

Debriefs of 2007 Cruises

- Mayer Cruise - November 19
- Grebmeier/Lovvorn Cruise - November 20
- Both cruises highly successful; achieved >100% of expected goals
- Both had high praise for almost all aspects of their cruise
- Excellent support from all personnel (CG, LDEO, Scripps)
- Debrief summaries not complete
- Sambrotto/BEST cruise debrief to be scheduled

Mayer Cruise - Preliminary Key Points

- Greater use of helicopter for community relations than anticipated by the NSF; much larger bill (science needs to do a better job of anticipating use)
- Need to anticipate CG use of helos for personnel transfers as well
- Press (North Pole): Would have been easier if there was a single point of contact but overall CG did a great job
- Safety on ice: Both science and CG needed better training for environmental exposure (cold, sun), ice physical safety, and bears
- Mid-Rats Food
- Better medical clearance and on-board medical expertise, especially for long trips away from shore, is desirable
- Participation of NIC personnel on cruise seen as very helpful and informative for those people
- Kudos to Steve Roberts

Grebmeier/Lovvorn Cruise - Preliminary Key Points

- Need to be sure to discuss appropriate internet use with science party (e.g., no facebook, music downloads, other high band width ancillary activities) Perhaps this should be added to cruise manual?
- Dependence on the single, walk-in freezer is alarming; suggest buying back-up chest freezers (relatively inexpensive)
- Helo should be thought of as critical for ice recon during spring (and winter!) cruises
- Need to carefully identify planned helo activities before cruise (and helo charter)
- Mid-Rats need improvement