

UNOLS Inventory of Small Research Vessels

This inventory includes small research vessels from 35 feet to 135 feet that are operated by UNOLS institutions. One of the purposes for this inventory is to assist researchers in finding the best platform for their science.

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Alaska						
	NANUQ	40'	University of Alaska – Fairbanks Seward Marine Center https://www.uaf.edu/cfos/about-us/locations/seward/nanuq/index.php	Capt. Brian Mullaly 907-224-4306 bmullaly@alaska.edu	Near-Coastal: Multipurpose, coastal biological and oceanographic sampling	2019
Bermuda						
	HENRY M. STOMMEL	41'	Bermuda Institute for Ocean Sciences http://www.bios.edu/research/facilities/small-boats/	Chris Flook Small Boats & docks Supervisor 441-297-1880 x245 chris.flook@bios.edu		
	RUMLINE	36'	Bermuda Institute for Ocean Sciences http://www.bios.edu/research/facilities/small-boats/	Chris Flook Small Boats & docks Supervisor 441-297-1880 x245 chris.flook@bios.edu		
California						
	YELLOWFIN	76'	Southern California Marine Institute http://www.scmi.net/rv-yellowfin/	Carrie Wolfe Vessel Scheduling 562-985-3181 Carrie.wolfe@csulb.edu	Multi-purpose	
	JOHN H. MARTIN	56'	Moss Landing Marine Labs https://www.mlml.calstate.edu/marine_ops/rv-john-h-martin/	Capt. John Douglas Small Boats Coordinator 831-771-4122 Cell: 831-254-7024 douglas@mlml.calstate.edu	Multi-purpose: trawling, bottom sampling, hydrographic sampling, side scanning, limited geophysical surveying, dive operations and bird/mammal surveys.	1985
	QUESTUARY	38'	Cal Maritime - Golden Bear Research Center https://www.csum.edu/gbrc/index.html	Chris Brown Director 707-654-1282 cwbrown@csum.edu	Multi-purpose: San Francisco Bay exclusive	1975

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California						
	RACHEL CARSON	135'	Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute https://www.mbari.org/at-sea/ships/rv-rachel-carson/	Ian Leik Marine Operations Manager ileik@mbari.org	Coastal: Deploy ROV, AUVs, M-class moorings, instrument packages	2003
	PARAGON	36'	Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute https://www.mbari.org/at-sea/ships/research-vessel-paragon/	Ian Leik Marine Operations Manager ileik@mbari.org	Near Coastal: deploy AUVs, wave gliders, small moorings, instruments, dive ops	1993
	CORAL SEA	90'	Humboldt State University http://www.hsumarinelab.org/coralsea/	Capt. Scott Martin (707) 599-2147 rsm31@humboldt.edu	Multi-purpose: Box cores, dredges, nets	1974
Connecticut						
	CONNECTICUT	90'	University of Connecticut https://marinesciences.uconn.edu/vessels/	Turner Cabaniss Marine Operations Manager 860-405-9178 turner.cabaniss@uconn.edu	Multipurpose Coastal: ROV operations, moorings, dynamic positioning	1998 Mid-Life Refit: 2017
	LOWELL WEICKER	36'	University of Connecticut https://marinesciences.uconn.edu/rvlw/	Turner Cabaniss Marine Operations Manager 860-405-9178 turner.cabaniss@uconn.edu	Multipurpose Coastal	

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Delaware						
	JOANNE DAIBER	46'	University of Delaware College of Earth, Ocean, and Environment https://www.ceoe.udel.edu/about/marine-operations	Jon Swallow Director of Marine Ops 302-396-8565 jswallow@udel.edu	Multipurpose (A-frame, winch, side scan sonar, AUV support, ample deck and cabin space for other equipment)	2014

