BOUSSOLE Monthly Cruise Report

Cruise 97 April 23 - 25, 2010

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Figure 1. "Green" colour of the sea at BOUSSOLE during the bloom 2010.

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Cruise Objectives

Routine operations

Multiple SPMR profiles are to occur within about 1 hour of satellite overhead passes of MERIS around solar noon, under optimal conditions: clear blue skies and flat, calm sea surface. From this mission, we will restart deploying the SPMR SN 006 and its SMSR reference SN 006. If the sky is clear and sea conditions are reasonably calm (no whitecaps or large swell), hand held CIMEL sun photometer measurements are to be performed consecutively where possible with SPMR profiles. If sea conditions are poor but sky is good, hand held CIMEL sun photometer measurements can be made at intervals throughout the day to measure atmospheric optical thickness. A floating platform is to be used to support the SPMR Eu sensor approximately 20cm below the surface for up to 3 minutes of stable light field before a release mechanism triggers the release of the profiler to start a descent as normal. Multiple descents ideally will be started in this way and the data will be used to assess near-surface Eu extrapolation model calculations. CTD deployments are required at the start and end of the SPMR profiling day and around noon in the longer summer days or when there is a high possibility of a satellite matchup. In addition to the depth profile from the CTD, CDOM fluorometer, Chl fluorometer, AC9 (from July 2002) and Eco-BB3 (from June 2003), seawater samples are to be collected, filtered and stored in N₂ for HPLC pigment and particle absorption spectrophotometric filter analysis in the lab. Three replicates samples are to be collected at surface for total suspended matter (TSM) weighting in the lab. A gimbled PAR sensor positioned on the foredeck and operated from the CTD computer serves as a light field stability indicator during SPMR profiling (until summer of 2007).

For one day of each cruise, at the end of the optics measurements on site, there will be one CTD transect between the BOUSSOLE site and the Port of Nice. This transect consists of six fixed locations on-route from BOUSSOLE. The time of day of this transect should be similar for each cruise, if possible to minimise influence of diurnal variability.

For one day of each cruise, three divers will check the underwater state of the buoy structure and instrumentation, take some pictures for archiving, clean the sensor optical surface, and then take again some pictures after cleaning. Divers will also put a neoprene cap on the HS4 and on the transmissometers for acquiring three dark measurements (started in 2009).

Additional operations

The Biospherical's C-OPS (Compact Optical Profiling System) have been tested on 0-150 m at the BOUSSOLE site to perform optical profiles and to compare them with SPMR measurements. Grigor Obolensky performed a PVM 0-1000 m profile at the BOUSSOLE site. The 22nd of April 2010, a new buoy has been deployed so, when on board, divers had to check the general state of the buoy and its different sensors. The hydrophone of the CRC (Marineland) for identification of cetaceans has also been installed on the buoy that day.

Cruise Summary

Two of the three cruise days were used, due to the bad weather on the first day. The second day was used for CTD casts on a part of the transect and for buoy data retrieval. The last day was used for diving operations, optical, PVM and CTD casts with sampling at the BOUSSOLE site and for completing the transect.

Friday 23 April 2010

Bad weather prevented departure from the Nice port.

Saturday 24 April 2010

Weather conditions were rough all along the day on large (H1/3 1.8 m, wind speed 20 kn, covered sky at BOUSSOLE site) but were correct near the coast (H1/3 0.3 to 1.0 m) so the transect was completed from station 6 to station 2. At the BOUSSOLE site, buoy data were retrieved through CISCO connection.

Sunday 25 April 2010

The last day, sea state was good with some wind blowing and blue sky. When arrived on site, divers went at sea to check all buoy sensors and to clean them. They also installed the hydrophone of the CRC (Marineland). A direct connection with the buoy was established for data retrieval. The light blaze on the top of the buoy, broken

during the last deployment, was also changed. During this time, a deep CTD was performed because the sea cable was badly winded up on the windlass and had to be unrolled on 1500 m. Then, 3 SPMR profiles, 1 CTD cast with water sampling, 1 PVM profile, 1 Secchi disk, 2 CIMEL measurements and 3 C-OPS profiles were performed. After 1 CTD cast was performed at the station 1 to complete the transect.

