

Juvenile survival of *Olympia* oysters outplanted to the field in Tomales Bay after being reared as larvae in the lab at Bodega Marina lab in September 2010

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Project

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Dataset Description

Juvenile survival of *Olympia* oysters outplanted to the field after being reared as larvae in the lab.

Related datasets:

[juvenile growth](#)

[percent settlement](#)

[size at settlement](#)

[water chemistry](#)

Methods & Sampling

Detailed methodology and results are described in following publication:

Hettinger, A., E. Sanford, T.M. Hill, E.A. Lenz, A.D. Russell, and B. Gaylord. 2013. Larval carry-over effects from ocean acidification persist in the natural environment. *Global Change Biology* 19: 3317-3326.

doi:[10.1111/gcb.12307](https://doi.org/10.1111/gcb.12307)

Briefly (excerpted from above):

Larval culturing:

Adult *Olympia* oysters (n = 105) were collected in September 2010 from Tomales Bay, California (38° 06' 57.01"N, 122° 51' 14.39" W) and transported to Bodega Marine Laboratory (BML). Adults were cleaned of epiphytes and distributed evenly among three 100 L cylinders. Adults were fed microalgal food to encourage larval release. After 72 h, larvae were released in one of the cylinders, and subsets of these

individuals were distributed by pipette among 4.5 L glass jars ($n = 1000/\text{jar}$) used for culturing. Larvae were reared through their entire planktonic duration in a culturing facility at BML. The target seawater $p\text{CO}_2$ concentration in larval treatment cultures was 1000 μatm . The accompanying control seawater $p\text{CO}_2$ target was 400 μatm . After filling culture jars with carboy water, $p\text{CO}_2$ concentrations were maintained in the jar seawater by pumping the same CO_2 gas mixtures into sealed air spaces above the free surfaces of the seawater in the culture jars ("headspaces") shared by 6 replicate jars per $p\text{CO}_2$ concentration. There were three headspaces for each $p\text{CO}_2$ concentration, and 6 jars associated with each headspace ($n = 2 p\text{CO}_2$ concentrations \times 3 headspaces \times 6 replicate jars = 36 jars).

On day 11 of the experiment, prior to the commencement of settlement and metamorphosis, larvae were transferred into new glass "substrate" jars. The surface of each new jar base was abraded with sandpaper to encourage larval settlement. The underside of each new jar base was scored to facilitate separation into four tiles after larvae had metamorphosed into benthic juveniles. These tiles were suitable for outplanting juvenile oysters to the field.

Seawater chemistry:

Seawater pH(NBS) and temperature were quantified using a potentiometric pH/temperature meter (Accumet Excel XL60), salinity was determined using a YSI 6600V2 multi-parameter instrument, and total alkalinity (TA, $\mu\text{mol per kg of seawater}$) was measured using automated Gran titration with duplicates (Metrohm 809). A subset of samples was analyzed for dissolved inorganic carbon (DIC, $\mu\text{mol per kg of seawater}$) at the University of Georgia's infrared CO_2 analysis facility (Cai & Wang, 1998). Both TA and DIC measurements were standardized using certified reference material from A. Dickson at Scripps Institute of Oceanography (La Jolla, California). Calcite and aragonite saturation states (Ω_{calcite} , $\Omega_{\text{aragonite}}$) and seawater $p\text{CO}_2$ were calculated using the carbonate system analysis software, CO2SYS (Lewis & Wallace, 1998).

Metamorphosis and field outplants:

Settlement of larvae and metamorphosis into benthic juveniles was assessed daily starting at day 11 when larvae were transferred into substrate jars. Each jar base was divided into four 50 cm^2 tiles for outplanting. Tiles from a given $p\text{CO}_2$ concentration with similar juvenile densities were arranged into four groups, each composed of six replicate tiles. The four groups were then randomly assigned to one of the two field sites and one of the two shore levels. The overall design was: $n = 2$ larval $p\text{CO}_2$ concentrations \times 2 sites \times shore levels \times 6 tiles = 48 tiles. Tiles were outplanted to the field on the same day as settlement (day 14 post larval release).

