

## **Planning Email # 2:**

We have a few updates on A13.5 preparations. Many of these have already been communicated on an individual basis. Please also note updated information on the [cruise website](#). Measurement teams, please look out for an email from me in the near future with draft plans for laboratory layout in the different lab spaces on the Langseth.

### **Pre-cruise**

Please keep an eye out for future emails from myself and Jesse Anderson. In particular, we'll be sending out information on Bystander training and a request for personal information from cruise participants shortly.

For participants, make sure to figure out your visa requirements. U.S. citizens do not need a visa for either Cabo Verde or South Africa – unless you are a Federal employee, in which case you'll need a visa for Cabo Verde. If you need a letter from me in support of your visa application to either of our port countries, please let me know and I'll provide that for you. If you have any questions about visa needs, let me know and I'll help as best I can! A sailing letter will also be provided on the cruise website shortly.

### **Cruise loading in Norfolk, VA**

Loading is scheduled for 8-12 January at the NOAA base in Norfolk, VA. A crane will be available on January 8th. The address to ship materials to is:

R/V Marcus G. Langseth (GO-SHIP A13.5 / Erickson)  
C/O: NOAA Marine Operations Center- Atlantic  
439 West York Street  
Norfolk, VA 23510

I encourage every measurement team to send at least one person to set up during this time. *Let me know at your earliest convenience who you plan to send*, as they will need to be cleared to visit the base.

### **Langseth Atlantic transit**

The Langseth will transit from Norfolk, VA to Praia, Cabo Verde from January 16-29. If you need anything done or checked during this transit, please let me know and I'll talk with the ship.

### **Cabo Verde**

Cabo Verde mobilization is January 30-31, but the ship availability is TBD during this time. Please plan to do all significant preparations domestically if at all possible! We do not yet have an address or port agent in Cabo Verde, but will share this information as soon as we do.

**A13.5 cruise**

Cruise dates: February 1 to March 23 (participants board January 31)

**South Africa**

We have one day of de-mobilization scheduled on March 24th in Cape Town, South Africa. If we arrive early on March 23, we may not need this time. If you plan on off-loading equipment or samples in South Africa, maintaining flexibility between the 23rd and 24th is ideal. However, if needed we should be able to accommodate offloading on the 24th. We will communicate more about crane availability on these two days in a future email.

We do not yet have an address or port agent in South Africa, but will share this information as soon as we do.

**Langseth U.S. Return**

The Langseth will return to the U.S. (east coast) in September of 2024. If you choose to leave anything on board after A13.5, this will be the most convenient time to retrieve it. More information, including dates and ports, will be forthcoming.

That's it for now - more information forthcoming. The previous planning email can be viewed on the [cruise website](#) for those of you who didn't get it (although some of that information is now out-of-date).

Best,  
Zach and Jesse