

Expedition Log for IODP Expedition 313 New Jersey Shallow Shelf

Week 5 – 1st June

Wayne Breaux, the 1st Mate on the Liftboat Kayd, provides the crew's take on the NJSS Expedition.

Behind our drilling operation, there is a ship's crew who accept us onto their boat, look after us while we are here, and try to help out with any problem or request that crops up during our time offshore. The two cooks provide a hot meal four times a day, 5 – 7 am and pm and 11 – 1 midday and midnight; the three deck hands clean our cabins, provide us with fresh linen, pressure wash the deck for us when the drilling mud gets everywhere and generally lend a helping hand wherever they can; the engineer helps keep everything running smoothly mechanically; the first mate and crane operator is the person in whom we place our trust when he takes us on or off the platform on the Billy Pugh, and the Captain who keeps a watchful eye over all of us! It is quite a sight seeing how we and all our equipment have taken over their vessel.



Photo 1. The foredeck with the ESO and Bremen containers, DOSECC drilling rig, drill pipes, casing and mud! (Carol Cotterill©ECORD/IODP).

But how do they feel about it all?

Hello everyone my name is Wayne Breaux the 1st Mate of the Liftboat *Kayd*. I would like to take the time to let everyone involved with expedition 313 onshore that we on the *Kayd* have been involved with many jobs in the oilfield of the Gulf of Mexico with some self acclaimed professionals. But they could learn a few things from this group that ECORD has put together. They are very respectful of our vessel which is like our 2nd home. Also, they are mindful of the guidelines that we have in place to run our vessel as smoothly as possible.



Photo 2. Wayne in his crane (Carol Cotterill©ECORD/IODP)

I have worked with both Captains and they have both conveyed the same message to me. The DOSECC drilling team has also done an outstanding job. We hope that there will be more expeditions in the future that the Liftboat *Kayd* can be utilized in, to help in find the answers that the scientists are searching for.



Photo 3. Captain Clem – pleased to have us onboard! (Jenny Inwood©ECORD/IODP).