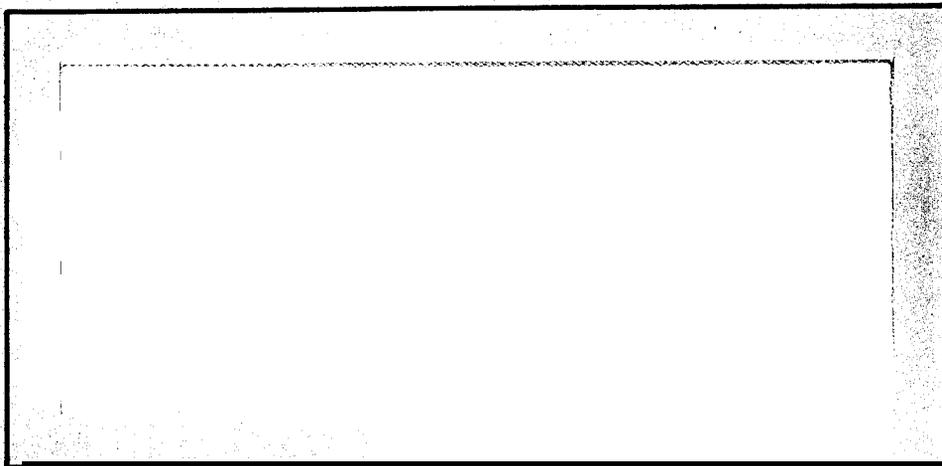


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## Introduction

Between 7 March and **22** March 1983, the **first** of two planned eastern Gulf of Mexico regional **hydrographic** cruises was conducted using the R/V SUNCOASTER. This report provides a summary and overview of activities and conditions which occurred in conjunction with that cruise.

**During** the cruise period, the spatial distribution of water masses was quite changeable. Clearly the Loop Current (see Figure 1) extended fairly far northward; however, **it** also extended toward the west so (the Loop Current eastern boundary was approximately parallel adjacent to the continental slope) **only** on the southern portion of the west Florida shelf. The general Loop Current boundary as defined by a surface thermal front was quite dynamic with the formation and migration of waves and perturbations of several different spatial/temporal scales. Part of the cruise procedures involved adjusting sampling stations to accommodate these relatively high frequency changes in the Loop Current geometry. This required "**tailoring**" activities on almost a daily basis. The basis for decisions regarding sampling plans was satellite thermal imagery and sea-surface temperature maps such as those shown in Figures 1, 2, and 3. This important information was obtained routinely from Dr. Fred **Vukovich (RTI)**, Figure 1; Rick **Berasatto (NWS/Slide11)**, Figure 2; and Dr. Steven Baig (NOAA/NESS/Miami), Figure 3. The latter two surface temperature representations were also available to personnel on board the vessel.

During the cruise, severe weather became a significant factor influencing decisions relative to sample and **CTD** cast locations. During the cruise period, a series of fronts moved through the **study** area approximately every two to three days. Weather conditions associated with these frontal passages caused interruption of sampling activities several times. These are the same frontal systems bringing high waves and severe weather to California and extensive flooding along the Gulf coast.

## Sampling Pattern

The final sampling pattern for this cruise is shown in Figure 4. Note that this shows **only** cruise tracks which included **CTD** and XBT casts. Due to weather considerable additional time was spent steaming or in-port at Logger Head Key and St. Petersburg (Figure 5). A detailed description of cruise activities is provided in the Cruise Log in Appendix A. A summary of sampling activities is presented in Table 1; a summary of **sample** stations is presented in Table 2. A summary of samples taken is shown in **Table 3**.

The originally scheduled cruise track is shown on Figure 1; however, as mentioned previously, this track was to be modified to accommodate existing conditions. Note that the planned and actual cruise track included sampling along the transect on which subsurface currents/temperatures are being measured. During **hydrographic** sampling on this transect a major frontal perturbation was present, thus we should have a simultaneous "snap-shot" of **hydrographic** and kinematic conditions through that feature.

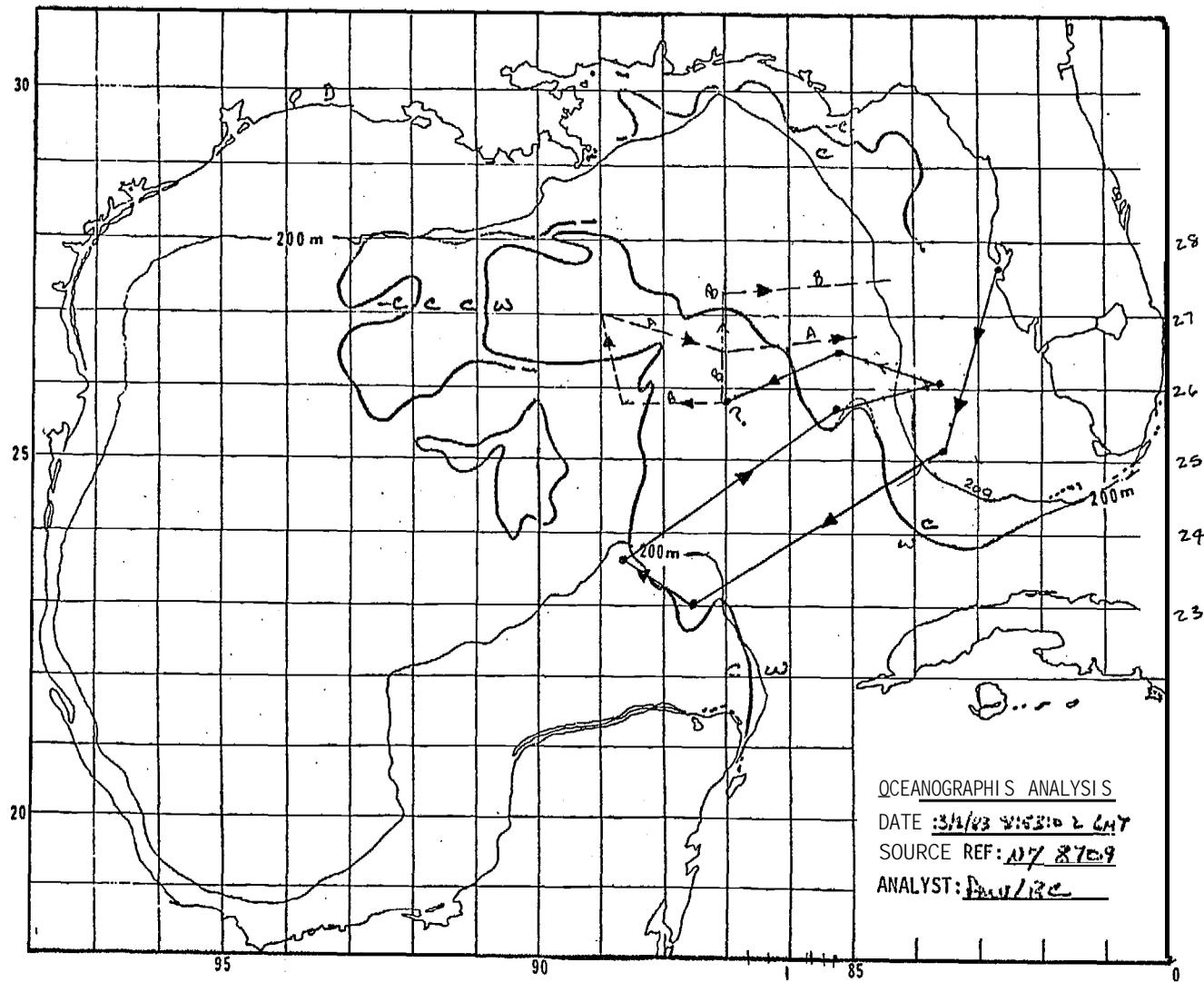


Figure 1. Loop Current boundaries (curved-solid line) and cruise track as envisioned at the beginning of the cruise. This map was made from thermal imagery provided by Dr. F. Vukovich of this program.

