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1 Cruise Summary

1.1 Summary in English

A series of regular short-term cruises serve to monitor the hydrographic, chemical and biological situation in the western, central and northern Baltic Sea. The work is conducted in the framework of the COMBINE Program of the Helsinki Commission (HELCOM) and the long-term data program of the Leibniz Institute for Baltic Sea Research. It provides the scientific basis for research aiming at the understanding of climatic and anthropogenic forcing of environmental changes and associated ecosystem responses as well as the assessment of the environmental state of the Baltic Sea. The cruise in May generally serves to describe the post spring-bloom situation.

During the expedition, research was conducted at 139 stations aiming at the description of the hydrographic and chemical situation along a transect from the western Baltic Sea (Kiel Bight, Bay of Mecklenburg) to the northern Baltic Sea via the major Basins (Arkona Sea, Bornholm Basin, Gotland Sea including Farö Channel, Landsort Deep, Karlsö Deep). Four additional traverse transects were conducted in the western and eastern Gotland Basin in order to investigate the lateral transport of water into the deeper basin. At selected stations, samples were taken to determine nutrient concentrations and various biological parameters describing the phyto- and zooplankton taxonomic composition/ abundance. These serve the scientific interest for the study of the timing and composition of the spring phytoplankton bloom and the associated dynamics of heterotrophic zooplankton with regard to eutrophication effects and the impact of climatic change on the pelagic ecosystem. Despite one day of interrupted work due to bad weather conditions, the full cruise program was conducted. The first results indicate the continuation of a stagnation period without inflows of saline oxygen-rich water at the bottom and increasing hydrogen sulfide concentrations in the deep basins.

1.2 Zusammenfassung

Im Rahmen des langzeitlichen Monitorings der hydrographischen, chemischen und biologischen Situation werden jährlich fünf Ausfahrten in der westlichen, zentralen und nördlichen Ostsee durchgeführt. Diese erfolgen im Rahmen des COMBINE Programms der Helsinki Kommission (HELCOM) und des Langzeitprogramms des Leibniz Institut für Ostseeforschung in der zentralen Ostsee. Die Daten bilden die Basis zur Erforschung des langzeitlichen Einflusses von Klimaveränderung und anthropogener Aktivität auf die Ökosystemdynamik und den Umweltzustand der Ostsee.

Während der Ausfahrt wurde die Beprobung auf insgesamt 139 Stationen durchgeführt um die hydrographische und chemische Situation entlang eines Schnittes von der Kieler Bucht in die zentrale und nördliche Ostsee zu beschreiben. Zusätzlich wurden in der Gotland See vier Querschnitte zur Beschreibung des lateralen Transports von Wasser aus den Küstenregionen in das Becken zu erfassen. An ausgewählten Stationen in den Becken wurden zudem Proben zur Nährstoffverfügbarkeit und zur Beschreibung der Zusammensetzung und Abundanz der pelagischen Gemeinschaften (Phyto- und Zooplankton) gewonnen. Trotz einer wetterbedingten Unterbrechung der Arbeit konnte das volle Fahrtpogramm umgesetzt werden. Erste Ergebnisse weisen auf ein Andauern der seit 2017 bestehenden Stagnationsphase mit ausbleibenden großen Einströmen von salzigen, sauerstofffreien Tiefenwasser hin, die zum Anstieg der Schwefelwasserstoffkonzentration in den bodennahem Wasserschichten der Becken führt.

2 Participants

2.1 Principal Investigators

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Dierken, Madleen	Marine Chemistry	IOW
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2.4 Crew

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Sauerland, Oliver	2 nd Officer
Klück, Torsten	Chief
Renken, Bernd	Electrician
Wagner, Knut	Bosun
Nevermann, Hartmut	Seaman
Schlewitt, Rene	Seaman
Wurm, Wolfgang	Seaman
Becker Braunschweig, Detlef-Ulrich	Seaman
Güse, Kurt	Cook

3 Research Program

3.1 Aims of the Cruise

The cruise contributes to the international environmental monitoring program of the Helsinki Commission (HELCOM) carried out by the Leibniz-Institute for Baltic Sea Research in Warnemünde (IOW). Within the German Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), monitoring is undertaken on behalf of the Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency (BSH). In the central

Baltic Proper, long-term data is collected by the Leibniz Institute for Baltic Sea Research Warnemünde (IOW). The monitoring program was initiated in 1979 and run by the IOW's predecessor institute and is continued by the IOW since 1992 in the framework of the COMBINE Programme of the Helsinki Commission (HELCOM). The acquired data will be used for the regular national and international assessments of the state of the Baltic Sea (e.g. HELCOM 2018) and the assessment of long-term trends in the hydrographical and biological data.

The spring cruises are of particular scientific interest for the study of the timing and composition of the spring phytoplankton bloom and the associated dynamics of heterotrophic zooplankton with regard to eutrophication effects and the impact of climatic change on the pelagic ecosystem.

Additional program:

- For the taxonomic analysis of zooplankton in the Baltic Sea using molecular metabarcoding, samples from Kiel Bight, Bay of Mecklenburg, Arkona Sea, Bornholm and Gotland Basin were conserved in ethanol for later analysis in the laboratory (responsible scientist: Dr. J Renz, Senckenberg Gesellschaft für Naturforschung).
- For experimental studies of the physiological tolerance of calanoid copepods and their adaptation potential to changing environmental conditions, specimen of two copepod genera were isolated from live catches and used to start cultures on the board the ship (responsible scientist: Dr. J. Dutz, IOW).
- To support the analysis of the long-term changes in the population dynamics of key copepod species in the Bornholm Basin, zooplankton nets (Apstein, mesh size 50 µm, WP-2 mesh size 100 µm) were deployed to quantitatively sample nauplii and copepodites (responsible scientist Dr. Jörg Dutz, IOW).

3.2 Equipment

Data and sample acquisition was conducted using the following devices and measuring platforms.

At stations and transects:

- CTD SBE 911+ with rosette water sampler
- Phytoplankton nets:
 - Apstein-Net: 0.25 m diameter, 20 µm mesh size
 - Apstein-Net: 0.18 m diameter, 10 µm mesh size
- Zooplankton nets:
 - Apstein Net: 0.18 cm diameter, 50 µm mesh size
 - WP2-Net: 0.52 cm diameter, 100 µm mesh size
- Secci disk

Continuous measurements:

- Underway measurements of surface water properties
- Ship weather station

The ship based data collection consists of one minute averages of: time (UTC), latitude and longitude, ships heading, depth, air pressure, air temperature, humidity, global radiation, infrared radiation, surface conductivity, surface salinity, surface water temperature, surface chlorophyll-a, fluorescence, surface turbidity, wind direction, wind speed.

