RVTEC 2003 ONR Report

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Research Facilities/321RF

News and changes at ONR

Internal Changes

•Admiral Cohen announced that ONR has a new Technical Director, Dr. Stephen Lubard who has replaced Dr. Xan Alexander.

•Due to changing Navy priorities, several science programs have been realigned.

Research Facilities News
During 2003 ONR funded 793 days of UNOLS ship time
168 on Global AGORS
344 on Intermediate ships
281 on smaller regional vessels
Projections for 2004 Ship time
834 Days were requested
740 Days are funded but I anticipate that this will go up slightly.



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Ship Upgrades/Tech Refresh supported in 2003

- Z Drive overhauls & Gear upgrades on ATLANTIS, THOMPSON, MELVILLE
- Z Drive spares to allow timely recovery from catastrophic failure.
- KNORR & MELVILLE Propulsion electronics SCR Upgrade
- Autopilot Dynamic Positioning upgrade on THOMPSON & KNORR
- New Radar Sets for KNORR
- Simrad EM-300 Multibeam for THOMPSON (Shared with DURIP and NSF)

Instrumentation funded from Plus Up

- ROADnet L Band satellite communication project for Pacific ships/Buoy
- Laser Wave measurement Project Terrill/REVELLE
- Communications upgrade for Point Sur to support Navy Projects
- Advanced Tethered Vehicle Activation Project SIO-MPL
- Comparative SWATH/Monohull motion study Curt Collins, NPS



Ongoing 321 RF Projects

- •ONR has funded the Ocean Class design study to follow the NSF funded Regional class study
- •ONR is funding two proposals to study ship motion
 •Curt Collins at NPS Monterey is conducting a comparison study on POINT SUR and WESTERN FLYER.
 - •Brian Taylor UW has been asked to submit a proposal to instrument Kilo Moana to study its response to sea conditions

•UW is instrumenting the Z Drives on THOMPSON.



Iridium News

- DOD has a major contract with Iridium through DISA.
- DISA is contemplating elimination of per minute charges for DOD SIM cards in flavor of a flat rate of \$40 per month.
- DOD Gateway is in Hawaii, long distance charges apply from there. (This can be mitigated by using 2 handsets.)
- I am contemplating providing SIM cards to some ships on an experimental basis. It will be the large AGOR vessels initially.



AGOR Science Inspection

- The next ship scheduled for INSURV is THOMPSON
- I will use 2 techs from this group to assist me in making the first science inspection.
- This is to be a constructive, non adversarial program with the stated intent of improving operations and spreading ideas through the fleet.
- It is my belief that this group is the best qualified to evaluate the Science outfit and practice on our ships.

Comparative time on UNOLS ships, by class

	All Navy	NSF	NOAA
Global 2004	110	1355	227
Global 2003	190*	1150	207
Intermediate 2004	386	963	156
Intermediate 2003	334	928	260
Regional 2004	266	985	202
Regional 2003 * Includes 30 days Cal Plus Up and 30 days unused LWAD	229	757	172





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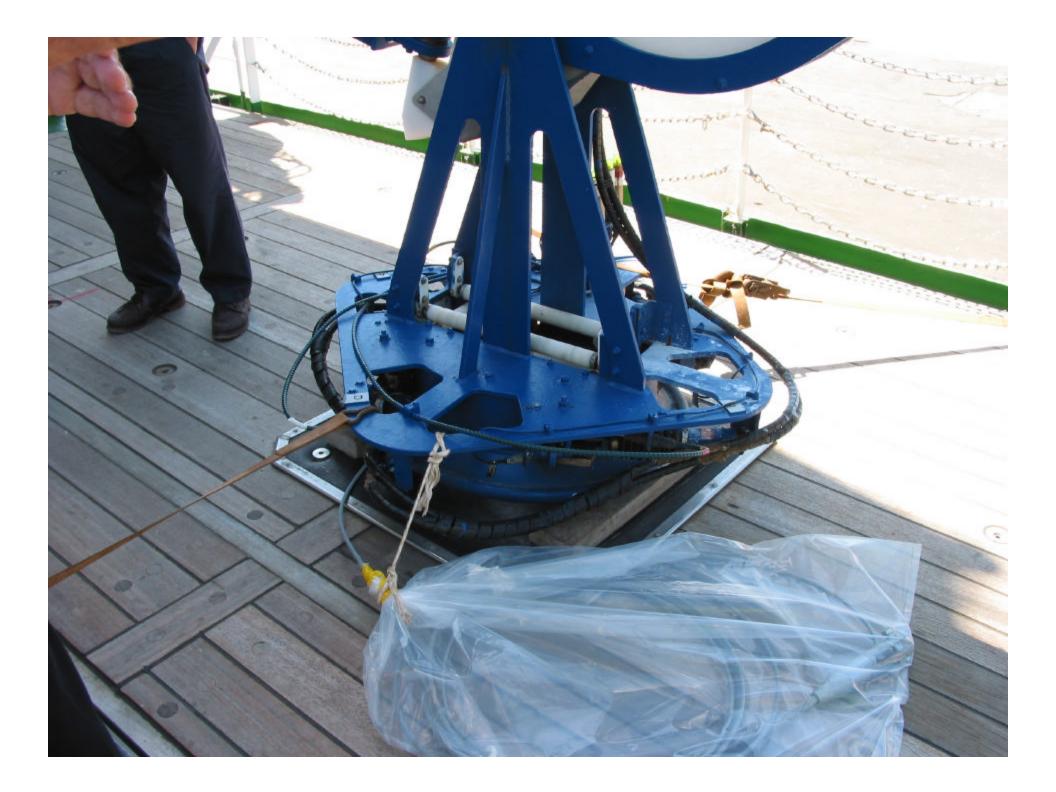
















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