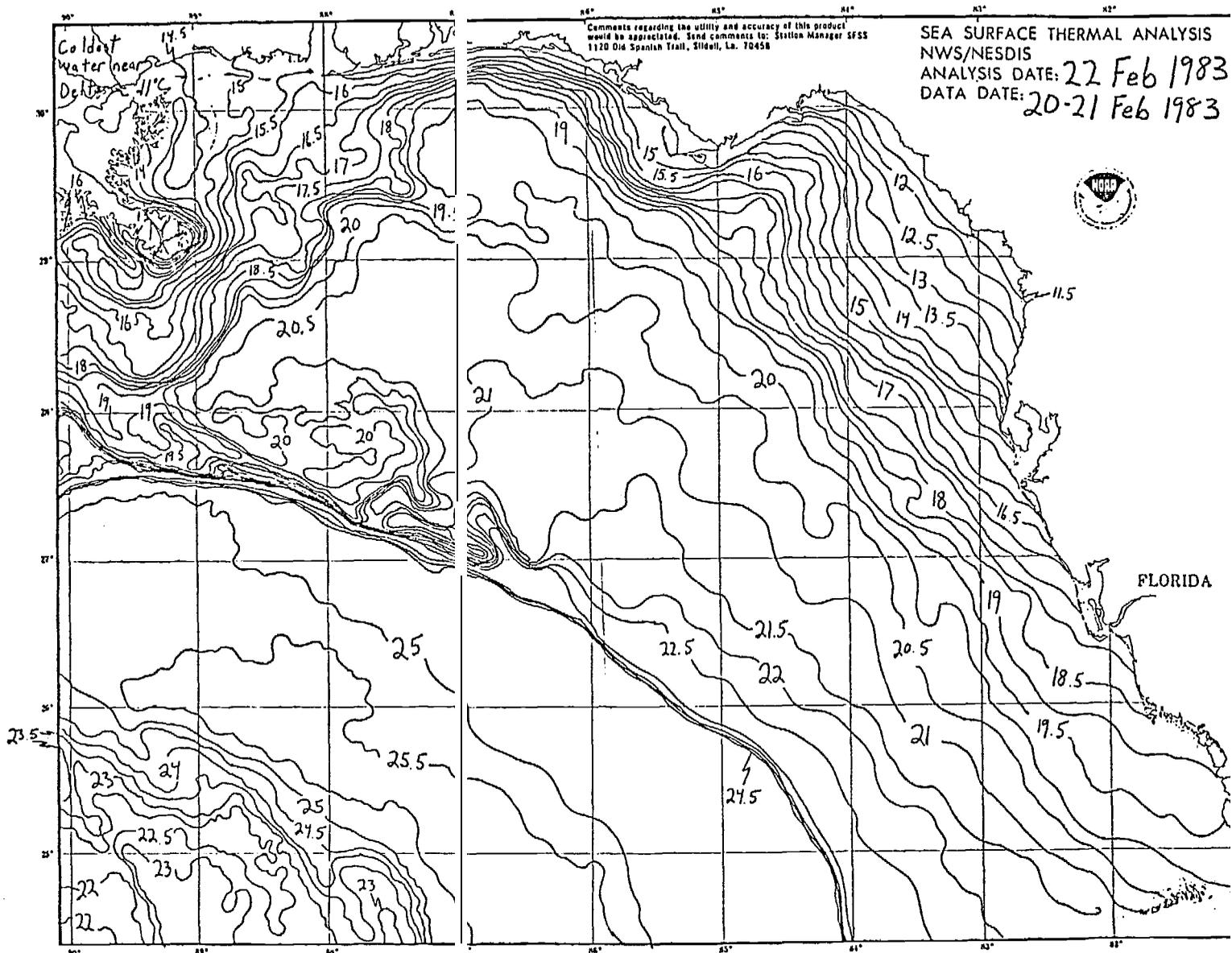


Figure 2. Sea-surface temperature map. This is created and provided twice weekly by R. Berasatto, NOAA/NWS/Slide11.

GULF STREAM SYSTEM FLU W CHART " 2450

NOAA Miami SF55

Date: 02 MAR 1983

215865 222864 228868 231874 240876  
 245881 262882 268886 264862 259860  
 255856 253849 246845 245837 240836  
 237830 237822 243815 246804 249800  
 467977) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Depicted land should not be used for navigation.

Position lines are for the edges of warmer water. The thin streamline is an estimated location for the maximum current. Measured current speeds may be shown.

(\_\_\_\_) Position based on data 2 days old.

(- - - -) Position based on data 7 days old.

(.....) Position based on data 15 days or more old.

(.....) Mean position for month.

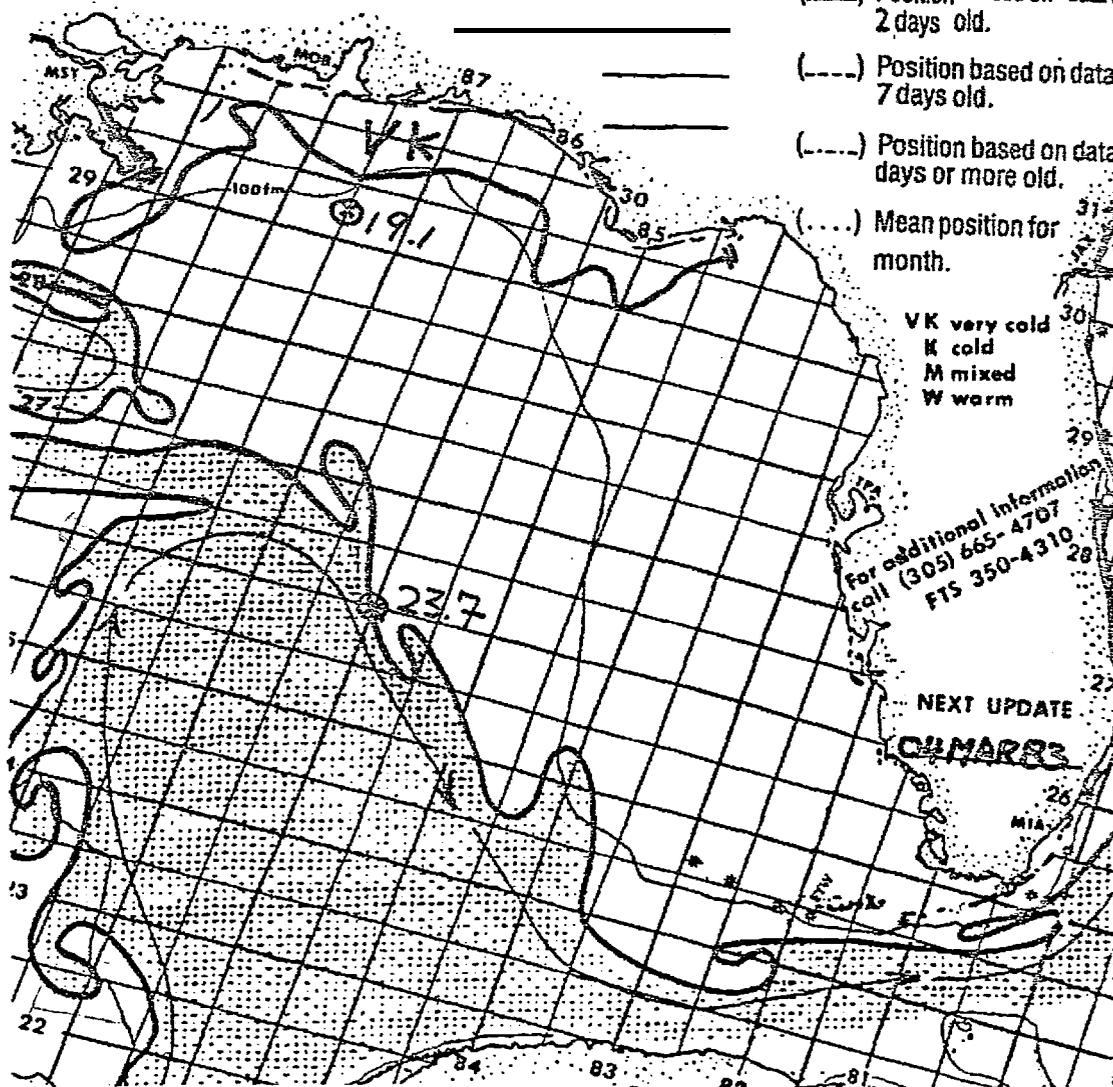


Figure 3. Sea-surface frontal map. The patterned area within the solid line indicates regions of appreciably warmer water. This data product is created and made available by Dr. Steven Baig, NOAA/NESS/Miami.