A shoreline region half-way along the Tomales Bay estuary was selected for the two replicate field sites ($38^\circ 09' 01.01''\text{N}$, $122^\circ 53' 19.19''\text{W}$). The replicate sites were 40 m apart in the alongshore direction, and were similar in substrate type, solar exposure, and bottom slope. At each replicate site, six PVC 'T' stakes, placed 0.5 m apart and each holding two tiles, were driven into the substrate such that the tiles were situated at either 0 or 0.3 m above MLLW (i.e., 'low' and 'mid' shore levels, respectively). Tiles deployed on four of the six stakes per site and shore level were outfitted with temperature loggers (iButton, Maxim, Sunnyvale, CA, USA). A YSI 6600V2 multi-parameter instrument was used to measure temperature, salinity, and pH(NBS) at each of the outplant sites approximately weekly up to day 52 postsettlement, and then monthly up to day 127 postsettlement.

Juvenile survival on each tile was calculated as the percentage of initial juveniles that were alive on each sampling date (day 6, 13, 27, 127 postsettlement). Each tile was examined for live juvenile oysters under a dissecting microscope (Leica M125 with DC290 camera) at BML. Juvenile growth rates were estimated from photographs of juveniles randomly sampled on each tile using a random number table to select squares on the gridded tile. Juvenile growth rates were calculated on days 6, 13, and 27 postsettlement as the change in the total projected area of the shell between the sample date and when the larvae metamorphosed, divided by the intervening number of days (mm^2 per day). Thus, these growth rates represent the average growth rate over the full benthic life stage to the age examined, not an age-specific growth rate characteristic of the period between assay dates.

Data Processing Description

BCO-DMO processing:

- modified parameter names to conform with BCO-DMO naming conventions;
- replaced spaces with underscores.

Data Files

| File |
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| juvenile_survival.csv (Comma Separated Values (.csv), 3.77 KB) MD5:8aa79c544e526e788d3826f875ee3e60 |
| Primary data file for dataset ID 658421 |

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Parameters

| Parameter | Description | Units |
|---------------|---|-------------------------|
| day | Day post-settlement | unitless |
| target_pCO2 | Target larval pCO2 | microatmospheres (uatm) |
| site | Site | unitless |
| stake | Stake number; at each replicate site, six PVC 'T' stakes, each holding two tiles, were driven into the substrate. | unitless |
| shore_level | Shore level | meters (m) |
| num_juv_alive | Number of juveniles alive | unitless |

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Instruments

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| Dataset-specific Instrument Name | DC290 camera |
| Generic Instrument Name | Camera |
| Dataset-specific Description | Each tile was examined for live juvenile oysters under a dissecting microscope (Leica M125 with DC290 camera) at BML. |
| Generic Instrument Description | All types of photographic equipment including stills, video, film and digital systems. |

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| Dataset-specific Instrument Name | Leica M125 |
| Generic Instrument Name | Microscope - Optical |
| Dataset-specific Description | Each tile was examined for live juvenile oysters under a dissecting microscope (Leica M125 with DC290 camera) at BML. |
| Generic Instrument Description | Instruments that generate enlarged images of samples using the phenomena of reflection and absorption of visible light. Includes conventional and inverted instruments. Also called a "light microscope". |

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| Dataset-specific Instrument Name | YSI 6600V2 |
| Generic Instrument Name | Multi Parameter Portable Meter |
| Dataset-specific Description | Salinity was determined using a YSI 6600V2 multi-parameter instrument. A YSI 6600V2 multi-parameter instrument was used to measure temperature, salinity, and pH(NBS) at each of the outplant sites. |
| Generic Instrument Description | An analytical instrument that can measure multiple parameters, such as pH, EC, TDS, DO and temperature with one device and is portable or hand-held. |

