



Regional Class Research Vessel (RCRV)



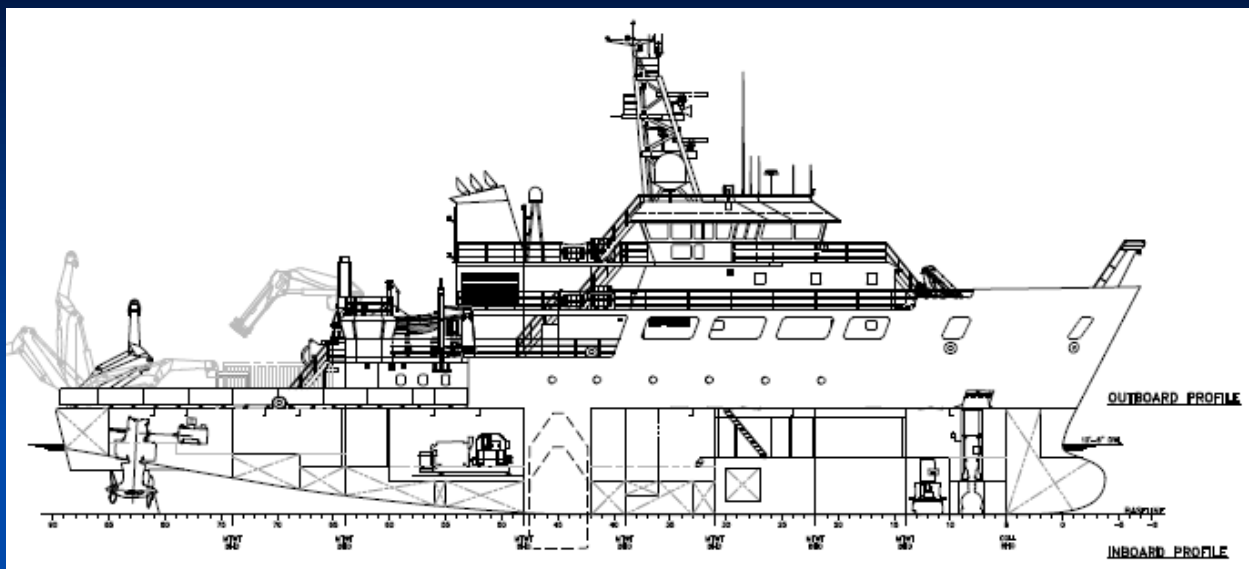
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- Construction – started in July 2017
 - U.S. Congress includes \$121.88 M in FY 2017 and \$105.00 M in FY 2018 NSF budget for construction of three RCRVs
 - Design Verification and Transfer RCRV-1 extended through September 2018
 - Lengthening to 199 feet to address space, weight and stability issues without reducing community desired science scope
 - Keel Laying for RCRV-1 planned for October 2018
 - Planned deliveries: RCRV-1 early 2021; RCRV-2 late 2021; RCRV-3 in 2023
 - One year of sea trials and science verification before operations commence



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■ Operations –

- Oregon State University to operate RCRV-1
- Additional operators determined by competition; Selection is in progress
- Operators involved in respective activities: DVT through transition to operations
 - Will participate in region-specific requirements identification
 - Gain vessel familiarity to support transition to operations