

Science Verification Cruise (SVC)

- Original expedition: one leg to Cayman Rise vents and another to the Florida escarpment brine seeps, ca May 7-27 2013
 - SVC announcement sent out soliciting applications for participation
 - *23 applications for 6 SVC scientist positions*
 - *18 applications from early career scientists*
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- SPECIAL THANKS to the two committees that reviewed the numerous applications and selected the participants
 - *SVC ad hoc committee: Cindy Van Dover (Chair) , Sarah Bennett, Bill Chadwick, Dan Fornari, Breea Govenar, Jeff Karson, Evan Solomon, Costa Vetriani.*
 - *SVC early career committee: Mike Tryon (Chair) , Evan Solomon, Weibke Ziebis*

Science Verification Cruise (SVC), cont'd

- Issues with NAVSEA certification, etc made it impractical to complete the SVC as planned
- With support from NSF, we are planning to salvage this effort by conducting a short SVC in the fall of this year
 - *Dives will likely be in easier locales, e.g. seeps, rocky outcrops, etc*
 - *Although it's half the dives, we are likely to accomplish the majority of the previously identified tasks*

• QUESTIONS:

- To what degree do we invite the former applicants to participate? Do we open this up again? Do we select the most appropriate PIs?
- I believe we should not do the early career program due to the shorter duration, may also avoid other problems. Thoughts?