

Committee Activities and Issues requiring Council Attention

- Fleet Improvement Committee (FIC) – Kipp Shearman / OSU
- Research Vessel Operators' Committee (RVOC) – Doug Baird / UAF
- Research Vessel Technical Enhancement Committee (RVTEC) – Jules Hummon / UH
- Maintaining an Environment of Respect Aboard Ships (MERAS) – Emily Shimada / OSU
- Marine Seismic Research Oversight Committee (MSROC) – Lindsay Lowe-Worthington/UNM
- Arctic Icebreaker Coordinating Committee (AICC) – Laurie Juranek / OSU
- Scientific Committee for Oceanographic Aircraft Research (SCOAR) – Chris Zappa / LDEO
- **Deep Submergence Science Committee (DeSSC) – Andrew Thurber / OSU**

Fleet Improvement Committee (FIC) Spring Meeting

FIC Membership

- I'm still here ...
- Angelique White renews
- Byron Blomquist and Suzanne Carbotte rotate off
- Search Underway for At-Large and **Non-Operator** Positions

Fleet Demand and Capacity

- High demand for Global and Ocean class research vessels
- Backlog of cruises, traces back to the pandemic, but is not shrinking
- Subcommittee formed, gathering information, meet through summer with report and action items at fall meeting

Coastal/Local Vessels

- coastal/local vessels are struggling with funding, ship time requests, and capability/mid-life concerns
- Subcommittee formed, needs to meet with coastal/local class operators

