
Major Achievements in Oceanography

➤ Philosophy-Based

○ Antiquity

600 B.C. **Pythagoras**: Greek philosopher who thought the world was **round**

325 B.C. **Pytheas**: linked the **tides** to the movement of the **moon**

1543 **Nicholaus Copernicus** theorizes a **sun-centered universe**

1600s **Galileo Galilei** lays the foundation for **inductive reasoning**

○ Theories, Methods, & Research Institutes

1858 **Alfred Wallace** sends **Darwin** an outline of his theory of **Natural Selection**

1859 **Charles Darwin** proposes that **different species** arise through **isolation**

1876 **Wallace** proposes **biogeography** in *The Geographical Distribution of Animals*

1888 **Spencer Fullerton Baird** established **Wood's Hole**

1906 **Prince Albert I of Monaco** establishes the **Instut Oceanographique**

1946 **Karl Popper** introduces the philosophy of **Critical Rationalism** & founds the department of Philosophy, Logic, & Scientific Method at the London School of Economics

1949 **William "Doc" Ewing** forms the **Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory**

○ Laws & Retrospections

1609 **Hugo Grotius** writes *Mare Liberum*, the foundation of all **modern sea law**

1890 **Alfred Thayer Mahan** publishes *The Influence of Sea Power upon History*

○ Environmentalism

1798 **Thomas Malthus** predicts that **population size** will always be **kept in check** by famine, disease, & widespread mortality. He also said that agricultural advancements couldn't enable limit-less population growth

1956 **Eugene Smith** chronicled the history of a small Japanese fishing town, **Minamata**, that got **mercury** poisoning from a local chemical factory

1962 **Rachel Carson** publishes *Silent Spring* initiating the environmental movement

1968 **Paul Ralph Ehrlich** publishes *The Population Bomb*

1969 **John Holdren & Ehrlich** write that **overpopulation** is a problem & since then their work has focused on **causes & consequences of global climate change**

Present **John Holdren** is one of President Obama's Science Advisors

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➤ Exploration-based

○ Cartography

- 230 B.C. **Eratosthenes** calculates **Earth's circumference** & invents Longitude & Latitude
- 127 B.C. **Hipparchus**: arranges **Longitude & Latitude** on a **grid by degrees**
- 151 A.D. **Ptolemy**: creates the **first Atlas**
- 1569 **Gerardus Mercator** creates the **cylindrical map projection**
- 1760 **John Harrison** invents the **modern chronometer**
- 1769 **Benjamin Franklin** publishes the first chart showing the Gulf Stream
- 1957 **Bruce Heezen & Marie Tharp** create the **Heezen-Tharp Map** which is the first map of the **ocean floor** including the **Mid-Ocean Ridges**

○ Surface Discovery & Navigation

- 1450 **Prince Henry the Navigator** established a **school for the study** of geography, seamanship, shipbuilding, & navigation
- 1492 **Christopher Columbus** discovers the **Caribbean islands**
- 1522 **Ferdinand Megellan** **circumvents** the Earth
- 1570s **Sir Francis Drake** circum navigates the earth
- 1600s **Henry Hudson** explores **North America**
- 1768 **Captain James C. Cook** takes his first voyage aboard the **Discovery**
- 1831 **Charles Darwin** departs on his 5 year voyage aboard the **HMS Beagle**
- 1800s **Captain Charles Wilkes** begins the **South Seas Expedition**
- 1848 **Alfred C. Wallace** departs aboard **Mischief** & explored the **Amazon**
- 1854 **Wallace** travels through **Malaysia & Indonesia**
- 1870s **Sir-Wyville Thompson** goes on the **Challenger expedition** & publishes his accounts of the **dredging** done on this voyage of *the Depths of the Sea*
- 1877 **Alexander Agassiz** begins his **dredging** research aboard the **Steamer Blake**
- 1893 **Fridtjof Nansen** does the 1st successful crossing of the **Arctic** aboard the *Fram*
- 1909 **Admiral Robert Peary** is the 1st person to reach the **geographic North Pole**
- 1911-12 **Roald Amundsen** is the 1st person to reach both the **North & South Poles**

○ Sub-Surface Discovery & Navigation

- 1818 **John Ross** takes the first samples of **deep seawater & sediments**, proposed the **emergence hypothesis**, & shows there's deep sea life at the poles
- 1930s **Otis Barton & William Beebe** become the 1st humans to reach **½ mile deep**
- 1960 **Jacques Piccard & Don Walsh** become the 1st men to reach the **Mariana Trench**, which is 10,915 meters (35,801 feet) deep
- 1977 **John Baross** discovers **Black Smokers**
- 1985 **Robert Ballard** finds the wreck of the **Titanic**

