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GRADUATION OF LEUT WENDY STEWART FROM UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

LEUT Wendy Stewart, a MGO-H specialist in the Royal Australian Navy, was one of 12 graduates in the University of Southern Mississippi (USM) Masters' of Hydrographic Science program for 2006. Here she cuts a cake in the shape of a hydrographic survey vessel at the ceremony at John C. Stennis Space Center, where the course was held and the home of the US Navy Oceanographic Office.

All 12 now qualify for Category A hydrographic certification. Her graduating class was known locally as the "Katrina Class" as they began their classes in August 2005 prior to Hurricane Katrina, weathered the storm, and came back to complete their degrees. The devastation of Hurricane Katrina presented a unique opportunity to these students and their work of collecting baseline data for research into the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in the Gulf region.

Australia's MGO-H officers usually undertake their post-graduate survey studies in the UK. Wendy is the first officer to attend the USM



Photo 1: Shows... LEUT Wendy Stewart, RAN cutting the 'hydrographer's cake' with fellow graduates and faculty from the Masters of Hydrographic Science at the University of Southern Mississippi.



Photo 2: Shows... Graduates of the University of Southern Mississippi's Master of Hydrographic Science program at the John C. Stennis Space Center received their Category A certificates in hydrography.

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