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**Welcome!**  
**UNOLS**  
**Annual Meeting**



*~ Year in Review ~*  
*Activities, Issues, Highlights*

**October 1-2, 2008**

# 2008: Activities

- Ad-Hoc Committee continues work to establish best practices in Data Management
- FIC project to establish target and threshold values for Science Mission Requirements. Community Ocean Class SMR survey is underway.
- Fleet Improvement Plan – all chapters are drafted.
- UNOLS Policy and Procedures Regarding Committee Recommendations to Federal Agencies has been established
- Other Committee Activities will be reported later in the Meeting.



# 2008: Activities (Continued) - TWIC

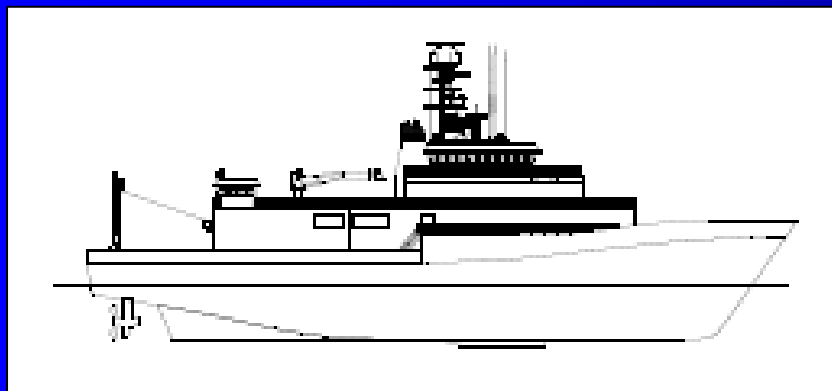


- Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) - Information for the UNOLS Community  
[http://www.unols.org/info/UNOLS\\_TWIC\\_INFO\\_051408.pdf](http://www.unols.org/info/UNOLS_TWIC_INFO_051408.pdf)
- TWIC cards are required for unescorted access to secure vessels and facilities.
- UNOLS recommends that scientists who use secure vessels/facilities obtain TWIC cards
- TWIC regulations are being phased in across the country. Will be fully implemented by April 15, 2009.
- Once they are in place, foreign students and researchers will still be able to go to sea on UNOLS research vessels, but may require an escort to gain access to the ship at certain secure facilities.



# 2008: Activities (continued) – Fleet Renewal

- UNOLS continues to stay abreast of on-going Fleet Renewal activities.
- Regional Class
- Ocean Class
- Alaska Region Research Vessel



## 2008: Issues

- Fleet Operations in 2009 –The cost of 2009 ship operations for NSF and ONR are circa \$13M and \$6M over budgeted funds for a total projected shortfall of about \$19M.
- Escalating Ship Operation Costs - The estimated total fleet ship operating costs are almost \$1M more than they were in 2008 (1% increase) but the number of days supported is reduced by just over 13% dropping from around 4,400 operating days to just over 3,800.

# 2008: Highlights

- R/V Marcus G. Langseth begins science operations as a UNOLS Vessel - February 2008
- First UNOLS 3-D seismic cruise – Summer 2008