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Experiment-based

o Biology

- 1688 **Francesco Redi** rejects the theory of **spontaneous generation**
- 1700s **Joseph Priestly** discovered **photosynthesis**
- 1758 **Carolus Linnaeus** develops a system for **naming & classifying organisms**
- 1800s **Antoine Risso** “**Paleo-depth indicators**” & idea that depth indicates change
- 1800s **Lamarck** introduces the theory of **inheritance of acquired characteristics**
- 1801 **Lamarck** invents the term “**Invertebrate**”
- 1802 **Lamarck** invents the term “**Biology**”
- 1820s **Charles Cagniard-Latour** : **yeast** = non-motile organized globules capable of reproducing by budding
- 1836 **William Harvey** devises a taxonomy of **seaweeds**
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- 1843 **Edward Forbes** proposed **Azoic Ocean Hypothesis** (no life below 300 fathoms)
- 1847 **Hans Christian Oersted** observed **plankton** for the first time
- 1800s **Gregor J. Mendel** discovers a mechanism of **inheritance** while working with peas
- 1857 **T.H. Huxley** supports Darwin’s theory of Evolution & coins the term “**Agnostic**”
- 1887 **Victor Hensen** coins the term “**plankton**” & starts **biological oceanography**
- 1916 **Federic Clements** studies plant communities & finds that modified assemblages will react predictably through **biological control (Succession → Climax)**
- 1917 **Joseph Grinnell** coins the term “**niche**”
- 1920s **Henry Gleason** studies altered plant communities & finds that they don’t always return to the same state, but instead are formed through **physical change**
- 1928 **Albert Jan Kluyver** & **Cornelius van Niel** work together to develop equations for **Respiration & Photosynthesis**
- 1946 **Gordon Riley** discovers the importance of **stratification** in initiating the **Spring Bloom** of Phytoplankton & Zooplankton
- 1950s **Karl Bause** studies **phytoplankton**
- 1950s **Tom Goreau** describes **Caribbean reef zonation**
- 1957 **Evelyn Hutchinson** describes niches as “**n**” **dimension hyperspace**
- 1960s **Ramon Margalef** says that the present animal community came from a previous set of communities & will evolve into a new set of communities
- 1961 **J.H. Connell** describes the **selective pressures** related to **predation & competition** for space in the **rocky intertidal**
- 1966 **Bob Paine** & **John/Joan Rutherford** worked together on **Population & Community theory** & say the **key to diversity lies in explaining the gaps**
- 1967 **Alan Longhurst** describes the **vertical distribution** of **zooplankton** in relation to the Eastern Pacific **oxygen minimum**

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o **Biology** (continued....)

- 1969 **John Ryder** describes the **Maximum Sustainable Yield (MSY)** of Fisheries
- 1970 **O.J. Koblentz-Mishke** says that **plankton** are the **ocean's primary producers**
- 1971 **Thomas C. Malone** describes **food webs**
- 1971 **Paul Dayton** said that benthic communities are diverse because they're disturbed;
Lotka-Voltera + targeted disturbance = diversity
- 1973 **Arnfried Antonius** discovered 1st coral disease (Black Band Disease)
- 1977 **J.B.C. Jackson**: corals are a **tropical western boundary phenomena** (up-wellings)
- 1980 **Colleen Cavanaugh** suspects **chemosynthesis in tubeworms**
- 1981 **H. Felback** finds **chemosynthesis in mussels**
- 1981 **Michael Rex**: **deep sea diversity** is the highest at **intermediate depths**
- 1987 **Robert Hessler** studied **hydrothermal vent ecology** & deep sea biodiversity
- 1989 **Longhurst** describes the "**Biological Pump**"
- 1990 **David Cushing** introduced the **Match/MisMatch hypothesis** which focused on timing, as a function of climate change, of phytoplankton blooms
- 1991 **Longhurst** describes the role of marine biosphere in the **global carbon cycle**

