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Cruise Report - USCGC Polar Sea 7 March-7 April 2010 - Bering Sea



## Cruise Report

### BEST Cruise Track

Printable May - BEST emises



- De-brief pending
  - Good cruise, objectives met
  - Ship performed well, excellent CG support

- Off-load Wednesday and Thursday
  - Tight schedule with on-load of Thompson
  - Leaves Seattle for Dutch Harbor on Friday

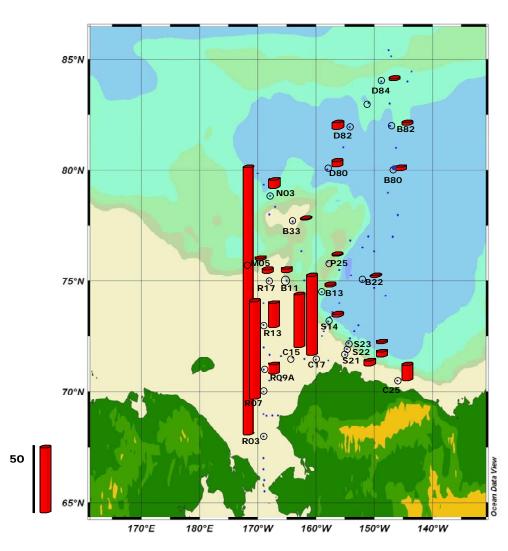
#### PSEA-01-10 BEST Equipment Issues

- Scripps Sci Support COTR aboard: working well
- OSU Cold and Rad Vans aboard
- Purchase/delivery of 1 lit incubator, repair of 1 from HEALY (Txs to Renee, CH2MHill)
- 2 CTD rosettes modified w ADCP brackets
- New 0.322 CTD wire sheave
- New Milli-Q DW system
- Failed SW intake temp probe fixed underway; ice-up a problem when stopped
- Preliminary MapServer install effort w UCAR server, personnel. ESU purchased server, coordinating setup jointly w UCAR, training TBD
- pCO2 install delayed pending NOAA funds

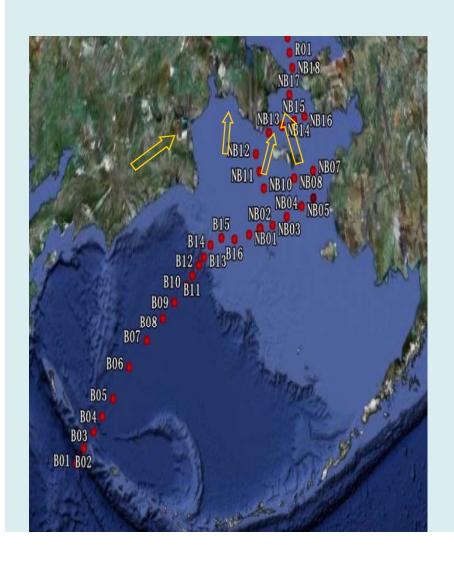
#### USCGC POLAR SEA BEST Final Stats

- 87 CTDs
- 58 V-net tows
- 281 Van Veen grabs
- 83 HAPS cores
- 9 XHAPS cores
- 9 Ice Stations
- 91 science stations total

# International Arctic Icebreaker Activity, XUE LONG, CHINARE July 1-Sept 25 2010, Nome port call (2008 cruise track)



Xuelong Cruise Route 2010 Depart Xiamen on July 1, call on Nome on 15 July and return to Shanghai Sept 23