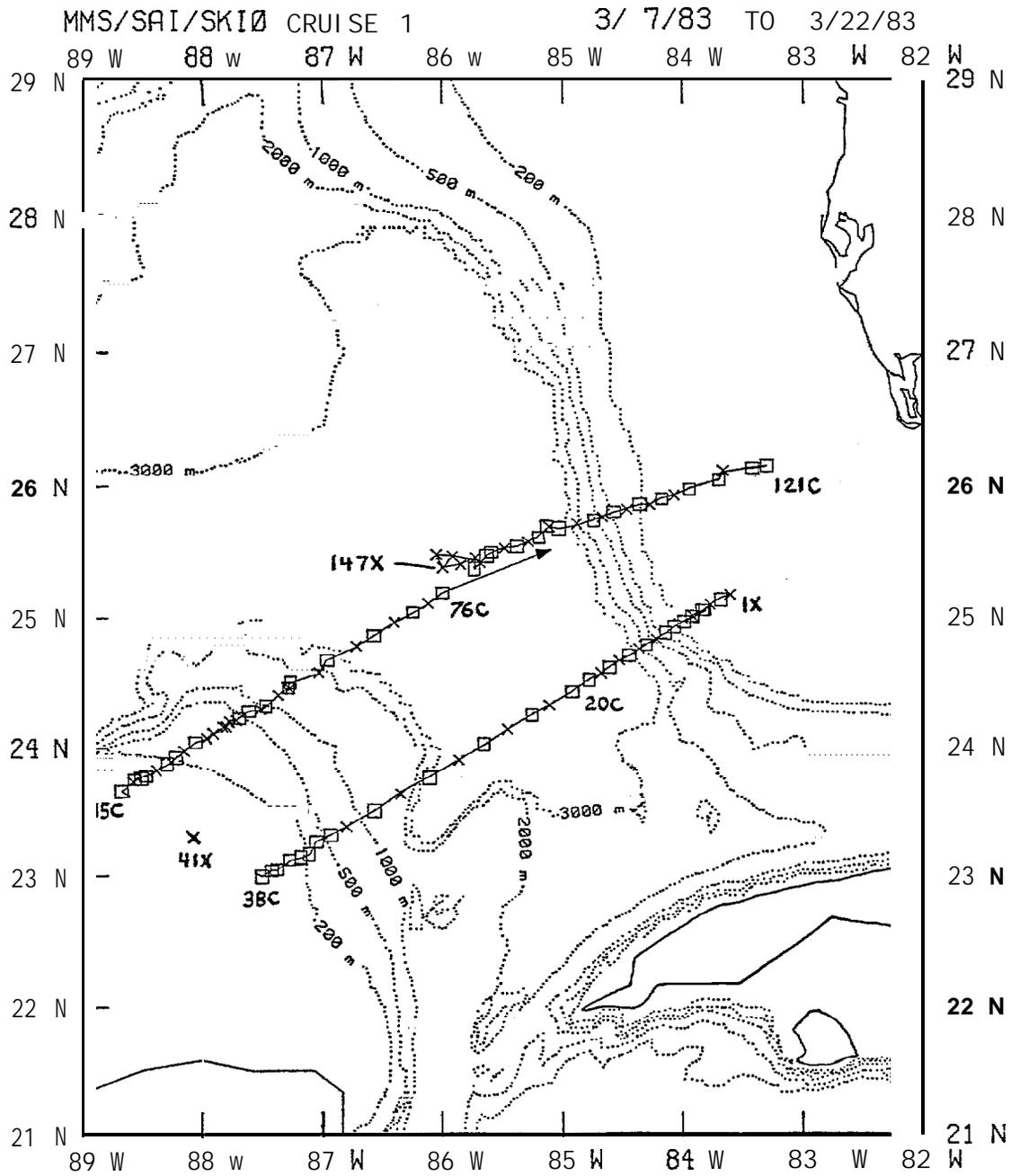


Figure 4. Map of study area showing XBT and CTD stations for R/V SUNCOASTER hydrographic cruise (7-22 March 1983).

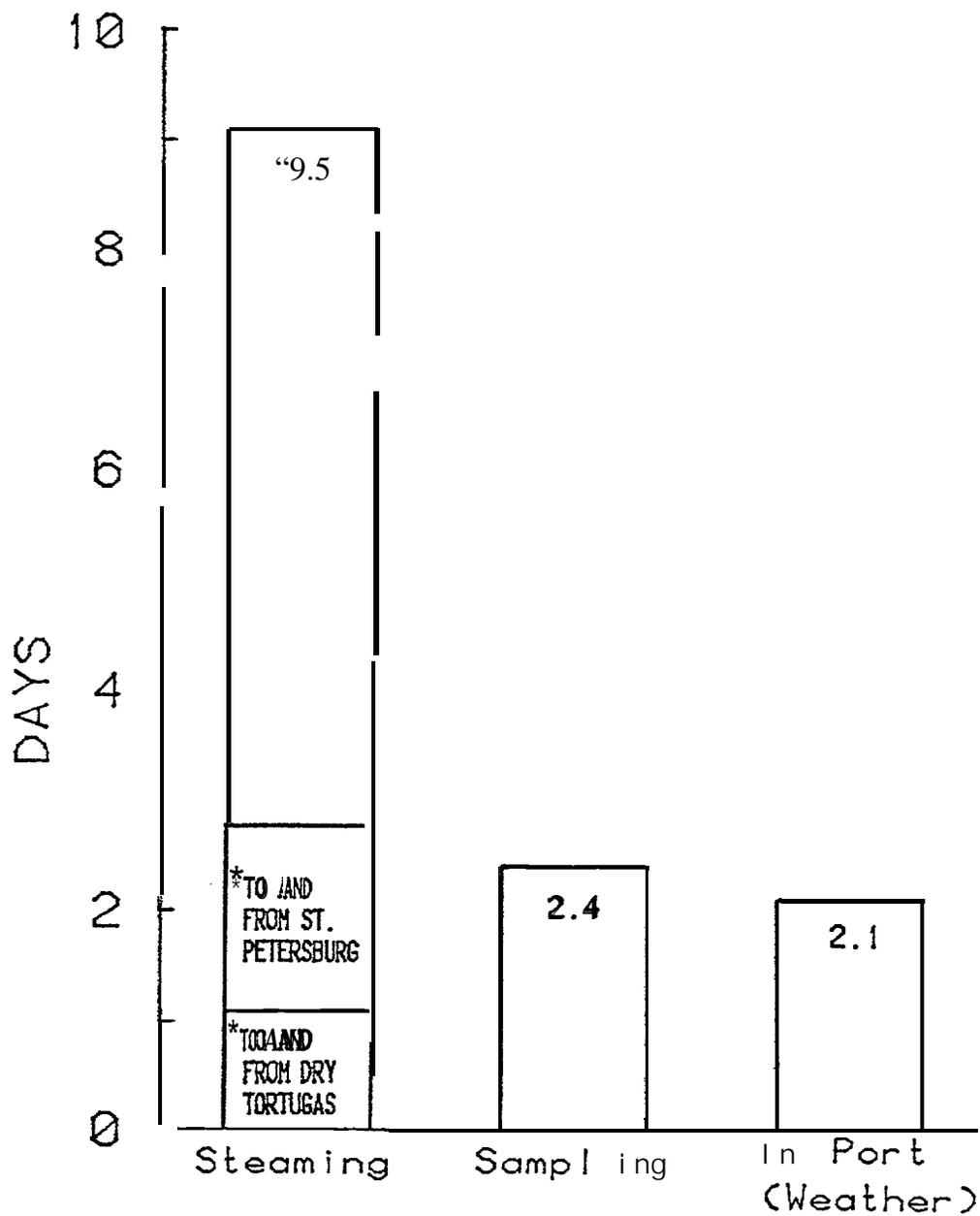


Figure 5. Bar graph detailing time spent steaming, sampling, and in port due to weather during the R/V SUNCOASTER cruise (7-22 March 1983). The asterisk refers to interruptions in the cruise due to weather.