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o Microbiology

- 1500s **Girolamo Francastoro** wrote about the **contagions** involved in diseases
- 1600s **Robert Hooke** all living creatures are made up of **individual cells**
- 1683 **Antony van Leeuwenhoek** created a **solar microscope** → discovery of **bacteria**
- 1700s **Lazzaro Spallanzani** discovers that most organisms are killed by **boiling water**
- 1796 **Edward Jenner** used **Cow Pox inoculations** to **immunize** against **small pox**
- 1812 **Ferdinand Cohn** suggests the **microbes** are involved in the **cycling of all mater**
- 1822 **Enrico Acerbi** theorizes that **parasites** exist, can enter our bodies, & the multiplication of these parasites inside our bodies causes **typhus fever**
- 1837 **Friedrich Kutzing** describes the **nucleus** of the cell & idea of **fermentation**
- 1853 **John Snow** makes the first connection between **infectious diseases** & drinking water contaminated with **sewage (Cholera outbreak in London)**
- 1862 **Louis Pasteur** develops the **pasteurization** process to prevent drinks spoilage
- 1867 **Joseph Lister** develops surgical **sterilization** techniques
- 1870 **Pasteur** works on immunizations for **anthrax, cholera, & rabies**; & develops sterilization techniques that lead to the development of autoclaves
- 1880 **Sergei Winogradsky** discovers the 1st known form of **chemoautotrophy, biological nitrification**: he studied sulfur-oxidizing bacteria & found that the bacteria *Beggiatoa* could utilize inorganic H₂S as an energy source & atmospheric CO₂ for carbon in the synthesis of cellular material
- 1887 **R.J. Petri** develops the petri dish for culturing bacteria
- 1890 **Robert Koch** publishes **Koch's postulates**
- 1898 **Martinus Beijerinck** describes **viruses**, & discovers **nitrogen-fixing bacteria**
- 1903 **Lord Rutherford** discovers **radioactive half life**
- 1909 **Paul Ehrlich** discovers “**magic bullet**” cure for **syphilis** (protozoan infection)
- 1911 **Rutherford Atom Model**: very small positively-charged nucleus orbited by e⁻
- mid-1900s **Paul P. Yevich** : **Pathobiology ...**”the wonderful world of unknowns”
- 1970 **Lynn Margullis** describes the origin of **Eukaryotic cells**
- 1974 **Larry Pomeroy** *Ocean's Food Web: A Changing Paradigm* in which he said that **microbes** played a key role in marine productivity
- 1975 **John Hobbie's** paper “Direct Counts of Aquatic Bacteria by a Modified Epifluorescence Technique” becomes one of the most cited Ecology papers
- 1983 **Tom Fenchel** coins the term “**Microbial Loop**” in a paper supporting **Pommeroy**

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○ Chemical

- 1830s **Justus von Liebig** invents **Nitrogen-based fertilizers** & Law of the Minimum
- 1880 **William Dittmar** determines the **major salts in seawater**
- 1934 **Alfred C. Redfield**: **Redfield Ratio** which describes the ratio between **nutrients** in **plankton** & ocean water, **C:N:P = 106:16:1**
- 1950s **Charles Goldman** studies **eutrophication of lakes** (Lake Tahoe), nutrient limiting factors, impacts of climate change & weather, & time series data
- 1961 **Charles D. Keeling** : **Keeling Curve** measures the **atmospheric buildup of CO₂**
- 1967 **Richard C. Dugdale** studied **nutrient limitation** in the sea & uptake of new & regenerated forms of nitrogen in primary productivity
- 1979 **Richard Eppley** & **Bruce Peterson** discover **the F-ratio** which is the **fraction of total primary production fueled by nitrate** which they used to **estimate global oceanic primary production**
- 1985 **Jorg Imberger** modeled the **mixed-layer dynamics of lakes**, studies the underlying transport & mixing processes that control the health of the lake
- 1986 **John Martin's Iron Hypothesis**: iron deficiency prevents phytoplankton blooms
- 1988 **Akihiko Hattori** studied **nitrate respiration** by marine bacteria
- 2002 **Peter LeB Williams** furthers our understanding of oceanic productivity, carbon cycling, metabolic balance, & importance of **oceanic microbial processes**

○ Geological

- 1700s **James Hutton** develops the modern concept of **geologic time**
- 1800s **J.D. Dana** studied mountain-building, volcanic activity, & the **origin & structure of continents & oceans**
- 1857 **T. H. Huxley** theory of **Glaciers**
- 1891 **Sir John Murray** & **Alphonse Renard** **classify marine sediments**
- 1907 **Bertram Boltwood** calculates the **age of the Earth** through **radioactive decay**
- 1912 **Alfred Wegener** lectures on **Continental Drift**
- 1962 **Harry Hess** : **Sea Floor Spreading** driven by **convection** in Earth's Mantle
- 1965 **John Tuzo Wilson**: proposed the theory of **plate tectonics**