100 stations1 mooring system1 ice camp in Chukchi Plateau

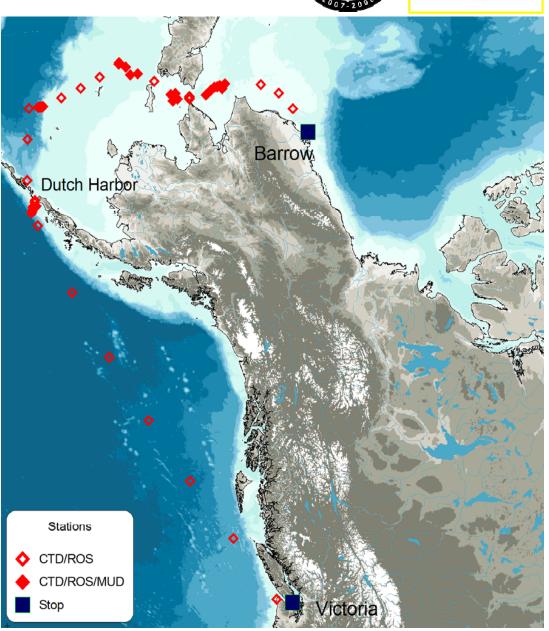






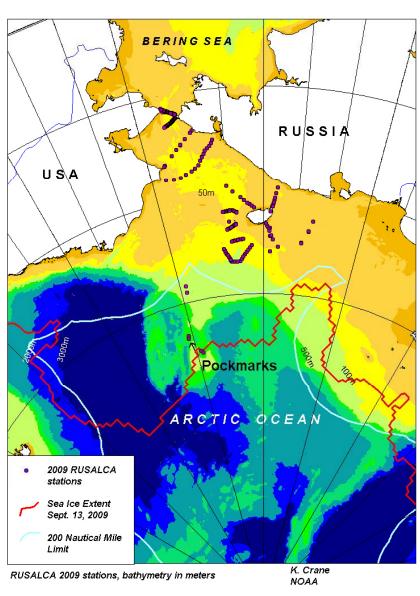
## Sir Wilfrid Laurier July 7 To 22

- Daily CTD/Rosette/Net stations on Pacific great circle transit
- Infill underway XCTD casts
- Cross shelf CTD/Rosette sections south of Aleutians, in the southern Bering Sea and across the Bering Strait
- Stations in Bering and Chukchi Seas (max 300m) with CTD/Rosette, Nets and Sediment sampling
- Underway Measurements: Wildlife observations, GPS and Ship's heading, Sounder, Weather, In-lab seawater system
- 9-12 science berths Victoria Barrow



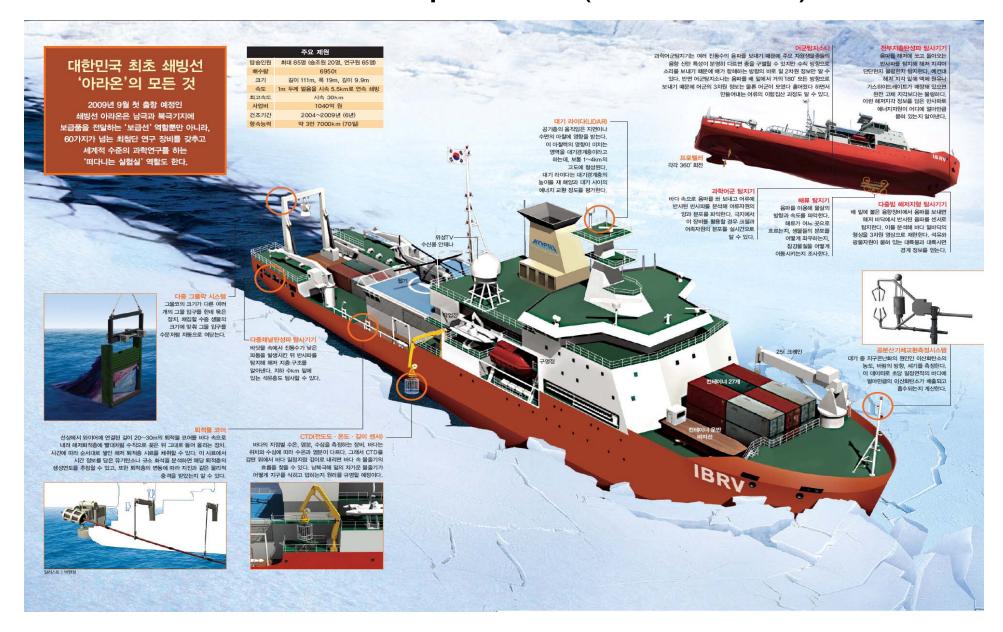
## RUSALCA (Russian-American Long-term Census of the Arctic)



