

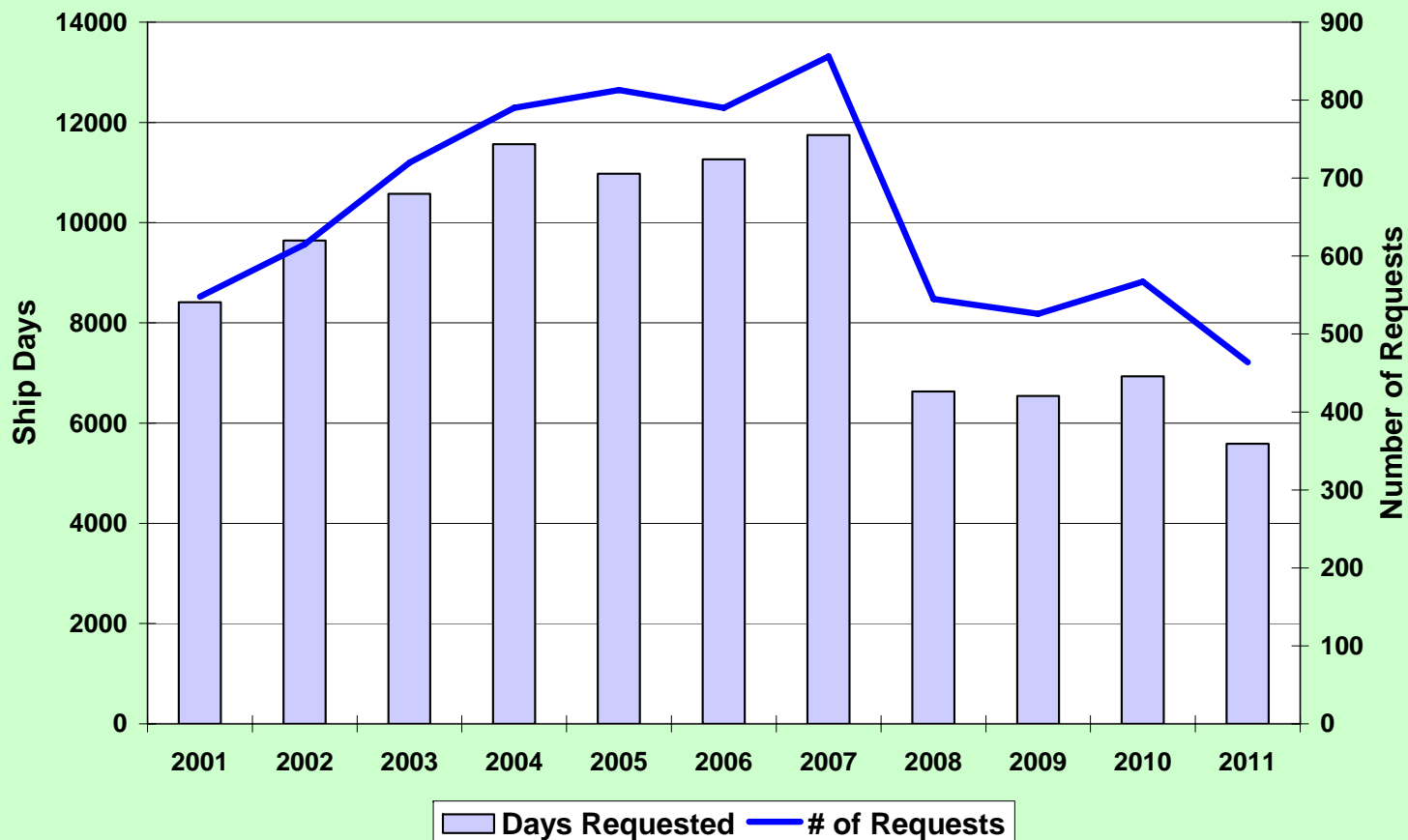


UNOLS Evaluation of Decline in Ship Time Demand



Ship time Demand Survey

Ship Time Request Demand





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- A draft on-line survey was created
- With the data collected from this survey we hope to identify any perceived obstacles that might be hindering the submission of the ship time requests.
- We also hope to determine if this trend will continue and if so, more informed decisions on the future UNOLS fleet composition can be made to better match utilization projections.



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A variety of reasons for the decline in ship time demand have been suggested:

- New PhD researchers have less interest in field work
- An aging sea-going science community
- A perception that proposals with ship time requests have lower award rates
- Grim federal budget climate
- etc.



Survey Purpose:

With the survey results, we hope to:

- Determine if the decline in ship time demand can be expected as a long-term trend
- Identify any issues or barriers (real or perceived) related to submitting proposals that include ship time requests and work to reduce those barriers
- Develop strategies for reducing any barriers that might be identified and to expand access to UNOLS vessels
- Re-evaluate the future fleet capacity and composition in comparison to anticipated ship time demand



Survey Questions:

- Survey Monkey – 28 questions
- Part I – Demographics
 - Questions are asked about experience, research discipline, field research, etc of the individual completing the survey
- Part II
 - Questions are asked regarding future plans (if any) to use vessels, which vessels, any obstacles in conducting research, etc



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- Next Steps:
 - Finalize Form
 - Broadly distribute the Survey URL with an end date
 - UNOLS Office will compile the data and present at the winter Council Meeting