Cruise Report

Friday 23 April 2010 (UTC)

Bad weather prevented departure from the Nice port.

Saturday 24 April 2010 (UTC)

People on board: Emilie Diamond and Vincent Taillandier.

- 0500 Departure from the Nice port.
- 0530 CTD 01, 400 m, station 06 (43°39'N 07°21'E).
- 0630 CTD 02, 400 m, station 05 (43°37'N 07°25'E).
- 0730 CTD 03, 400 m, station 04 (43°34'N 07°31'E).
- 0835 CTD 04, 400 m, station 03 (43°31'N 07°37'E).
- 0935 CTD 05, 400 m, station 02 (43°28'N 07°42'E).
- 1010 Lunch.
- 1100 Arrival at the station 01: bad sea conditions.
- 1140 Arrival at the BOUSSOLE site: bad sea conditions.
- 1215 CISCO connection with buoy and data retrieval.
- 1230 Secchi disk 01 (8 m).
- 1235 Departure to the Nice port.
- 1555 Arrival at the Nice port.

Sunday 25 April 2010 (UTC)

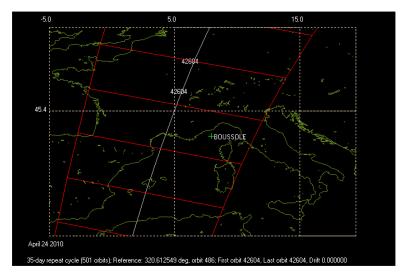
People on board: Jean de Vaugelas, Emilie Diamond, Yves Lamblard, Olivier Javoy, Grigor Obolensky, Vincent Taillandier and Emmanuel (diver).

- 0515 Departure from the Nice port.
- 0830 Arrival at the BOUSSOLE site.
- Diving on the buoy for cleaning instruments and for fixing the hydrophone on the buoy at 20 m. Dark HS4 and transmissometers measurements at 09:30, 09:45 and 10:00.
- 0910 CTD 1000, 1750 m.
- 0915 Direct connection with the buoy for data retrieval and CISCO and ARGOS connections cleaned.
- 1015 A new light blaze installed on the top of the buoy.
- 1030 SPMR 01, 02, 03 and C-OPS reference in parallel.
- 1200 CTD 06, 400 m with water sampling at 200, 150, 80, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, 10 and 5 m for HPLC, Ap, TSM and CDOM.
- 1250 PVM, 1000 m.
- 1315 Secchi disk 02 (8 m).
- 1320 CIMEL 01, 02.
- 1400 C-OPS tests.
- 1420 C-OPS 01, 02, 03 and SMSR reference in parallel.
- 1525 Departure to the first transect station.
- 1600 CTD 07, 400 m, station 01 (43°25'N 07°48'E).
- 1630 Departure to the Nice port.
- 1920 Arrival at the Nice port.

Problems identified during the cruise

- Bad weather prevented departure from Nice port the 1st day and sea conditions were not optimal the 2nd day.
- The CDOM sensor and the transmissometer on the CTD did not work during this mission.
- The sea cable was badly winded up on the windlass. Sailors saw that during the CTD 04 and the waste of time prevented the AC9 measurements during the up cast. The day after, sailors had to unroll the sea cable on 1500 m to wind it up well on the windlass. Grigor Obolensky and Vincent Taillandier took this opportunity to perform a deep CTD cast.
- Some anodes near buoy sphere must be changed the next time.

