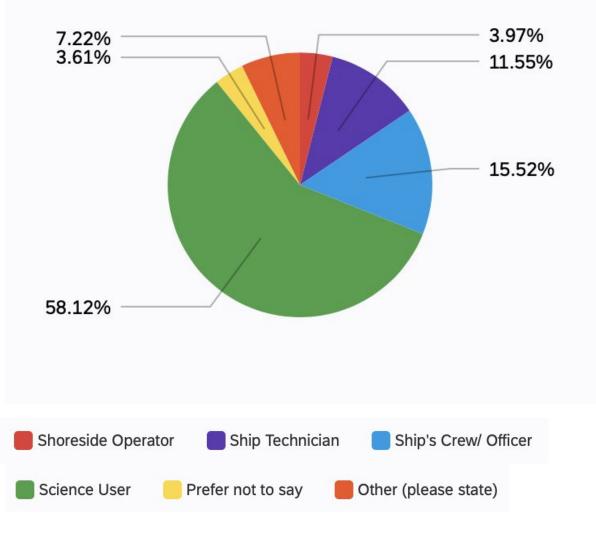
## **Quality of Life at Sea**

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- We conducted a three-question survey using Qualtrics (thanks Rhian Waller)
  - $\circ$  All UNOLS membership
  - 02 Jan 28 Feb 2020
  - $\circ~$  survey extended to engage more crew/techs
  - 277 complete responses
- Preliminary Results (following slides)
- Next steps
  - Complete analysis
  - o Graduate student?

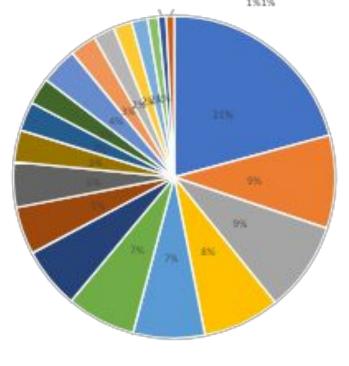


## 1 - In your experience, what efforts are currently being made to improve the habitability of ships, increase morale of crew and science party, and enhance the overall quality of life at sea?

- Most common response was that people were not aware of any efforts or even thought that things were getting worse.
- Newer ships have more personal space and comfort, single person staterooms in particular
- Food was mentioned many times to have vastly improved, and how important that was to morale.
- Harassment training: both positive and negative comments

2 - What additional changes or additions would you like to see to improve the quality of life at sea?

- More Bandwidth
- Simple, low-cost suggestions
  - Science meeting at beginning/end
  - Card tournament
  - $\circ$  Team-building activities
- Overlap with MERAS
- Overlap with FIC/SMRs



More Bandwidth Team-Building Exercise Equipment Food Swim-calls Bedding Alcohol Single Cabins 🔳 Less Noise Longer Portcalls Thorough cleaning Better Communication Habitability MERAS Air Quality Cheaper phonecalls MT 🖉 Privacy Mental health Bulliten board

## 3 - What resources do you believe are needed to make additional improvements?

'Funding and will'

- \$\$ was the most common response for obvious reasons
- 'will' was representative of a frequent impression by survey responders to feel like these issues weren't important to decision makers