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Florida						
	RAY MCALLISTER	36'	Florida Atlantic University http://www.ome.fau.edu/labs-centers/research_vessel.php	John Kielbasa 954-924-7000 jkielbas@fau.edu	Multi-purpose	
	WEATHER-BIRD II	115'	Florida Institute of Oceanography https://www.fio.usf.edu/research-vessels/r-v-weatherbird-ii/	Quentin Lewis Marine Superintendent 727-553-1100 qmlewisjr@usf.edu	Ocean-going Multi-purpose	
	W.T. HOGARTH	78'	Florida Institute of Oceanography https://www.fio.usf.edu/research-vessels/r-v-hogarth/	Quentin Lewis Marine Superintendent 727-553-1100 qmlewisjr@usf.edu	Multi-purpose	2018
	WESTERN FLYER	117'	Florida Institute of Oceanography https://www.fio.usf.edu/research-vessels/r-v-western-flyer/	Quentin Lewis Marine Superintendent 727-553-1100 qmlewisjr@usf.edu	Coastal ROV Operations	
	APALACHEE	63'	Florida State University https://marinelab.fsu.edu/marine-ops/apalachee/	Capt. Matt Edwards 850-697-3470 medwards5@fsu.edu	Multipurpose	2012
Georgia						
	GEORGIA BULLDOG	72'	University of Georgia Marine Extension https://gacoast.uga.edu/about/contact-us/rv-georgia-bulldog/	Capt. John A. "Crawfish" Crawford 912-598-2364 crawfish@uga.edu	Multi-purpose fisheries vessel	1977

Louisiana						
	ACADIANA	58'	Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium https://lumcon.edu/rv-acadiana/	Joe Malbrough Marine Superintendent 985-851-2808 jmalbrough@lumcon.edu	Ocean Service Limited Multi-purpose	Retrofit 2017
Maine						
	IRA C.	42'	University of Maine Darling Marine Center https://dmc.umaine.edu/facilities/research-vessels/	Capt. Robbie Downs 207-563-8306 207-581-5306 rldowns@maine.edu	Multipurpose Coastal	2000
	BOWDITCH	48'	Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences https://www.bigelow.org/services/research-vessels/rv-bowditch.html	Dave Drapeau Marine Operations Coordinator 207-315-2567, ext. 506 ddrapeau@bigelow.org	Multi-purpose coastal research and education	2012

Maryland						
	RACHEL CARSON	81'	University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science https://www.umces.edu/research-fleet	Capt. Michael Hulme Director of Marine Operations 410-326-7358 410-610-7725 hulme@umces.edu	Multipurpose Estuarine and near-Coastal: dredging, trawling, coring, water quality, plankton sampling, buoy deployment	2008

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Massachusetts						
	TIOGA	60'	Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution https://www.whoi.edu/what-we-do/explore/ships/ships-tioga/	Eric Benway Port Capt. 508-289-3770 ebenway@whoi.edu	Multipurpose Coastal	2004 Repowered: 2019
Michigan						
	AGASSIZ	36'	Michigan Technological University https://www.mtu.edu/greatlakes/fleet/agassiz/	Jamey Anderson Asst. Director, Marine Operations jameya@mtu.edu 906-487-2914	Multi-purpose	2002
Mississippi						
	TOMMY MUNRO	97'	University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast Research Laboratory https://www.usm.edu/vessels/rv-tommy-munro.php	Tiffany McNeese 228-872-4277 tiffany.mcneese@usm.edu	Off-shore Multi-purpose: trawling surveys, long-lining, deployment and recovery of arrays, structures, buoys and moorings, cable laying and sea/shore interface installation, submarine and diverless systems support, seismic research, camera platform and tracking assignments, oceanographic surveys and logistics, and diving support.	1981

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Mississippi						
	JIM FRANKS	60'	University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast Research Laboratory https://www.usm.edu/vessels/rv-franks.php	Tiffany McNeese 228-872-4277 tiffany.mcneese@usm.edu	Off-shore Multi-purpose: trawling for fish, shrimp, and other bottom dwelling marine life; dolphin watching; trips to the barrier islands; water quality testing; vertical and bottom long-lining for shark and reef species.	2016
	KEN BARBOR	48'	University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast Research Laboratory https://gcrl.usm.edu/research_vessels/hermes.research.vessel.php	Matthew Muzslay 228-214-9017 Matthew.Muzslay@usm.edu	Off-shore Multi-purpose	2008

