# **BOUSSOLE** Monthly Cruise Report

# Cruise 250 January 10-12, 2023

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Cleaning of the BOUSSOLE buoy sensors by the divers.

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# **Foreword**

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#### **Cruise Objectives**

#### Routine operations

Multiple Biospherical's C-OPS (Compact Optical Profiling System) radiometric profiles are performed at the BOUSSOLE site around solar noon, under optimal conditions: clear blue skies and flat, calm sea surface. CTD deployments are required at the start and the end of the C-OPS profiling day and around noon in the longer summer days or when there is a high possibility of a satellite matchup. The CTD package also includes a Chl fluorometer. Additional instrumentation for measurement of inherent optical properties has been added from December 2011. The package includes a hyperspectral absorption meter (Hobilabs a-Sphere), a multispectral backscattering meter (Hobilabs Hydroscat-6) and a multispectral beam transmissometer (Hobilabs Gamma-4). A CTD cast including a 0.2 µm filter installed on the inlet tube of the a-Sphere is to be performed once per cruise at the BOUSSOLE site for the dissolved matter absorption measurements. This cast will be stopped at ten depths during 2 or 7 min depending on the depths in order to ensure that the integrating cavity of the a-Sphere be completely filled at each of these depths during the ascent of the CTD.

Seawater samples are to be collected, filtered and stored into liquid nitrogen for subsequent HPLC pigment and particle absorption spectrophotometric filter analysis in the lab. Three replicate samples are to be collected at surface for total suspended matter weighting in the lab.

Divers check the underwater state of the buoy structure and instrumentation, take pictures for archiving, clean the sensor optical surfaces, and then take again some pictures after cleaning. Divers also put a neoprene cap on the backscattering meter for acquiring dark measurements (started in April 2009).

#### Projects-specific operations

In addition, water samples are to be collected at 5 m depth for dissolved oxygen (DO), total alkalinity (TA) and total inorganic carbon (TC) analysis (from March 2014) and pH analysis (from October 2021). The TA/TC samples will be processed by the National service for such analyses (SNAPOCO – LOCEAN in Paris). The DO and pH samples will be analysed in the *Institut de la Mer de Villefranche* by the MOOSE team. The results will allow checking the data collected by the pCO<sub>2</sub> CARIOCA sensors, the optode and the pH sensor installed on the buoy at 3 m.

Further details about these operations and the data collection and processing protocols are to be found in: Antoine, D. M. Chami, H. Claustre, F. D'Ortenzio, A. Morel, G. Bécu, B. Gentili, F. Louis, J. Ras, E. Roussier, A.J. Scott, D. Tailliez, S. B. Hooker, P. Guevel, J.-F. Desté, C. Dempsey and D. Adams. 2006, BOUSSOLE: a joint CNRS-INSU, ESA, CNES and NASA Ocean Color Calibration And Validation Activity. NASA Technical memorandum  $N^{\circ}$  2006 - 214147, 61 pp.

(http://www.obs-vlfr.fr/Boussole/html/publications/pubs/BOUSSOLE\_TM\_214147.pdf)

#### Additional operations

The "MOOSE DYFAMED" cruise scheduled on 13<sup>th</sup> January was cancelled because of bad weather forecasts, so their operations were performed during the BOUSSOLE cruise.

The last day was given to the SEAMER cruise for the deployment of the drifting mooring line (project of the *Laboratoire de Villefranche-sur-Mer*) because of the bad weather forecasts during their schedule's dates.

#### **Cruise Summary**

The first day was cancelled because of bad weather. The second day was used for BOUSSOLE operations including diving operations, Secchi disk, CTD casts with water sampling and C-OPS profiles at the BOUSSOLE site. It was also used for MOOSE operations including a deep CTD cast, zooplankton vertical nets and a Manta horizontal net at the DYFAMED site. The last day was used for SEAMER operations.

#### Tuesday 10 January 2023

Bad weather prevented departure from the Nice harbour.

#### Wednesday 11 January 2023

The sea state was slight with a light to gentle breeze. The sky was overcast and the visibility was excellent. Firstly, divers went at sea to clean the buoy instruments, took pictures and put caps on the backscattering meter for dark measurements. They switched the battery off and on, and the surface DL3 on the top of the buoy was switched off and on two times to restart the system in order to have three series of dark measurements. The functioning of the buoy was checked on the top of the buoy, the surface sensor was heard working and the underwater instruments were seen working (opening of the fluorometers shutters during the measurements). The files recorded on the surface DL3 and the battery voltage were checked with a WIFI connection. It appeared that only two files were created this day. So, the surface DL3 on the top of the buoy was switched off and on a third time. The solar panels and the surface sensor were cleaned. In the meantime, a Secchi disk was deployed from the ship. Then, two CTD casts with water sampling and four C-OPS profiles were performed. The second C-OPS profiles was stopped at 45 m depth because of the unstable surface irradiance. Then, a deep CTD cast, two vertical zooplankton nets and a horizontal Manta net were performed at the DYFAMED site for the MOOSE program.

#### Thursday 12 January 2023

This day was used for SEAMER operations.

Pictures taken during this cruise can be found at: <a href="https://photos.app.goo.gl/mmCkiqaUuPAocsXR9">https://photos.app.goo.gl/mmCkiqaUuPAocsXR9</a>

Data from the BOUSSOLE cruises and buoy are available at: <a href="http://www.obs-vlfr.fr/Boussole/html/boussole">http://www.obs-vlfr.fr/Boussole/html/boussole</a> data/login form.php

#### **Cruise Report**

#### Tuesday 10 January 2023

Bad weather prevented departure from the Nice harbour.

