NOAA/OMAO Operations



UNOLS Council Meeting
Tuesday October 21, 2014
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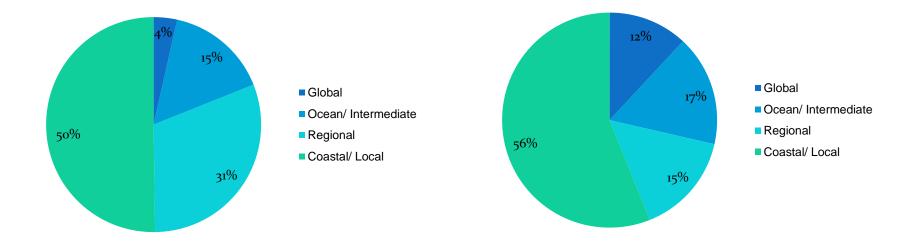
Agenda

- NOAA UNOLS Partnership
- NOAA FY14 Fleet Highlights
- Current Challenges
- NOAA FY15 Fleet Allocation Plan
- Future Initiatives

UNOLS- NOAA Funded Days

CY 2013: 227 Days

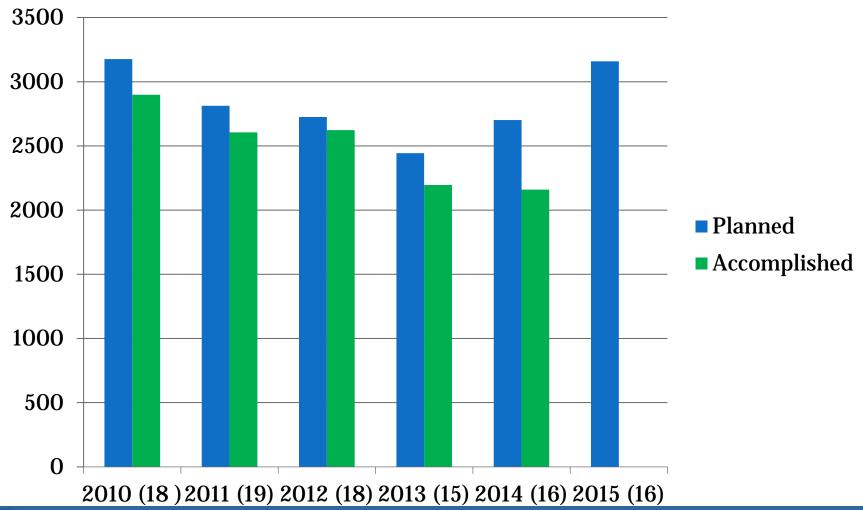
CY 2014: 345 Days



NOAA – UNOLS Partnership

- Wire/Winch/ Van Pool
- NOAA Engineer (RL CME) sailing on UNOLS vessel for licensing requirements
- UNOLS Ships utilizing NOAA Piers
- INMARTECH November 2014
- Collaborative projects

NOAA Ships - Days at Sea



NOAA Fleet Highlights

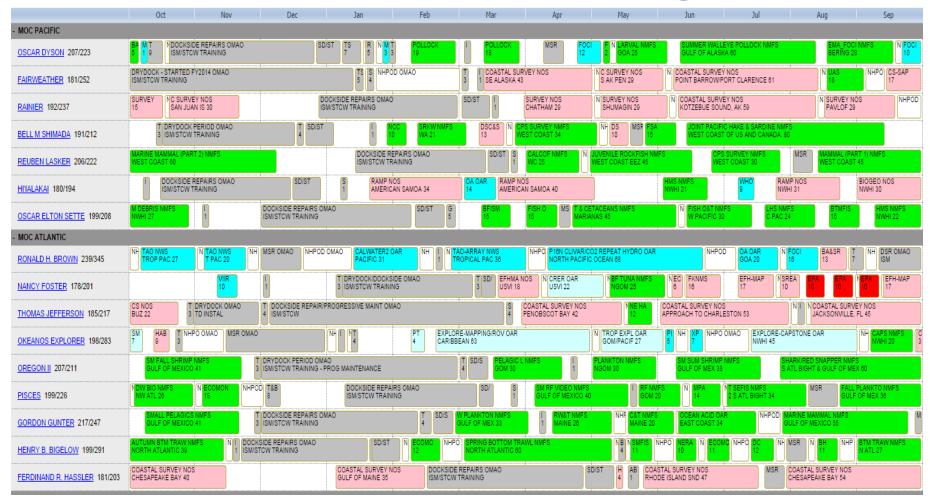
- OMAO budget to support NOAA requirements remains stable despite fiscal challenges
- Maturity of Safety Management System
- NOAA/USCG Fleet Plan signed
- NOAA Prioritization, Allocation and Scheduling System (PASS) becoming an effective maritime scheduling asset
 - Incorporate aircraft assets into PASS FY15
- Upgrades to mission equipment
 - EM710 multi beam system
 - Hypack Software for FSVs
- Greening the fleet
- Ronald H. Brown serviced the Tropical Atmosphere Ocean (TAO) array
 - Returned to 85% operational capability and predicted to be near 100% by end of 2014
- Annual ECO and survey tech training continues



Current Challenges

- Wage Mariner Staffing Retaining qualified engineers remains problematic
 - Exit surveys reveal engineers want more time off
 - ABC and Blue/Gold pilot programs
- Downtime due to major machinery repairs Progressive Maintenance Plan
- FSV Reuben Lasker harmonics issue delayed operations

FY 2015 President's Budget FAP





FY2015 Fleet Allocation Plan

- 3,159 Days at Sea/ 3,772 Operating Days
- Okeanos Explorer Deploying to the Pacific May 2015, Central and Western Pacific Exploration
- Ronald H. Brown P16N CLIVAR and 3 separate cruises to service TAO
- Fairweather Hydrographic survey of the Arctic from Point Barrow to Port Clarence, AK
- NOAA Fisheries (stock assessments and protected species) surveys
 1,568 DAS
- Efforts to increase utilization on *Nancy Foster*
 - Scheduled 30 DAS for EPA Ocean Dumping Site Surveys in FL, GA, VA and NY
- Charters OMAO funding \$3.6M to meet OAR mission requirements and \$1.5M to meet NWS/TAO mission requirements



Future Initiatives

- Fleet Composition Plan 2012-2027 under review
- IAA with NAVSEA to support design of NOAA OSV (AGOR)
- Fleet Information System
 - June 2014 RFI 9 detailed responses
 - Met with 12 IT organizations (2 NOAA, 3 maritime organizations, 7 other)
 - COTS products likely to provide the lowest risk/best value
 - Next Steps validate requirements and consensus KPI's
- Collaborative Partnership with MSC for Licensed Engineers
- Importance of Partnership increases with declining resources
- 100% utilization of fleet (average 235 DAS) by FY17

Questions?

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