ACTUAL SCHEDULE  
MMS/SAI/SKIO  
MARCH 1983  
R/V SUNCOASTER CRUISE

	( EST)	CTD/XBT Section Time	Time Between CTD/XBT Sections
Leave St. Petersburg :	1215 Tuesday 8 March		
Arrive Station 1X(Leg I) :	0655 Wednesday 9 March	} 30 hours	19 hours
Leave Station 20C(Leg I) :	1300 Thursday 10 March		
Arrive Loggerhead Key :	0200 Friday 11 March	} *56 hours	
Leave Loggerhead Key :	0600 Saturday 12 March		
Arrive Station 21C(Leg I) :	2100 Saturday 12 March	} 35 1/4 hrs	
Leave Station 38C(Leg I) :	0815 Monday 14 March		
Arrive Station 45C (Leg II) :	1600 Monday 14 March	} 55 hours	} 7 3/4 hours
Leave Station 76C (Leg II) :	2300 Wednesday 16 March		
Arrive St. Petersburg :	0130 Friday 18 March	} **63 1/3 hours	
Leave St. Petersburg :	2345 Friday 18 March		
Arrive Station 121C (Leg III) :	1215 Saturday 19 March	} 38 3/4 hours	
Leave Station 147X (Leg III) :	0300 Monday 21 March		
Arrive St. Petersburg :	1100 Tuesday 22 March		} ***32 hours
		159 hours	178 hours

TOTAL HOURS : 337 HOURS  
TOTAL DAYS: 14 DAYS

\*No sampling was done during this time period. We steamed (13 hours) to the Dry **Tortugas** because of the weather and then returned to Leg I.

\*\*Surface temperature mapping was done for 21½ hours during the run to St. Petersburg (Stations 77TS through 120TS). We had planned to steam in the mooring section (Leg I I I ) doing CTD/XBT casts. Instead, because of the weather, we cut diagonally across the planned line as we steamed for port and then returned to do Leg I II.

\*\*\*Surface temperature mapping was done for 15 hours during the run to St. Petersburg (Stations 151TS through 181TS). We had planned to drop XBT's along a more northerly return to St. Petersburg, but the weather caused us to steam back much of the way doing the same line we had run out.

Table 1. Summary of time spent on indicated activities.

STATION SUMMARY  
R/V SUNCOASTER CRUISE  
7-22 March 1983

<u>Section</u>	<u>Date (EST)</u>	<u>Station Numbers</u>
I	9-10 March	<b>1X</b> , 2C, 3X, 4C, 5X, 6C, 7C, 8C, <b>9C</b> , 10C, <b>11C</b> , 12X, 13C, 14X, 15C, 16X, 17C, 18X, 19C, 20C
I	12-14 March	21C, 22X, 23C, 24X, 25C, 26X, 27C, 28X, 29C, 30X, 31C, 32C, 33C, 34C, 35C, 36C, 37C, 38C
<b>*II</b>	14-16 March	<b>45C</b> , 46X, 47C, 48C, 49C, 50X, 51C, 52C, 53X, 54X, 55X, 56X, 57X, 58X, 59C, 60X, 61X, 62C, 64C, 65X, 66C, 67X, 68C, 69X, 70C, 71X, 72C, 73X, 74C, 75X, 76C
*III	19-21 March	<b>121C</b> , <b>122C</b> , 123X, <b>124C</b> , <b>125C</b> , 126X, <b>127C</b> , 128X, <b>129C</b> , 130X, <b>131C</b> , 132X, 133C, 134X, <b>135C</b> , 136X, <b>137C</b> , <b>138C</b> , 139X, <b>140C</b> , <b>141X</b> , <b>142C</b> , 143C, <b>144C</b> , 145X, 146X, 147X, 148X, 149X

\*Between Sections I and II, surface temperature data were collected at hourly intervals: Stations **39TS-44TS** and 41X.

\*\*Before and after Section III surface temperature data were collected at half hour intervals while steaming to and from Tampa/St.. Petersburg. Stations 77TS - **120TS** and **151TS** - **181TS**.

Table 2. Summary stations according to sampling time and section number.

SUMMARY OF  
 SAMPLING SUMMARY  
 R/V SUNCOASTER CRUISE  
 7-22 March 1983

<u>Section</u>	CTD	XBT	<u>Nuts</u>	O <sub>2</sub>	<u>Chlorophyll I</u>	<u>Salinity</u>
I (1X-20C)	13	7	94	94	47	22
I (21C-38C)	13	5	106	<b>106</b>	48	27
II (41X-76C)	15	18	127	128	55	21
III (121C-149X)	15	14	142	142	57	20
Totals	56	44	469	470	207	90

Table 3. Summary of samples taken during cruise (nuts = nutrients).

## Weather

Because weather had **such** an impact on this cruise, it is relevant to provide a summary of conditions observed. Table 4 is a listing of meteorological conditions (wind, pressure, and air and water temperatures) as well as sea state estimates. Tables 5 and 6 provide a summary of applicable **WMO** sea-state and weather codes. In addition, Table 7 provides an example of weather/sea-state predictions as received from the Institute for Storm Research in Houston, Texas. These latter weather estimates were obtained periodically throughout the cruise when **it became** apparent that activities might be substantially influenced by adverse weather conditions.

## Data Analysis

At present, data and samples taken during this cruise are being evaluated and prepared by Skidaway Institute of Oceanography. (A detailed summary of samples taken at each station is shown in Appendix B). Sample results should be available in the very near future. At that time, data analysis and associated graphics production will be done by Science Applications, Inc. These results and any additionally needed analyses will be provided to the relevant program participants.

