Electronic Supplementary Material

High-latitude mass coral bleaching in Sydney Harbour driven by the 2015–2016 heatwave

Samantha Goyen ^{1*}, Emma Camp ¹, Lisa Fujise ¹, Alicia Lloyd ¹, Matthew Nitschke ^{1,2}, Todd LaJeunensse ³, Tim Kahlke ¹, Peter J. Ralph ¹, David J. Suggett ¹

¹ University of Technology Sydney, Climate Change Cluster, Broadway, Ultimo NSW 2007, Australia

² Centre for Environmental and Marine Studies, University of Aveiro, Aveiro, Portugal

³ Department of Biology, The Pennsylvania State University, 208 Mueller Laboratory,

University Park, PA 16802, USA.

Supplementary Table S1. Physio-chemical *in situ* parameters measured in February, April, June and August at Fairlight (FL) and Middle Head (MH) (bi-monthly average \pm SEM) and tank conditions measured in December, January and February (pre-bleaching), June and August (recovery) (average of n = 4 tanks \pm SEM). Total alkalinity and pH were used with temperature and salinity to calculate pCO₂ and aragonite saturation state. Light (µmol photons m⁻² s⁻¹) was calculated based on the diffuse attenuation coefficient model at 7 m for Sydney Harbour data and is represented as an average of n=4 tanks \pm SE for the tank experiment. Nutrient values are n=3 \pm SD.

Sydney Harbour							Tank Experiment						
	February		April (During bleaching)		June (Recovery)		August (Recovery)		Describer	Ţ	Eshanan	June	August
Physio- chemical variable	FL	МН	FL	МН	FL	МН	FL	МН	(T_0)	(T_1)	(T_2)	(Bleached) (T ₃)	(Recovery) (T4)
pH	7.91	8.17	7.96	8.22	7.96	8.27	8.11	8.24	7.92	7.76	7.88	7.97	7.94
(total scale)	± 0.02	± 0.008	± 0.02	± 0.01	± 0.06	± 0.006	± 0.02	± 0.01	±0.09	± 0.03	± 0.06	± 0.09	± 0.04
Temperature	25.9	26.6	23.1	23.7	18.4	18.3	17.2	17.5	20.5	22.1	25.9	19.1	17.8
(°C)	± 0.9	± 0.2	± 0.3	± 0.7	± 0.4	± 0.07	± 0.7	± 0.1	± 0.4	± 0.3	± 0.5	± 0.1	± 0.1
Aragonite saturation state	2.7 ± 0.2	2.6 ± 0.06	3.6 ± 0.1	2.9 ± 0.06	3.02 ± 0.2	2.1 ± 0.08	3.8 ± 0.08	3.8 ± 0.1	3.4 ± 0.1	3.3 ± 0.2	2.3 ± 0.07	2.09 ± 0.2	3.05 ± 0.09
pCO ₂	226.7	263.1	214.3	258.8	202.7	188.9	241.1	248.3	244.4	305.1	227.3	272.1	238.4
(µatm)	± 10.3	± 5.9	± 5.9	± 9.5	± 15.9	± 7.9	± 8.7	± 10.6	± 18.1	±11.1	± 22.2	± 26.0	± 19.6
Total Alkalinity (µmol Kg/SW)	2193.3 ± 15.5	2208.3 ± 9.3	2383.9 ± 9.7	2370.5 ± 5.6	2019.8 ± 18.5	2025.8 ± 10.7	2442.1 ± 9.5	2456.3 ± 5.5	2209.3 ± 34.4	2082.3 ± 29.7	2176.9 ± 49.8	2172.3 ± 106.8	2336.2 ± 5.8
Salinity	34.6	34.1	35.7	35.4	35.2	33.6	34.8	34.2	35.2	35.1	34.7	35.0	34.7
(ppm)	± 0.3	± 0.1	± 0.1	± 0.2	± 0.7	± 1.7	± 0.08	±0.4	± 0.07	± 0.08	± 0.2	± 0.06	± 0.1
DO	7.82	7.88	8.31	8.20	9.04	9.01	9.39	9.40	8.25	8.02	8.61	9.05	9.58
(mg/L)	± 0.2	± 0.05	± 0.3	± 0.05	± 0.2	± 0.03	± 0.1	± 0.04	± 0.06	± 0.3	± 0.08	± 0.8	± 0.4

Nitrate	156.9	155.0	137.9	138.7	105.5	154.32	114.1	148.6	148.0	143.4	153.1	162.4	76.8
(µg L ⁻¹)	± 1.2	± 2.0	± 1.8	± 0.3	± 0.06	± 5.3	± 0.3	± 0.3	± 12.6	± 10.2	± 12.3	± 6.1	± 4.8
Nitrite	4.7	5.7	13.2	11.0	6.1	5.78	6.5	7.0	0.7	6.9	2.1	1.06	11.73
(µg L ⁻¹)	± 0.7	± 0.7	± 0.4	± 0.4	± 0.9	± 0.08	± 0.2	± 0.4	± 0.3	± 0.01	± 0.1	± 0.2	± 0.2
Phosphate	3.1	4.9	7.9	9.23	2.5	2.4	8.3	5.54	27.4	32.1	45.8	29.4	20.1
(µg L ⁻¹)	± 0.1	± 0.1	± 0.0	± 0.06	± 0.2	± 0.1	± 0.5	± 0.8	± 0.5	± 0.38	± 4.9	± 0.9	± 0.5
Ammonium	16.7	17.5	14.6	37.0	15.3	9.91	20.5	18.5	18.8	14.4	12.7	9.3	20.6
(µg L ⁻¹)	± 0.3	± 0.4	± 0.03	± 0.5	± 1.2	± 0.5	± 0.1	± 1.0	± 9.1	± 2.9	± 3.8	± 1.01	± 1.5
Light (μ mol photons m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	253		195.63		120.5		152.94		307.3 ± 11.5	298.9 ± 10.7	308.1 ± 10.3	171.8 ± 10.5	184.1 ± 26.5

