

MOCNESS Net Cleaning
Originated by Meghan K. Donohue on November 20, 2012

From: Meghan K. Donohue (SIO) on Tuesday, November 20, 2012

Hi All~

I'm wondering if anyone has any experience with cleaning MOCNESS nets in a washing machine? If so, were the results favorable and do you have any recommendations? I've heard of some people using this method to try and speed up the cleaning process after a cruise.

Thanks.
~Meghan

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Reply from Andrew Girard on 11/20/2012

I thought the science party washed them in barrels on the way in.
Its a rite of passage to be covered head to toe in gulf of Maine slime (from experience.)

From my android phone with predictive text. Sorry for the typos.

Reply from Phil White (NOAA)

One of our customers (name withheld) would take them to a different Laundromat after every cruise. They were in a major metropolis so they had an extensive enough rotation that they were forgotten by the time they came back around. Not suggesting, just passing along a story.

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Phil White

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**Reply From: Lynne Butler (URI) on 11/21/2012**

The method described by Andy, having the scientists do the rinsing on board before leaving the ship, is the way to go. I have heard of our nets being washed in machines by the method Phil describes although I haven't trucked them to a Laundromat myself. The garbage can soak and hanging works for me and the scientists who last used them.

If the nets do get ripped or badly damaged Research Nets in Washington can repair them. The nets were most likely made there. They will also sell fabric by the yard. I'm in the process of getting a quote for mesh to replace worn & ripped panels. Each net requires about 12 yards.

By the way, does anyone else own 202um nets? We have two sets of 150, 1 set of 202 and almost a full set of 333um. What do others have?

Happy Thanksgiving! Lynne

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Reply from: Aubri Vail (RSMAS/U. Miami) on 26 Nov 2012

Also, for MOCNESS net repairs, questions, new nets, also trawls, etc:

Bobbie Seigler  
Sea-Gear Corporation  
700 S. John Rodes Blvd.  
Melbourne, FL 32904  
(321) 728-9116  
[www.seagear.net](http://www.seagear.net)

Small business, female owned and operated. I have seen her handle very large orders in the craziest mesh sizes I've never heard of before. She will send you mesh samples if necessary, use specific metal grommets, made to order.

We have 153 and 335 micron.

Best,

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