WEATHER LOG  
R/V SUNCOASTER CRUISE  
7-22 March 1983

Station	Time (EST)	Day (March)	Wind		Waves		Barometric Pressure (Inches)	Temperature		WMO 4501 Weather (Code)
			Speed (Knots)	Direction (Degrees)	*Sea State (Code)	Direction (Degrees)		Air (°C)	Water (°C)	
<b>1X</b>	0655	9	15	340	3	335	----	---	22.0	<b>X0</b>
<b>2C</b>	0828	<b>9</b>	<b>15</b>	340	3	335	-----	---	22.0	<b>X0</b>
3x	0943	<b>9</b>	<b>15</b>	340	3	335	-----	---	23.0	<b>X0</b>
4C	1012	9	<b>15</b>	340	3	335	-----	---	24.1	Xo
5x	<b>1114</b>	9	<b>15</b>	340	3	335	30.32	---	<b>25.0</b>	Xo
6C	1141	9	<b>15</b>	360	3	010	30.30	---	<b>25.3</b>	<b>X0</b>
<b>7C</b>	1405	9	15	360	3	010	30.30	---	<b>23.4</b>	--
<b>8C</b>	1450	9	15	360	3	010	30.31	---	24.5	--
<b>9C</b>	1542	9	--	---	-	---	-----	---	25.1	--
<b>10C</b>	1748	9	<b>7</b>	350	<b>3</b>	360	30.31	23.3	25.4	<b>X0</b>
<b>11C</b>	1856	9	<b>13</b>	350	3	360	30.24	21.7	25.5	<b>X0</b>
12X	2021	9	13	350	3	360	30.28	21.1	25.4	<b>X0</b>
<b>13C</b>	2052	9	9	350	3	360	30.30	21.1	25.6	<b>X0</b>
14X	2354	<b>9</b>	--	---	3	360	30.32	21.1	25.5	Xo
<b>15C</b>	0030	<b>10</b>	<b>13</b>	2713	3	320	30.32	20.6	<b>25.7</b>	Xo
16X	0315	10	13	270	3	320	30.32	20.0	25.6	<b>X0</b>
<b>17C</b>	0451	10	7	265	3	320	30.32	20.0	25.7	<b>X0</b>
18X	0626	<b>10</b>	--	---	---	---	-----	---	25.6	--
<b>19C</b>	0713	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>270</b>	-	270	30.28	20.6	25.5	x6
<b>20C</b>	1059	10	21	270	<b>4</b>	270	30.28	---	25.6	x1
En route to Ory										
<b>Tortugas</b>	1515	<b>10</b>	26	310	5	320	30.20	---	---	x1
En route to <b>Dry</b>										
<b>Tortugas</b>	2150	10	37	320	5	320	30.32	---	---	Xo
<b>Dry</b>										
<b>Tortugas</b>	0200	11	33	320		320	30.32	---	---	x1
Ory										
<b>Tortugas</b>	0745	11	28	330		330	30.34	---	---	x1
Ory										
<b>Tortugas</b>	1200	11	33	330		330	30.30	---	---	x1
Ory										
<b>Tortugas</b>	1805	11	20	330		330	30.30	---	---	x1
Depart										
Ory										
<b>Tortugas</b>	0600	12	20	340		330	30.44	---	---	x1
En Route to Station										
<b>21C</b>	1200	12	17	330	4	330	30.44	---	---	x1
<b>21C</b>	2100	12	<b>11</b>	345	2	340	30.42	18.9	25.3	<b>X0</b>
22X	0015	13	8	345	2	340	30.41	18.9	25.2	--
23C	0120	13	7	140	2	140	30.38	18.9	24.9	--
<b>24X</b>	0450	13	4	290	1	260	30.32	20.6	24.8	<b>X1</b>
<b>25C</b>	0627	13	4	020	1	360	30.38	19.4	24.7	X2
26X	0940	13	4	020	1	360	30.39	21.7	25.0	X2
27C	1124	<b>13</b>	3	030	1	360	30.36	22.8	25.0	X2
28X	1434	<b>13</b>	4	100	1	330	30.30	22.8	25.4	X2
29C	1641	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>	120	<b>1</b>	040	30.26	23.3	25.4	X2
30X	1959	13	<b>10</b>	120	<b>1</b>	150	30.26	22.8	25.7	X2
<b>31C</b>	2055	13	14	180	<b>1</b>	180	30.28	22.8	26.1	X2
32C	2247	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	180	<b>1</b>	180	30.29	22.8	26.0	X2
33C	0030	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>	180	<b>1</b>	<b>180</b>	30.28	22.8	26.0	X2
34C	0240	14	12	180	<b>2</b>	180	30.26	23.3	25.8	X2
35C	0356	14	12	270	2	270	30.22	22.2	25.8	<b>X2</b>
36C	0528	14	9	180	-	180	30.22	21.7	25.8	X2
37C	0654	14	9	180	<b>2</b>	<b>180</b>	30.27	22.2	25.5	<b>X2</b>
38C	0756	14	<b>7</b>	180	2	180	30.28	22.8	25.4	X2
39TS	1007	14	<b>13</b>	180	2	180	30.28	22.8	24.0	X2
40TS	1100	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	190	2	190	30.26	23.9	24.2	X2
41X	1203	14	<b>13</b>	190	2	190	30.24	24.4	24.2	X2
42TS	1301	14	<b>7</b>	190	2	190	30.24	24.4	23.7	X2
43TS	1404	14	<b>7</b>	190	2	190	30.24	24.4	23.3	X2
44TS	1500	14	7	200	2	200	30.17	24.4	23.0	X2

Table 4 Meteorological and sea-state summary for each sampling station and selected times.

WEATHER LOG  
R/V SUNCOASTER CRUISE  
7-22 March 1983

Station	Time (EST)	Day (March)	Wind Speed (Knots)	Wind Direction (Degrees)	*Sea State (code)	Moves Direction (Degrees)	Barometric Pressure (Inches)	Air Temperature (°C)	Water Temperature (°C)	WMO 4501 Weather (Code)
45C	1600	14	22	170	3	155	30.16	23.3	22.5	X2
46X	1720	14	22	170	3	155	30.14	21.1	23.0	X5
47C	1735	14	22	140	3	140	30.12	20.0	22.9	X5
48C	1822	14	15	140	3	140	30.14	21.1	23.0	X2
49C	1922	14	12	140	3	140	30.14	21.1	23.0	X2
50X	2032	14	9	140	3	140	30.12	21.7	22.9	X2
51C	2118	14	17	180	3	180	30.12	22.2	23.2	X2
52C	2237	14	17	180	3	180	30.12	22.2	23.6	X2
53X	2347	14	--	---	4	---	---	---	23.6	X-
54X	0255	15	22	220	5	180	30.06	21.1	23.8	X5
55X	0420	15	35	200	6	200	30.02	21.1	24.2	X5
56X	0505	15	30	200	6	200	30.04	21.1	24.2	X6
59X	0633	15	17	210	6	200	30.01	21.1	24.8	X3
57X	0824	15	15	220	5	180	30.04	22.8	23.9	X1
61C	0959	15	20	240	5	225	29.98	---	25.1	X1
60X	1148	15	26	250	5	250	29.98	---	24.9	X1
58X	1305	15	26	250	5	250	29.98	---	23.7	X1
62C	1437	15	28	240	5	250	29.98	---	23.7	X1
63X	1648	15	24	240	4	250	29.99	23.3	25.4	X1
64C	1736	15	24	240	4	250	29.92	23.3	---	X1
65X	1949	15	24	240	4	240	29.92	23.3	25.9	X1
66C	2035	15	22	240	4	240	29.94	23.3	25.9	X1
66C	2035	15	22	240	4	240	29.94	23.3	25.9	X1
67X	2237	15	--	---	4	---	---	23.9	25.7	X1
68C	0021	16	13	240	4	240	30.00	23.3	25.3	X-
69X	0403	16	13	210	3	220	29.94	22.8	25.2	X0
70C	0533	16	15	100	3	220	29.94	22.8	25.0	X0
71X	0901	16	22	120	3	120	29.91	22.8	25.1	X0
72C	1013	16	26	150	4	150	29.84	24.4	25.2	X2
73X	1540	16	20	180	4	190	29.82	---	25.1	X2
74C	1712	16	20	230	5	190	29.68	---	25.2	X-
75X	2027	16	22	240	6	240	29.66	---	25.0	X-
75C	2128	16	35	260	6	240	29.76	---	25.0	X1
77TS	0030	17	26	270	4	270	29.82	---	25.2	%1
78TS	0100	17	24	270	4	270	29.76	20.6	23.0	%6
79TS	0130	17	24	270	4	270	29.74	19.4	22.5	X-
80TS	0200	17	24	275	5	275	29.74	19.4	21.9	X9
81TS	0230	17	26	275	5	275	29.72	19.4	21.3	X9
82TS	0300	17	41	275	6	275	29.72	19.4	21.5	X9
83TS	0330	17	33	275	6	270	29.70	19.4	21.4	X9
84TS	0400	17	33	250	6	270	29.68	19.4	20.8	X9
85TS	0430	17	33	254	6	270	29.68	18.9	21.2	X9
86TS	0500	17	33	250	6	270	29.72	18.9	21.2	X9
87TS	0530	17	24	250	6	270	29.70	18.9	21.3	X9
88TS	0600	17	24	250	6	270	29.70	19.4	21.4	X9
89TS	0635	17	--	---	6	---	---	19.4	21.5	X9
90TS	0700	17	26	290	6	270	29.70	---	21.5	X-
91TS	0730	17	--	---	6	---	---	19.4	21.5	X-
92TS	0800	17	26	300	6	270	29.70	---	21.6	X-
93TS	0830	17	--	---	6	---	---	---	21.8	X-
94TS	0900	17	--	---	6	---	29.70	20.0	21.9	X2
95TS	0930	17	22	270	5	270	29.72	19.4	21.8	X8
96TS	1000	17	22	290	5	270	29.72	19.4	21.8	X-
97TS	1030	17	--	---	5	---	---	21.1	22.0	X-
98TS	1100	17	--	---	5	---	29.72	21.1	22.0	X8
99TS	1130	17	--	---	5	---	---	22.2	22.2	X-
100TS	1215	17	--	---	5	---	29.67	22.8	21.8	X-
102TS	1300	17	24	240	5	270	29.64	22.8	22.2	X2
103TS	1330	17	24	240	5	270	29.64	22.8	22.2	X2
104TS	1400	17	26	240	5	270	29.64	21.7	21.2	X2
105TS	1430	17	26	240	5	270	29.60	22.2	20.8	X2
106TS	1500	17	24	240	5	270	29.60	21.1	20.6	X2
107TS	1530	17	24	240	5	270	29.58	21.1	20.3	X2
109TS	1630	17	26	240	5	270	29.55	21.1	19.8	X2
110TS	1700	17	26	240	5	270	29.58	21.1	20.1	X2
111TS	1730	17	26	240	6	270	29.60	21.1	19.9	X2