3.2 Description of the Work Area

The area under investigation of the cruise EMB-213 covered the western and the central Baltic from the Kiel Bight to the northern Gotland Basin (Fig. 3.1). The majority of stations were located along a transect, describing the hydrographic conditions in all basins on the pathway of saltwater inflows from the North Atlantic and the change in biodiversity associated with the gradient in salinity from mesohaline to oligohaline surface water (Hernroth & Ackefors 1979). The deep inflows are the sole source for ventilation of the deep basins (Matthäus et al. 2008).

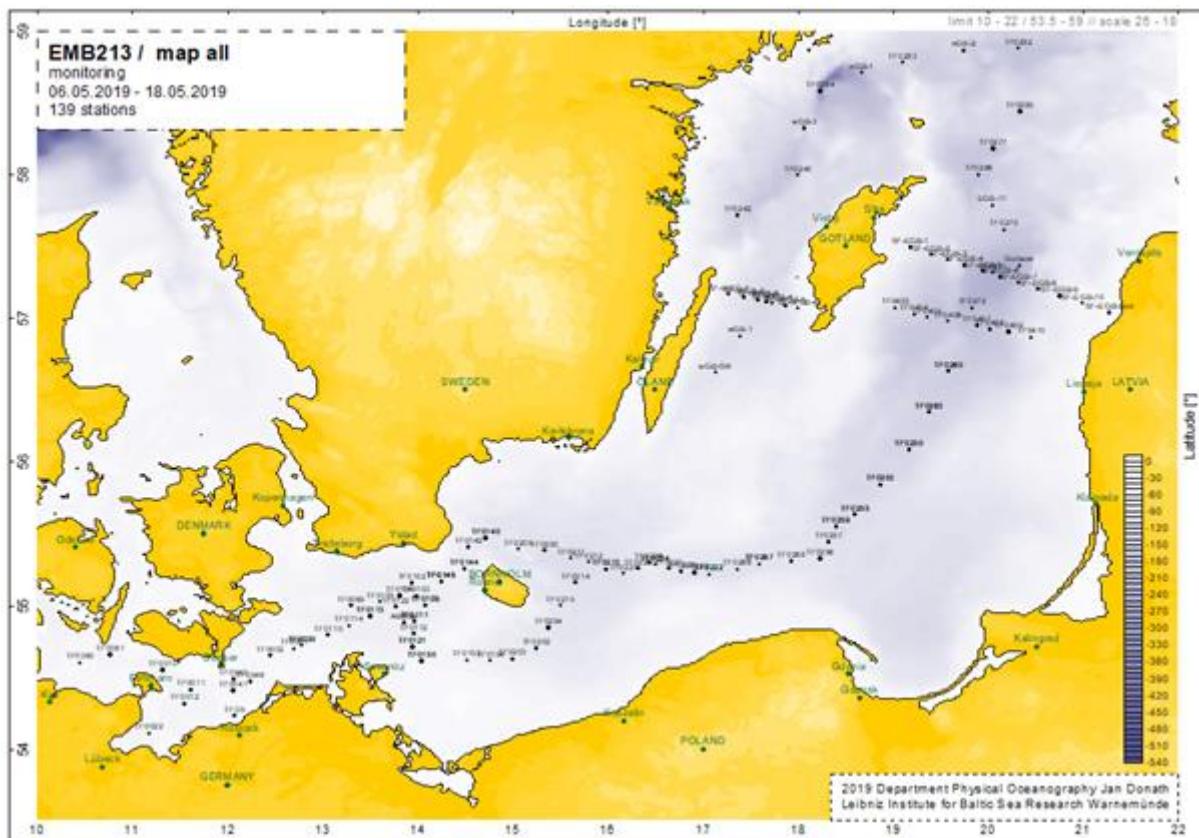


Fig. 3.1 Track chart of R/V ELISABETH MANN BORGESE Cruise EMB 213. Bathymetry from Seifert et al. 2008

4 Narrative of the Cruise

Date	Time UTC	Task
2019-05-03	06:00	Loading of equipment, preparing devices for the cruise
2019-05-06	05:00	Embarking of scientific crew
	05:30	Safety instructions
	06:00	Departure from port Rostock-Marienehe Weather: sunny, moderate wind, W, BF 4, 4-8 m/s
	09:15	Start of work in the Bay of Mecklenburg at Station TF05 Equipment test w/o problems Weather: sunny, moderate, W, BF 4, 4-8 m/s Air temperature: 7.5°C, 1013.4 hPa SST: 9.0 °C, surface salinity: 13.85
	09:50 - 22:00	Station work continued: transect via Bay of Mecklenburg and Fehmarn Belt to Kiel Bight (TF0011 - TF0360); CTD casts, O ₂ , nutrients, total N/P and POM/DOM measurements, phytoplankton and zooplankton nets, live catches for the isolation of zooplankton at TF0360, transfer to Bay of Mecklenburg Weather: sunny, strong wind, W, BF 6-7, 10.1-16.2 m/s Air temperature: 7.5°C, 1013.4 hPa SST: 8.9 – 9.5 °C, surface salinity: 14.12 - 16.38
	22:00 - 24:00	Station work in the Bay of Mecklenburg (TF-0022) Weather: continuously strong winds, W, BF 6-7 14-16 m/s
2019-05-07	00:00 – 09:30	Station work in the Bay of Mecklenburg and Darss Sill (TF-0012 – TF-0030) Weather: cloudy-sunny, strong wind, W, BF 6-7, 9.1-11.6 m/s Air temperature: 6.7-8.0°C, 1014.7 hPa SST: 8.8-9.6 °C, surface salinity: 9.66 – 13.62
	09:30 – 24:00	Station work in the Arkona Basin (TF-0115 – TF0104) and Arkona Basin Buoy Weather: cloudy to sunny, strong wind, W, BF 5-6, decreasing to BF 4 and turning south, 6.9 – 13.7 m/s Air temperature: 7.5 -8.1°C, 1013.7 hPa SST: 7.2-8.9 °C, surface salinity: 7.56 – 8.33
2019-05-08	00:00-09:15	Continuation of station work in the Arkona Basin (TF-0102 - TF-0145) and Bornholm Channel (TF-0144 - TF-0140), Weather: sunny, moderate wind, SE, BF 4-5, 5.9-9.0 m/s Air temperature: 7.5°C, 1011.8 hPa SST: 6.9-10.1°C, surface salinity: 7.55-7.70
	09:15-18:45	Station work in the Bornholm Basin (TF-0200 – TF0221), isolation of zooplankton at TF0213, Weather: sunny, moderate wind, SE, BF 4-5, 5.9-8.0 m/s Air temperature: 10.6°C, 1010.8 hPa SST: 6.9-7.4°C, surface salinity: 7.48-7.64