Calculated Swath paths for the MERIS Sensor (ESOV Software)



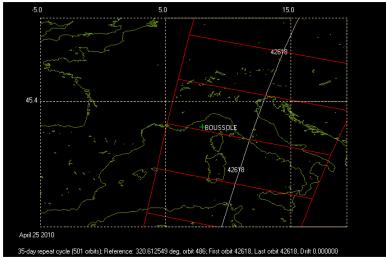


Figure 2. Calculated swath paths for MERIS (Esov software) above BOUSSOLE site for 24 and 25 April 2010.



Date	Black names	Profile names	CTD notées /	Other sensors	Start Time	Duration	Depth max	Latitude (N)		longitude					Weather								Sea	$\overline{}$	
	(file ext: ".raw")	(file extension: ".raw")			GMT (hour.min)				(Minute)	(Degree)	(Minute)	Skv	Clouds	Quantity (#/8)	Wind sp. (kn)	Wind dir.	Atm. Pressure (hPa)	Humidity (%)	Visibility	Tair	T water	Sea	Swell H (m)	Swell dir.	Whitecaps
23/04/10	(,		•	((((====	((======================================	,	Bad weather						, (10)							
24/04/10			CTDBOUS001		5:38	27:00	400	43	38.965	7	21.022	overcast		7	1	80	1014.1	86		15.5	15.4	calm			no
			CTDBOUS002	Ì	06:35	15:00		43	36.999	7	24.963	overcast		7	1	29	1014.7	91			14.5	calm			no
			CTDBOUS003		7:37	24:00	400	43	33.974	7	30.960	overcast		6	5	40	1015.0	88		15.0	14.6	calm			no
			CTDBOUS004		8:51	20:00	400	43	31.001	7	36.972	overcast		6	7	121	1015.6	84		15.6	14.6	calm			no
			CTDBOUS005		9:42	24:00	400	43	28.047	7	41.992	overcast		6	7	184	1016.0	75		17.4	14.8	moved			few
				Secchi01	12:30	3:00	8	43	22	7	54	overcast		6					medium			moved			yes
	Bou250410black1				10:48	3:00																			
		Bou250410AA			11:10	3:30	110	43	22.695	7	53.891	blue		0	10	265	1022.3	80	excellent	16.9		calm	0.2		no
		Bou250410AB			11:18	3:40	144	43	22.801	7	53.909	blue		0	10	265	1022.3	80	excellent	16.9		calm	0.2		no
		Bou250410AD			11:27	3:57	75	43	22.881	7	53.920	blue		0	10	265	1022.3	80	excellent	16.9		calm	0.2		no
	Bou250410black2				11:44	3:00											1015.4								
			CTDBOUS006	HPLC, Ap, TSM & CDOM	12:10	26:00	400	43	22.138	7	54.140	blue		1	5	228	1022.1	80		18.7	14.7	calm			no
				Secchi02	13:15	3:00	8	43	22	7	54	blue		0					good			calm			no
				CIMEL01	13:27	6:00		43	22.174	7	54.612	blue		0			1021.8		good						
				CIMEL02	13:47	6:00		43	22.147	7	54.786	blue		0			1021.6		good						
	bou_c-ops_100425_1	1417_001			14:21	3:00																			
	bou_c-ops_100425_1417_002		14:37	3:45	110	43	22.350	7	54.951	blue	St	1	4	219	1021.4	88	good	18.0		calm	0.3		no		
	bou c-ops 100425 1417 003			14:47	2:50	100	43	22.384	7	55.195	blue	St	1	4	219	1021.4	88	good	18.0		calm	0.3		no	
		bou_c-ops_100425_14	17_004		14:56	2:25	80	43	22.428	7	55.449	blue	St	1	4	219	1021.4	88	good	18.0		calm	0.3		no
	bou_c-ops_100425_1	417_005			15:21	2:30																			
	1		CTDBOUS007		16:05	23:00	400	43	24.998	7	47.984	blue	1	1	9	122	1021.4	87		16.8	14.9	calm			no