Supplementary Table S2. Raw data measurements for the experimental period (December-August) for the corals *P. versipora* and *C. mcneilli*. Measurements include net photosynthesis (P_G), respiration (R), calcification (G) and *Symbiodinium* density \pm SE. ANOVA with Tukey's post-hoc and Kruskal-Wallis tests with pairwise comparisons and Bonferroni correction were used for statistical analysis across timepoints and species. (4) indicates significant difference from T₄, (3) indicates significant difference from T₃, * indicates significant difference from all (p < 0.05).

	Species	P_{G}	R	GL	Symbiodinium density
		$(\mu mol \ cm^{-2} \ h^{-1})$			(cells/cm ⁻²)
December	P. versipora	1.77	0.78	0.52	3.8×10^6
(T_0)		± 0.36	(4) (100)	± 0.17	$\pm 0.9 \times 10^{\circ}$
	C. mcneilli	1.40 ± 0.15	0.64 ± 0.07	0.42 ± 0.10	$\begin{array}{c} 3.7 \ x \ 10^6 \\ \pm \ 4.8 \ x \ 10^5 \end{array}$
January (T ₁)	P. versipora	1.72 ± 0.41	$ \begin{array}{c} 1.10 \\ \pm 0.15 \\ (4) \end{array} $	0.23 ± 0.08	$\begin{array}{c} 3.7 \ x \ 10^6 \\ \pm \ 4.8 \ x \ 10^5 \end{array}$
	C. mcneilli	1.40 ± 0.15	0.64 ± 0.07	0.44 ± 0.10 (3)	$3.6 \times 10^{6} \pm 4.5 \times 10^{5}$
February (T ₂)	P. versipora	1.67 ± 0.27	1.02 ± 0.17	0.45 ± 0.10	$\begin{array}{c} 3.3 \text{ x } 10^6 \\ \pm 1.7 \text{ x } 10^5 \end{array}$

	C. mcneilli	1.54	0.68	0.44	3.7×10^6
		± 0.21	± 0.18	± 0.12	$\pm 3.23 \text{ x } 10^5$
				(3)	
June	P. versipora	0.78	0.70	0.22	0.5 x 10 ⁶
(bleached)		± 0.09	± 0.11	± 0.13	$\pm 3.8 \text{ x } 10^4$
(T_3)					*
	C. mcneilli	2.03	0.72	0.03	3.6×10^6
		± 0.27	± 0.10	± 0.12	$\pm 4.6 \text{ x } 10^5$
		(4)		(1,2)	
August	P. versipora	0.80	0.18	0.10	$1.9 \ge 10^6$
(recovery)	_	± 0.16	± 0.04	± 0.04	$\pm 0.9 \text{ x } 10^5$
(T_4)			(0,1)		*
	C. mcneilli	1.22	0.25	0.12	3.7 x 10 ⁶
		± 0.13	± 0.10	± 0.05	$\pm 3.9 \text{ x } 10^5$
		(3)			
			1		



Supplementary Figure S1: Annotated photo of bleached and pale *P. versipora* colonies from Fairlight.



Supplementary Figure S2: Relationship between gross photosynthesis and *Symbiodinium* density over the experimental period (December T₀- August T₄) for *P. versipora* (left panel) and *C. mcneilli* (right panel).



Supplementary Figure S3: Gross photosynthesis per symbiont cell density over the experimental period (December T_0 - August T_4) for *P. versipora* (left panel) and *C. mcneilli* (right panel).



Supplementary Figure S4. Bacterial community composition (relative abundance %) of *P. versipora* for pre-anomaly (healthy), active anomaly healthy, active anomaly bleached and post-anomaly (recovered). Data is shown at the class level where possible. Shown taxon have a relative abundance >5%. The low abundance category contains the sum of all genera that made up <5% of the community. UC: Unclassified.



Supplementary Figure S5. Bacterial community composition (relative abundance %) of *C. mcneilli* for pre-anomaly (healthy), active anomaly healthy, active anomaly bleached and post-anomaly (recovered). Data is shown at the class level where possible. Shown taxon have a relative abundance >5%. The low abundance category contains the sum of all genera that made up <5% of the community. UC: Unclassified.



Supplementary Figure S6: February (pre-bleaching) dominant OTU mean proportion comparison for *P. versipora* (green) and *C. mcneilli* (purple). PERMANOVA; p = 0.014, t= 1.33 (significantly different).



Supplementary Figure S7: August (recovery) dominant OTU mean proportion comparison for *P*. *versipora* (green) and *C. mcneilli* (purple). PERMANOVA; p = 0.004, t = 1.584 (significantly different).