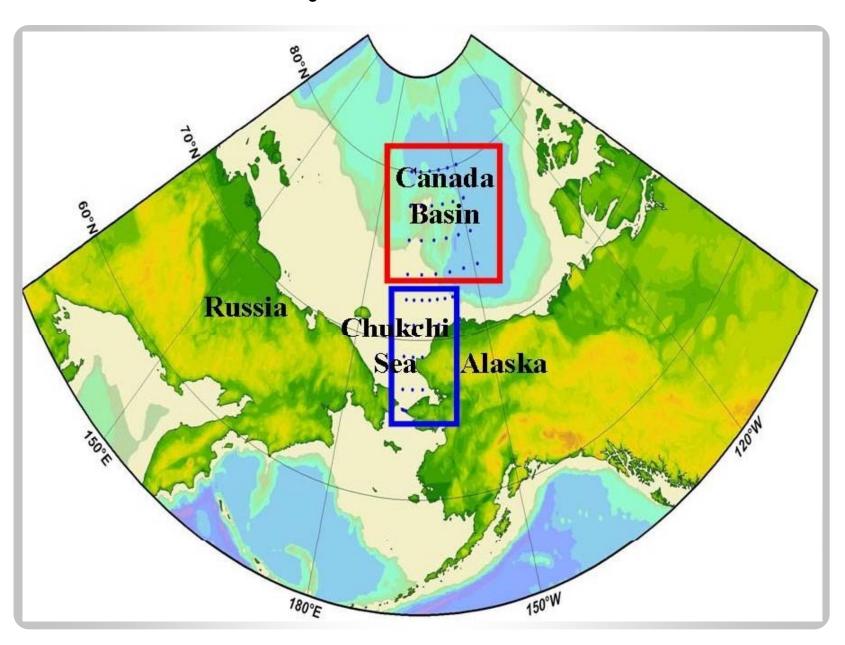


- 7 moorings in Bering Strait, rotated annually
- processcruises ~every 4 years

## Korean ARAON, Ice Testing 2/10, W.Arctic 7/15-8/15, Nome portcall (Cost \$92M)

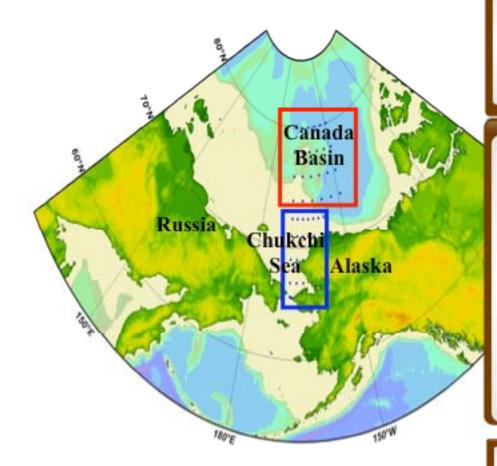


#### **ARAON Main Study Locations in the Arctic Ocean**



#### Future Research Plan - 2

#### Long-term Arctic Ocean Monitoring Program



#### **Recovery of past environments;**

- -Structure of sediments
- -Geochemical isotope anaysis
- -Paleo-phytoplankton in sediments

#### Current

#### Monitoring current conditions;

- -Monitoring sea ice
- -Physical/Chemical characteristics of wat ers
- -Distributions and characteristics of phyt oplankton and zooplankton
- -Benthic ecosystem studies
- -Microorganism studies
- -Sea ice ecosystem studies on sea ice

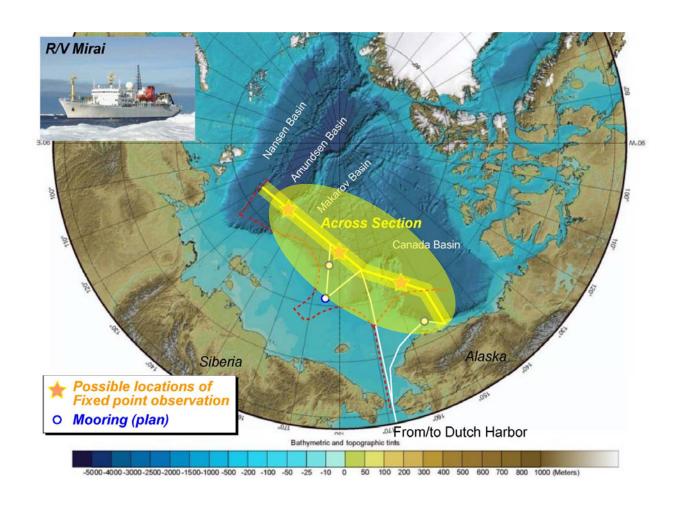
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#### Predicting future conditions;

-Developing ice-ocean-atmosphere model

### R/V Mirai cruise plan in 2009 and beyon

JAMSTEC plan to conduct R/V Mirai Arctic cruise in 2009, 2010, and hopefully 2012. Main target area is the western Canada Basin and the Makarov Basin, to quantify on-going changes of Arctic meteorological, bio-geochemical, and physical environmental factors in these area. 2010=7/2-10/15, Dutch portcall



#### New Russian, Chinese Icebreakers

- RUSSIAN Icebreaker: Built in Admiralty Yards, St. Petersburg, completed 2010. Run by AARI, replacement for AKADEMIK FEODOROV. Features EM3020 multibeam, and Saab Seaeye Falcon ROV
- CHINESE Icebreaker: joint international design, Built in China, completed 2013-14, intended to supplement XUE LONG for more arctic work, as state-of-the art science ship, XUE LONG to be used more for Antarctic logistics and science