

# Tech Pool & Tech Exchanges



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- 1 Tech Pool Tech (Rob Hagg<full time)
  - Scheduled for ~140 days/6 cruises
  - 7 other cruises identified that could have used the Tech Pool technician but already scheduled on other cruises.
- 10 Tech Exchanges in 2012
- 1 USCG MST participated on the THOMPSON



### Tech Pool & Exchanges (cont.)

- Potential for more use of Tech Pool/Tech Exchanges in 2013
- Will add a 2<sup>nd</sup> Tech Pool tech in 2013
- Hoping to restart tech exchanges with the USAP program



# Radioisotope Contamination Workshop- Held Oct 27 2011 at NSF



### Background:

- Radioisotope contamination levels that affect natural abundance work are far smaller than levels regulated for Health and Safety. 1 grain in 5 trucks
- NSF hosted a workshop, facilitated by Alice/UNOLS to discuss potential issues with radioisotope contamination (beyond Health and Safety) and look for ways to prevent it in the future.
- We can't standardize enhanced radioisotope operations throughout the fleet due to different state/institutional regulations.



#### What can we do?

The ship operators and the science community must work together to keep the UNOLS vessels clean for all users. To do this, we can

- Build awareness of the potential problem.
- Continue to monitor for contamination using Operation SWAB.
- Create Radioisotope Use Logs that document the history of radioisotope use and SWAB tests ofeach vessel.



# How can we do this?

#### **UNOLS Radioisotope Contamination Awareness Program**

- Provides tools to help operators educate science parties to the potential problem. These include:
  - A short briefing of the potential problem
  - Presentations for Science and Crew regarding radioisotope contamination awareness
  - A checklist to guide pre-cruise shipboard discussion applicable to all users
- Discusses the SWAB monitoring program
- Introduces the Radioisotope Use Logs for the fleet



## What is next?

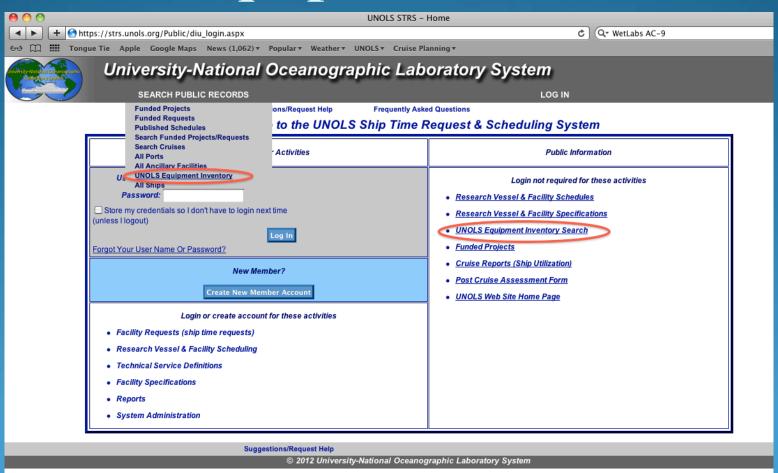
- Gather feedback from October 2011workshop participants
- When more finalized, make public and disseminate information
  - RVTEC meeting
  - RVOC meeting and/or mailing list
  - Science Community
  - Other?



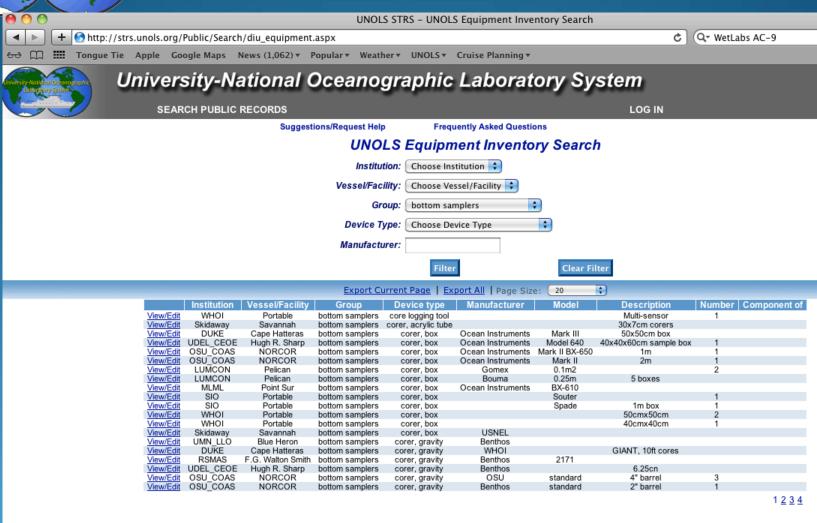
# UNOLS Science Instrumentation/Equipment Online



# Science Equipment now online







Suggestions/Request Help

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# Cruise Planning Application



#### Where we are now:

- Pilot program is almost complete
- Goals of the Pilot Program are nearly met. These were to create a system thatutilizes the data already in the Ship Time Request System (makes it easier for the PI)
  - is flexible enough to be manipulated by nonprogrammers
  - gathers data in an organized manner and holds all the planning data in a central location
  - makes the data available to all who need it



## Key features

- Upload from STRS no need to reenter information
- Checklists/Milestones
  - Customizable to meet institution's needs
  - Shows the PI what needs to occur when
- Ability to upload supplemental documentation into the system.
- Cloning a cruise



### Key features (cont)

- Operator Quick links gives quick access to items operators have control over
- Easily customizable Cruise Plan section
- Semi-automated account set-up and password reset
- Ability to make questions mandatory
- Ability to change the look of the application to match the institution.



### What is next?

- Creating documentation
  - Help documents
  - Report on the Pilot Program
- Compiling a list of upgrades/additional features for the future
- Working to create a plan for a path forward