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# A Sharp Sunset

A setting sun and impending darkness do not end activities on the University of Delaware's research ship, *R/V Hugh R. Sharp*. Operating any research vessel can be expensive, so CMES scientists make every moment count when at sea. The cable shown in this photo is towing equipment that measures temperature, salinity, dissolved oxygen, and other characteristics of the water.

*Photo by Adam Skarke*

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- 1 Daylight Saving Time ends**  
Set clocks back one hour at 2 a.m.
- 3 Election Day**  
Elect to be an environmental steward. Here are three simple things you can do: (1) combine errands into one trip to save fuel; (2) reduce lawn fertilizer use to minimize polluted runoff; and (3) pick up trash to prevent it from entering our waterways.
- 11 Veterans' Day**  
Observation towers and bunkers at Cape Henlopen State Park, formerly a military base that protected the mouth of Delaware Bay, are quiet reminders of soldiers' service in World War II.
- 24 Announcement of Francis Alison's "Free School" opening, 1743**  
The University of Delaware, which traces its origin to this private academy, received its collegiate charter from the state in 1833 and was designated one of the nation's land-grant colleges in 1867.
- 26 Thanksgiving**  
The University of Delaware's *R/V Hugh R. Sharp* is 146 feet long and carries up to 20 scientists on missions throughout Delaware Bay and the Atlantic Ocean. The *Mayflower* was considerably more crowded. This approximately 100-foot ship carried 102 passengers to the New World.

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