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## Scientists in the Galley— **Morale Night Dinner**

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Time: 2100 hours Pacific Daylight Time

Latitude: 80°51.85'N Longitude: 119°51.75'W Air temperature: -1.1°C (30°F) Sea temperature: -1.7°C (29°F) Wind speed and direction: 8 knots from

the south-southwest

Ship's speed over the ground: 3 knots

Water depth: 2,920 m

On Healy, Saturday night is Morale Night, which means a Bingo game with popcorn, soda, and prizes; a movie projected on the big screen in the helo hangar; and a special dinner cooked by a group of volunteers.

Tonight, the science party took a turn in the galley.



Ship's Pizza Technicians (SPTs) Jerry Hyman (right) and Captain Michel Bourdeau (Canadian Coast Guard) man the ovens in what Captain Bourdeau called the "engine room." They baked the crusts before toppings were added, then baked the pizzas and moved them into warming ovens to keep them piping hot. Click image for larger view. Credit: Helen Gibbons, USGS/ECS Project.



Guess what we're cooking! Jerry Hyman (National Geospatial-Information Agency) spreads olive oil on pizza crusts before baking them for a few minutes. Click image for larger view. Credit: Helen Gibbons, USGS/ECS Project.

We prepared seven kinds of pizza: Cheese; pepperoni; pepperoni, bacon, and mushroom (a "Canadian"); barbecue sauce and chicken (suggested by FS1 John Carter, who helped us plan the menu—tasty!); vegetarian (onions, mushrooms, and olives); meat (pepperoni, Italian sausage, ground beef, bacon, chicken, and ham); and "free-lance" (a little bit of everything). We added jalapeño peppers to several pizzas in each category. For sides, we served mozzarella cheese sticks, jalapeño poppers, and fruit cocktail (we've used up all the lettuce). Dessert was chocolate cake with fudge frosting.





The assembly line: Starting at back right, Erin Clark (Canadian Ice Service) spreads tomato sauce and some crushed garlic on each crust. Next up is Jenny White (USGS marine technician), who adds mozzarella cheese. Pete Dal Ferro (USGS marine technician) puts on the toppings, and Chris DuFore (USGS geochemist) adds spices. Click image for larger view. Credit: Helen Gibbons, USGS/ECS Project.



Andy Stevenson (USGS) cuts the cake. Click image for larger view. **Credit:** Sherwood Liu, University of South Florida.



The metal window on the right is rolled up, and we're ready to serve. Front to back on the left: Andy Stevenson (USGS) serves jalapeño poppers and mozzarella sticks. Sarah Ashworth (red cap; Marine Resource Assessment Group) and Bill Schmoker (PolarTREC) serve pizza slices. In the back is FS3 Melissa Gomes (in white jacket), the real cook, who kindly guided our efforts in preparation, cooking, and cleanup. On the right, DCC Mitchell Pulatie picks his pizza. Click image for larger view. Credit: Sherwood Liu, University of South Florida.



Caroline Singler (NOAA Teacher at Sea) begins mixing the cake batter. Click image for larger view. **Credit:** Sherwood Liu, University of South Florida.



Sherwood Liu (University of South Florida) slices pizzas. Click image for larger view. Credit: Caroline Singler, NOAA Teacher at Sea.



We did it! Cooking dinner for 100-plus was a new experience for most of us. Left to right: Bill Schmoker (PolarTREC), Helen Gibbons (USGS), Andy Stevenson (USGS), Jenny White (USGS, Pete Dal Ferro (USGS), Sarah Ashworth (Marine Resource Assessment Group), Erin Clark (Canadian Ice Service), Jerry Hyman (National Geospatial-Information Agency), Captain Michel Bourdeau (Canadian Coast Guard), Chris DuFore (USGS), Sherwood Liu (University of South Florida), and Caroline Singler (NOAA Teacher at Sea). Not shown: Brian Edwards (USGS), Peter Triezenberg (USGS), and Justin Pudenz (Marine Resource Assessment Group). Click image



for larger view. Credit::MK2 Chris Schumacher.



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