Date	Time UTC	Task
	18:45-24:00	Station work in the Stolpe Channel (TF-0224 – TF0222), Weather: moderate wind, SE, BF 4-5, 5.8-8.9 m/s Air temperature: 7.6°C, 1008.4 hPa SST: 6.4-7.4°C, surface salinity: 7.44-7.79
2019-05-09	00:00-06:00	Station work in the Stolpe Channel contd. (TF-0267 – TF0256), Weather: sunny-cloudy, strong wind, E, BF 7, 17.2 m/s, Air temperature: 7.4°C, 1003.8 hPa SST: 6.3-6.4°C, surface salinity: 7.48-7.50
	06:00-16:50	Station work in the southern Gotland Basin (TF-0259 – TF0260), Weather: sunny-cloudy, strong wind, E, BF 7, 14.7-16.3 m/s, Air temperature: 8.2°C, 1004.5 hPa SST: 6.5-7.0°C, surface salinity: 7.37-7.54
	16:50-24:00	Transect in the eastern Gotland Basin (TF-0403 – TF-406), CTD casts Weather: cloudy, moderate wind, S, BF 4, 16.1 m/s, Air temperature: 8.8°C, 1005.2 hPa SST: 6.3-6.7°C, surface salinity: 7.24-7.28
2019-05-10	00:00-04:20	Transect continued (TF-0407 – TF-410) Weather: cloudy, moderate wind, S, BF 4, 14.5 m/s, Air temperature: 8.4°C, 1004.8 hPa SST: 6.5-6.8°C, surface salinity: 7.31-7.44
	04:20-19:50	Station work in the central Gotland Basin (TF-0272, -0271) Station 271 with 5 CTD casts for hydrography, chemistry, biology in the water column and at the redox-cline, phyto- and zooplankton nets Weather: cloudy, moderate wind, SE, BF 3-4, 4.6-7.2 m/s, Air temperature: 8.1°C, 1003.8 hPa SST: 6.4-6.1°C, surface salinity: 7.30-7.31
	19:50-24:00	Transect in the eastern Gotland Basin (TF-EGB-1 – EGB4), CTD-casts Weather: cloudy, moderate wind, W, BF 3, 4.1 m/s, Air temperature: 6.1°C, 1008.4 hPa SST: 6.4-6.7°C, surface salinity: 7.10-7.20
2019-05-11	00:00-07:40	CTD-casts for transect in the eastern Gotland Basin contd. (TF-EGB-5 – TF-EGB-End), Weather: foggy, moderate wind, W, BF 3, 3.8 m/s, Air temperature: 5.6°C, 1009.1 hPa SST: 6.8-8.3°C, surface salinity: 7.10-7.38
	7:40-20:30	Station work in the Faro Channel (Gotland NE - TF-0285) Weather: foggy, moderate wind, W, BF 3, 4.4 m/s, Air temperature: 7.2°C, 1009.6 hPa SST: 6.2-7.9°C, surface salinity: 6.87-7.26

Date	Time UTC	Task
	20:30- 24:00	Station work in the northern Gotland Basin (TF-282) SST: 6.4°C, surface salinity: 6.95
2019-05-12	00:00- 08:30	Continuation of station work in the northern Gotland Basin (nGB2 – nGB1) Weather: sunny, moderate wind, W, BF 4, 6.4 m/s, Air temperature: 7.4°C, 1014.5 hPa SST: 5.7-5.8°C, surface salinity: 6.29-6.60
	08:30- 13:00	Station work in the Landsort Deep (TF-0284) 4 CTD casts for hydrography, chemistry, biology in the water column and at the redox-cline Weather: sunny, moderate wind, W, BF 3-5, 5.0 -8.4 m/s, Air temperature: 6.7-8.0°C, 1016.8-1021.7 hPa SST: 6.4°C, surface salinity: 6.46
	13:00- 24:00	Station work in the western Gotland Basin (wGB3 – TF-0242) Start transect in the western Gotland Basin (SF-wGB-1) Weather: sunny, moderate wind, W, BF 4, 6.5 -7.4 m/s, Air temperature: 6.7-7.4°C, 1016.8-1019.5 hPa SST: 6.4-7.0°C, surface salinity: 6.59-7.05
2019-05-13	00:00- 05:20	Continuation of the transect in the western Gotland Basin, (SF-wGB-1 - SF-wGB-6), CTD casts from west to east Weather: moderate wind, W, BF 4-5, 7.4-9.0 m/s, Air temperature: 6.5-7.1°C, 1027.0-1028.3 hPa SST: 5.9-6.7°C, surface salinity: 6.98-7.06
	05:20- 09:50	Station work in the western Gotland Basin (wGB1 – wGB-SW) Weather: cloudy, moderate to strong wind, NW, BF 4-6, 9.4-11.6 m/s, air temperature: 6.4°C, 1029.8 hPa SST: 6.4 °C, surface salinity: 5.58
	09:50- 16:30	Transit to the eastern Gotland Basin Weather: cloudy, with sunny periods, moderate wind, N, BF 5, 9.7 m/s, air temperature: 8°C, 1030.1 hPa
	16:50- 24:00	Transect in the eastern Gotland Basin (TF-0403 – TF-409), CTD casts across the central Gotland Basin Weather: cloudy, strong wind, N, BF 6, 12.3-14.2 m/s, Air temperature: 6.9°C, 1031.8 hPa SST: 6.8-7.1°C, surface salinity: 7.25-7.47
2019-05-14	00:00- 01:00	Continuation of the transect (TF-410) Weather: strong wind, N, BF 6-7, 17.6 m/s, Air temperature: 6.8 °C, 1032.1 hPa SST: 6.4°C, surface salinity: 7.4

Date	Time UTC	Task
	01:00-16:15	Station work in the southern Gotland Basin (TF-0260 – 0256) Weather: cloudy, strong wind, N, BF5-7, 8.2-14.6 m/s, Air temperature: 6.9-7.4°C C, 1032.6-1029.7hPa SST: 6.9-7.2°C, surface salinity: 7.38-7.54
	16:15-24:00	Station work in the Stolpe Channel (TF-0268 – TF-0228) Weather: cloudy, strong wind, N, BF 5-6, 9.1-12.6 m/s, Air temperature: 7.1°C, 1029.1 hPa SST: 7.5-7.6°C, surface salinity: 6.34-7.66
2019-05-15	00:00-05:30	Station work in the Stolpe Channel (TF-0227 – TF-0226) Weather: strong wind, N, BF5-6, 9.1-10.6m/s, Air temperature: 7.2°C, 1028.9 hPa SST: 7.5-7.8°C, surface salinity: 7.57-7.63
	05:30-19:00	Station work in the central and southern Bornholm Basin (TF-0225 – TF-0250) Weather: cloudy with sunny periods, moderate-strong wind, N to NE, BF 5-6, 8.8-11.4 m/s, Air temperature: 7.7-9.4°C, 1025.4-1028.4 hPa SST: 7.8-9.6°C, surface salinity: 7.52-8.06
	19:00-00:00	Station work in the Arkona Basin (TF-0121 – TF-0109) Weather: cloudy, strong wind, NE, BF 5-6, 7.8-11.3 m/s, Air temperature: 7.7-9.4°C, 1025.7 hPa SST: 8.9-9.5°C, surface salinity: 7.84-7.98
2019-05-16	00:00 07:00	Station work in the Bornholm Channel (TF-0144 – TF-0205) Weather: cloudy, strong wind, NE, BF 6-8, 10.4-17.6 m/s, Air temperature: 7.8°C, 1021.3 hPa SST: 8.1-9.0°C, surface salinity: 7.53-7.87
	07:30-	Due to increasing wind conditions > BF 8 and the forecast of stormy weather with wind up to 30 m/s from NE, interruption of work, Transit to the north of Hiddensee for shelter.
2019-05-17	04:00-	Transit to the Arkona Basin to resume work
	06:30-16:50	Station work the Arkona Basin (TF-0113), Darss Sill (TF-0030, - 0001) and the Bay of Mecklenburg (TF-0046, -0012) Weather: cloudy, moderate-strong wind, NE turning S, BF 5-6, 9.9-12.6 m/s, declining to BF 3-4, 5.1-6.6 m/s Air temperature: 8.6-10.0°C, 1009.6-1012.7 hPa SST: 8.7-11.0°C, surface salinity: 8.70-10.96
	-20:00	Transit to port Rostock-Marienehe
2019-05-18	07:45-12:00	Arrival at port Rostock-Marienehe Unloading of scientific equipment Disembarking of scientific crew End of cruise EMB-213

