



Marine life up close and personal – Marine Sciences Day 2010

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Students went out onto the Sound on Project O's boat and helped to haul up a lobster pot and identify marine species found in the trap.



Adrienne Menno, Project O, shows a robin fish to students on a Project O boat. Left to right, Jason Pellitier, Wolcott, Renato Calado, a Project O intern from Portugal, Menno, Hunter Held, and Jason Vailionis, Rocky Hill



Adrienne Menno, Project O, shows a male spider crab to students on a Project O boat. Left to right, Renato Calado, a Project O intern from Portugal, Menno, Hunter Held, and Jason Vailionis, Rocky Hill.

This was the seventh year of the program, organized by Long Island Sound Foundation and Connecticut Association of Schools, to give students across the state a chance to experience the marine environment first-hand, observe and conduct scientific experiments on marine species and to gain a greater understanding of the ecological and cultural significance of the Long Island Sound and its tributaries.

More than 500 students and their teachers participated in programs at six educational centers and museums along the shoreline and rivers, including the Connecticut River Museum in Essex and UConn Avery Point .

UConn Marine Sciences professors and students and Mystic Aquarium staff also put on workshops for the visiting students.