

# FLEET RENEWAL UPDATE

## Regional Class Research Vessels



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# 3 Vessel Build under NSF MREFC Funding



*R/V Taani*



*R/V Narragansett Dawn*



*R/V Gilbert R Mason*



**Oregon State  
University**





# 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

PHASE III

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PHASE IV

# RCRV Schedule Summary

Draft 2021 Replan

**R/V Taani**  
**Delivery**  
**03/16/2023**

**R/V Narragansett Dawn**  
**Delivery**  
**09/18/2023**

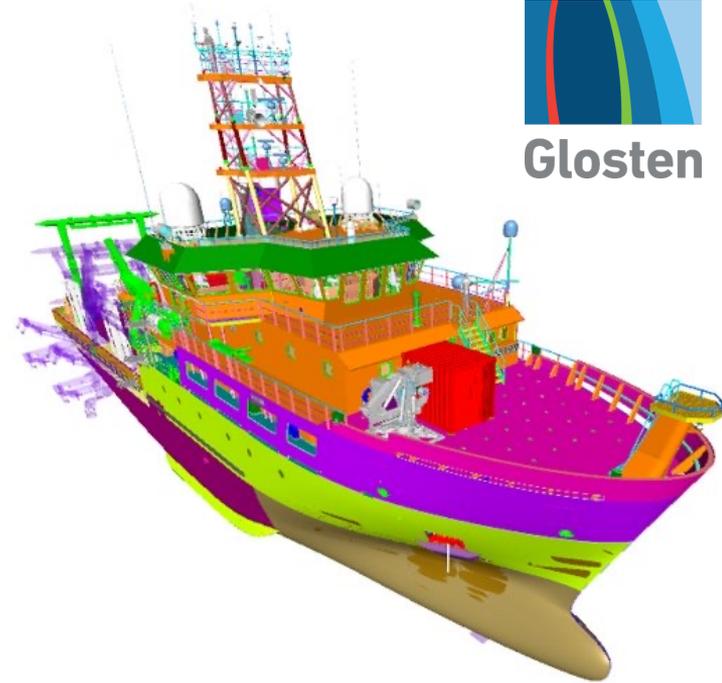
**R/V Gilbert R. Mason**  
**Delivery**  
**02/19/2024**

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.