New Hampshire						
	GULF CHALLENGER	50'	University of New Hampshire https://marine.unh.edu/facility/rv-gulf-challenger	Captain Bryan Soares 603-781-0254 Bryan.Soares@unh.edu	Estuarine and coastal research work and educational activities	1993
	GULF SURVEYOR	48'	University of New Hampshire https://marine.unh.edu/facility/rv-gulf-surveyor	Captain Matthew Rowell 603-862-0273 Matthew.Rowell@unh.edu	Hydrographic	2016

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New Jersey						
	ARABELLA	48'	Rutgers University School of Environmental and Biologic Sciences https://marine.rutgers.edu/about-us/facilities/r-v-arabella/	Capt. Chip Haldeman 848-932-3295 haldeman@marine.rutgers.edu	Multipurpose near-Coastal: trawling, grab sampling, diving, seismic profiling, coring, AUV operations	1996
	PETREL	36'	Stockton University Marine Field Station http://www.stockton.edu/marine/marine-vessels.html	Steve Evert Field Station Director 609-652-4486 marinefieldstation@stockton.edu	Multipurpose estuarine and near-coastal	2015
New York						
	SEAWOLF	80'	University of Stony Brook School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences https://you.stonybrook.edu/somas/about/facilities/researchvessels/rv-seawolf/	Chris Harter Port Captain 516-666-0569 Christian.harter@stonybrook.edu	Multipurpose	1982

	PAUMANOK	44'	State University of New York at Stony Brook - School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences https://you.stonybrook.edu/somas/about/facilities/researchvessels/rv-paumanok/	Brian Gagliardi 631-356-5769 Brian.gagliardi@stonybrook.edu	Near Offshore Multipurpose - 100 miles or less offshore between Block Island, RI and Cape May, NJ.	1986
	PECONIC	45'	State University of New York at Stony Brook - School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences https://you.stonybrook.edu/somas/about/facilities/researchvessels/rv-peconic/	Brian Gagliardi 631-356-5769 Brian.gagliardi@stonybrook.edu	Protected Bays and Rivers Multipurpose	2004

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New Hampshire						
	JOHN M. KINGSBURY	47'	University of New Hampshire - Shoals Marine Laboratory https://www.shoalsmarinelaboratory.org/facilities-and-vessels	Ross Hansen rbh@cornell.edu 603-862-0046 Matthew Norwood matthew.norwood@unh.edu	Near Offshore Multi-purpose	
	J.B HEISER	36'	University of New Hampshire - Shoals Marine Laboratory https://www.shoalsmarinelaboratory.org/facilities-and-vessels	Ross Hansen rbh@cornell.edu 603-862-0046 Matthew Norwood matthew.norwood@unh.edu	Near Offshore Multi-purpose	
	WILLIAM SCANDLING	65'	Hobart and William Smith Colleges – Fingers Lake Institute The William Scandling Finger Lakes Institute HWS College	Barbara Halfman 315-781-3606 bhalfman@hws.edu	Seneca Lake, the New York Barge Canal System to Cayuga and Oneida Lakes, the lower Great Lakes, the Hudson River, and points beyond	1976

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North Carolina						
	MARTECH I	53'	Cape Fear Community College https://cfcc.edu/marine-technology/vessels/	Jason Rogers Department Chair Marine Technology 910-362-7403 jrogers@cfcc.edu	Multipurpose Intracoastal & Rivers	2000
	CAPE HATTERAS	135'	Cape Fear Community College https://cfcc.edu/marine-technology/vessels/	Jason Rogers Department Chair Marine Technology 910-362-7403 jrogers@cfcc.edu	Oceangoing	
	SHEARWATER	77'	Duke University Nicholas School of the Environment https://nicholas.duke.edu/news/our-	Rebecca Smith Associate Director Duke Marine Lab 252-504-7508 Rebecca.s.smith@duke.edu	Multipurpose	2019

