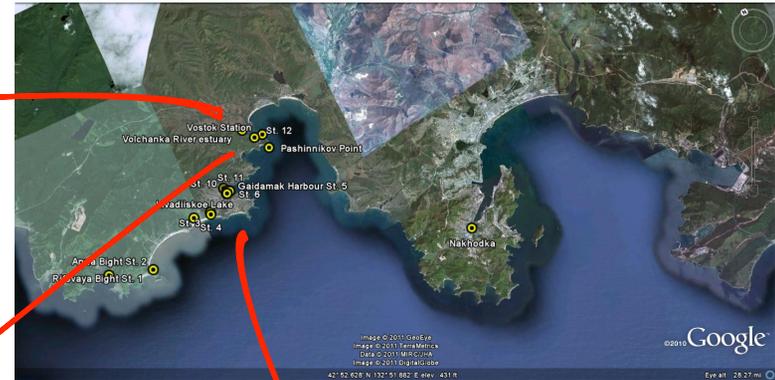


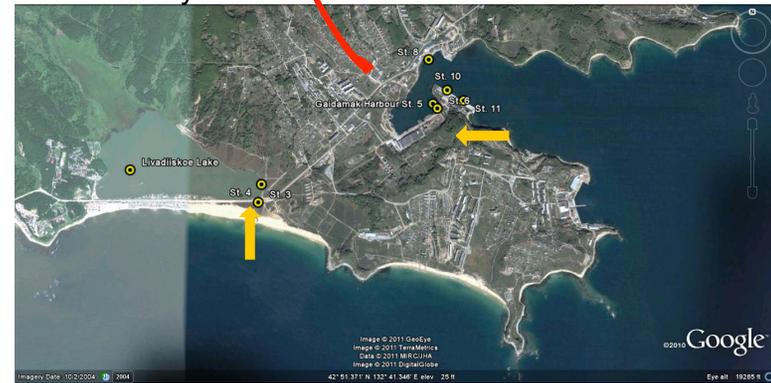
Peter the Great Bay area with Vladivostok (gold on the "golden horn") and Vostok Bay (red).



Vostok Station is at the tip of a peninsula in Vostok Bay.



A marsh north of Vostok Station and three shallow marine bays southwest that we sampled on foot or by rowboat. Unique species in each place.



Gaidamak Harbor: a shipyard with floating drydock and piles of rusty ships. Also about a dozen confiscated Japanese fishing vessels. The lake has a *Melita nitida* looking amphipod in it.



A village separates the north and south Vostok Station camps.



Leslie and I got the nicest place on the complex (not yet on google). It wasn't right but the sinks, toilets and showers were nice.



Traffic runs on the right but most cars are have right hand steering. . . . This results in interesting rides.



Roadside flower.



Vostok Station on the peninsula tip.



Vostok boat basin.



My Cabin



Inside my cabin. No sink or toilet.



Leslie's place with sink and toilet.



Vostok dining hall.



Leslie and Ivan (to her right) dining.



Common planktonic amphipod, *Pleustes incarinatus* Gurjanova, 1938.



A fouling plate sample. Other samples were scrapings from rocks, pilings and anywhere.



This was the nicest part of the shipyard we sampled.



Sampling on a floating drydock under repair. No stinkin' OCEA rules here!



The workers were friendly . We collected scrapings down there.



Samples arrived at the station and the different groups sorted through them for their taxa (algae [Gayle Hansen and crew], polychaetes [Leslie Harris and crew] and amphipods, [the Luidmila, Natasha and me crew]).



Liudmila, TINRO and Natasha, IMB.



I was to the right of Natasha.



North view from Vostok Station. Winter winds come from that valley. Solid granite e



East view from Vostok Station



South from Vostok Station



Liudmila in front of the nicest and least used building on the complex, the director's house.



Vostok seawater tank



Very low tide (0.8 m!!!) exposes base of Vostok sauna steps into the sea.



Liudmila, Evgeny, Ilia, Natasha and Marina on rocks south of the lab.



Bat stars.



