

CRUISE REPORT 09/99

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Time Breakdown:

Sailed from Menai Bridge	10.00	20.09.99
Anchored N of Lleyn Peninsula (to shelter from weather)	16.50	20.09.99
Cruise abandoned	08.30	21.09.99
Arrived at Menai Bridge	16.10	21.09.99

See previous cruise reports for Abstract, Scientific aims of project.

1. Narrative of cruise

The R.V. Prince Madog sailed from Menai Bridge at 10.00 on 20.09.99 in moderate sea conditions. It was decided to shelter overnight from bad incoming weather North of the Lleyn Peninsula on the afternoon/evening of 20.09.99 (anchored 16.50). The ship continued to make progress on the morning of 21.09.99. Sea conditions, associated with a series of low weather fronts were not suitable for sampling in the Lleyn Peninsula region. It was decided that sea conditions, including a reasonably heavy swell and wind (Force 4-6) would not enable work to be carried out in the Muddy Hollow region (Station 9). A series of low pressure systems were forecast for following days (Wednesday/Thursday 22/23.09.99) in the Irish and Celtic Seas region, therefore following discussion with Captain Duckworth, it was decided to abandon the cruise at 08.30, 21.09.99. The ship returned to Menai Bridge Pier at 16.10, 21.09.99.