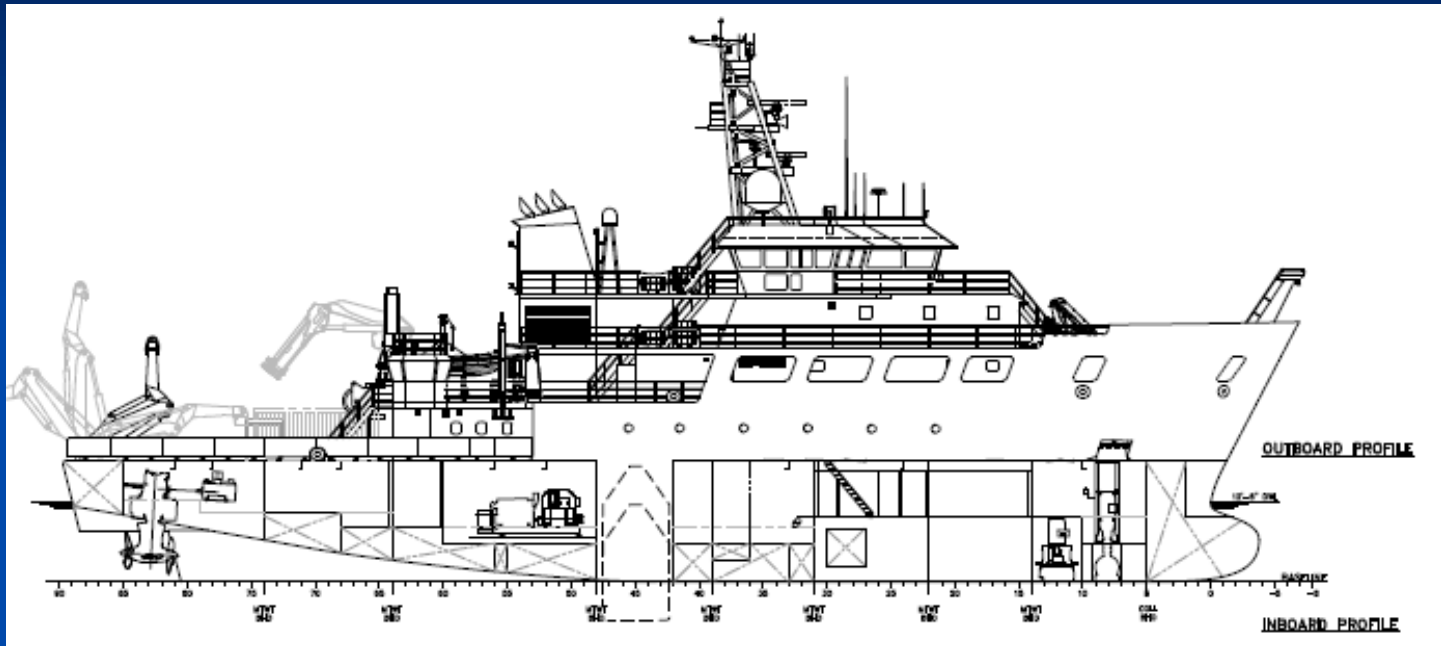




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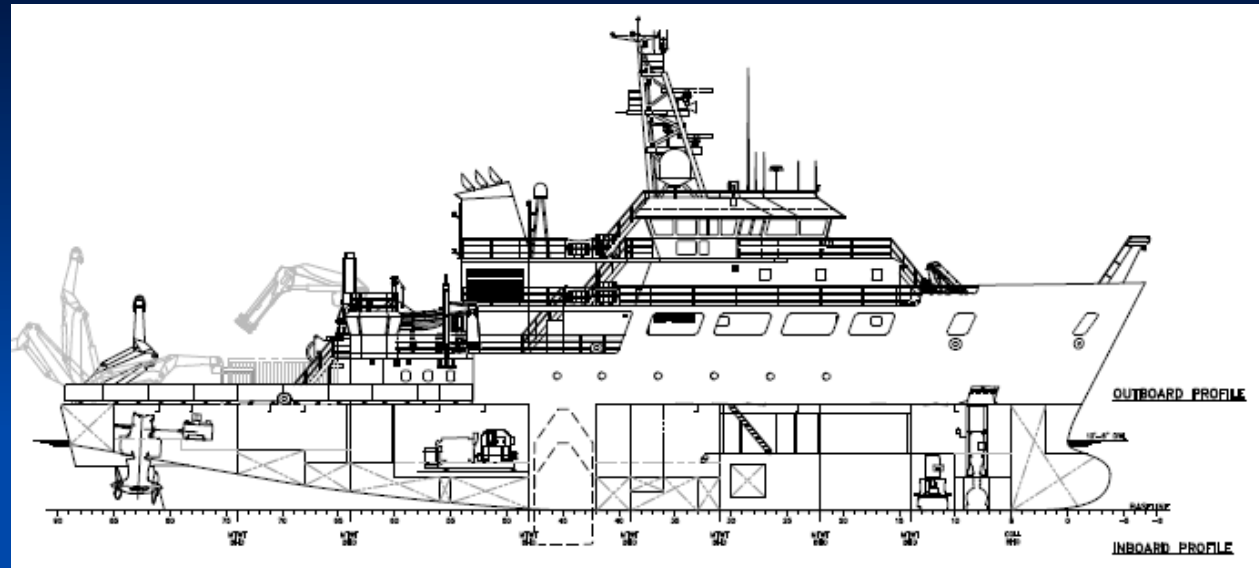
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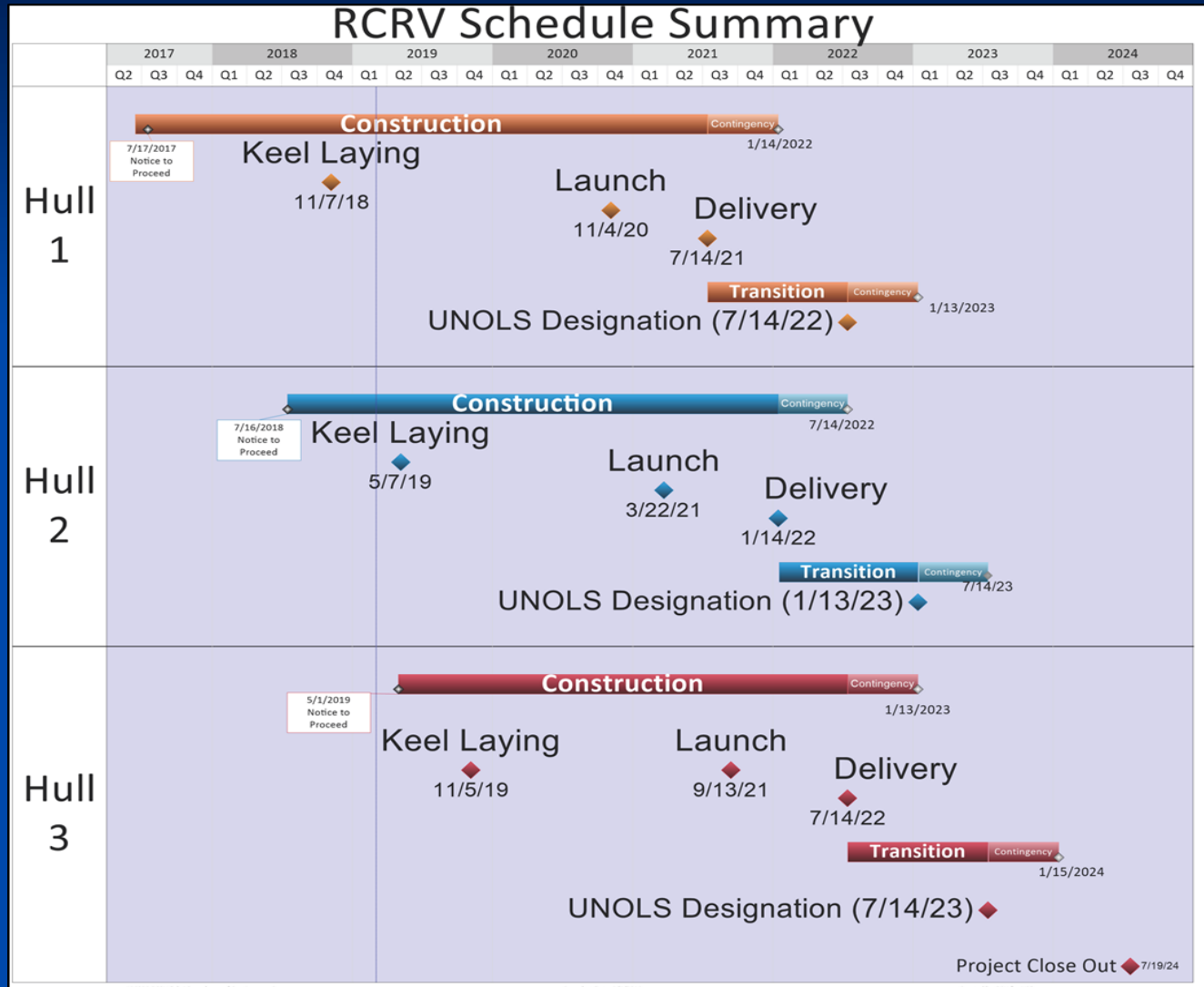
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- Construction – started in July 2017
  - FY 2017 \$121M NSF awarded OSU to start RCRV-1
  - FY 2018 \$88M NSF awarded \$88M to OSU to start RCRV-2
  - FY 2019 \$127M appropriated to NSF, sufficient for 3-ship project
  - Keel Laying for RCRV-2, May 2019
  - One year of sea trials and science verification before operations commence



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## ■ Operations –

- Oregon State University to operate RCRV-1
- East Coast Consortium, led by URI, to operate RCRV-2
- RCRV-3 operator to be solicited soon
- Operators involved from DVT through transition to operations
  - Will assist in region-specific requirements
  - Improve vessel familiarity



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