

DeSSC Sentry 2011 Personnel



- Continuing to address personnel shortage highlighted last year
- Personnel additions:
 - Carl Kaiser (3 Sentry cruises)
 - Mike Jakuba (experienced WHOI AUV engineer returning)
 - Jared Schwartz (1 Sentry cruise)
 - Open EE requisition (reviewing résumés now)
 - Glenn McDonald shoreside (experienced WHOI designer)
- Looking at options for retention
 - Sustainable schedule
 - Cross training and personal development



Vehicle Upgrades

- New Ti electronics housing
- Additional 175 lbs of flotation
- Iridium unit for emergency location
- New, more reliable release motors
- Repair skin fasteners

Infrastructure Upgrades

- New shipping/operations van
- Computing upgrades
- CAD model updates

Standard Maintenance

Done by September 2, 2011

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DeSSC Sentry 2011 Upgrade Housing



- Improves operational range from 4,500 to 6,500m (6,000m*)
- Ti Housing spherical endcaps
- New connectors including fiber
- All connectors fully water blocked of proven design
- Also requires:
 - Skin extensions
 - Frame extension
 - Significant rewiring





^{*} Some sensors on the vehicle are only rated to 6,000m (e.g., Reson)



DeSSC Sentry 2011 Upgrade Flotation



- Adds 175 lbs of additional flotation in a four inch layer around the middle
- Adds capacity for:
 - New housing
 - Sidescan with Reson
 - New strobe
 - Iridium
 - More ascent and descent weights
 - New camera and/or possible future stereo imaging system
 - Payload of opportunity (TBD ~ 20 lbs)



DeSSC Sentry 2011 Upgrade Van



Necessary due to increased height & age of old van

Infrastructure for significant additional improvements,

i.e., charge rack & cooling system built in (future project)

•More versatile electrical service for worldwide usage (110/220/440 VAC 50/60 Hz)





DeSSC Sentry 2011 Upgrade Stack & Data



- Upgrade on-vehicle OS (Ubuntu 8.04 to Ubuntu 10.04) to keep pace with industry standard hardware
- New vehicle backup infrastructure
- Data processing machines OS upgrade to match stack
 - Fixes 4096byte sector problem
- Google Earth & photo movie viewing/tagging tools tested again, soon to be standard

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Sentry 2011 Additional Projects

- Strobe upgrade
 - Strobe identified mostly off the shelf
 - Hoping to purchase this year and fabricate all mounting etc. and install in early 2012, budget permitting
- Camera spare or replacement probably 2012
 - Several off the shelf solutions preferable
 - Requires very high end data processing machine beyond what we currently deploy
 - Cost still unknown
- Reson spare parts
 - Full package ~\$150k but will get as far as we can this year