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○ Physics

- 1687 **Isaac Newton** explains how **gravity** works
- 1731 **George Hadley** uses **wind circulation patterns** to try to explain **trade winds**
- 1742 **Anders Celsius** invents the **centigrade temperature scale**
- 1800s **William Ferrel** discovers **mid-latitude circulation cells** in both hemispheres
- 1835 **Gaspard G. de Coriolis** studies the **motion of bodies** on a **rotating surface**
- 1848 **Lord Kelvin** studies **thermodynamics** & develops the basis of **Absolute Zero**
- 1851 **George G. Stokes** creates **Stokes Law** which calculates the **terminal velocity** for a sphere falling in a **viscous medium**
- 1855 **Matthew Maury** assembles information from ships logs to create coherent **wind & current charts**
- 1861 **James Clark Maxwell** proposes a dynamic theory of **electromagnetic fields** & the **Maxwell Distribution** (statistical description of **kinetic theory of gases**)
- 1883 **Osborne Reynold** popularized **Stokes Law** by creating the **Reynold's number** (Re) which describes the balance between **inertial & viscous forces**
- 1894 **Max Plank** discovers **Black Body Radiation**
- 1898 **Fridtjof Nansen** explains quantitatively why wind caused water motion to not be in the direction of the wind by 20°-40° to the right in the N. hemisphere
- 1900s **Ludwig Boltzmann** develops the **Boltzmann equation** to describe the dynamics of an **ideal gas**
- 1900 **Richard D. Oldham** identifies the **P & S waves** on a **seismograph**
- 1902 **V. Walfred Ekman** quantitatively explains the **deflection** for idealized ocean
- 1918 **Vilhelm Bjerknes** formulates theory of **atmospheric fronts** & discovers the nature & formation of **extra-tropical cyclones** that cause mid-latitude weather
- 1923 **Sir Gilbert Walker** notices the shifts in atmospheric pressure differences between the Indian & Pacific Ocean, which would later become known as the **Southern Oscillation Index (SOI)**
- 1942 **Melvin Calvin** discovered the **Calvin Cycle**
- 1947 **Howard Sverdrup** finds the connection between the **wind & Equatorial & Eastern Boundary Currents**
- 1948 **Henry Stommel** shows that it is the variation of the **Coriolis Parameter** with **latitude** that causes the **intensification** of the **Western Boundary Currents** in the major ocean gyres
- 1950 **Walter Monk** combines the concepts of **Ekman, Sverdrup, & Stommel** to explain the main features of the entire **wind-driven circulation pattern**
- 1953 **Sverdrup** proposes the **Critical Depth** model to explain the rapid growth & accumulation of phytoplankton biomass in the spring, the critical depth is the depth at which photosynthesis = respiration
- 1975 **Reuben Lasker's Stable Ocean Hypothesis**: stability is necessary for phyto-plankton blooms, larvae take advantage of this by staying with prey patch
- 1991 **Wallace Broecker** finds that the **Global Ocean Conveyor** periodically shuts down, & deep water formation stops & causes an ice age to begin

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o Mathematics, Statistics, & Modeling

- 1735 **Leonhard Euler** introduces the use of **exponential functions & logarithms** in analytical proofs, & developed infinitesimal calculus & graph theory
- 1865 **Johann Forchhammer** develops the “**Principal of Constant Proportions**”: the ratio of major **salts** in seawater from various locations is constant
- 1880s **Sergei Winogradsky** proposed the ecological classification system of **Autochthonous (K)** versus **Zymogenous (R)** organisms
- 1900s **R.A. Fisher** created the foundation of modern **non-parametric statistics**, Analysis of Variance (ANOVA), Maximum Likelihood, z-distribution
- 1900 **Carl David Runge & M.W. Kutta** developed the **Runge-Kutta method** for **solving** ordinary **differential** equations numerically
- 1900s **Alfred Lotka** created the **Lotka-Volterra (predator-prey)** model which uses **differential** equations to describe population dynamics
- 1913 **Leonor Michaelis & Maud Menton** develop the **Michaelis-Menton equation** relating the initial reaction rate (v_0) to the **substrate concentration (S)** in which the maximum rate is the v_{max} asymptote
- 1930s **Jacques Monod** develops the **Monod equation** which is the first & simplest description of how **substrate concentration affects growth**
- 1949 **Edward Simpson** develops the **Simpson’s Diversity Index (D)** which says that in highly diverse communities there’s a decreased risk of encountering the same species twice (works best when talking about the most abundant species & not the whole community), he also studied Probability Theory
- 1953 **Odum’s** publish the *Fundamentals of Ecology*, in which **Howard** wrote about energetics & introduced his **energy circuit language (energese)** & **Eugene** wrote about **systems ecology**
- 1976 **Robert May** proposes that you don’t have to solve the equation fully, you just need to know certain parameters in order to show that the equilibrium will still work out to 1 species surviving
- 1994 **Robert Aller** creates a mathematical model for **Bioturbation**

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➤ Technology-based

○ Inventions

- 1608 **Hans Lippershey** invents the **telescope**
- 1861 **James Clark Maxwell** creates the first **color photograph**
- 1895 **Rudolf Diesel** invents the **diesel engine**
- 1895 **Guglielmo Marconi** invents the **wireless telegraph**
- 1909 **Ole Evinrude** invents the **outboard engine**
- 1943 **Jacques Cousteau & Emile Gagnan** invent the **SCUBA regulator & tank** combination, the “**Aqualung**”

○ Computers

○ Satellites

○ Digital Imagery

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