

Oh Captain my Captain!

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Wow, tomorrow will be my first trip out to Sea on a working science expedition! I'm excited to be joining Ocean Networks Canada's Wiring the Abyss September Service expedition in the Salish Sea. We'll be aboard The CCGS *Tully* - only for a day- but I still can't wait!

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I've always loved the ocean, but it wasn't until I became part of Ocean Networks Canada's Learning Team that I realised how much more to the ocean there is than marine biology. Although I don't have much experience with ships (The largest vessel I've ever been on is BC Ferries Spirit of Vancouver Island, where the most unusual thing I might run into is the Sunshine breakfast!) I'm looking forward to being at sea and seeing some of the equipment used on the VENUS observatory.

As part of the education team here at ONC, it will be a treat to get my hands wet (pun intended) and participate in some of the science they'll be doing in Saanich inlet. I'll get to see instruments deployed, like the new 3D camera system, and be part of a real working ship and even help with some fish sampling if all goes according to plan!

I'm also really excited to be sharing this experience with 2 other educators, one on ship and one on shore. Mike Jackson from Saint Michaels University School (SMUS) will be on board with me, and Dave Riddell of Ocean Networks Canada will be connecting us with schools and classes via shore. Mike is an experienced science teacher, and he and I will be using Skype to connect with shore classes at Pearson College and SMUS. Dave, our shore contact will be helping to coordinate with us and participate directly with classes. We'll also all be posting blogs on the Wiring the Abyss page so even if you don't get to connect with us while were on board, they'll be a bunch of new resources available for teachers and students!

Although we only get to be on board one day, this expedition is going on for the rest of the

week, and can be followed at <http://www.oceannetworks.ca/expeditions/2014/september/>. Here, we'll have all the updates from today and the rest of the trip via pictures, video, blogs and twitter.

Well, here we go!

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