Glosten

# 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



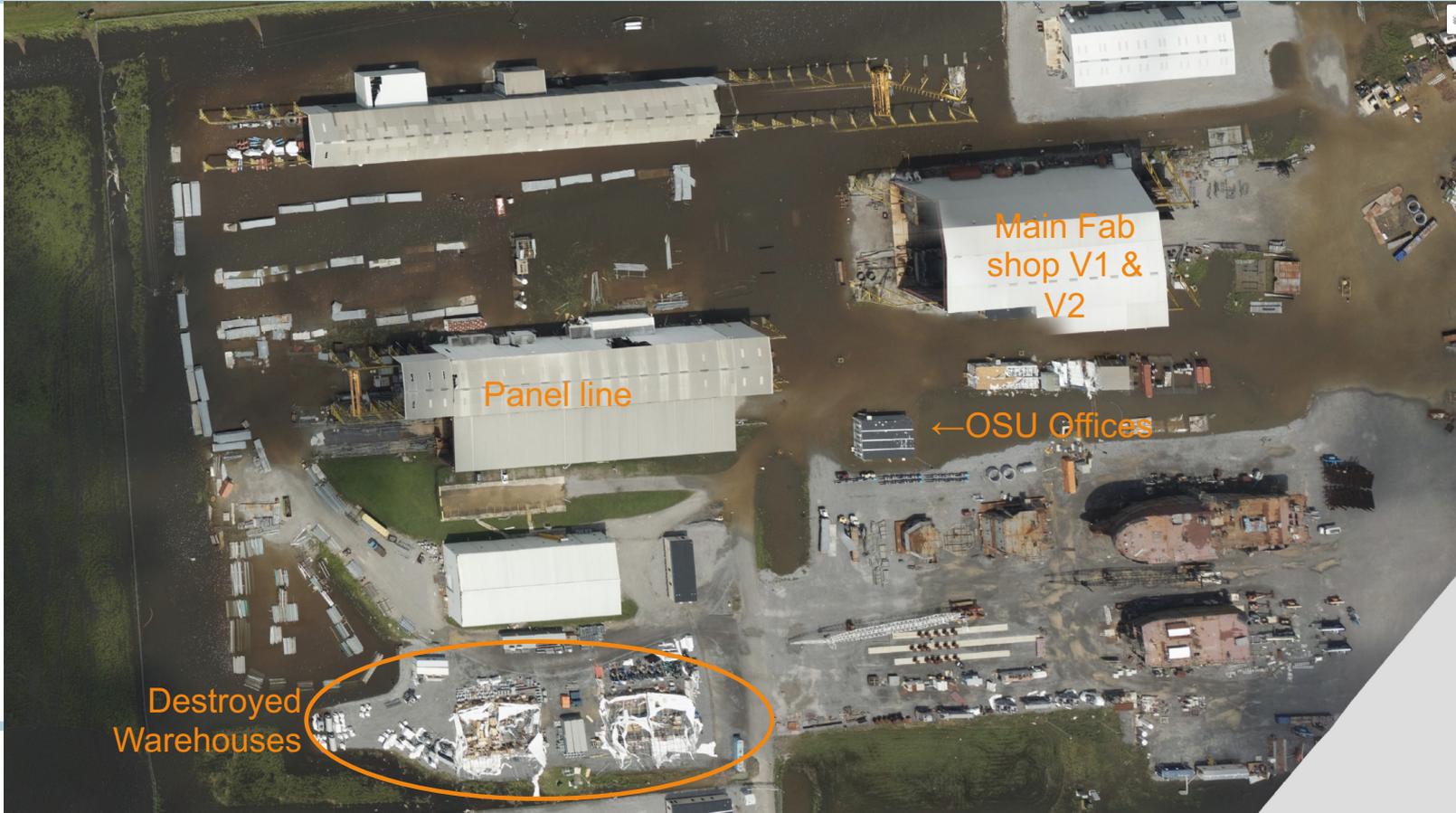
# 2021 Challenges- Houma LA

## Hurricane Ida

August 29, 2021

Sustained 130 kt  
Gusts 150 kt

Area  
Infrastructure  
Damage

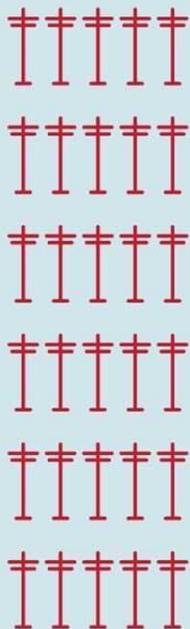


# Hurricane Ida



# Damaged Utility Pole Comparison: † = 1,000 Poles

**IDA 2021**  
30,000+ poles



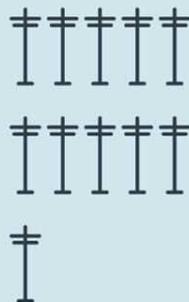
**KATRINA 2005**  
17,000+ poles



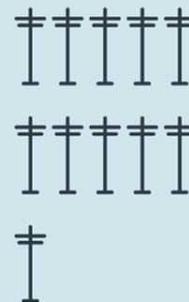
**LAURA 2020**  
14,000+ poles



**RITA 2005**  
11,000+ poles



**GUSTAV 2008**  
11,000+ poles



**ZETA 2020**  
2,000+ poles

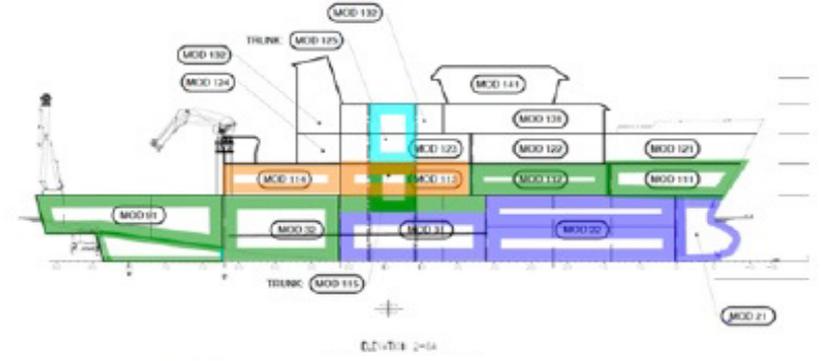
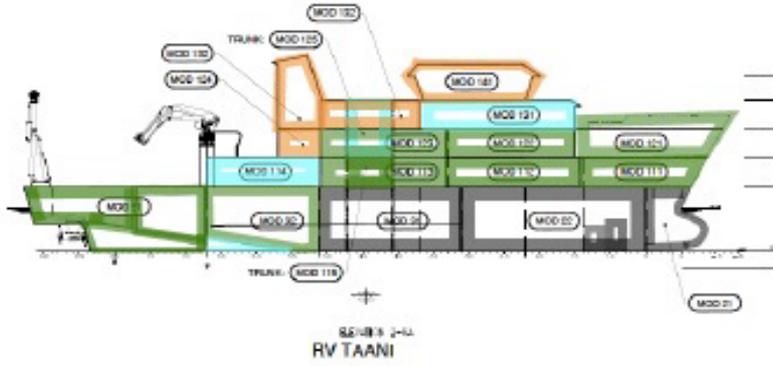


