NOAA’s Ship and Aircraft Support
Office of Marine and Aviation Operations (OMAO)

University-National Oceanographic Laboratory System (UNOLS)
Research Vessel Operator’s Committee Meeting

Solomons, MD
April 23-25, 2013
Overview

- Fleet Overview
- Vessel Operations
- New Ship
- UNOLS Vessel Support
NOAA Ships and Homeports in 2012

18 Ships
11 Homeports

MISSIONS
- Nautical Charting
- Fisheries Survey
- Oceanographic Research
- Ecosystem Survey
- Ocean Exploration
- Climate Survey

NOAA's Office of Marine and Aviation Operations (OMAO)
Vessel Operations

- FY2013 Budget under Omnibus
- 2718 Operating Days
- 16 Ships currently operating
- 4 Ships will be offline this year
  - Delaware II – Decommissioned
  - Miller Freeman – Decommissioned
  - McArthur II
  - Ka’imimoana

~180 Days per ship – Over 75% utilization rate
New Ships

FSV-6 Marinette, WI

(Credit: Val Ihde, Marinette Marine Corp.

Reuben Lasker
2013 – 222 Operating Days planned

- Clifford A. Barnes Puget Sound
- Walton Smith Habitat/Western Boundary
- Hugh Sharp Fisheries Survey
- New Horizon CalCofi
- Pelican GOM
- Savannah Fisheries Survey
- Thompson Vents

7% of UNOLS Days
Collaborative Opportunities

- Joint NOAA/UNOLS Technician Training
- Environmental Compliance Training
- Scheduling Portal hosted by UNOLS