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- Alaska Region Research Vessel (ARRV)
- Ice-capable general oceanographic research ship
  - IACS PC-5 Ice Classification one of the first in US
  - 260 feet length
  - 4,053 LT displacement at design draft
  - 5,750 BHP
  - 45-day endurance
  - Integrated power plant with AC propulsion motors
  - Tractor style Z-drives
- Owned by NSF, being built and operated by UAF
- UNOLS Global Class
- Homeport in Seward, Alaska





### SIKULIAQ SCHEDULE

### What has happened to date?

- October 2008 Final Design Review
- August 2009 Z-drive contract with Wartsila
- December 2009 Shipyard contract with Marinette Marine Corporation
- January 7th 2010 shipyard contract start date
- Well into design verification





#### **Design Verification Weight Issues**

- Shipyard estimate ~ 300LT greater than Contract Estimate
- Weight+VCG too high design not viable

### **Weight Mitigation**

- Increase length 6 feet in parallel midbody (260 ft ship)
- Change from Steel to Aluminum structure above 02 deck
- Eliminate elevator service above 01 deck
- Shorten/rearrange Pilothouse
- Misc- light-weight joinery, steel reductions, electric deck heat, ...





**Current Construction Status** 



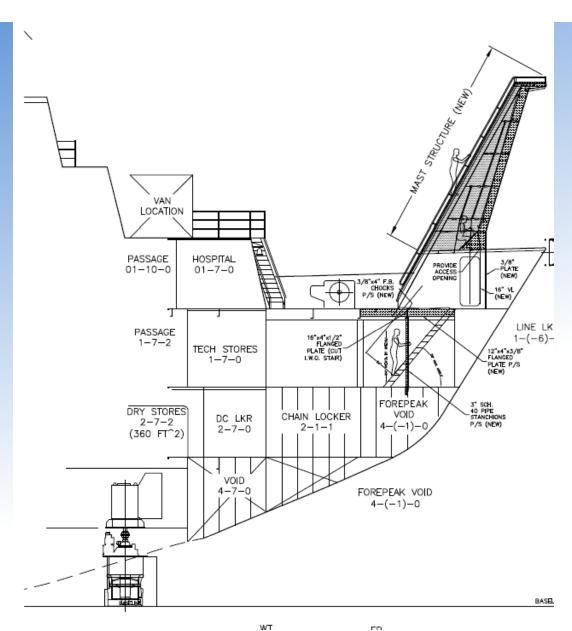
















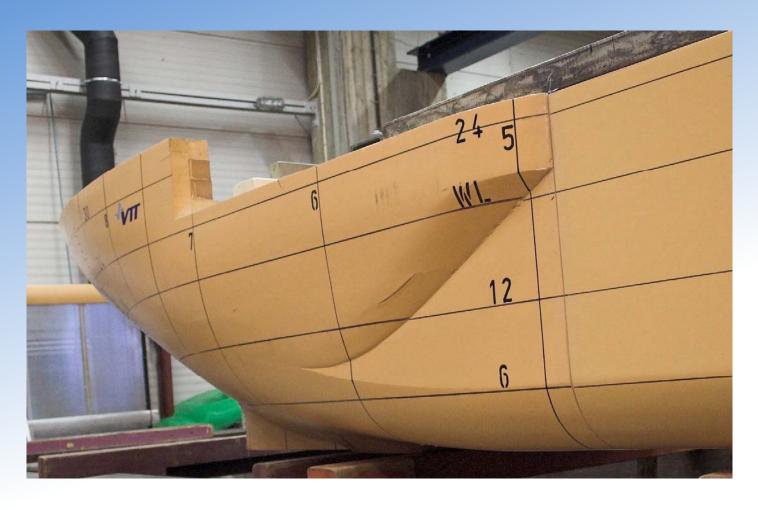
Stern view with tractor Z-drive units and ice stops





Bow form and detail of the ice wedge showing the bow thruster.





Detail of the ice reamer



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#### What Does the Future Look Like?

| January to December 2010                                   |
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