UK Ocean Research Services (UKORS)

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Joint venture between

- University of Southampton
- Natural Environment Research Council
- Completed in 1995
- Staff:
 - 450 Research and Engineering Staff
 - 190 PhD and MSc from UK and Overseas
 - 490 undergraduate students studying Oceanography, Geology/Geophysics or multi-disciplinary, e.g. with engineering
- 150 laboratories, specialised workshops
- 200 metres of dockside
- UK National Marine Equipment Pool
- National Oceanographic Library



SOC Organisation



Overview of Ocean Engineering Division

Support marine science :

- Shipboard systems
- <u>Commercial sensors & systems</u>
- <u>Development of niche vehicles, systems and moorings</u>
- <u>Sensor clevelopment acoustic, electrical, mechanical, optical, chemical</u>
- <u>Commercialisation Technology Transfer to UK Industry</u>
- Pro-bono work for learned Societies Society of Underwater Technology

Health and Safety is highest priority

Main output are technology and scientific peer reviewed papers

Ocean Engineering



UKORS

- Technical support and equipment from National Marine Equipment Pool (NMEP) to UK marine science community
- Funding model of Infrastructure (NERC) & Superstructure (users)
- ~50 staff

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- Primarily R&D of new technology sensor and vehicles
- 5yr Core programme
- Other bid-for grant-funded projects
- ~30 staff
- Range of Skills
 - Engineers
 - Admin support
 - Stores
 - Health & Safety



Shore-side Facilities Mechanical Workshop Rigging Shop Pressure test - full ocean depth Acoustic tank Calibration Lab - seeking UKAS standard Transport - Lorries, cranes, forklifts



Vessels

• NERC

- Discovery
- Charles Darwin
- James Clarke Ross
- Prince Madog

Others

- Pelagia
- Polar Stern
- Atlantis
- Melville
- Sonne
- Poseidon
- and charter vessels



RSU Ship Utilisation



RRS Charles Darwin





RRS Discovery





RRS James Clark Ross



Projected 2004 programme

Currently anticipate:

- RRS Discovery
 - N. Atlantic until autumn, transit via AMT to Crozet Plateau
- RRS Charles Darwin
 - Return to Europe for refit e., then N. Atlantic
- RRS James Clark Ross
 - Transit via AMT north from Antarctic; summer around Greenland and Svalbard



- Statement of Requirements nearing completion – final stage before tender
- Total funding available: ca £40M:
- In service 2006















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New National Facilities

Uplift of infrastructure funding to make facilities available through the NMEP from Apr 2004:

- ISIS ROV.
- Autosub



RRS Discovery Winch Suite

	PURPOSE	CABLE/ROPE						WINCH		
		CONSTRUCTION	LENGTH	DIAMETER	MBL	WEIGHT IN WATER	MANUFACTURER	OPERATION	PULL CAPACITY	SPEED
FIXED	Coring	Steel	7000m	16.5 mm	18.56 Te	780kg.km-1	Certex (UK) Ltd	conventional direct pull	11 Te	2.0 ms-1
	Trawling	Tapered Steel	8300 m	14.5mm	13.00 Te	638kg.km-1	Certex (UK) Ltd	conventional direct pull	12.5 Te (first layer)	2.0 ms-1
			4350 m	16.5 mm	18.10 Te	780kg.km-1				
			2350 m	18.00mm	20.90 Te	1133kg.km-1				
	Deep Tow	Steel Armoured Electro/Optical	10000m	0.68" or ~17.3 mm	18.14Te	806kg.km-1	Rochester Corporation	traction winch with level wind	11Te	2.0 ms-1
	Deep Coring	Plasma	8000m	0.875" or ~22.0mm	42.00 Te	Buoyant SG = 0.98	Cortland Companies	traction winch with level wind	20Те	2.0 ms-1
	Standard CTD (x2)	Steel Armoured Electro/Optical	8000m	0.45" or ~11.43 mm	8.39Te	417kg.km-1	Rochester Corporation	traction winch with level wind	5.0 Te	2.0 ms-1
CONTAIN	Hydrographic	Steel	8000m	6.0 mm	2.0 Te	130kg.km-1	Certex (UK) Ltd	conventional direct pull	1.2 Te	2.0 ms-1
ERISED	Deep CTD	Synthetic Electro/Optical	8000m	12.7 mm	8.07Te	49.11kg.km-1	Cortland Companies	traction winch with level wind	5.0 Te	2.0 ms-1

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