

# Saltwater News

A Monthly Newsletter for UNH Marine Program Faculty, Staff and Students  
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## From the Director:

We're happy to report that the long-range Strategic Planning Process for the Marine Program is moving into high gear. The last major long-range plan for the program was developed in 1996. The goal of this effort is to set a vision for what the Marine Program will look like 5 years from now and to develop a series of strategies and action steps that will help us achieve that vision. This effort is a critical step in better unifying the many strong marine programs that we have at UNH and to insuring that our plans are consistent with the recently adopted UNH Academic Plan.

We are pleased to announce that the following people have agreed to serve on the Steering Committee for the strategic planning process:

<b>Jonathan Pennock</b>	Marine Program
<b>Julie Williams</b>	VP R&PS Office
<b>Rich Langan</b>	CICEET/CINEMar
<b>Ann Bucklin</b>	Sea Grant/OPAL
<b>Larry Mayer</b>	Earth Sciences/CCOM
<b>Janet Campbell</b>	COOA/OPAL
<b>Ken Baldwin</b>	Ocean Engineering
<b>Steve Jones</b>	Natural Resources
<b>Win Watson</b>	Zoology
<b>Hunt Howell</b>	Zoology
<b>Dave Bartlett</b>	EOS
<b>Bruce Mallory</b>	Graduate School
<b>Jessica Bolker</b>	Zoology/SML
<b>Christian DeMoustier</b>	Engineering/CCOM
<b>Dave Shay</b>	JEL
<b>Sharon Meeker</b>	Marine Education
<b>Rob Robertson</b>	Resource Economics
<b>Matt Davis</b>	Earth Sciences
<b>April Blakeslee</b>	Graduate Student
<b>Richard Raymond</b>	Graduate Student

Many thanks to those of you who participated in one or more of numerous meetings of students, staff and faculty that were undertaken over the past 4 months to identify many of the key issues that we face as a program.

The first meeting of the Steering Committee occurred on May 27<sup>th</sup> and we expect to undertake two additional meetings this summer. Once the fall semester begins we

plan to bring our entire faculty, staff and student population together to discuss and further refine our developing plan. Our goal is to have the strategic plan completed by mid- to late fall.

If you have any input or questions about the process please contact **Jonathan Pennock** or one of the other Steering Committee members.

## Student News

Two grad students in Zoology received awards for their posters at the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Benthic Ecology Meeting in Groton, CT held last month. **Jenn Dijkstra**, won best poster award for her poster "Landscape Changes in Gulf of Maine Marine Fouling Communities". Jenn's research is examining the degree of change between historical (1979) and present-day (2002) early succession of marine fouling communities. **April Blakeslee** received an honorable mention on her poster "Investigations into Parasite Escape by the Non-indigenous Host Species, *Littorina Littorea*". April's research is testing the enemy release hypotheses for parasite escape, where introduced species are expected to have lower parasite diversity in their introduced range because they have escaped some of the parasites that infect conspecifics in their native area. Congratulations Jenn and April!!

## Beyond New Hampshire

The Open Ocean Aquaculture gang made a big showing at the World Aquaculture Society meeting in Salvador Bahia, Brazil. Members that attended and made oral presentations included **Rich Langan**, **Hunt Howell**, **Michael Chambers**, **Glen Rice**, **Dave Fredriksson**, **Elizabeth Fairchild** and **Jennie Mandeville**. Other UNH personnel that attended the meeting included **Steve Jones** (poster presentation) and **Forbes Horton**. The UNH presentations were made in the Open Ocean Aquaculture, Stock Enchantment and Marine Larval Fish sessions. Everyone had a great time except for issues with the local palm oil that kept many close to a bathroom! In addition, Glen Rice was reacquainted with a long lost friend from a former aquaculture meeting in San Diego!!

## Marine Program Pot-Pouri

Recently, **Forbes Horton**, **Rich Langan**, and crew of the R/V Gulf Challenger successfully, safely and uneventfully deposited 16,000 pounds of granite blocks, about a thousand feet of heavy line, and a number of buoys at the aquaculture site to set up a new mooring system for the mussel aquaculture program. As noted by **Paul Pelletier** in an e-mail to some of the folks responsible for the recent overhaul of the Challenger:

**Five tons on deck...Eighteen knots...  
The old girl's still got it!**



And speaking of the Gulf Challenger and crew, we are very pleased to announce that **Captain Paul** has been nominated for the UNH Presidential Award of Excellence. Of course we all know he deserves this award, but it is nice to have the non-nautical element of the University know as well. Congratulations Paul, it's a well-deserved nomination!

**Stacia Sower** is currently hosting seven visiting Japanese scientists in her laboratory. Her guests include Professor Masumi Nozaki, Director of the Sado Marine Station, Associate Professors Akiyoshi Takahashi and Shunsuke Moriyama from the Kitasato University Sanriku, and four additional colleagues and students. Four of her guests will be at UNH for two weeks and three of them will be at UNH for a week and then will travel with Stacia to Michigan for an additional week to do research.

On May 6-7 **Andy Armstrong** and his colleagues from JHC and CCOM hosted a group of NOAA scientists here at UNH. The discussions focused on Coastal and Oceanographic Modeling and included presentations from

Bruce Parker, Chief of the NOAA/NOS Coast Survey Development Laboratory and Frank Aikman, Chief of the NOAA/NOS Marine Modeling & Analysis Program.

Thanks to **Ray Grizzle**, **Dave Shay** and **Jonathan Pennock** who hosted several bus loads of prospective students and their parents at JEL as part of the annual COLSA Open House in April.

Welcome back to **Linda Wade**, who (knock on wood) has returned to the office after an extended absence resulting from helping her husband through several surgeries, moving from Dover to Rochester and then dealing with a broken ankle and resultant surgery of her own (while carrying boxes!)... Those of us who rely on Linda on a daily basis (and those of you who may have had unanswered e-mails for a short time) know just how important Linda is to the day to day operation of the Marine Program. Welcome Back Linda!!

## Marine Science Fellowships

We are happy to report that Marine Science Fellowships were offered to four highly qualified graduate students. Please join us in congratulating and welcoming the following students who will be joining us this summer:

**Ben Galuardi** (COOA Fellow & Zoology Ph.D. Student)  
**Brian Ortman** (COOA Fellow & Zoology Ph.D. Student)  
**Jeff Kneebone** (CINEMar Fellow & Zoology MS Student)  
**John Logan** (NE Consortium Fellow & Zoology MS Student)

The Marine Program Fellowship Program has been made possible through the cooperation and support of the numerous UNH/NOAA partnership programs and their directors. We look forward to attracting another strong class of incoming students this coming year.

## Congratulations!

Numerous Marine Program staff were recently recognized for their continued service to UNH including: **Paul Pelletier** (25 years) and **Steve Adams**, **Rollie Barnaby**, **Rich Langan** and **Jaimie Wolf** (15 Years). Thank you for your continuing commitment to UNH!

Carolyn and **Chris Whalen** are the proud parents of Nathaniel Matthew Whalen who was born on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:13pm. Nathaniel weighed 9 pounds 1 ounce and was 21.5 inches long. Congratulations Chris and Carolyn!!