Mission-Ready Assets

18 Ships

Missions
- Nautical Charting
- Fisheries Survey
- Oceanographic Survey
- Coastal Monitoring
- Ocean Exploration

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NOAA DAS on UNOLS Ships

Year (Number of Ships)

2013 (12) - 227
2014 (13) - 351

UNOLS DAS
Vessel Operations FY 2015

- 16 Active research vessels and two inactive ships, Ka’imimoana and McArthur II

- Planning for FY2015 Presidents Budget is underway; should have draft fleet allocation plan by June.

- Variable operations budget, able to support a majority of NOAA requirements

- Fund various charters on UNOLS vessels and commercial vessels as required by NOAA programs
New Fisheries Survey Vessel

- *Reuben Lasker* delivered to NOAA in November 2013, to be commissioned May 2\textsuperscript{nd} in San Diego
Recent Successes

- Supported 6 EPA ocean dumping site surveys as federal fleet partners
- NOAA Ship Delaware II sold on GSA in July
- NOAA Ship Miller Freeman sold on GSA in December
- NOAA Ship Ron Brown recently completed a 10 month transition to the Pacific, potentially working in Pacific until 2016
- Transparent online ship time request and scheduling tool (NOAA ASSET PASS)
- Safety training for crews: S.O.S. System Improving Safety Culture
- NOAA’s Hiring Freeze rescinded
- Working closely with UNOLS
Recent Hardships

- Crew staffing/ High number of Wage Marine engineer vacancies
  - Balancing vacancy rate, leave requests (routine and emergency), and not fit for duty scenarios

- Maintenance repairs contract performance/ period of performance shifts

- TAO array not fully maintained
Agency Initiatives

• Proposed Command Tool and Fleet Information System

• Fleet Recapitalization Plan 2012 to 2027- under review by OMB
  ➢ 4 Ocean Survey Vessels (OSV) – IAA with Navy in negotiations. Funding secured for next 18 mo. of design work