Table 4. (Continued)

WEATHER LOG  
R/V SUNCOASTER CRUISE  
7-22 March 1983

Station	Time (EST)	Day (March)	Wind		*Sea State (Code)	Waves		Barometric Pressure (Inches)	Temperature		WMO 4501 Weather (Code)
			Speed (Knots)	Direction (Degrees)		Direction (Degrees)	Air (°C)		Water (°C)		
112TS	1800	17	26	240	6	270	29.60	21.1	19.7	x2	
113TS	1830	17	26	240	6	270	29.60	21.1	19.6	x2	
114TS	1900	17	33	240	6	270	29.64	20.0	19.2	--	
115TS	1930	17	24	280	5	240	29.67	---	18.9	X2	
116TS	2000	17	28	280	5	240	29.70	---	---	X2	
117TS	2030	17	27	280	5	240	29.73	---	18.5	X2	
118TS	2100	17	22	280	5	240	29.75	---	---	X2	
119TS	2130	17	24	280	5	240	29.78	---	18.4	--	
120TS	2200	17	20	280	4	240	29.80	---	18.4	X2	
St.											
Petersburg	1200	18	28	225	-	---	---	---	---	--	
121C	1215	19	10	210	1	220	30.26	---	19.7	X2	
122C	1353	19	10	210	1	220	30.26	---	19.9	X2	
123X	1545	19	10	21(3)	1	200	30.24	---	20.6	X2	
124C	1615	19	10	200	2	180	30.22	---	20.6	X2	
125C	1811	19	9	200	2	190	30.18	---	20.9	X2	
126X	1950	19	9	200	2	170	30.22	---	21.6	X2	
127C	2043	19	13	180	2	180	30.24	22.2	21.7	Xo	
128X	2210	19	13	180	2	180	30.24	22.2	22.1	X0	
129C	2244	19	13	180	2	180	30.22	22.2	22.6	X0	
130X	0007	20	13	180	2	180	30.18	22.2	22.6	Xo	
131C	0043	20	13	180	2	180	30.18	22.2	22.6	Xo	
132X	0204	20	12	180	2	180	30.18	22.2	22.2	X0	
133C	0235	20	15	200	2	200	30.16	22.2	23.3	X0	
134X	0452	20	15	200	2	200	30.16	---	23.9	Xo	
135C	0546	20	---	---	-	---	---	---	23.5	--	
136X	0757	20	---	---	-	---	---	---	21.8	--	
137C	0806	20	18	140	3	140	30.14	---	21.4	--	
138C	1006	20	22	120	3	120	30.10	23.3	21.7	X1	
139X	1205	20	22	170	4	150	30.08	23.3	21.7	xl	
140C	1255	20	22	170	4	150	30.08	23.3	21.3	X2	
141X	1528	20	14	180	4	180	30.06	23.3	22.6	X2	
142C	1629	20	11	180	4	180	30.02	---	21.2	xl	
143C	1846	20	11	190	4	190	30.02	23.3	23.7	xl	
144C	2116	20	28	270	4	240	30.02	22.2	25.0	X9	
145X	0020	21	26	210	5	320	30.02	21.1	25.1	--	
146X	0130	21	26	210	5	320	30.12	---	25.1	X4	
147X	0300	21	26	210	5	320	30.12	---	25.2	X4	
148X	0445	21	26	210	5	320	30.13	---	25.1	X4	
149X	0552	21	26	210	5	320	30.18	---	25.4	X4	
150X	0728	21	24	345	5	310	30.18	22.2	24.3	xl	
151TS	0800	21	24	345	5	310	30.18	22.2	22.8	xl	
152TS	0830	21	24	345	5	310	30.20	22.8	21.2	xl	
153TS	0900	21	24	345	5	310	30.22	22.8	20.9	xl	
154TS	0930	21	26	345	5	310	30.22	---	21.4	xl	
155TS	1000	21	26	345	5	350	30.22	---	21.3	xl	
156TS	1030	21	31	350	5	350	30.24	---	21.3	X1	
157TS	1100	21	29	350	5	350	30.26	---	21.5	X1	
158TS	1130	21	26	350	5	350	30.26	---	22.3	Xo	
159TS	1200	21	26	350	5	350	30.26	---	22.9	Xo	
160TS	1230	21	26	350	5	350	30.26	---	22.3	Xo	
161TS	1300	21	22	350	5	350	30.22	---	22.9	Xo	
162TS	1330	21	22	360	5	350	30.24	---	23.3	Xo	
163TS	1410	21	24	360	5	350	30.22	---	23.2	xl	
164TS	1430	21	24	360	5	350	30.22	---	22.9	xl	
165TS	1500	21	24	360	5	350	30.22	---	22.6	xl	
166TS	1530	21	24	360	5	350	30.22	---	22.5	xl	
167TS	1600	21	24	360	5	350	30.21	---	22.2	xl	
168TS	1630	21	24	360	5	350	30.22	---	21.9	xl	
169TS	1700	21	24	360	5	350	30.22	---	21.8	xl	
170TS	1730	21	24	360	5	350	30.22	---	21.6	X1	
171TS	1800	21	24	360	5	350	30.23	---	21.5	xl	
172TS	1830	21	24	360	5	350	30.26	---	21.1	xl	
173TS	1900	21	24	360	5	360	30.28	---	21.0	X1	
174TS	1930	21	24	360	4	360	30.34	---	20.6	X1	
175TS	2000	21	26	360	4	360	30.36	---	20.3	xl	
176TS	2030	21	26	360	4	360	30.38	20.0	20.2	xl	
177TS	2100	21	24	360	4	360	30.38	20.0	19.9	xl	
178TS	2130	21	26	360	4	360	30.40	20.0	19.8	xl	
179TS	2200	21	26	360	4	360	30.40	20.0	19.5	xl	
180TS	2230	21	26	360	4	360	30.40	20.0	19.5	X1	
181TS	2300	21	26	360	4	360	30.40	20.0	19.5	xl	

HMO Code 3700

Table 4. (Continued)

## Sea State

WMO Code 3700

Description	Height* Feet**	Code
Cal m-gl assy	0	<b>0</b>
Cal m-ri ppl ed	<b>0</b> - 1/3	1
<b>Smooth-wavelet</b>	1/3 - 1 2/3	2
<b>Slight</b>	1 2 / 3 - 4	3
Moderate	4 - 8	4
Rough	<b>8 - 13</b>	<b>5</b>
Very rough	13 - 20	6
Hi gh	<b>20 - 30</b>	7
Very hi gh	30 - 45	8
Phenomenal	<b>&gt; 45</b>	9

\*The average wave height as obtained from the **larger** well-formed waves of the wave system being observed.

