FLEET RENEWAL UPDATE
Regional Class Research Vessels

Presented by Clare Reimers 11/1/2021
3 Vessel Build under NSF MREFC Funding

R/V Taani

R/V Narragansett Dawn

R/V Gilbert R Mason

Oregon State University

East Coast Oceanographic Consortium

Caribbean Oceanographic Consortium
RCRV MREFC Project Milestones

- Complete Design Transfer (OSU to shipyard)
- Begin Construction (Keel laying)
- Launch and Final Outfitting
- Shipyard/Builders Trials
- Delivery for Preliminary Acceptance (by OSU)
- End of Warranty Period - (Final Acceptance Construction Complete)
- Science Trials (Transition to Operations)
- NSF Inspection
- Acceptance as UNOLS vessel

TPC = $363.4M
% Complete = 41%
Contingency Balance = $22.5M
R/V Taani
Delivery 03/16/2023

R/V Narragansett Dawn
Delivery 09/18/2023

R/V Gilbert R. Mason
Delivery 02/19/2024

Project Completion 01/31/2025
Project Duration and Scheduling Factors

• Planned Project End date has been extended 20 months.
• Early construction delays tied primarily to GIS management and deficiencies in integrated production modeling and release of production drawings.
• Transitioning the design modeling responsibility to Glosten (from Genoa) in early 2020 was a major change for the project that overcame most of the bottleneck with GIS.
• **COVID** did delay some of the modeling work in 2020 and contributed to yard labor inefficiencies.
2021 Challenges

- Beginning May 2021, Shipyard has New Ownership
  - **Bollinger Houma Shipyard (BHS)**
  - Bollinger is the largest privately owned yard in the Country
  - Long history of successful projects for the USCG and USN
  - Transition to BHS caused new schedule delays, but this change has been good for the project overall
  - Work ramping up under new shipyard direction by August 2021
2021 Challenges - Houma LA

Hurricane Ida
August 29, 2021
Sustained 130 kt
Gusts 150 kt

Area Infrastructure Damage

Main Fab shop V1 & V2
Panel line
OSU Offices
Destroyed Warehouses
## Damaged Utility Pole Comparison: † = 1,000 Poles

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Bollinger Houma Shipyard - IDA Response

- Improving Storage
- Rapid upgrades to drainage and flood protection
- Community re-building projects
- Labor Force Support
Vessel Progress as of October 2021

R/V TAANI

Outfitting

Cut and Panels
Module Construct
Subassembly Erection/Construct
Blast & Paint
Module Erection

R/V Narragansett Dawn

R/V Gilbert R. Mason
R/V TAANI  Amelia Yard Aluminum Work

Forecastle & start of bulwarks
Welding of the flat into the hull supermodule occurred in October 2021.
Phase IV – R-DESC

- CORIOLIX
  - Development and integration with CI and Sensors
  - Support for all three current OIs
- Cyber and Sensor Infrastructure
  - All three vessels sensor procurement
  - Configuration and system testing
  - R/V TAANI full system bench test
- Larger RFP process
  - Accommodation Vans
  - Piston Coring Deployment and Recovery System
  - CMMS
- Collaboration with UNOLS/ARF working groups
  - R2R, MFP, ISC, CI/CS, Best Practices, etc.
R-DESC Facility Continued: Cyberinfrastructure

- Core Switching
  - Redundantly configured
  - Dual 10 GbE link to edge and ‘Top of Rack’ (TOR)
- Edge Node Switches (5)
  - Pilot House Electronics Room
  - Computer Lab
  - Main Lab
  - ECR
  - Transceiver Room
- Datacenter TOR Switches (4)
- 4 Node Hyperconverged Dell VxRail virtualization cluster
  - 60TB SAN
  - 8 sockets, 160 CPU’s (360 logical processors)
  - 1.5 TB RAM
- Unified Digital Storage (Block & File storage)
  - 2 x 60TB ZFS arrays
  - Array 2 replicates Array 1
- Not shown
  - Multi-WAN switching (procured 10/21)
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