

# Final Report, Post-Cruise Assessment Subcommittee 2004-2006

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# Statistics

- Current rate of return based on 2005 results is around 65% for captains and chief scientists.
- Larger ships tend to have longer cruises and experience a greater rate of return of PCAs.
- Local and regional ships that routinely support cruises of short duration tend to have lower rates of return.
- Recommendations:
  - A goal of 100% return rate for chief scientists on cruises longer than one week.
  - Future metrics for PCA return consider cruise duration.

# Activities

- Principal activity was to review PCAs each year for a third of the fleet.
- PCAs submitted by Captains, Marine Techs. and Chief Scientists were reviewed.
- Conclusion:
  - PCAs useful in soliciting critical comments on ship operations, science and education missions that have lead to an improvement in support of science and education by the UNOLS fleet.

# Activities - continued

- Report Distribution:
  - PCAs should be considered privileged communication and distributed to those intended.
  - Discontinue posting on ships.

# Activities - continued

- Discontinue Self-Rating:
  - Simplify reports from Captains and Marine Techs.
  - Marine Techs. should report on the operation of the ship's scientific equipment.
  - Marine Techs. may provide suggestions to Chief Scientists on improvement to their operation and on the conduct of the science party.

# Activities - continued

- Rating Scale:
  - A more balanced set of grading criteria between 100% and 50% needs to be established.

# Activities - continued

- Question #13 (To what extent was the planned science objectives of this cruise met?)
  - This question should continue to focus on the extent to which the service and support of the ship contributed to the science objectives and not solely a factor of the weather.

# Recommendation on Council's PCA Role

- Continue activities by the PCA subcommittee.
- Continue to monitor the utility of the PCA, its use by agencies and laboratory managers.
- Find method to encourage greater participation by the Chief Scientist.

# New PCA Subcommittee 2007-2009

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