

Planning for the next US Global Class Research Vessel Town Hall

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Establishing Science Mission Requirements (SMRs) is key at the initial steps of Research Vessel Design and Construction SMRs lead to Design Specifications "if it's not in the specifications, it's not in the ship"





Science Mission Requirements Overview

- The purpose of SMRs is to set down mission capabilities to be used as guidelines during the various design phases for a vessel class.
- A key concept is that ship systems are completely integrated with the science mission for these vessels.





Sample mission profiles should be defined that will provide examples of how new vessels might be used.

e.g., size of moorings deployed, cruise durations...

It is possible that not all requirements can be fully realized in any one design. During later design phases priorities may be refined.





Vessel designs are largely defined by: PAYLOAD SPEED ENDURANCE HULL SHAPE PROPULSION

SMR Elements

- Accommodations and habitability:
 - Accommodations
 - Habitability
- Operational characteristics
 - Endurance & Range
 - Speed
 - Sea keeping
 - Station keeping
 - Track line following
 - Ship control
 - Ice strengthening
- Over-the-side and weight handling
 - Over the side handling
 - Winches & Wire
 - Cranes
 - Towing



SMR Elements

- Science working spaces
 - Working deck area
 - Laboratories
- Vans
- Storage
- Science load
- Workboats
- Masts
- On deck incubations
- Marine mammal & bird observations......



Other SMR Considerations

- Cost
- Energy Efficiency
- On the Horizon Technologies
- Operation & Maintenance
- Regulatory Requirements and Classifications
 - Polar code requirements
 - Air emissions



Committee for Global Class Vessel Planning – Science Mission Requirements (SMR)

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Committee Charge: Develop a "Living" (easily modified) SMR for the next US Global Class Vessel

- Tasks: Define Science Drivers
- Fleet Improvement Plan
 (www.unols.org/document/unols-fleetimprovement-plan-2015)
- Evaluation of existing fleet service life, scheduling, costs
- Existing and future individual PI to large program needs (Community Surveys, Town Halls, etc.)
- Agency needs and funding



SMR Tasks: Data gathering

- Examine existing SMRs for US Global and Ocean Classes
- Gather information on international Global fleet size, endurance, berthing, deck/lab facilities, build and maintenance costs, etc.



R/V Thompson, 1991



R/V Revelle, 1996



R/V Atlantis, 1997





R/V Langseth, 2004





International Global Examples



UK: Discovery (2013), 327', 28 scientists



Australia: Investigator, 308', 40 scientists





France: Pourquoi Pas, 351', 40 scientists



Germany: Meteor, 320', 30 scientists



China (Xiamen): Tan Kah Kee:,255', 36 scientists



SMR Tasks: Data gathering (cont.)

- Survey existing Global Class users, and captains and engineers.
- Survey the community and have open discussions via Town Halls such as this one



SMR Timeline

June 2017	Start process – define science drivers and gather data
Dec. 2017	Survey past Global users, captains, engineers
Feb. 2018	Survey community (Link on UNOLS web site and to email list; other?)
	Town Hall at 2018 OSM
	Other Town Halls – need to reach "MG&G"
April 2018	Draft SMR Ver. 1.0
May 2018	Circulate SMR to Fleet Improvement Committee
June 2018	Circulate SMR Ver. 1.1 to UNOLS Council
July 2018	Compile all inputs and create "living" SMR Ver. 2.0



We're done talking, now we're listening and taking notes. Thanks!