Moorings 101 - Intro to Oceanographic Moorings

This session will be an introduction to the basics of oceanographic moorings. We will have a few long-time mooring professionals on hand to give overviews of their respective areas of expertise, and to answer the many questions that will arise. The intent is for this to be a highly interactive discussion rather than a presentation-heavy session (you will get plenty of PowerPoint in the following few days). So bring your curiosity and questions!

The discussion will cover topics such as:

Mooring types:

Subsurface

Surface

Mooring elements:

Buoy types

Anchors

Releases

Backup/recovery buoyancy

Wire and cable

Custom and standard hardware – shackles, links, instrument frames, ...

Materials and corrosion

Mooring design:

Weight and buoyancy

Drag loading

Wave loading

Analysis - static and dynamic

Mooring Operations:

Ship capability – A-frames, cranes

Handling gear – winches, tuggers, blocks, deck cleats, ...

Tiedowns

Deployment - buoy first, anchor first

Recovery - bottom first, buoy first

Mooring Logistics:

Packing and shipping of mooring

Loading/offloading ships

Deck load planning

Mooring systems integration and test pre/during/after deployment