5 Preliminary Results

The following results are only preliminary and not comprehensive, since they are based in most cases on unevaluated raw data or are descriptive. Their presentation aims at providing a first overview and general evaluation of the hydrographic, chemical and biological data. A final assessment requires the advanced analysis of data and samples and the validation.

5.1 Hydrographical conditions

5.1.1 Surface Temperatures

Surface temperatures decreased along the cruise track from Kiel Bight to the northern Baltic Proper (Fig. 5.1). Relatively warm temperatures between 8 and 10 °C were recorded in Kiel Bight and in the Arkona Basin, respectively. In the deeper areas, it dropped to 6.1-7.6 °C in the Bornholm Basin and to 6.3-6.9 °C in the central Gotland Basin. The minimum surface temperature of 5.9 °C occurred in the western Gotland Basin. These values fit the general long-term trend of elevated spring temperatures in the Baltic Sea well (Tab. 5.1). Especially in the western Baltic Sea (Bay of Mecklenburg, Arkona Sea) surface water, temperatures were at the upper end of the range that was previously observed. This relates to the warm winter temperature anomalies observed in 2019. In contrast, surface water temperatures in the Baltic Proper did not appear to be unusually elevated (Tab. 5.1).

Table 5.1 Temperature in the surface layer (°C) in 2019 in comparison with former years.

Area:	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	1971-1990
Mecklenburg Bay	9.2	8.2	8.1	11.3	9.7		8.2	2.6
Arkona Basin	7.4	7.1	7.0	9.8	8.2		6.2	2.1
Bornholm Basin	7.4	8.4	6.1	8.9	8.0		4.5	2.4
Gotland Deep	6.6	7.4	5.8	8.7	7.0		4.8	2.6
Farö Deep	7.2	8.6	5.0	7.9	4.3		5.3	2.3
Karlsö Deep	6.4	8.1	7.0	8.1	6.6		4.6	2.2

5.1.2 Salinity in the Surface Water

The sea surface salinity ranges from 16.36 in the Kiel Bight to 6.29 in the central Baltic Proper (Fig 5.1). The salinity recorded in the Kiel Bight was likely elevated above the usual observed level and is likely explained by the strong westerly winds observed before and during the first days of the cruise. Nevertheless, surface salinity in the Bay of Mecklenburg dropped to those values typical for the area (10.58-13.62.). East of the Darss Sill, surface further decreased below 10 and did not show large variation along the cruise track.

