



**NOAA Teacher at Sea
David Riddle
Onboard NOAA Ship ALBATROSS IV
July 13 – 28, 2006**

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Mission: North Atlantic Sea
Scallop Survey

Day 1: Thursday, July 13,
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Science Log

After a 3-day delay due to technical issues, the NOAA Ship ALBATROSS IV headed out to sea for leg 1 of the Sea Scallop Survey at 6:00 pm today. We completed a test tow to check the equipment, and the volunteer scientists got to examine the samples collected. We also learned how to identify, weigh, and measure several species of fish, using the Fisheries Scientific Computer System (FSCS), which we are assured will become second nature in short order. So far, no scallops, but that's not a surprise, considering the location of our first tow.



NOAA ship ALBATROSS IV in port at Woods Hole, MA.

Sightings: Portuguese Man-of-War (*Physalia*), just a few as we were heading out.

Personal Log

The ALBATROSS IV has two Teachers at Sea on this cruise, plus three other volunteers on the scientists' crew. We are currently underway to our first station, which is several hours away. The scientific crew scheduled to stand the first watch, which starts at midnight, will be able to get a little sleep before they're called for duty in the pre-dawn hours. My watch starts at noon tomorrow, so sleep won't be an issue for me. Sleeping in a bed that gently pitches and rolls may be a challenge, however. Time will tell.