



February 2016

Inner Space Center News

From ISC Mission Control...

We've got big news to announce! Next month, we will be unveiling a brand new suite of education programs that include activities on plankton and marine mammals; opening up registration for our [2016 Ocean Exploration Camp](#); and launching a brand new website! All of these exciting things are helping us at the Inner Space Center fulfill our mission of inspiring the next generation of ocean explorers. If you still haven't visited our facility yet, be sure to join us during our [next public tour](#) on Wednesday, February 17 at 3 p.m.



#ThrowbackThursday - PT-109

Before he was the 35th President of the United States of America, John F. Kennedy was already exemplifying what it means to be a leader. During one of the defining moments in his life, after a collision with a Japanese Destroyer in August of 1943, JFK's Patrol Boat-109 (PT-109) sunk in the South Pacific. This area, off Plum Pudding Island, was later renamed Kennedy Island, and is off the Solomon Islands. Click [here](#) to watch footage of the wreckage that was captured in 2002.

Staff Spotlight

Get to know our engaging and enthusiastic ISC Education Specialist, Holly Morin. Holly is a Marine Biologist and has been with the University of Rhode Island Graduate School of Oceanography since 2009. She works on a variety of ocean science education initiatives for the ISC, including the comprehensive, educational website on underwater acoustics, Discovery of Sound in the Sea (DOSITS; [dosits.org](#)), and the Marine Technology for Teachers and Students (MaTTS) project ([mattsproject.org](#)). Holly also coordinates and leads the ISC's [Ocean Science Exploration Camp](#), and develops and delivers in-house education programs, virtual interactions, and tours. Holly has been conducting marine research and education activities for the last 15 years. She has a Master's degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Science, with a background in marine mammal science. Prior to joining the ISC, Holly was working on large whale conservation issues with the National Marine Fisheries Service. What is Holly's favorite part of ocean exploration? All the cool critters of course! And their amazing adaptations to the extreme environments in which they live.



February Vacation Tours

During the upcoming February 2016 school vacation week, we will be offering additional public tours. This is a great opportunity to bring the kids and see what goes on at our facility for ocean exploration. Our February 15 date is sold out, but we still have availability on February 17.



The second February vacation tour will take place on:
Wednesday, February 17 at 3 p.m.

This tour is open to the public and the cost is \$5 per person. To reserve a spot visit our [website](#).

ISC Partnership with Girl Scouts

The ISC is excited to announce a suite of ocean science education programs being offered directly through [Girl Scouts of Southern New England](#) (GSSNE). Program topics include hurricane science and forecasting; plankton biology and ecology; and beach sand mysteries. The ISC is also offering a badge in ocean exploration for those girls that participate in our Ocean Science Exploration Club. Individual girls, or whole troops, can register for these programs. Specific dates and registration details are available through [GSSNE](#).



Inner Space Center @ Conferences

- The ISC will be hosting an exhibit booth at the upcoming [Ocean Sciences Meeting](#) in New Orleans, LA, February 21-26, 2016. In addition, ISC staff will present both oral and poster sessions related to the work and partnerships of the facility.
- The ISC will be present at the [Rhode Island Science Teachers Association Conference](#), March 13, 2016 in Providence, RI. We will be showcasing our new education programs, and doing hands on demonstrations.
- The ISC will also be at the [Rhode Island PTA Annual Spring Meeting](#) on April 7, 2016 in Warwick, RI. We will look forward to connecting with PTA members, parents, and administrators.



Ship News

The NOAA Ship *Okeanos Explorer* has begun its 2016 field season with a "shake down" or testing cruise while they transit from San Francisco, CA to Honolulu, HI. They will also be testing their ROV and conducting mapping operations during February around the islands of Hawaii. Beginning on February 23, 2016, they will begin diving and exploring the deep-water habitats in and around Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument. The ISC will be broadcasting live footage from the *Okeanos Explorer* ROV, D2, starting on February 23 as well. You can watch live on the ISC [website](#). For more information on the 2016 *Okeanos* field season, please visit their [website](#).



www.innerspacecenter.org

Inner Space Center, University of Rhode Island,
Graduate School of Oceanography, Narragansett, RI 02882

[SafeUnsubscribe™ {recipient's email}](#)

[Forward this email](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [About our service provider](#)

Sent by romy@uri.edu in collaboration with

Constant Contact 

Try it free today