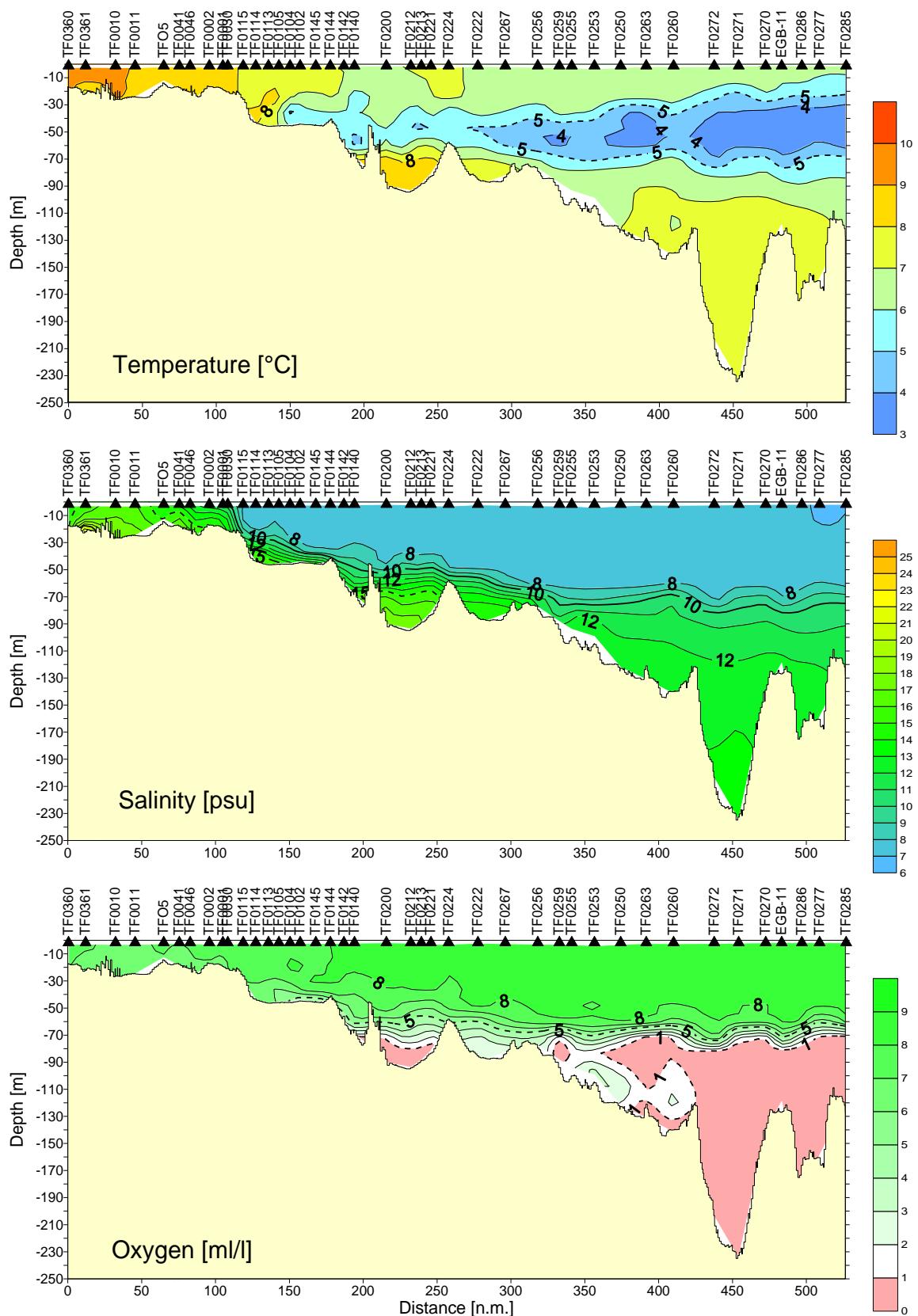
5.1.3 Deep Water Temperatures

The vertical profiles showed a vertical mixed water column in the Kiel Bight and the Bay of Mecklenburg with bottom temperatures only slightly lower than in the surface (Fig. 5.1). The beginning of the seasonal thermal stratification was, in contrast, visible in the Arkona Sea, Bornholm Basin and Gotland Sea. Here, warming of the surface layer eroded the intermediate cold winter water (<6°C) in a layer below 40 m. Towards the north the thermocline was shallowing due

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Fig. 5.1 Cross section from Kiel Bight to eastern Gotland Basin showing the hydrographic parameters temperature, salinity and oxygen on the “Talweg” of Major Baltic Inflows (location see map Fig. 3.1).

to the delayed spring warming. At depth, residuals of the baroclinic inflow events of warm summer water in late 2018 were visible in the Bornholm Basin, but were eroded in the Gotland Basin.

The long-term trend of increasing water temperature, unbiased by short-term variations, is reflected in the deep-water layers of the central deeps of the Baltic Proper (Table 5.2). Despite reductions in deep-water temperature in the Bornholm Deep in 2016 and in the Gotland Deep in 2017/2018, the trend of increasing temperature is visible in the Bornholm, Gotland, Faro and Landsort Deep.

Table 5.2 Temperature in the bottom layer (°C) in comparison with former years

Area:	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	1971-1990
Bornholm Deep	8.64	6.93	6.92	6.24	7	5.6	5.12	6.12
Gotland Deep	7.45	6.91	7.14	7.53	6.88	6.62	6.41	5.62
Farö Deep	7.24	6.77	7.07	6.81	6.5	5.71	5.94	5.2
Landsort Deep	6.39	6.27	n.d.	5.85	5.42	5.32	5.39	4.76
Karlsö Deep	5.67	5.66	5.51	5.21	5.01	4.99	5.33	4.18

5.1.4 Salinity in the Bottom Layer

Due to the strong westerly winds prevailing before and during the cruise, the bottom salinity in the western areas (Kiel Bight, Mecklenburg Bight) were slightly elevated in comparison to the winter cruises in 2019 (Fig. 5.1). However, past the Darss sill little changes occurred with deep-water salinities of 16.29, 17.14 and 13.32 in the Arkona Sea, Bornholm Basin and the Gotland Deep, respectively.

Following the major Baltic inflow in December 2014 and subsequent inflow events, a maximum in the bottom salinity of 13.77 occurred in 2016. Since then, the trend reversed and a salinity of 13.32 constitutes a stagnation in this decline (Tab. 5.3). This stagnation is also visible in the salinity of the deep-water in Faro, Landsort and Karlsö Deep after the maxima observed in 2017 and 2018, respectively.

Table 5.3 Salinity in the bottom layer in May 2019 in comparison with former years.

Area	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Gotland Deep	13.32	13.29	13.45	13.77	13.54	12.21
Farö Deep	12.65	12.69	12.90	12.70	12.11	11.42
Landsort Deep	11.29	11.46	no data	10.99	10.54	10.32
Karlsö Deep	10.43	10.40	10.24	9.87	9.60	9.48

5.1.5 Oxygen Situation in the Bottom Layer

The measurements of the oxygen and hydrogen sulfide concentrations in the deep water reinforces the observation of a recent stagnation period in the transport of oxygen rich water into the Baltic Proper following the ventilation phase in 2014-2017. This is illustrated by the zone with hydrogen sulfide formation in the Bornholm Basin Deep (Fig. 5.1) which eroded the oxygen availability after the winter observed in February. Similarly, hydrogen sulfide concentrations increased in the Gotland, Faro, Landsort and Karlsö Deep in comparison to previous years and depict a recent maximum since 2015 (Tab. 5.4). In the Karlsö Deep, a considerable increase since 2013 occurred

that illustrates that the ventilation during 2014-2017 barely reached the distant deep basins in the western Gotland Sea.

The situation in the Slupsk Channel and the southern Gotland Sea, however, differed from this general picture. Here, hydrogen sulfide formation observed during the winter cruised vanished and oxygen concentrations amounted to more than 4 ml/l (Fig. 5.1). The salinity and temperature characteristics of the water suggest that this water originates likely from the Bornholm Basin. This water from the upper halocline has been potentially pushed through the Slupsk channel into the southern Gotland Sea by the strong westerly winds prevailing prior to the cruise.

Table 5.4 Oxygen concentrations in the bottom layer (ml/l). Hydrogen sulphide was converted into negative oxygen equivalents.

Area:	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Gotland Deep	-5.47	-3.26	-3.44	0.08	2.09	-6.03	-7.59
Farö Deep	-2.53	-2.53	0.38	0.05	-1.18	-3.58	-3.57
Landsort Deep	-1.33	-0.16	n.d.	-1.05	-0.73	-3.13	-0.78
Karlsö Deep	-2.55	-2.1	-1.56	-1.13	-0.84	-0.74	-0.7

5.2 Nutrient Situation

The nutrient situation encountered in the surface layer was typical for the post spring bloom period in the entire Baltic Sea as indicated by the observations of the phytoplankton composition in the surface layer (see also chapter 5.4). Nitrate was completely consumed relative to the phosphate and silicate concentrations (see Anhang Table 11.1) Phosphate was reduced to 0.08-0.15 µmol/L in the Kiel Bight and the Bay of Mecklenburg and ranged from 0.20-0.33 µmol/L in the Arkona Basin to the Gotland Sea, respectively. Silicate, in contrast, was still available in large quantities, especially in the Gotland Basin. This generally matches with a phytoplankton composition typically dominated by dinoflagellates in the Arkona to the Gotland Sea.

The nutrient situation in the deep water mirrored the hydrographic characteristics of the deep basins since the inflow period 2014-2017. While nitrate and nitrite levels increased during the inflow period due to release from the sediment up to 12.53 µmol/L, concentrations decreased below detection limit since the years 2017/2018 (Table 5.5).