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	SEAHAWK	35'	Center for Marine Science - University of North Carolina at Wilmington https://uncw.edu/cms/facilitiesrvseahawk.html	Capt. Steve Hall 910-962-2558 halls@uncw.edu Jay Styron Asst. Director Marine Ops 910-962-2404 styron@uncw.edu	Fisheries Diving Sampling	

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Oregon						
	ELAKHA	54'	Oregon State University https://ceoas.oregonstate.edu/elakha/	Matt Fogg 541-867-0168 mathurin.fogg@oregonstate.edu	Multi-purpose	2000
	PACIFIC STORM	84'	Oregon State University Marine Mammal Institute http://mmi.oregonstate.edu/research-vessels	Barb Lagerquist 541-867-0322 barb.lagerquist@oregonstate.edu	Coastal: Multi-purpose	

Rhode Island						
	CAP'N BERT	53'	University of Rhode Island https://web.uri.edu/bert/	Mitch Hatzipetro Vessel Operations Coordinator 401.874.7852 Mitch_Hatzi@uri.edu	General Small Boat Ops.	1982
Texas						
	KATY	57'	University of Texas at Austin - Marine Science Institute https://utmsi.utexas.edu/research/research-vessels	_msi-edureserve@utlists.utexas.edu	Classic trawler hull with A-frame at stern for Marine Science Education, near coastal and estuarine general use	1981

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Texas						
	EARL L. MILAN	47'	Texas A & M University Galveston https://www.tamug.edu/VesselOperationsOffice/TAMUG_Vessel_Fleet/Earl_Milan.html	Vernon Camus 409-740-4490 camusv@tamug.edu	Multi-purpose	
	TRIDENT	70'	Texas A & M University Galveston https://www.tamug.edu/VesselOperationsOffice/TAMUG_Vessel_Fleet/RVTrident.html	Vernon Camus 409-740-4490 camusv@tamug.edu	Multi-purpose	

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Virginia						
	VIRGINIA	93'	Virginia Institute of Marine Science https://www.vims.edu/research/marine_ops/vessel_ops/vessel_gallery/rv_virginia/index.php	John Olney jeojr@vims.edu (804) 450-1100	Multi-Purpose: Dynamic Positioning	2018
	TIDEWATER	43'	Virginia Institute of Marine Science https://www.vims.edu/research/marine_ops/vessel_ops/vessel_gallery/rv_tidewater/index.php	Reid Kirkpatrick trkirkpatrick@vims.edu (804) 684-7055	Multi-Purpose	
	BAY EAGLE	65'	Virginia Institute of Marine Science https://www.vims.edu/research/marine_ops/vessel_ops/vessel_gallery/rv_bayeagle/index.php	Reid Kirkpatrick trkirkpatrick@vims.edu (804) 684-7055	Multi-purpose Trawling, dredging, longlining	

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Virginia						
	FAY SLOVER	55'	Old Dominion University https://www.odu.edu/oeas/vessels/slover	Department of Ocean, Earth & Atmospheric Sciences 757-683-4285	Multi-Purpose Hydrography Meteorology	

Washington						
	LIGHT	66'	University of Washington – Applied Physics Lab http://www.apl.washington.edu/about/vessels.php	Eric Boget Principal Engineer 206-685-1971 boget@apl.washington.edu	Multi-purpose	2018
	ROBERTSON	57'	University of Washington – Applied Physics Lab http://www.apl.washington.edu/about/vessels.php	Eric Boget Principal Engineer 206-685-1971 boget@apl.washington.edu	Multi-purpose	2008
	KITTIWAKE	42'	University of Washington Friday Harbor Laboratories https://fhl.uw.edu/facilities-resources/boating-and-diving/r-v-kittiwake-fhl-research-vessel-2020/	Eric Loss Marine Operations Supervisor maritime@uw.edu	Multipurpose, coastal biological and oceanographic sampling.	
Wisconsin						
	NEESKAY	71'	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Great Lakes Water Institute https://uwm.edu/freshwater/facilities/fleet/	Rob Paddock Marine Ops Manager 414-382-1745 rpaddock@uwm.edu	Biology/Nets Chemistry Physics Geology SCUBA ROV	1953 converted 1970