

The OSU Plankton Lab based out of Hatfield is going to be aboard the R/V Sikuliaq March 2-18 for a research cruise. We are running the Newport Line from stations 1-5 and will be towing a number of devices from cameras to nets.

We've done this cruise with this ship and crew before and they do a pretty good job avoiding crab gear but accidents can always happen - especially at night.

If you are able to give the fleet a heads-up to avoid laying across that tight line if possible that would be great and if that fails we will do our best to dodge.

We will also be down in Northern California on the Trinidad sampling line. I don't know if your communication networks reach down that far, but I've included that info as well.

I will be aboard the vessel - and while cell service is spotty you can give my number out if anyone has a complaint or concern. 541-207-5283

Thanks!

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