Table 5.5 Nitrate and nitrite concentrations in the bottom layer (µM)

Area	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2013
Gotland Deep	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.53	10.53	0.14
Farö Deep	0.00	0.00	7.91	4.89	0.25	0.52
Landsort Deep	0.00	0.00	n.d.	0.00	0.35	0.18
Karlsö Deep	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.34	0.11

In contrast, ventilation of the Eastern Gotland Basin since summer 2014 caused decreasing phosphate concentrations to 1.95 µmol/L, a trend that reversed following the inflow period (Table 5.6). The phosphate concentration remained stable in the Gotland Deep (4.70-4.87 µmol/L) and the Karlsö Deep (3.40-3.50 µmol/L) during the years 2018-2019, but displayed an increasing trend in the Farö and the Landsort Deep (4.45-5.07 µmol/L).

Table 5.6 Phosphate concentrations in the bottom layer (μM)

Area	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2013
Gotland Deep	4.70	4.87	5.2	2.46	1.95	9.45
Farö Deep	5.07	4.25	2.63	2.59	3.3	7.45
Landsort Deep	4.45	2.85	n.d.	3.23	3.7	4.95
Karlsö Deep	3.40	3.50	3.65	4.75	3.95	3.5

5.3 Biological Sampling

Samples for the investigation of the seasonal and long-term variation of the phytoplankton and zooplankton were collected on selected station for the later analysis in the laboratory. The first live inspection of the collected material showed a spatial variation in the composition that was related to the salinity gradient in the Baltic Sea. The composition reflected the occurrence of groups typical for the post-spring bloom period in May and an eastward delay to the state of progression of the seasonal development.

In the Kiel Bight (TF-0360), the phytoplankton consisted of a mix of diatoms and dinoflagellates. Diatoms dominated the phytoplankton, with *Proboscia alata* and pennate diatoms as the most abundant species. Among the dinoflagellates, *Ceratium fusus*, *C. furca* and *C. tripos* were conspicuous because of their large size. *Dinophysis norvegica* and *D. acuta*, *Prorocentrum minimum* and *Heterocapsa* spp. were frequently observed together with heterotrophic dinoflagellates mostly of the genus *Protoperidinium*. The zooplankton in the Kiel Bight reflected the species composition from preceding years. Meroplankton was rare, only few cladocera of the genera *Evdne* and *Podon* were observed. *Acartia bifilosa* was the dominating species among the calanoid copepods, together with *Pseudocalanus* spp. *Oithona similis* appeared to be less abundant than usual. *Temora longicornis* and *Centropages hamatus* were minor species.

The plankton encountered in the Bay of Mecklenburg (TF0012, TF0046) differed only marginally from the composition in Kiel Bay, likely due to the strong western winds preceding and during the cruise. Diatoms still dominated the phytoplankton, with *Proboscia alata* as a major species and large *Coscinodiscus* spp. among others. Dinoflagellates (*Ceratium tripos*, *C. furca*, *Protoperidinium depressum* and *Dinophysis* spp.), however, were less frequent. The zooplankton was dominated mainly by *Acartia bifilosa*, while only few *Acartia longiremis*, *Temora longicornis*, *Pseudocalanus* spp., *Centropages hamatus* and *Oithona* spp. were encountered. Cladocerans were generally rare. *Evdne nordmanni* and *Podon* spp. were the main species.

Phytoplankton in the Arkona Basin generally resembled the community of the Bay of Mecklenburg. However, dinoflagellates became more prominent in relation to diatoms. Common taxa included *Heterocapsa* spp. and *Protoperidinium* species. *Mesodinium rubrum* was also present. The zooplankton composition in the western part of the Arkona Basin (TF-0113) also remained largely similar to the Bay of Mecklenburg. Copepods generally dominated the composition. *Acartia bifilosa* were still the major species in the surface, but *Acartia longiremis* and *Pseudocalanus* spp. became more abundant in the deeper layer below the thermocline. *Temora longicornis* and *Centropages hamatus* remained rare, as did the cladocerans *Podon* spp. and *Evdne nordmanni*. Towards the east (TF-0109), however, the rotifer *Synchaeta* spp. together with the cladocerans became abundant in the surface layer and *T. longicornis* got more frequent.

The Bornholm and Gotland Basins were characterized by a typical brackish water late spring bloom community, consisting mainly of dinoflagellates. The chain forming cold water species *Peridiniella catenata* was the dominant species and appeared in different stages of life cycle transition. Newly formed cysts were particularly abundant in Bornholm basin. Besides *P. catenata*, *Dinophysis* spp. consisted a large part of the community, appearing together with the ciliate *Mesodinium rubrum*. Also heterotrophic dinoflagellates, mainly of the genus *Protoperdinium* and typical for late stages of the spring bloom were abundant. Diatoms were a minor component of the bloom. Filamentous cyanobacteria occurred in the northern parts of Gotland Basin. A large shift in the composition of the zooplankton occurred during the transit to the Bornholm Basin. *Acartia longiremis* and *Temora longicornis* were considerably more frequent than in the western stations, the rotifer *Synchaeta* spp. and the cladoceran *Evdne nordmanni* remained abundant, while the abundance of *A. bifilosa* decreased considerably. *Pseudocalanus* spp. was still rarely observed. The composition changed only little in the southern and central Gotland Basin. However, while in the Bornholm Basin the copepods consisted of later copepodites stages, nauplii and early copepodites stages occurred in the Gotland Basin mainly. In addition, meroplanktonic polychaete larvae were numerous, indicating that the seasonal development in the Gotland Basin was delayed.

6 Ship's Meteorological Station

The weather situation was variable during the two weeks cruise due to strongly changing wind conditions influenced by low-pressure cells above the British Isles and the Mediterranean Sea and high-pressure cells located in northern Europe. Moderate to strong westerly wind increasing from BF 4 to 7 (4-17 m/s) prevailed during the work in the Kiel Bight, the Bay of Mecklenburg and the Arkona Sea (6th-7th May). The weather was mostly sunny with air temperatures of 7.5-8.1 °C and the air pressure was rather constant (1013.4-1014.7 hPa).

The conditions changed with the onset of the work in the Bornholm Basin and the Slupsk Channel (8th-9th May). The air pressure dropped to 1003.8 hPa, it became more cloudy. The wind turned south-east with a speed of BF 7 (up to 17.2 m/s), the air temperature increased to 10.1 °C. During the work in the eastern and northern Gotland Basin the weather situation calmed down (10th-11th May). The wind speed dropped (BF 3-4, 3.4-7.4 m/s), the air pressure slightly increased to 1009.6 hPa and it was foggy with air temperatures of 6.1-7.2 °C.

High pressure conditions over northern Europe determined the weather during the beginning of the second week when work commenced in the western/south-eastern Gotland Basin (12th-14th May). The air pressure increased to 1032.1 hPa in cloudy weather with sunny periods. The wind turned north, the wind speed increased to BF 6-7 (17.6 m/s), while the air temperature dropped to 6.4 °C. The air pressure dropped to 1021.3 during the work in the Slupsk Channel, Bornholm Basin, Arkona Sea and Bornholm Channel (15th-16th May). The weather was mainly cloudy, with air temperatures of 7.2-9.4 °C and strong wind from north-east (BF 5-6, 7.8-12.6 m/s).

