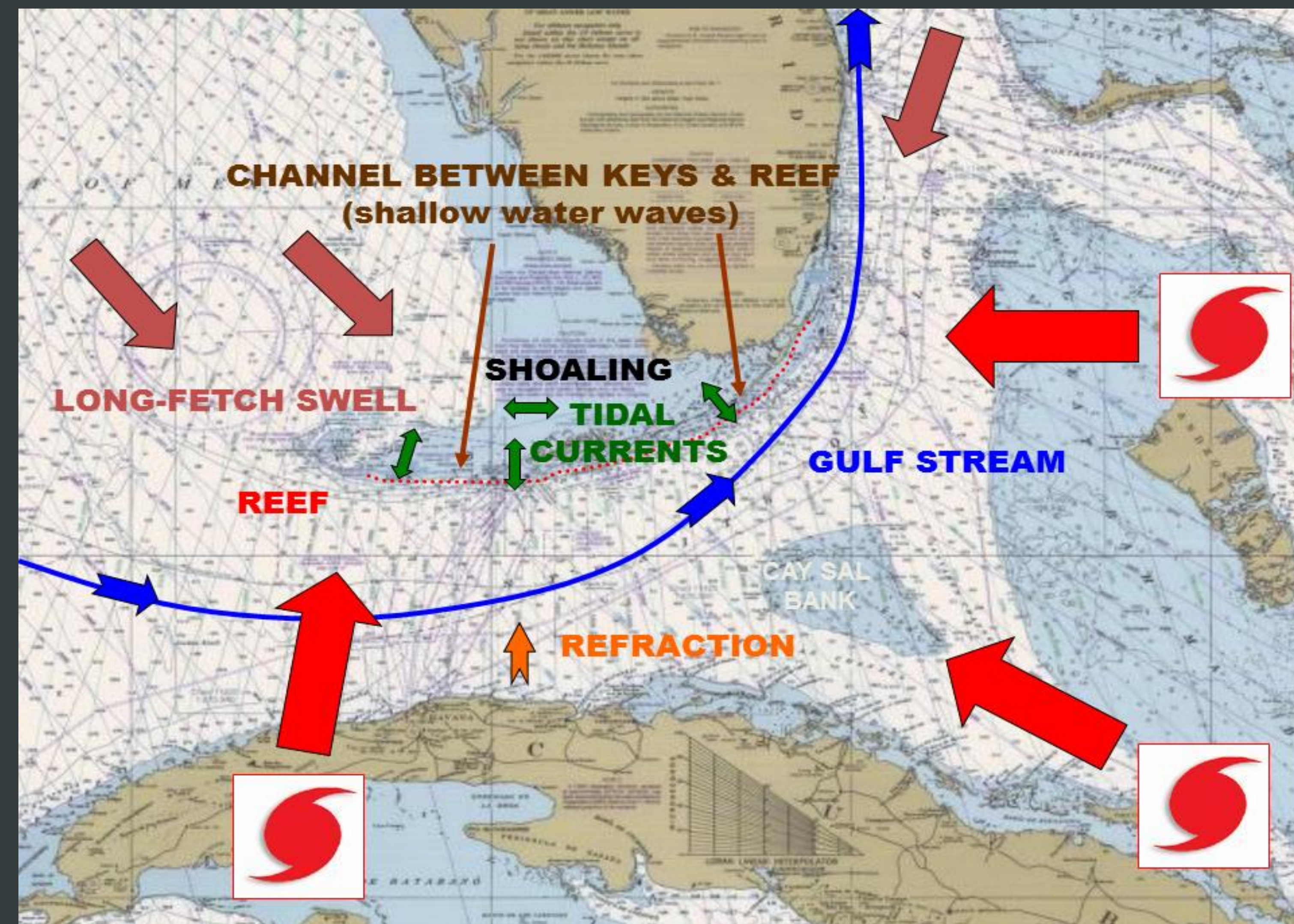


Marine Weather Decision Support in a Complex Coastal Environment



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Complex coastal bathymetry and associated marine hazards



The Florida Keys are home to a vast, diverse, and vulnerable marine community. Members of this community conduct daily, weather-sensitive, and inherently high-risk operations across the domain of maritime occupations. Such operations require decisions rendered which consider the impacts of weather on human safety, maritime security, environmental protection, and economic interests. Decisions and actions by maritime agencies necessarily consider marine weather information from the National Weather Service. Primary meteorological hazards in the Florida Keys and across the adjacent coastal waters include gale-force winds, thunderstorms, waterspouts, and hurricanes. Also, non-meteorological hazards and events such as oil spills and vessel groundings increasingly require action from the emergency response community, and in the Florida Keys, much of this action takes the form of weather-sensitive, high-risk maritime operations. Florida Keys National Weather Service meteorologists recently increased efforts to connect with core partners and stakeholders in the local marine community, to understand their operations and weather information needs, and provide necessary marine meteorological data, information, and knowledge to support critical decisions. A summary of relationship-building and marine decision support activities will be presented in the context of Florida Keys customer operations. A description and explanation of the importance of both applied science and focused service outreach also will be offered.

