



# Fleet Operations in 2014 & 2015 Agency Recommendations



In CY12, NSF recommended the retirement of R/V *Point Sur* at the end of 2014 operating year. CY 14 agency findings reiterate this position based on underutilization of West Coast Intermediate & Coastal/Regional Class ships. The need to lay-up a West Coast Intermediate ship was also evident .

Moss Landing has decided they will not operate R/V *Point Sur* as an institutional vessel and she will be retired as of 31 December 2014.

Scripps Institution of Oceanography has made a decision to continue operating R/V *Robert Gordon Sproull* and to retire of R/V *New Horizon* in February 2015.



# CY 15 Agency Recommendations

- NSF & ONR continue to recommend the operators find ways to reduce costs, and seek appropriate opportunities to support research from other funding sources.
- It is important not to over-estimate yearly costs which then can result in large carry-forwards and may reduce other funding opportunities because those funds must held in reserve.
- Care should be taken not to make assumptions about trends in proposal success rates. An incorrect impression may exacerbate the underutilization by discouraging PIs from submitting sea-going proposals.