Stormy weather with wind > BF8 and up to 30 m/s in gust of wind interrupted the work in the Arkona Basin on the 16th May. The last day of the cruise in the Arkona Sea and the Bay of Mecklenburg was first characterized by strong wind from north-east (BF 5-6, 9.9-12.6 m/s) turning south (BF 3-4, 5.1-6.6 m/s) during the day. Air pressure was 1009.6-1012.7 hPa and the air temperature increased to 10.0 °C.

7 Station List EMB213

7.1 Station List – CTD measurements, 139 stations, 159 casts

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2019-05-13	57°04.1891N	18°00.0325E	SF-WGB-6	EMB213_89-1	5:20	5:28	45.46	45.07	V0089F01
2019-05-13	56°52.6520N	17°23.3323E	wGB-1	EMB213_90-1	7:46	7:59	95.36	96.10	V0090F01
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2019-05-13	56°56.9759N	19°52.9688E	TF0407	EMB213_96-1	21:31	21:47	174.45	175.74	V0096F01
2019-05-13	56°55.3999N	20°01.0813E	TF0408	EMB213_97-1	22.26	22:37	164.17	163.88	V0097F01

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2019-05-14	56°20.7869N	19°22.6945E	TF0263	EMB213_101-1	6:32	6:47	133.05	133.11	V0101F01
2019-05-14	56°04.9814N	19°09.9934E	TF0250	EMB213_102-1	8:31	8:46	124.08	123.72	V0102F01
2019-05-14	55°50.3551N	18°51.9955E	TF0253	EMB213_103-1	10:25	10:37	98.91	101.22	V0103F01
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2019-05-14	55°26.3057N	18°19.3110E	TF0257	EMB213_106-1	14:31	14:48	86.38	87.14	V0106F01
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2019-05-15	54°52.7724N	13°51.4500E	ABBoje	EMB213_129-1	21:34	21:45	45.62	45.63	V0129F01
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2019-05-16	55°10.0040N	14°14.9958E	TF0145	EMB213_131-2	1:00	01:02	46.85	46.85	V0131K02
2019-05-16	55°10.0063N	14°15.0034E	TF0145	EMB213_131-3	1:04	1:05	46.85	46.76	V0131K03
2019-05-16	55°15.1897N	14°29.3696E	TF0144	EMB213_132-1	2:21	2:32	44.43	44.68	V0132F01
2019-05-16	55°28.0166N	14°43.0102E	TF0140	EMB213_133-1	4:34	4:42	70.45	69.93	V0133F01
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2019-05-17	54°43.4066N	12°46.9081E	TF0030	EMB213_136-1	9:44	9:51	23.10	23.14	V0136F01
2019-05-17	54°41.7917N	12°41.8025E	TF0001	EMB213_137-1	10:42	10:48	20.91	21.32	V0137F01
2019-05-17	54°27.8635N	12°13.5821E	TF0046	EMB213_138-1	12:50	13:04	26.77	25.66	V0138F01
2019-05-17	54°18.9107N	11°32.9776E	TF0012	EMB213_139-1	16:11	16:31	24.79	24.90	V0139F01

7.2 Sample Station List

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1	TF05	1	1	-	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	-	-	-	3	5	2	4	
2	TF0011	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
3	TF0010	-	1	-	4	4	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
4	TF0361	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
5	TF0360	1	1	-	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	-	-	-	-	3	5	2	4
6	TF0022	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
7	TF0012	1	1	-	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	-	-	-	2	6	1	1
8	TF0041	-	9	-	3	3	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
9	TF0040	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
10	TF0046	1	1	-	4	4	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	5	2	1
11	TF0002	-	3	-	3	3	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	TF0001	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	TF0030	1	1	-	4	4	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	6	2	-
14	TF0115	-	4	-	4	4	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	TF0114	-	-	-	5	5	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	TF0069	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	TF0113	1	5	-	5	5	5	5	5	4	4	4	-	-	-	2	5	3	3
18	TF0150	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19	TF0121	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	TF0112	-	-	-	4	4	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	TF0111	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	ArkonaBoje	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23	TF0122	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24	TF0105	-	1	-	5	5	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	TF0104	-	-	-	5	5	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26	TF0102	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
27	TF0103	-	9	-	5	5	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
28	TF0109	1	-	-	5	5	5	5	5	4	4	4	-	-	-	2	6	1	2
29	TF0145	-	1	-	5	5	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30	TF0144	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
31	TF0142	-	-	-	5	5	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	TF0140	-	-	-	6	6	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
33	TF0200	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
34	TF0211	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	TF0212	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
36	TF0213	1	7	1	7	7	7	7	7	6	6	6	-	-	-	10	5	1	12
37	TF0221	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
38	TF0224	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
39	TF0222	-	1	-	7	7	7	7	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
40	TF0267	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
41	TF0256	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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43	TF0255	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
44	TF0253	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	TF0250	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
46	TF0263	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
47	TF0260	-	9	1	9	9	9	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
48	TF0403	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
49	TF0404	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
50	TF0405	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
51	TF0406	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
52	TF0407	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
53	TF0408	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
54	TF0409	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55	TF0410	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
56	TF0272	-	1	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
57	TF0271	1	24	21	34	34	34	34	34	12	12	12	52	52	26	2	6	3	3

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113	TF0228	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
114	TF0227	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
115	TF0224	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
116	TF0226	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
117	TF0225	-	9	-	9	9	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
118	TF0213	1	7	2	7	7	7	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	6	1	9	
119	TF0214	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
120	TF0215	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
121	TF0204	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
122	TF0202	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
123	TF0203	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
124	TF0154	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
125	TF0153	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
126	TF0150	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
127	TF0121	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
128	TF0111	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
129	ABBoje	-	2	-	2	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
130	TF0109	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
131	TF0145	-	9	-	9	9	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
132	TF0144	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
133	TF0140	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
134	TF0205	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
135	TF0113	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	5	1	2	
136	TF0030	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	6	2	1	
137	TF0001	-	3	-	3	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
138	TF0046	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	5	2	1	
139	TF0012	1	2	-	2	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	6	2	1	
Σ		19	223	74	218	243	243	243	139	50	50	50	104	104	52	37	77	29	41

8 Data and Sample Storage and Availability

Data is validated and will be freely available in the IOW DB by the online search and data download tool ODIN2 (<https://odin2.io-warnemuende.de/#/>). Afterwards the data will be imported into national and international databases (MUDAB, HELCOM, ICES)..

Table 8.1 Overview of data availability

Type	Database	Available	Free Access	Contact
hydrography		Date	Date	E-Mail
raw data CTD, ADCP	IOW DB	30.06.2020		Michael.Naumann@i o-warnemuende.de
nutrients	MUDAB	30.06.2020		Detlef.Schulz- Bull@io- warnemuende.de
Phytoplankton	MUDAB	30.06.2020		Anke.Kremp@io- warnemuende.de
Zooplankton	MUDAB	30.06.2020		Joerg.Dutz@io- warnemuende.de

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11 Anhang

Supplementing Tables and Figures

Tab. 11.1 Surface water layer (about 3 m depth) - hydrographic and hydrochemical properties.