# Bollinger Houma Shipyard - IDA Response

- Improving Storage
- Rapid upgrades to drainage and flood protection
- Community re-building projects
- Labor Force Support



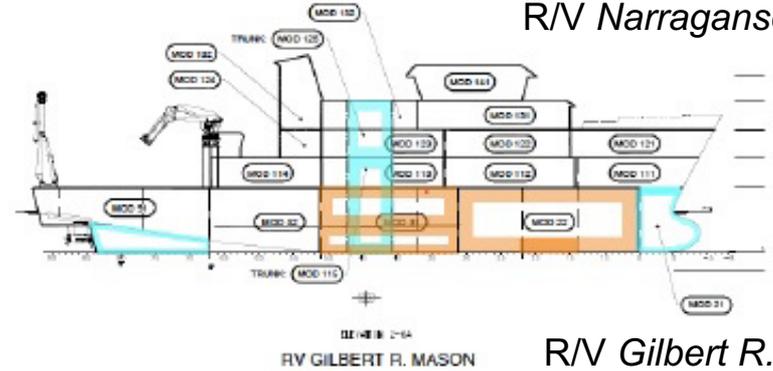
# Vessel Progress as of October 2021



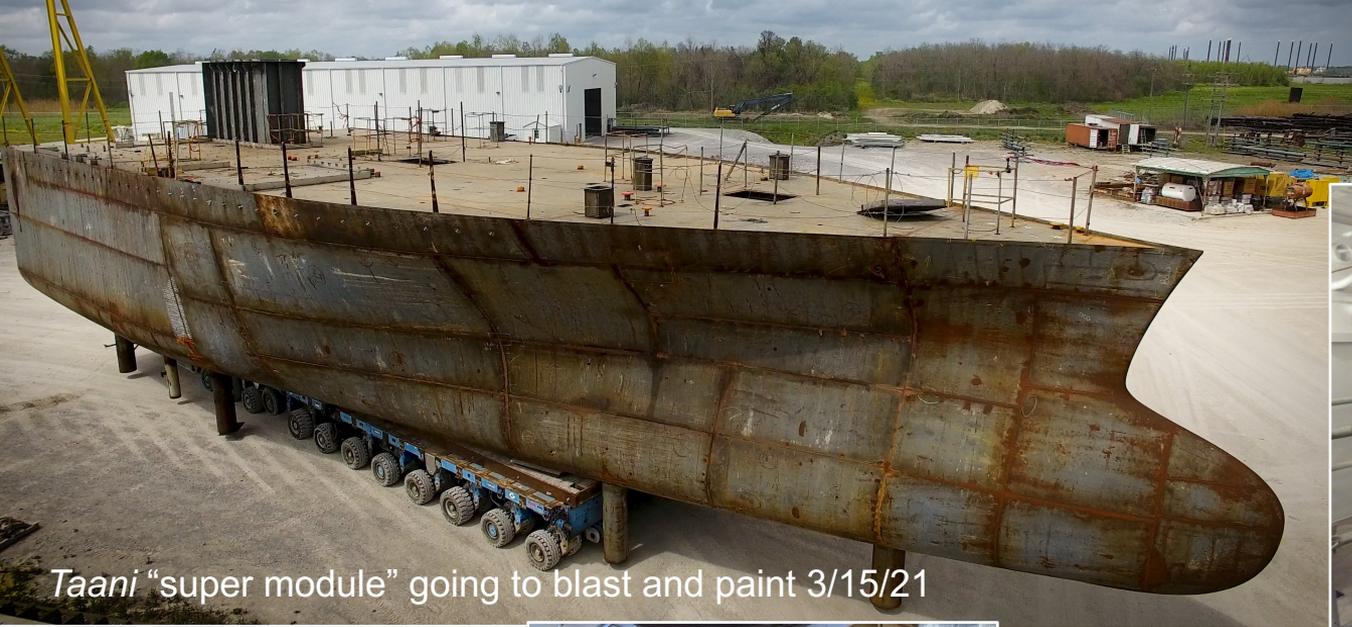
RV TAANI

RV Narragansett Dawn

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



RV Gilbert R. Mason



Taani "super module" going to blast and paint 3/15/21