#### Wednesday 11 January 2023 (UTC)

People on board: Lou Andres, Cyril Debost, Emilie Diamond-Riquier, Céline Dimier, Melek Golbol, Elsa Simon and Paco Stil.

- 0530 Departure from the Nice harbour.
- 0855 Arrival at the BOUSSOLE site.
- 0900 Diving operations: cleaning, dark measurements, pictures.

Maintenance on the top of the buoy: functional checking, solar panels cleaning.

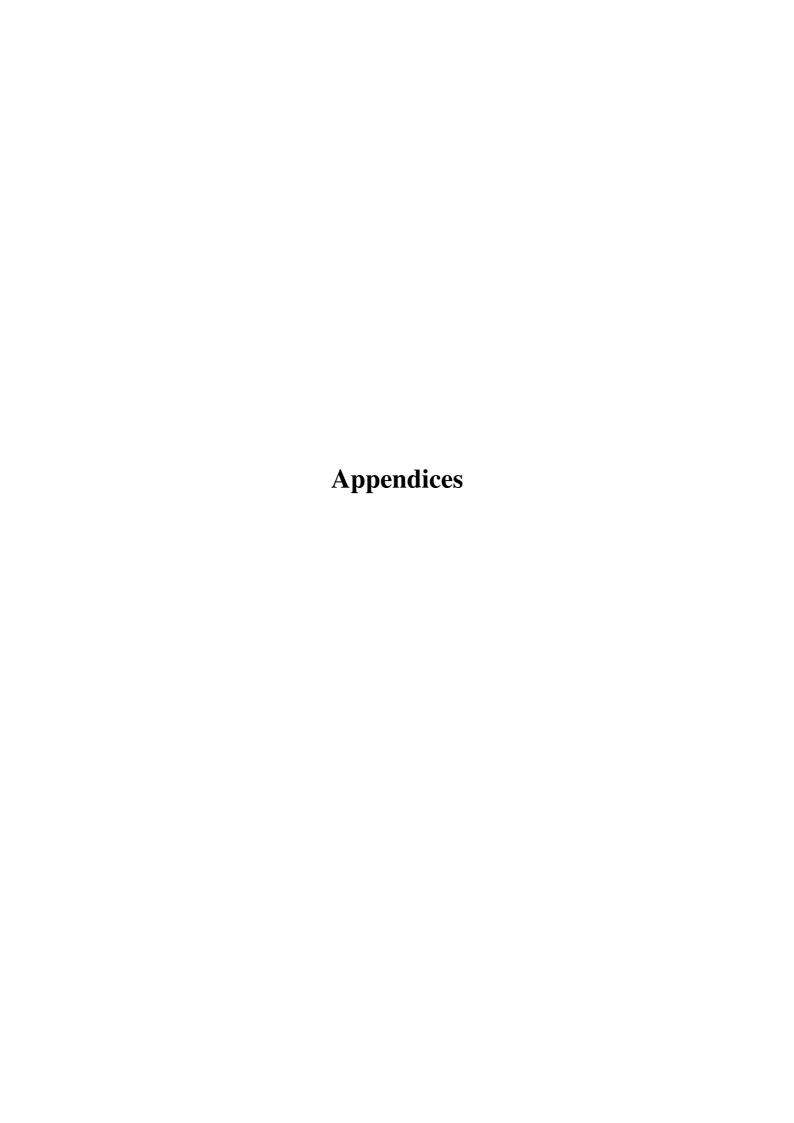
- 0945 Secchi 01, 20 m.
- 1025 CTD 01, 15 m with water sampling at 5 m for TSM, TA/TC, DO and pH.
- 1055 CTD 02, 400 m with water sampling at 400, 200, 150, 80, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, 10 and 5 m for HPLC and  $a_p$ .
- 1135 C-OPS 01, 02, 03, 04.
- 1230 Departure to DYFAMED site.
- 1250 Arrival at the DYFAMED site.
- 1255 Deep CTD cast (MOOSE program).
- Zooplankton nets x 2, 100 and 200 m (MOOSE program).
- 1455 Manta horizontal net (MOOSE Program).
- 1530 Departure to the Nice harbour.
- 1830 Arrival at the Nice harbour.

# Tuesday 12 January 2023

SEAMER operations.

# Problems identified during the cruise

- The IOP package was not available for this cruise. The instruments were still under calibration at Hobi Instruments Service.
- The second C-OPS profile was stopped at 45 m depth because of an unstable surface irradiance.



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	(file ext: ".raw")	(file extension: ".raw")			GMT (hour.min)	(hour.min.sec)	(meter)	(Degree)	(Minute)	(Degree)	(Minute)	Sky	Clouds	Quantity (#/8)	Wind sp. (kn)	Wind dir.	Atm. Pressure (hPa)	Humidity (%)	Visibility	T air	T water	Sea	Swell H (m)	Swell dir.	Whitecaps
10/01/23										Bad v	weather														
11/01/23				Secchi 01	9:45	0:04:00	20	43	22	7	54	overcast		6					excellent			slight			
			BOUS250_01	TSM, TA/TC, O2 & pH	10:25	0:03:00	15	43	22.004	7	54.089	overcast		6	10	270	1020	60		13.8	14.8	slight			
			BOUS250_02	HPLC & ap	10:57	0:26:00	400	43	22.042	7	54.094	overcast		6	10.9	260	1020	61		13.6	14.9	slight		1	
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		bou c-ops 230111 112	29 004 data.csv		12:15	0:06:30	154	43	22.886	7	53.673	overcast	As, Cs	7	5	260	1020	67	excellent	13.7		slight	1		no
12/01/23										SEAMER	operation:	3													

