

## On board of Celtic Voyager by Tadej Grabnar

Celtic Voyager is a 31.5 m long research boat owned by the Irish Marine Institute. The vessel has the newest scientific equipment on board, allowing it to collect geophysical, oceanographic, biological and environmental data as well as to provide practical training for the next generation of marine scientists.

I spent one day on the vessel as part of a visit which was organised for the Beaufort Building and UCC staff and students. While sailing around Cork Harbour, we were divided into three groups, each alternately participating in different procedures. The crew familiarized us with seabed scanning, analysing water and soil samples and exploring the sea fauna.

From my point of view, this trip was a great experience which enriched my geographical background. Such a trip is something I would recommend to everyone, as the friendly crew do their best to present the ship's mission to all new knowledge striving visitors.



Figure 1: Observing the sea fauna



Figure 2: Seabed scanning



Figure 3: Celtic Voyager in docks