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| Dataset-specific Instrument Name | Accumet Excel XL60 |
| Generic Instrument Name | Water Temperature Sensor |
| Dataset-specific Description | Seawater pH(NBS) and temperature were quantified using a potentiometric pH/temperature meter (Accumet Excel XL60). |
| Generic Instrument Description | General term for an instrument that measures the temperature of the water with which it is in contact (thermometer). |

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| Dataset-specific Instrument Name | iButton |
| Generic Instrument Name | Water Temperature Sensor |
| Dataset-specific Description | Tiles deployed on four of the six stakes per site and shore level were outfitted with temperature loggers (iButton, Maxim, Sunnyvale, CA, USA). |
| Generic Instrument Description | General term for an instrument that measures the temperature of the water with which it is in contact (thermometer). |

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Deployments

BML_Gaylord

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| Website | https://www.bco-dmo.org/deployment/658395 |
| Platform | lab Bodega Marine Laboratory |
| Start Date | 2010-09-01 |
| End Date | 2011-06-30 |

Tomales_Bay_Gaylord

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| Website | https://www.bco-dmo.org/deployment/658398 |
| Platform | lab Bodega Marine Laboratory |
| Start Date | 2010-09-01 |
| End Date | 2010-09-30 |
| Description | Locations in Tomales Bay where adult oysters were collected and where larval settlement was studied. |

Project Information

Bodega Ocean Acidification Research (BOAR)

Website: <http://bml.ucdavis.edu/research/research-programs/climate-change/oceanacidification/>

Coverage: Central California coast (northeast Pacific)

The absorption of human-produced CO₂ into the world's oceans is decreasing seawater pH and causing marked declines in the saturation state for calcium carbonate, a major building block for shells, skeletons, and tests of many marine species. Such changes (collectively termed "ocean acidification") have the potential to devastate a broad array of organisms, both at the level of individuals and at population and ecosystem scales. Although awareness of these issues is rapidly growing, most of what is known is based on studies of coral reef organisms and plankton.

The proposed work will enhance understanding of impacts from ocean acidification by providing rigorous data on several new fronts applicable to temperate systems. The project will operate within one of the strongest upwelling centers of the eastern Pacific, where global trends in acidification are amplified by the presence of cold water characterized by already-high levels of aqueous CO₂. Using an integrated, comparative approach that exploits the expertise of oceanographers, marine chemists, and biologists, the project will explicitly couple moored and shipboard measurements of seawater chemistry to controlled laboratory and field studies of biological responses.

Two vital foundation species (the California mussel, *Mytilus californianus*, and the Olympia oyster, *Ostrea conchaphila*) will be targeted. These two species play disproportionately important roles in open-coast and estuarine systems, respectively. Larvae (which are often the most vulnerable stages) of mussels and oysters will be cultured under elevated-CO₂ conditions through the full pelagic period and into juvenile life. Growth and survivorship will be quantified, and water temperature and salinity will be varied to test for interactive effects of multiple factors. Intraspecific variation in response of larvae from different parental lineages will be examined. "Carry-over" effects that originate from exposure during the larval stage, but influence subsequent juvenile growth and survival, will be determined both in the laboratory and using field outplants. Because larval and juvenile stages play important roles as demographic age-structure bottlenecks, overall population consequences will be estimated through comparison of observed impacts on early life stages to other recognized sources of recruitment variation.

Data Status: Data will be reported from the BML offshore oceanographic moorings and from moorings within nearby Tomales Bay. The moorings will be outfitted with autonomously recording pH and pCO₂ sensors, and these measurements will be supplemented with discrete water samples collected monthly along two associated transects.

Live Data: For live-streaming data from Tomales Bay, visit <http://www.ipacoa.org/Explorer> and click on the icon in Tomales Bay.

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