AURELIA – THE LIFE CYCLE - MICROSLIDES LAB Name: INTRODUCTION: DESCRIBE what an Aurelia jellyfish looks like. 2. In this animal a sexual generation produces what kind of organism? 3. The asexual form, in turn produces what? 4. Since the life cycle goes back and forth between sexual and asexual forms of this animal, Aurelia is said to have what kind of pattern in its life cycle? PLANULA STAGE (SLIDE 1): 5. How big are these planula larvae? 6. List the steps that led to their looking the way you see them here. 7. How similar are these baby Aurelias to the adult jellyfish that produced them? (See life cycle picture on back of booklet.) HYDROID FORM (SLIDE 2): 8. What does the planula larva do after its life of freedom? 9. What is another name for the hydroid form? **BUDDING POLYP (SLIDE 3):** 10. How long can Aurelia live in the polyp form? _____ 11. How does this form of Aurelia produce new polyps? **CONSTRICTIONS IN POLYP (SLIDE 4):** 12. How is the polyp in this slide different from the polyp in slide 2? 13. How is the polyp in this slide similar to the polyp in slide 2?

STROBILIZATION (SLIDE 5):	5
14. Strobilization is a method for reproduction.	
15. What does the process of strobilization do?	
16. What seems to have happened to the tentacles from slide 4?	
EPHYRA STAGE (SLIDE 6):	6
17. In your drawing, label the mouth, gonads, and sense organs. 18. How did this ephyra form?	
SENSE ORGAN (SLIDE 7):	
19. In your drawing, label the lobes, sense organ, hood, eye spot, and balance organ.	7
20. What is the function of the two lobes?	
21. Where are the chemical sensitive pits located?	
YOUNG JELLYFISH (SLIDE 8):	8
22. How does the ephyra in this slide already behave like an adult Aurelia?	
23. Once this young jellyfish matures, what will happen to make this whole cycle happen again?	
REVIEW:	
Indicate the stage in the life cycle of Aurelia from the descriptions: Separated saucers swimming away as	
individuals. Free swimming larvae covered with beating cilia.	_
Horizontal constrictions, cutting polyp into segme Has tentacles and looks like a hydra.	nts.

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