

2006 Fleet Improvement Committee Activities

- **Fleet Renewal Plan**

- continued to work closely with FOFC on their fleet renewal plan
- produced a consistent listing of classification of the different UNOLS vessels and their full operating year
- continued work on the UNOLS Fleet Improvement Plan (its basis will be the FOFC plan)
- continued interactions with the ORION Office to determine the observatory needs for UNOLS vessels and other assets

- **Science Mission Requirements**

- continued the process of defining the Global Class Science Mission Requirements
- formed a subcommittee to draft Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines for research vessels

2006 Fleet Improvement Committee Activities (continued)

- Ship Construction/Conversion activities
 - kept abreast of the construction of the RV Sharp and conversion of the Marcus Langseth and Atlantic Explorer plan
 - kept informed on the progress of the over-the-side handling equipment for the Sharp and Kilo Moana

2007 Fleet Improvement Committee Plans

- complete the UNOLS Fleet Improvement Plan
- complete the Global Class SMRs
- incorporate ADA guidelines into the Regional, Ocean and Global Class SMRs
- write an EOS article describing the capabilities and limitations of working on the SWATH vessel Kilo Moana (after it has the new over-the-side handling system) based on actual operations. There have been many successful cruises of a wide range of at-sea operations.