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Sea Floor Characterization of the U.S. Caribbean 2011 Field Season Day 11: April 7, 2011

Welcome Fishermen and Students from the University of the Virgin Islands

Today, graduate students from the University of the Virgin Islands' Center for Marine and Environmental Studies (CMES) met up with a few members of the St. Thomas Fishermen's Association to take a tour of the NOAA Ship Nancy Foster. The sunny weather was perfect for the event.

Tim Battista introduced them to many of the scientists on the mission, including Chris Taylor, Bryan Costa and Sam Tormey. Each took a few minutes to explain the different areas of data collection and how they're all used to create products that make managing these complex ecosystems a little easier. They later took a tour of the ship, stopping by the bridge, the main deck and areas where the researchers on board work and live.

Following the ship tour, Battista and Taylor headed out to the University of the Virgin Islands to participate in an hour-long seafloor mapping seminar held by the CMES.

Tomorrow, April 8th, it's back to work. But before we get back into science mode, we're hosting a seminar at sea for local lawmakers including the governor, several senators and a representative from Congresswoman Donna Christensen's office.

PLEASE NOTE: In the event of a government shutdown, the blog will be suspended.

Photos from Today's Outreach Events



Visitors take a look at some of the sea floor images created by sonar.



Chris Taylor explain the fishery acoustic system.



Everyone in the web lab checked out how the ROV is operated.



On the bridge everyone learned a little about the NOAA Ship Nancy Foster's history.