

A Brief History of (Oceanographic) Time.

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The Biostation boat, the *Culver* - late 1930's – 1940's.

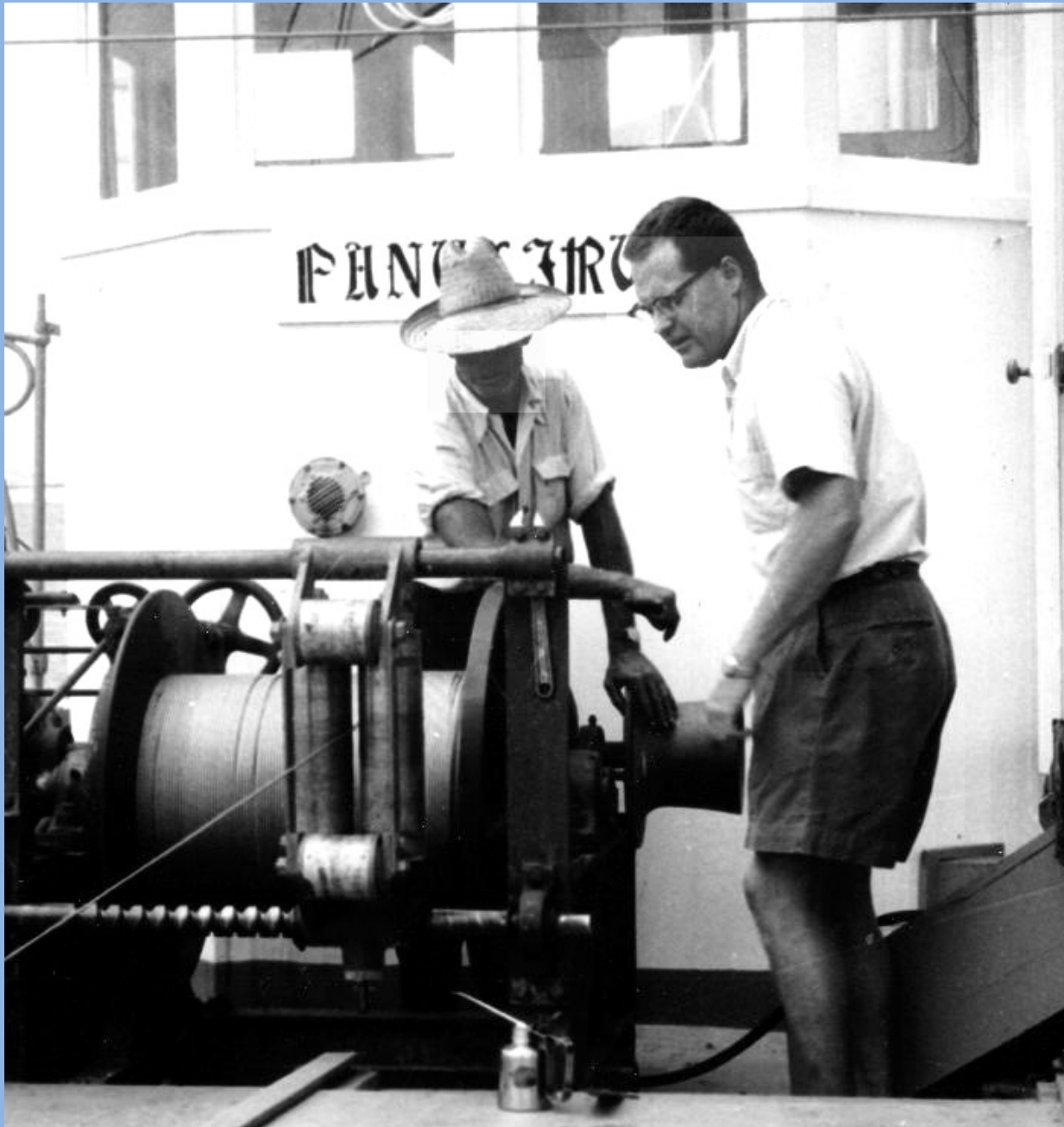
Columbus Iselin was President and Director during this period.



Biostation in the 1950's



Panulirus – ~1954-1967 - a 61-foot round-bottomed, round-sterned boat that was reputedly not well suited to oceanic exploration. Interesting as it was reportedly a loaner from the Bermuda Gov't.