\*\*The exact bounding height is to be assigned for the lower code figure, e. g. a height of 13 feet is coded as **5**.

Table 5. World Meteorological Organization (WMO) sea-state codes and associated wave height (in feet).

Present Weather

WMO Code 4501

Code

0	Clear (no cloud at any level)
1	Partly cloudy (scattered or broken)
2	Continuous layer(s) of cloud(s)
3	Sandstorm, duststorm, or blowing snow
4	Fog, thick dust or haze
5	Drizzle
6	Rain
7	Snow, or rain and snow mixed
8	Shower(s)
9	Thunderstorm(s)

Table 6. World Meteorological Organization (WMO) codes for local weather conditions.

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SCIENCE APPLICATIONS INC.  
FORECAST FOR 24-26.5 N 84-68 W  
TUESDAY 15 MARCH 1983 1130 CST  
ATTN: VAN WADDELL  
MSG NO. 03003 - 83905

TIME EST	WIND DIR KTS	MCS FT	SWELL DIR FT/SEC	WAVE FT/SEC
TUE 15 MAR 83				
1400	SW 15-20	6	NIL	4/5
2000	SSW 15-20	6	NIL	4/5
WED 16 MAR 83				
0200	S 20-25	8	NIL	6/6
0800	SSE 25-30	10	NIL	8/6
1400	SSE 25-30	12	SSW 2/6	8/6
2000	S 25-30	14	S 3/6	9/6
THU 17 MAR 83				
0200	S 25-30	14	SSE 4/7	9/6
0800	S 25-30	14	SSE 4/7	9/6
1400	SW 25-35	15	S 5/7	9/6
2000	WSW 25-35	14	S 4/7	9/6

5 DAY EXTENDED OUTLOOK			
DAY	WIND	MCS	WAVE
FRI 3/18	W 20	9	6/6
SAT 3/19	W 15	5	3/4

REMARKS: A WEAK LOW PRESSURE SYSTEM, PRESENTLY CENTERED 120 MILES SOUTHEAST OF THE MISSISSIPPI DELTA, WILL CONTINUE TO WEAKEN AS IT MOVES EAST-NORTHEASTWARD. THIS WILL CAUSE A TEMPORARY DECREASE IN THE WINDS AND SEAS THAT WERE EXPERIENCED LATE LAST NIGHT AND EARLIER THIS MORNING. SKIES WILL GENERALLY BE CLEAR FOR THE REMAINDER OF TODAY.

A MUCH STRONGER LOW PRESSURE SYSTEM IS CURRENTLY DEVELOPING OVER TEXAS. THE CENTER OF THIS STORM SYSTEM WILL MOVE EASTWARD ALONG THE GULF COAST CAUSING WINDS TO INCREASE RAPIDLY WEDNESDAY MORNING. THIS INCREASED SOUTHERLY WIND WILL CONTINUE THROUGH THURSDAY MORNING IN ADVANCE OF THE PASSAGE OF AN ASSOCIATED COLD FRONT BETWEEN 0800 AND 1400 CST. AS THIS STORM SYSTEM TRACKS UP THE ATLANTIC COAST FRIDAY, HIGH PRESSURE WILL BEGIN TO BUILD OVER THE GULF OF MEXICO WITH WINDS GRADUALLY DECREASING. THE NEXT FRONTAL SYSTEM WILL BE ENTERING THE GULF OF MEXICO ON MONDAY.

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Table 7. Example of commercially obtained weather/sea-state predictions for active sampling area. This proved fairly accurate and useful in attempting longer range (several day) planning. Note: MCS = maximum combined sea, wave = significant locally generated wave height.

APPENDIX A  
CRUISE SUMMARY

CRUISE SUMMARY  
R/V SUNCOASTER  
(SC-83-02)  
7-22 March 1983

	( EST)	
Monday 7 March	0800	● Begin loading and tying down equipment.
	1800	● All equipment loaded and tied down (waiting on hookup and checkout of slip rings).
	2200	● Slip rings okay. ● FIO calls off departure until 1200 hours next day because of weather (gives us one extra day).
Tuesday 8 March	1215	● Depart St. Petersburg, Fla. with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Jim Singer (SAI-Chief Scientist)</li> <li>● Bill Chandler (Skidaway)</li> <li>● Jerry Miller (Skidaway)</li> <li>● Amy Edwards (Skidaway)</li> <li>● Wayne Stochaj (Skidaway)</li> <li>● Fred Fairfield (U.R.I.)</li> <li>● Noëlle Lewis (U.R.I.)</li> <li>● Kate Schweitzer (U.R.I.)</li> <li>● Craig Boyd (Indep.)</li> </ul>
	1300	● Discover conductor cable had been crushed by A-Frame during departure preparations (no signals to CTD).
	1400	● Repair wire.
Wednesday 9 March	0655	● Arrive first station on Leg I (Stations IX-38 C). ● Winds: 17 mph @ 340 degrees Seas: 2-3 feet.
Thursday 10 March	1300	● Breakoff from section at Station 20C because of severe weather--elect to heave to and ride out storm. ● winds: 30 mph @ 270 degrees. ● seas: 8-13 feet.
	1315	● Captain considers riding out the storm unsafe and begins steaming with the seas towards the Dry Tortugas.
Friday 11 March	0200	● Anchored off Loggerhead Key at Dry Tortugas (winds 35-40 mph @ 320 degrees),
	0800	● Winds 30 mph @ 330 degrees.
	1200	● Winds 35-40 mph @ 330 degrees Offshore seas reported at 15 to 16 feet,
	1700	● Get favorable weather report for next day.
	1800	● Winds 20-25 mph @ 330 degrees.

Cruise Log Continued

Saturday 12 March	0600	●	Depart Dry Tortugas Winds 20-25 mph @ 340 degrees.
	1200	●	Winds: 20 mph @ 330 degrees Seas: 4-8 feet.
	2105	●	Resume hydrographic line with Station 20C(21C). (Notice that ship is only able to maintain 8.5 knots.). ● Winds: 10-14 mph @ 345 degrees Seas: 1-2 feet,
Sunday 13 March	1300	●	Winds: 10 mph @ 180 degrees Seas: 1-2 feet,
Monday 14 March	0815	e	Complete Leg I (with Station 38C) and begin Steaming NW for Leg II.
	1600	e	Begin Leg 11 (Stations 45C-76C).
Tuesday 15 March	0115	●	Suspend CTD operations because of weather after twice attempting a CTD Cast at Station 54.
		e	Winds: 25 mph @ 220 degrees Seas: 8 feet and confused.
	0250	●	Plan to drop XBT's until weather improves.
	1030	e	Resume CTD Casts at Station 61 as cross Loop Current front (very marginal conditions for casts). ● Winds: 20-25 mph @ 240 degrees Seas: 8 feet.
	1330	●	Receive instructions to jog north at 86°W and then run along the mooring line (Leg III).
	1435	●	Do CTD Cast at Station 62C (though winds higher, Sea State not as severe as winds and current not opposing one another). ● Winds: 30-35 mph @ 240 degrees Seas: 5-6 feet.
	1735	e	Discontinue surface T/S profiling as pump required by ship to maintain toilets and drinking water (fresh water pump had burned out).
Wednesday 16 March	0830	e	Completed Station 70C (winds/seas now shifting to a more easterly direction) Winds: 20 mph @ 140 degrees Seas: 2-4 feet.
	2200	●	Terminate last station (76C) on Leg 11 at 350 meters as unable to maintain CTD clear of the ship. ● Winds: 35-45 mph @ 260 degrees Seas: 8 feet,

