

Fond Memories of R/V Vema

During the period between 1963-1964, I was an employee of Lamont Geological Observatory. My employment was aboard R.V. Vema as an Electronic Tech in charge of fabricating and repair of the electronics used by the scientist. My secondary job was ship's diver, as accomplished divers were a rarity in those days. Lamont sent a very primitive air compressor to allow my tanks to be filled aboard the Vema. The diving part was mainly concerned with recovery of science equipment accidentally fallen overboard, teaching Captain Henry Kohler SCUBA diving and the recovery of able body seaman Claude Fudge's body in Darwin Australia. (I have and treasure a fine letter of commendation from J. Lamar Worzel, then acting director.)

My experience aboard the Vema was unforgettable.

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