

AICC Update

- AICC Meeting – last week in Arlington, 20-21 April
- Healy Update
 - 4 Cruises this year, return in Jan 2012
 - Kevin Arrigo – NASA ICESCAPE – 25 June – 20 July
 - Larry Mayer – Extended Continental Shelf – 11 Aug – 28 Sep
 - Bob Pickart – Beaufort Chukchi Shelf Moorings – 3-27 Oct
 - Carin Ashjian – Winter Biology & Physical Cruise – Bering & Chukchi -7 Nov – 20 Dec
 - New science support contract – STARC which will support Polar Star & other USCG ships
- Polar Class Icebreakers
 - Polar Sea decommissioning prior to 30 Sep 2011 –to be scrapped under MARAD program
 - Polar Star in 3rd phase of 4 Phase re-activation – ready for unrestricted ops in 2014
- Budget – OMB proposed moving the i/b budget from NSF back to the USCG. Still await Congressional direction
- National Ice Center vs other support for ice imagery (e.g. Polarview)
- Continued focus on improvement in outreach to native communities & participation by native students, community observers, etc
- Lee Cooper developed a “Primer for Marine Scientists Planning Shipboard Work in Alaskan Arctic and Sub-Arctic Waters” – posted on www.icefloe.net
- US Navy renewed focus on Arctic science