Urchin barrens (subtidal).



Beach 1 km from the lab after lunch.



Not being fenced in, cows often hang out by the roads.



Natasha's blowing hair and "village" north of Vostok.



Natasha and Jin Choi sampling for amphipods and polychaetes respectively



Same marsh as right. Looks like *Assiminea*



Beached jellyfish. Same marsh.



Dense *Littorina* on narrow band of shore.



Similar to *Mya arenaria* but *Laturnula* has nacrour external valves and a thick siphon.



Jin Choi and I posing while we wait to be picked up.



Inna, looking for polychaetes.



Gayle, entirely in her element, looking for the last possible algae species. She was masterful.



14 Oct. Natasha, Inna and Natalia, (station manager), seeing Gayle off to visit another station.



15 Oct. North wind and snow.



My new digs. 15 Oct. Yeah, that's snow.



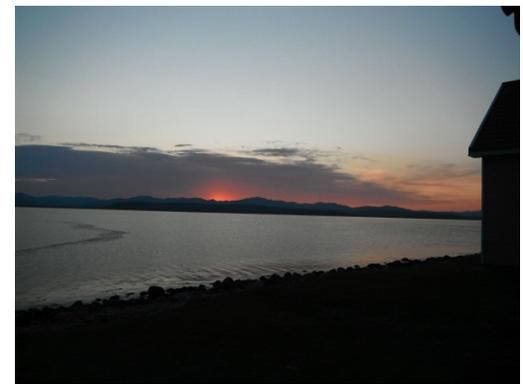
On the station. Red roof dining hall on left



Vostok Station palm grove.



Fishermen of the adjacent "village" of "Avantgard".



Sunrise 18 Oct.



Common dining room inside of new digs. Leslie's rooms are on the right and mine are on the left.



My kitchen from the dining room.



Inside my kitchen with hotplate, sink and microwave on right, shower ahead and bedroom on left.



Bedroom. Computer usually on the desk.



Vostok reserve perimeter floats in front of my room at sunset. Where we found *Ampithoe valida*, 18 Oct.



Inna and Leslie in the polychaete lab.



View from Inna and Leslie's window.



"Avantgard" from north side.



Boat used for night tows. Nikoli is skipper.



Vostok Lab divers fussing over Natasha before estuary trip.



Alexander takes Natasha and I to the estuary.



Estuary. Natasha's boots leaked.



Among estuary finds: *Nuttallia obscurata*.



Inch long *Rocinella maculata* from subtidal sand. Photo does poor justice.



Priboynaya Bay. Means "waves".



Mica from the granite paints the beach silver.



Mica painted ripples Priboynaya Bay.



Vostok Station guard cat working Leslie and the crowd.

Inch long *Rocinella* (can't remember the



Natasha (amphipods) and (polychaetes) Inna and Leslie.



Guard cat continuing security duty.



Village from south Vostok Station.



Fishing in the 4 foot deep estuary channel.



Assimineia looking snails make pits in the high marsh mud.



Vasily, in his element (=small boat). I am rowing.



Real naturalists usually have their heads down . Vasily “pesters” oysters that have sponoids using a rake. They got away.



These guys didn't get away: *Didemnum vexillum* (G. Lambert ID from better pictures) growing over *Mytilus trossulus*, *Crassostrea gigas* and mixed *Ulva*. Also associated were *Monocorophium acherusicum* and *M. insidiosum* from a 30 cm diameter float anchored <1 km from the station.



The point of land just south of Vostok Station on 13 October 2011.



The ridge on the same point of land on 24 October.



Facing south on the south end of the point, 24 October.



Somebody's beloved dog. Marked on the very steep hillside overlooking the west side of the station



Natasha punching in the amphipod data so I can begin with analyses already. She taught me about Russian amphipod taxonomy and watched out for me for three weeks with endless patience, tolerance, kindness and grace. Alas, all she got in return was me.



Dosdevanya (see you later) and I hope it is not "preshe" (goodbye forever). Vasily, Leslie, Natalia, Natasha, me.