Area /Date	Station Name /No.*	Temp °C	Sal. g/kg	O ₂ (sensor) mL/L	O ₂ (titration) mL/L	PO ₄ [µM]	NO ₃ [µM]	SiO ₄ [µM]
Kiel Bight /06.05.	TF0360/005	9.53	14.12	7.13	n.d	0.08	0.09	1.8
Meckl.Bight /07.05.	TF0012/007	9.21	12.66	7.12	n.d	0.15	0.05	6.7
Darss Sill/07.05.	TF0030/013	8.80	9.66	7.36	n.d	n.d	n.d	n.d
Arkona Basin/07.05.	TF0113/017	7.40	7.80	7.94	8.13	0.24	0.01	9.6
Bornholm Deep/08.05.	TF0213/036	7.40	7.56	8.17	8.41	0.33	0.01	11.3
Stolpe Channel/08.05.	TF0222/039	6.64	7.56	8.23	n.d	0.26	0.01	10.9
SE Gotland Basin/09.05.	TF0259/042	6.31	7.50	8.34	8.45	0.24	0.02	12.2
Gotland Deep/10.05.	TF0271/057	6.61	7.31	8.60	8.81	0.27	0.07	15.2
Farö Deep/11.05.	TF0286/072	7.24	7.13	8.77	8.95	0.24	0.02	15.0
Landsort Deep/12.05.	TF0284/079	6.43	6.47	8.60	8.90	0.20	0.01	15.8
Karlsö Deep/13.05.	TF0245/086	6.38	7.05	8.40	8.71	0.25	0.01	17.0

Tab. 11.2 Deep water layer - hydrographic and hydrochemical properties. Hydrogen sulphide was converted into negative oxygen equivalents.

Area /Date	Station Name /No.*	Temp °C	Sal. g/kg	O ₂ (sensor) mL/L	O ₂ (titration) mL/L	PO ₄ [µM]	NO ₃ [µM]	SiO ₄ [µM]
Kiel Bight /06.05.	TF0360/005	9.31	14.81	7.07	n.d	0.10	0.07	2.7
Meckl.Bight /07.05.	TF0012/007	8.96	16.44	6.82	n.d	0.14	0.05	8.4
Darss Sill/07.05.	TF0030/013	8.79	14.36	6.97	n.d	n.d	n.d	n.d
Arkona Basin/07.05.	TF0113/017	7.69	16.29	6.42	6.61	0.26	0.01	6.0
Bornholm Deep/08.05.	TF0213/036	8.64	17.14	0.04	0.05	3.60	5.95	67.0
Stolpe Channel/08.05.	TF0222/039	7.47	14.38	2.52	n.d	1.90	7.17	40.4
SE Gotland Basin/09.05.	TF0259/042	6.55	12.05	1.02	0.51	2.61	3.01	46.4
Gotland Deep/10.05.	TF0271/057	7.45	13.32	0.01	-5.47	4.70	0.00	72.7
Farö Deep/11.05.	TF0286/072	7.24	12.65	0.01	-2.53	5.07	0.00	60.0
Landsort Deep/12.05.	TF0284/079	6.39	11.29	0.00	-1.33	4.45	0.00	57.2
Karlsö Deep/13.05.	TF0245/086	5.67	10.43	0.03	-2.55	3.40	0.00	58.6

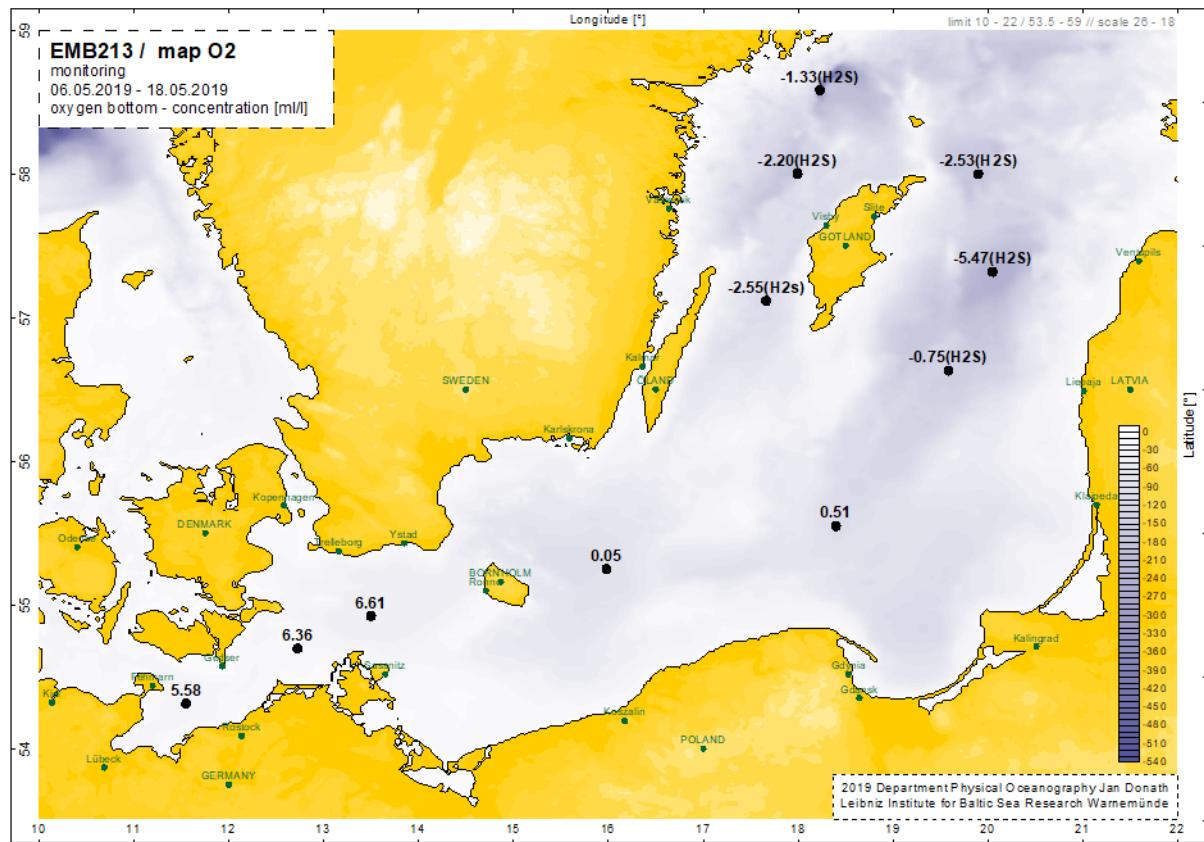


Fig. 11.1 Oxygen concentrations (ml/L) at the bottom of selected stations.