Cruise Log Continued

Wednesday 16 March	2300	●	Captain advises that a severe storm which had been forecast was materializing and that we must steam for shelter (30-36 hours).
Thursday 17 March	0000	●	Notify Van <b>Waddell</b> of change in cruise plans and arrange for further communication at 1000 hours.
	0015	●	Seawater pump repaired.
	0030	●	Begin half-hourly station logging of thermal <b>salinograph</b> data while steaming towards Tampa.
	1230	●	Receive weather forecast for Friday. Winds: <b>WNW @ 20 mph</b> Seas: 5 ft swell with 5 ft waves.
	1630	●	<b>F10</b> makes final decision for ship to return to <b>St. Petersburg</b> .
Friday 18 March	0130	o	Arrive at <b>F10</b> .
	0800	o	Ship's crew making various repairs, refueling, and restocking.
	0900	●	Make arrangements to find a replacement crew member for Kate Schweitzer who had been unable to eat.
	1200	●	Offshore weather: ● Winds: 25-30 mph @ 225 degrees ● Seas: 10-12 feet,
	1600	o	Weather expected to improve; plan departure for 2100 hours.
	1630	●	Jeff Hanson (Student) agrees to replace Kate on cruise.
	2100	●	<b>Repairs/refueling/re-stocking</b> completed.
	2130	●	Ship ready to get underway but missing four(4) members to scientific party.
	2345	●	Scientific party on board; depart St. Petersburg.
Saturday 19 March	1220	●	Begin Section III (Stations <b>121C-147X</b> ).
Sunday 20 March	2200	o	Terminate CTD Cast 144 C at 500 m as unable to keep CTD clear of the ship.
	2230	●	Plan to complete section with <b>XBT's</b> and steam in along a fourth line to the north, also dropping <b>XBT's</b> .
Monday 21 March	0030	●	<b>Re-do</b> Station 144 C as an <b>XBT</b> to get deeper structure.
	0305	●	Complete Section III at Station 147 X and begin steaming north.
	0450	●	Turn towards Tampa as realize will be unable to make it north against current/seas.

Cruise Log Continued

Monday 21 March	0450	●	Estimated ETA for Tampa is 1400 on 22 March.
	0800	●	Running thermal salinograph on way in.
		●	Winds: 20-25 mph @ 340 degrees.
		●	Tug reports 5.75 knot SSW drift in Loop Current at 25°39'N, 86° 01' W.
Tuesday 22 March	1100	●	Arrive FIO.
	1430	●	Ship unloaded.

APPENDIX B  
SAMPLES/OBSERVATIONS TAKEN  
AT EACH STATION

SAMPLING SUMMARY  
R/V SUNCOASTER CRUISE  
Section I  
(Stations IX-38C)  
9-10 and 12-14 March 1983

<u>CTD Casts</u>	<u>*XBT Casts</u>	<u>Nutrients</u>	<u>Oxygens</u>	<u>Chlorophylls</u>	<u>Salinity</u>
-	1x	0	0	0	0
2C	-	3	3	3	1
-	3X	0	0	0	0
4C	-	3	3	3	1
-	5X	0	0	0	0
6C		4	4	4	1
7C		3	3	3	1
8C		4	4	4	1
9C		4	4	4	0
10C		4	4	4	1
11C	-	7	7	4	3
-	12X	0	0	0	0
13C		13	13	4	2
-	14X	0	0	0	0
15C	-	13	13	4	2
-	16X	0	0	0	0
17C	-	13	13	4	3
-	18X	0	0	0	0
19C	19Xq(1 Bad T-5) NO DATA	12	12	4	3
20C		11	11	2	3
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21C	-	13	13	4	3
-	22X	0	0	0	0
23C	-	13	13	4	2
-	24X (1 Bad T-5)	0	0	0	0
25C		13	13	4	4
-	26X	0	0	0	0
27C	-	13	13	4	3
-	28X	0	0	0	0
29C		13	13	4	3
-	30X	0	0	0	0
31C		9	9	4	1
32C		9	9	4	2
33C		7	7	4	2
34C		4	4	4	2
35C		3	3	3	2
36C		3	3	3	1
37C		3	3	3	1
38C		3	3	3	1

\*All bad XBT casts were repeated except where 'NO DATA' is indicated.

SAMPLING SUMMARY  
R/V SUNCOASTER CRUISE  
Section II  
(Stations 45 C-76C)  
14-16 March 1983

<u>CTD Casts</u>	<u>*XBT Casts</u>	<u>Nutri ents</u>	<u>Oxygens</u>	<u>Chl orophyll I s</u>	<u>Sal i ni ty</u>
-	<b>**41X</b>	0	0	0	0
45C	-	3	3	3	1
-	<b>46X</b>	0	0	0	0
47C		4	4	4	1
48C		5	5	4	1
49C	-	0	0	0	0
-	<b>50X</b>	0	0	0	0
51C		6	6	4	1
52C	-	6	6	4	1
	<b>53X</b>	0	0	0	0
	54X (1 Bad T-6)	0	0	0	0
	55x	0	0	0	0
	56X	0	0	0	0
	57X (1 Bad T-6)	0	0	0	0
	58X	0	0	0	0
59C	-	9	9	4	1
	<b>60X</b>	0	0	0	0
-	<b>61X</b>	0	0	0	0
62C	-	10	10	4	1
	<b>63X</b> (2 Bad T-5)	0	0	0	0
	NO DATA				
64C		13	13	4	3
	65X	0	0	0	0
66C		13	13	4	2
	67X	0	0	0	0
68C	-	13	13	4	2
-	<b>69X</b>	0	0	0	0
70C	-	13	13	4	3
-	<b>71X</b> (1 Bad T-5)	0	0	0	0
72C	-	13	13	4	2
-	<b>73X</b> (1 Bad T-5)	0	0	0	0
74C		12	13	4	2
-	75x	0	0	0	0
76C		7	7	4	0

\*All bad XBT casts were repeated except where 'NO DATA' is indicated.  
\*\*Station actually between Sections I and II.

SAMPLING SUMMARY  
R/V SUNCOASTER CRUISE  
Section III  
(Stations 121 C-147X)  
19-21 March 1983

<u>CTD Casts</u>	<u>*XBT Casts</u>	<u>Nutrients</u>	<u>Oxygens</u>	<u>Chlorophylls</u>	<u>Salinity</u>
121C		3	3	3	1
122C		3	3	3	1
	123X (Bathy Systems)	0	0	0	0
124C	-	3	3	3	1
125C	-	4	4	4	1
-	126X	0	0	0	0
127C	-	5	5	4	1
	128X	0	0	0	0
129C	-	5	5	4	1
	130X	0	0	0	0
131C	-	8	8	4	1
	132X	0	0	0	0
133C	-	12	12	4	1
	134X	0	0	0	0
135C		13	13	4	2
	136X (Bathy Systems)	0	0	0	0
137C		13	13	4	2
138C	-	13	13	4	2
-	139X	0	0	0	0
140C	-	13	13	4	2
	141X (1 Bad T-5)	13	13	0	1
142C		13	13	4	1
143C		13	13	4	1
144C	-	8	8	4	1
	145X	0	0	0	0
	146X (1 Bad T-5) NO DATA	0	0	0	0
	147X	0	0	0	0
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	148X	0	0	0	0
	149X (1 Bad T-5)	0	0	0	0
	150X (1 Bad T-5) NO DATA	0	0	0	0

\*All bad XBT casts were repeated except where 'NO DATA' is indicated.