Quality of Life at Sea
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• We conducted a three-question survey using Qualtrics (thanks Rhian Waller)
  o All UNOLS membership
  o 02 Jan – 28 Feb 2020
  o survey extended to engage more crew/techs
  o 277 complete responses
• Preliminary Results (following slides)
• Next steps
  o Complete analysis
  o Graduate student?
1 - In your experience, what efforts are currently being made to improve the habitability of ships, increase morale of crew and science party, and enhance the overall quality of life at sea?

• Most common response was that people were not aware of any efforts or even thought that things were getting worse.

• Newer ships have more personal space and comfort, single person staterooms in particular

• Food was mentioned many times to have vastly improved, and how important that was to morale.

• Harassment training: both positive and negative comments
2 - What additional changes or additions would you like to see to improve the quality of life at sea?

- More Bandwidth
- Simple, low-cost suggestions
  - Science meeting at beginning/end
  - Card tournament
  - Team-building activities
- Overlap with MERAS
- Overlap with FIC/SMRs
3 - What resources do you believe are needed to make additional improvements?

‘Funding and will’

• $$ was the most common response – for obvious reasons

• ‘will’ was representative of a frequent impression by survey responders to feel like these issues weren’t important to decision makers