Decision Support Services



Oil spill exercises



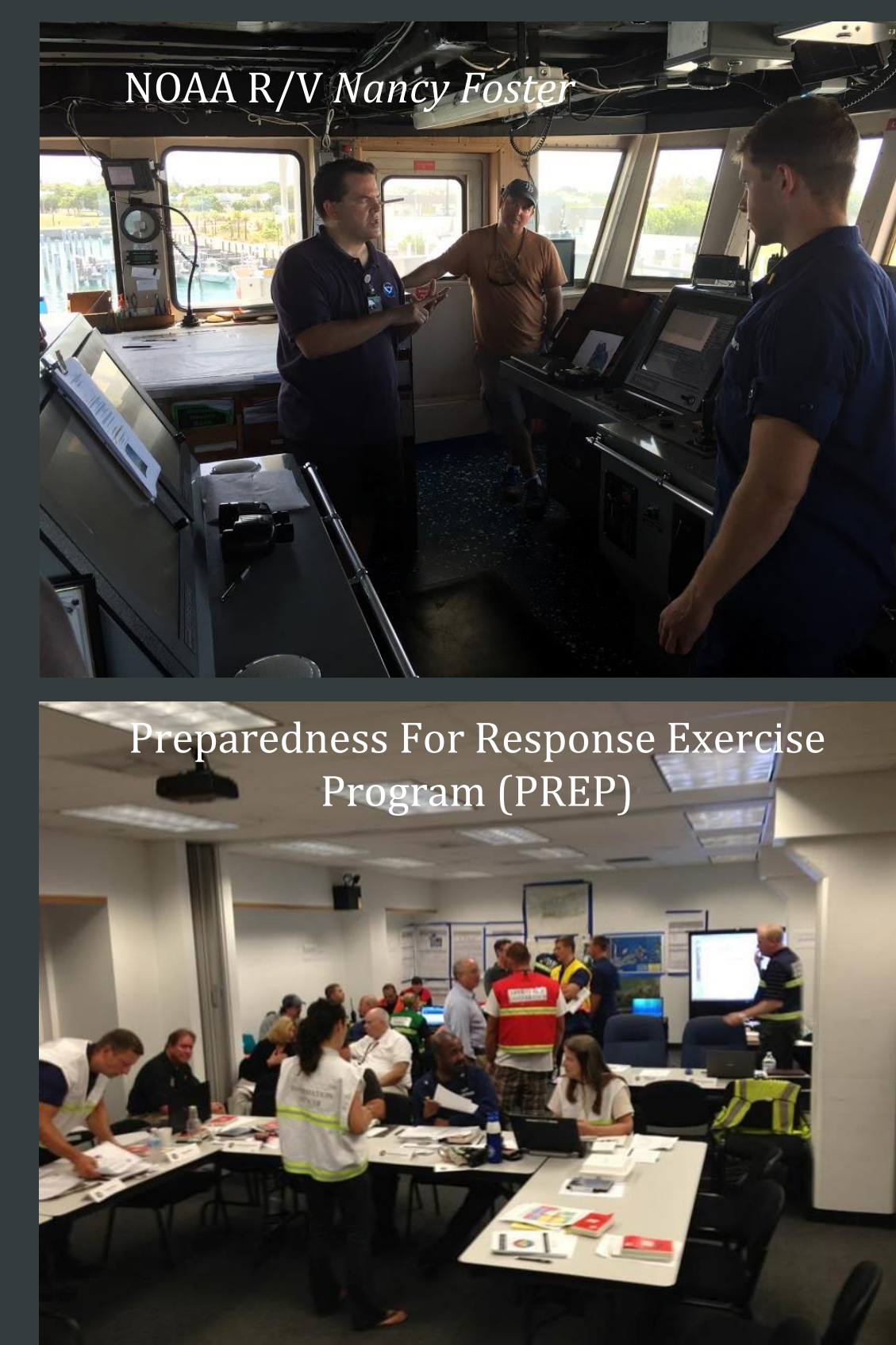
Marine accidents



NOAA Ship Nancy Foster Research Cruise
Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary
September 15 – 27, 2014



Cultivating relationships with core partners



Lessons Learned/Best Practices

SHORT FORECAST FOR NOAA/FLORIDA KEYS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY
 NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE KEY WEST FL
 1200Z 12 JUN 2013
 1200Z 13 JUN 2013

	MON PERIOD				TUE				WED PERIOD			
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WIND SPD	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
WAVE DIR	08	09	10	10	22	21	11	10	20	22	24	24
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POP 12HR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RAIN PROB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SEA STATE	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
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