06/29/2021

Ship Stores



Beier



Siemens



06/29/2021

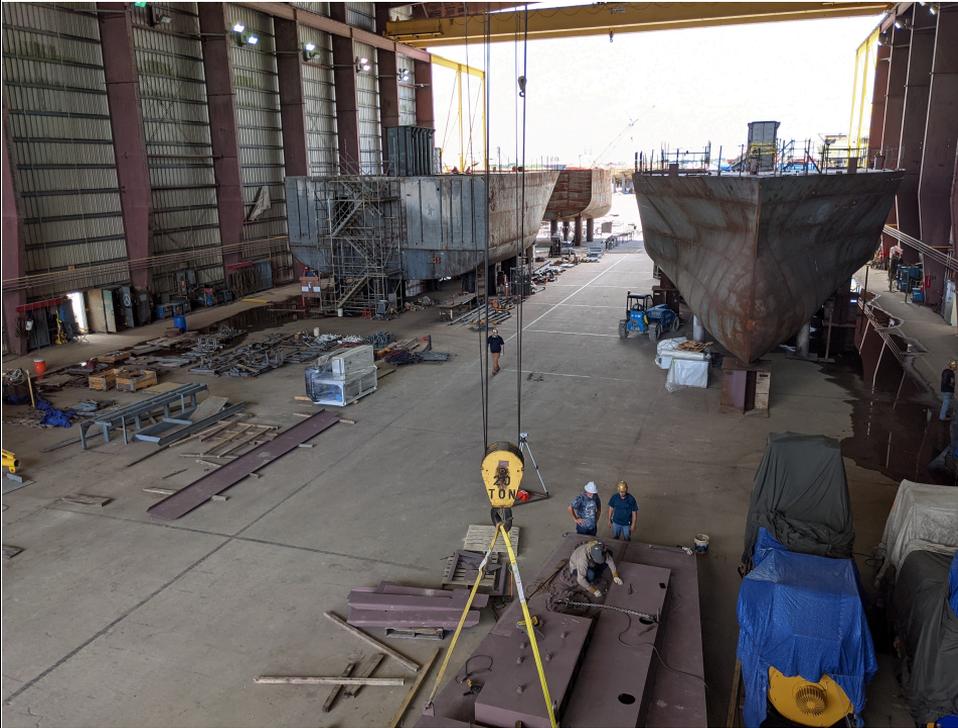
Equipment Room

# R/V TAANI Amelia Yard Aluminum Work

Forecastle & start of  
bulwarks



# R/V TAANI Transducer Flat



Welding of the flat into the hull supermodule occurred in October 2021.

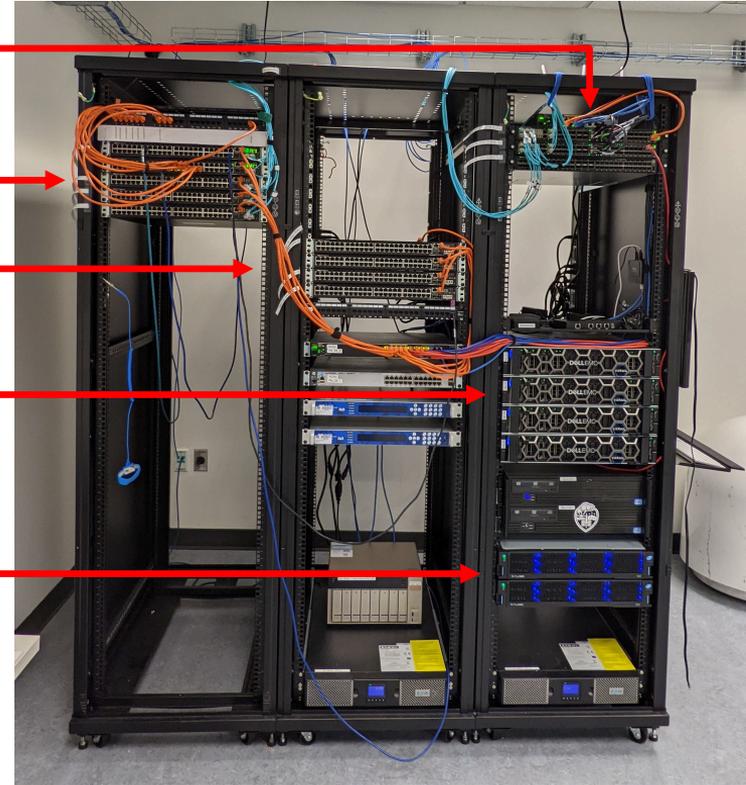
# Phase IV – R-DESC

- 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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