dive traversed a *Lophelia pertusa* bioherm off Cape Canaveral. The coral bioherm was comprised of very dense, high relief, live *L. pertusa* on a dead coral matrix. The hard coral often supported abundant attached fauna such as cup corals, anemones, gorgonians (e.g. *Plumarella* sp.), *Paramuricea* sp., hydroids, hexactinellid sponges (e.g. *Aphrocallistes* sp. with and without yellow zooanthids) and frequent, large patches of the hard coral *Enallopsammia profunda* and *Madrepora oculata*. Mobile fauna included cidaroid urchins, crinoids, golden and galatheid crabs, blackbelly rosefish, coral hakes, and a shortbeard codling.

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

This dive began southeast of a *L. pertusa* bioherm, requiring a northwesterly traverse to reach the bioherm. The habitat on the bioherm turned quickly from sparse rubble and standing coral mixed with soft sediment into dense (60-80% cover) hard coral habitat with and without attached fauna as the submersible moved up the slope. Hard coral habitat consisted of extensive, very high relief, 60-80% live, densely packed hard coral thickets that were oriented in several ridges along the bioherm. This site contained some of the healthiest and most extensive *L. pertusa* habitat off the Cape Canaveral area.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Original dives are on mini DVs that were transferred to digital and stored on an external hard drive. Video quality was clear except for brief sections of dark footage as the submersible passed over deep areas between ridges and times when the JSL external camera was turned off. Suction samples and punch cores for sediment were taken at the base of corals along with collections of live *L. pertusa*, *M. oculata*, cidaroid urchins, golden and galatheid crabs, and a blackbelly rosefish.



Plots of CTD data recorded during submersible dive JSL-2009-Atl-3715 (14 Aug 2009) off Cape Canaveral, FL.