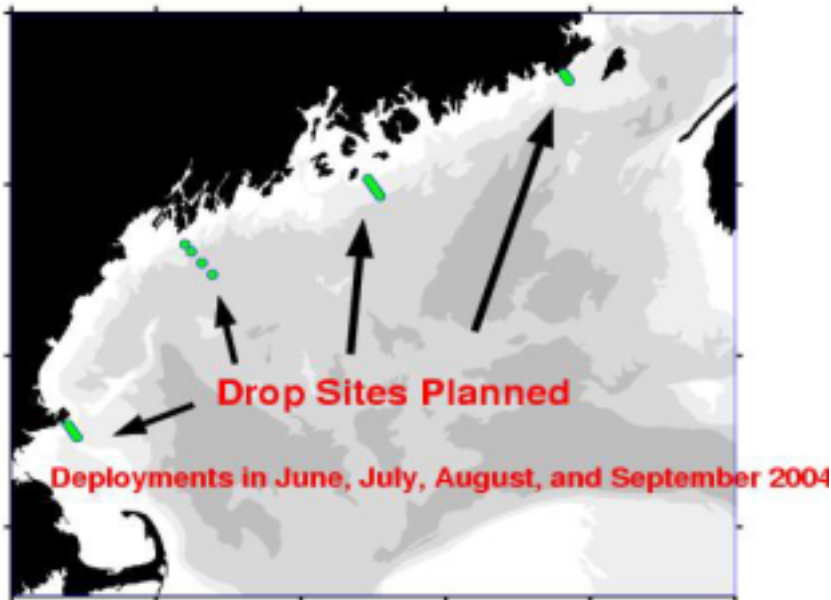


# Notice to Mariners

## Drifter Sightings:

Mariners who sight a drifter unit (see figure at right) should report the drifter ID# and location via an automated tollfree system at: 1-888-284-4904. Enter "5" on the first phone prompt and then follow the instructions using keypad entry. Please have the five-digit drifter ID# and the loran or GPS position ready.



## Plan:

Lobstermen deploy drifters off Cutler, Isle Au Haut, Cape Small, ME; and Gloucester, MA

## When:

June –Sept 2004

## Purpose:

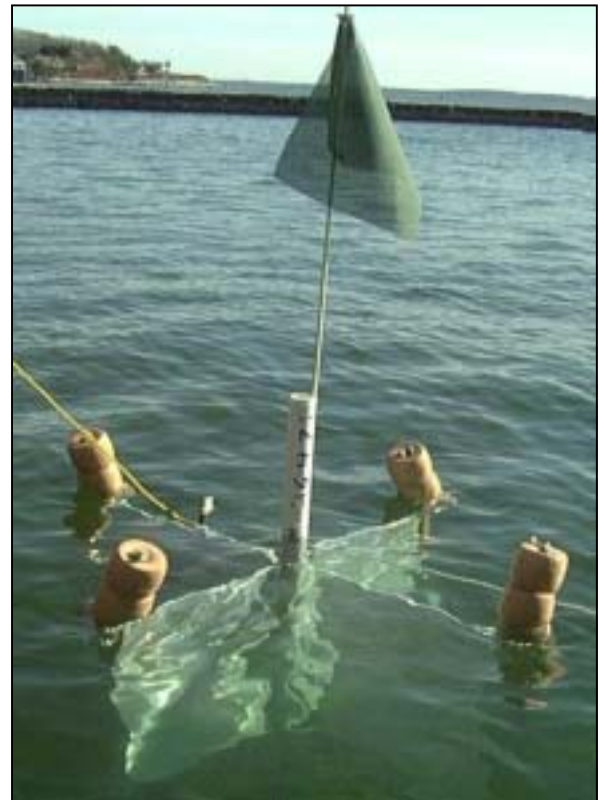
To investigate lobster larvae drift and test/validate numerical ocean circulation models.

## Particular Details:

If you find a drifter ashore or it appears to be exiting the Gulf of Maine (off the backside of Cape Cod, for example), please recover the unit, take it home, and call the Gulf of Maine Lobster Foundation at 207-985-8088.

To monitor the tracks of all 70+ drifters, visit [www.emolt.org](http://www.emolt.org).

The drifters, built by the Southern Maine Community College Marine Science students, consist of a 5' length of PVC vertical pipe which support a set of rods and sails. The unit is configured to minimize wind resistance. The only parts above the waterline, the top 2' of PVC, a small flag, and 4 sets of flotations, are labeled with the unit ID#.



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