An Ode to Dan

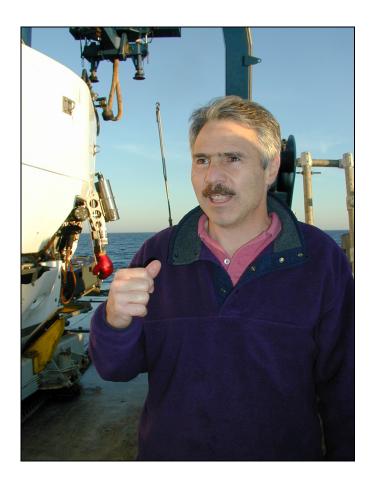
Dan Fornari came to WHOI in 1993,
Chief Sci. of Deep Submergence for to be.
With energy and vigor,
And his dog named Hector,
Great new visions for deep-sea vehicles had he.

Dan set about changing all that he could see,
To improve the Deep Submergence Facility.
New cameras and lights,
More data and bytes,
All to reveal the dark secrets of the sea.

Dan helped each scientist who came his way,
To plan their cruises down to the day,
With equipment suggestions,
And advice on operations,
He worked tirelessly so they wouldn't stray.

No problem was too big, no problem too small,
Dan was always ready to tackle them all.
From winches to cranes,
Manipulators to drains,
All it took to fix them was many phone calls!

And now ten years later, it's time to depart,
And leave his position to make a fresh start,
Deep Submergence will miss Dan,
And his attitude of "I can",
But he will always be remembered in our hearts.



To Dan:
With gratitude for your enormous contribution to the U.S. Deep Submergence community.

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