

ARCTIC ICEBREAKER COORDINATING COMMITTEE

- AICC Chair is Dr. Laurie Juranek from OSU
- Attended AICC meetings from 11-12 Jan. at USCG Base Seattle & 19-20 Jul. in Washington DC
- Polar Coordination Office established by USCG.
- *HEALY* will continue to support homeland security, RDC, & science missions.
- USCG announced early planning horizon for *HEALY* (2026!) – out of sync w/ UNOLS scheduling
- *HEALY* Service Life Extension Program, 2027-2031 – dockside in 2027-2028, dry dock 2029
- In response to PSC builds, AICC will refresh polar research vessel SMRs.
- Broad support for *SIKULIAQ* operating in Antarctica every other year, but still some hurdles.
- 2023 Arctic chief scientist training cruise on *SIKULIAQ* from Seward to Nome. *HEALY* is next ...
- Crew/tech opportunities between *SIKULIAQ* and *HEALY* ops.
- Large upcoming projects on *HEALY*: GO-SHIP ARC01, NRL Melt Ponds, NASA Arctic Colors.
- AICC contributing input to Ocean Decadal Survey to better connect ocean science with polar science.

FLEET IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

- FIC Chair is Dr. Kipp Shearman from OSU
- Attended FIC/UNOLS meeting from 15-18 Nov. in New Orleans (included visit to RCRV shipyard in Houma)
- Assess new builds, refits, operator issues – will not review here.
- Adjust full optimal year targets for global & ocean class vessels.
- Trends and challenges for near coastal vessels on the east coast.
- Supporting AUV operations in the Academic Research Fleet.
- Involved in RCRV sea trials via Science Oversight Committee.