Dr William Sutcliffe on
the Biostation boat,
Panulirus

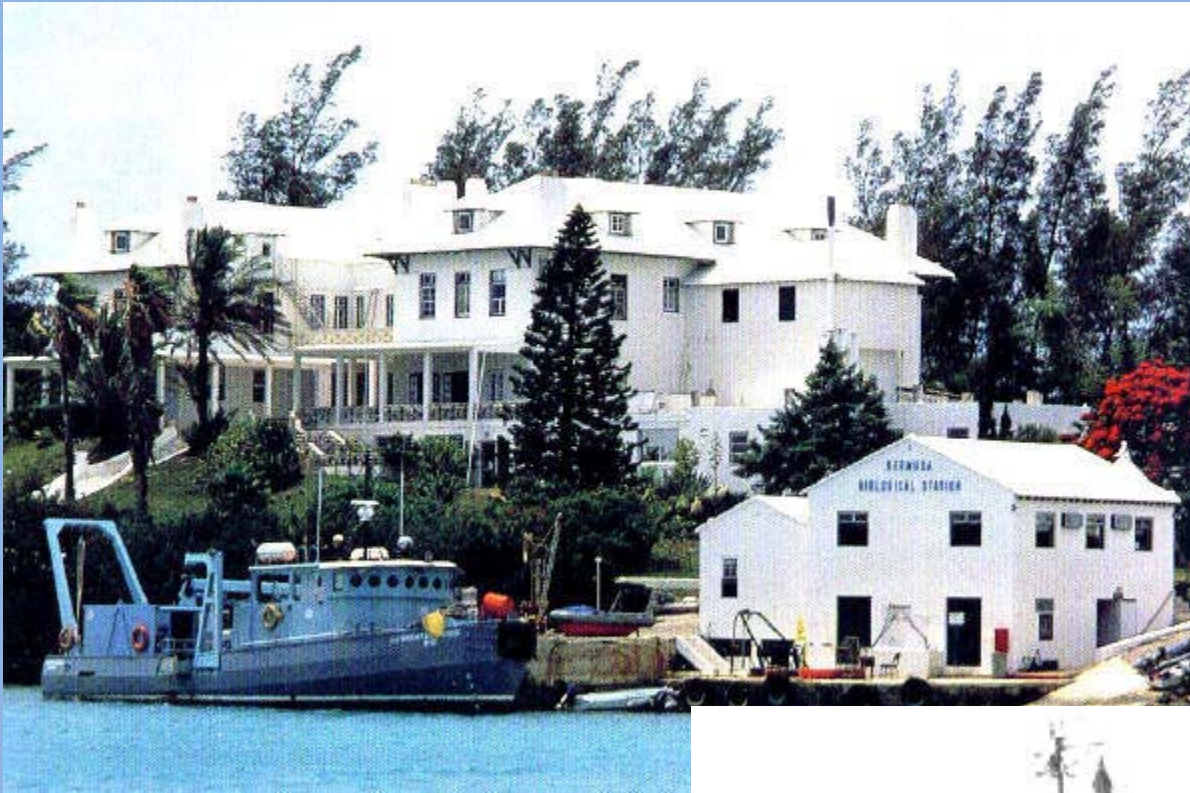




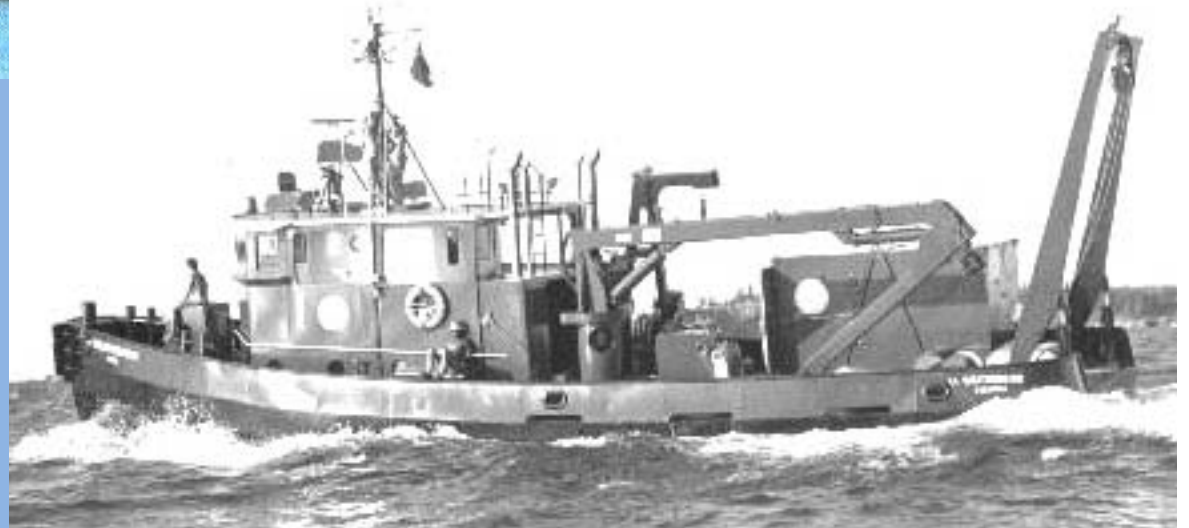
Built for the USA Navy as a supply vessel for the service between the U.S. Naval Base South Hampton to the Argus Weather Tower.

Purchased by the Biostation in May 1967 and refitted as the new 'Panulirus Station' vessel. Marked the era of year-round oceanographic operations at BBS

Starred in "The girl, the boy an the giant turtle." – 1978 film



Weatherbird purchased in 1982





R/V Weatherbird II - Purchased in 1989 and designated as a UNOLS vessel. Converted from an oilfield supply vessel. Replaced WB as a more stable and capable vessel was needed for the newly started BATS program.





R/V Atlantic Explorer - Purchased in 2005 and designated as a UNOLS vessel. Converted from an SJII, and replaced WBII as a more stable and capable vessel was needed for the continuing oceanographic programs.