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Fleet Improvement Committee Report to RVTEC October 2017





Fleet Improvement Committee Activities

- **RVTEC Liaison** – Woody Sutherland served as the RVTEC liaison to FIC. With his retirement, Ethan Roth has been appointed by the UNOLS Council to be the liaison.
- **FIC continues to conduct debriefs with users of New Vessels**
 - Summary report for *Sikuliaq* – Jim Swift will draft
 - Continue debriefs for *Armstrong* and *Ride*
 - On-line form for debriefs: FIC will review the draft form and incorporate modifications.



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- **Science Mission Requirements for Global Ships** – Works continues on the development of Global SMRs. Committee members include Greg Cutter (Chair), Byron Blomquist, Clare Reimers, Jim Swift.
 - Define science drivers and gather data
 - On-line survey coming soon.
 - Draft SMR document.
 - Hold Town Hall Meetings at Ocean Sciences
- **Update the Fleet Improvement Plan**
- **NSF Polar Research Vessel Replacement Program** – FIC Chair is in contact with NSF to discuss how FIC can provide feedback to the program



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- **Fleet Utilization & Projected Service Life End Dates**
– continuing activity to update this information.
- **FIC representation on the RCRV Oversight Committee** – NSF will look into whether or not a FIC member should be added to the Committee
- **R/V *Thompson* Shakedown Cruise** – FIC would like member, Rick Keil, to participate in R/V *Thompson's* post mid-life refit shakedown cruise.