

NDSF Data & Software Initiatives Update

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General Data & Software Updates

- Vehicles
 - Users appreciate the timelapses created for the Alvin GoPros **PCAR 2024**
 - Users across all 3 vehicles are very positive about dedicated data engineers aboard every cruise. **PCAR 2024**
 - Request for previous dive tracks as overlay in NavG **PCAR 2024**
 - Evaluating as a new feature request
 - Request for video data to be hosted online so data is accessible to everyone **PCAR 2024**
 - Financial and Copyright constraints are currently prohibitive to this.
- Continued Community Engagement
 - SOVA - Data & Software Focus Group
 - Hosted Community Input Session for Optimizing At-Sea Data Operations (Jan '25)
 - Planning Fall Data Workshop that coincides with SOVA and Ocean Floor Explore (Map the Gaps/GEBCO)
 - Training for use of data resources
 - Optimizing and safeguarding data
- MGDS
 - Collaborative focus on dive metadata and data distribution normalization
 - Alvin Metadata Project - Sofia Vakhutinsky and Joe Garcia
 - YAML file creation to expedite data ingestion
 - Revitalization and integration of NDSF metadata web services
 - Stood up at MGDS need to make public on NDSF website

Sealog Updates

- Critical updates to Sealog front/backend Node infrastructure to ensure software security.
 - Tested and deployed during Alvin Eng. Cruise and then applied to Jason
- Successful development of Sealog Sandbox
 - Launching on website by end of month.
- Addition of GMRT (basemap of GeoMapApp) tileserver to Atlantis/Alvin and Jason systems
- Unauthorized users can now see cruise and description without access to dives.
- Automated API tests

Sealog Sandbox

Review Cruises/Lowerings System Management Admin

HIGHLIGHTS NAV VEHICLE WATCH_CHANGE OBSERVATION SAMPLE

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Event History Filter

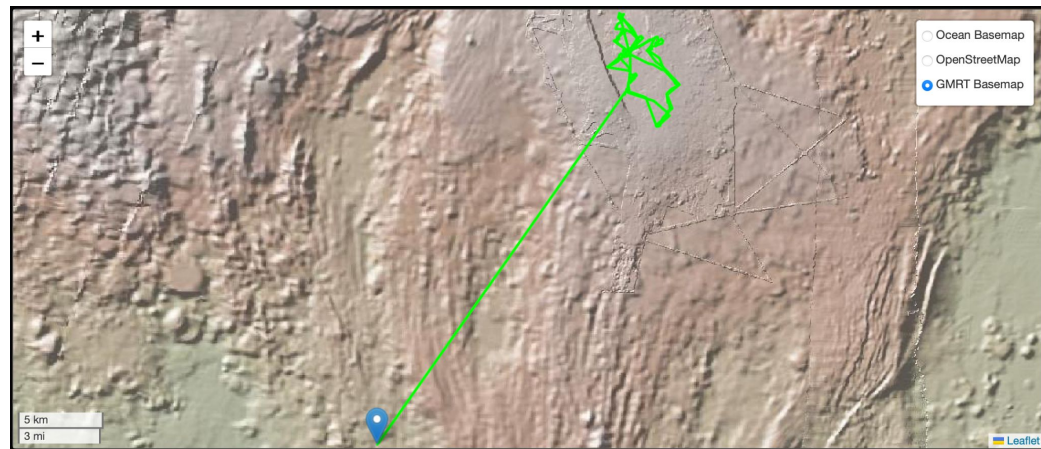
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Newest Events Newer Events Older Events

ASNAP: On Free Space: 290 GB

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Show ASNAP

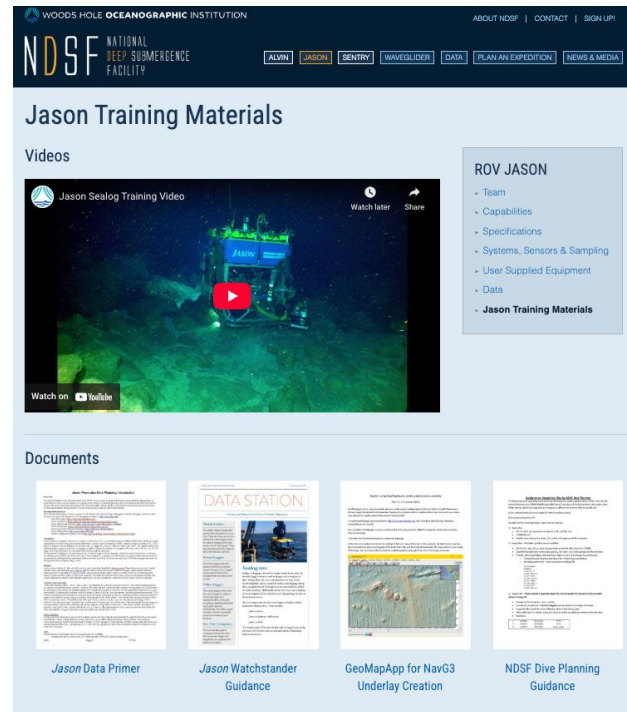


Pre-Cruise Planning Updates

- Mixed review of pre-cruise planning checklists **PCAR 2024**
 - Iterative process with users and vehicle managers
- Improved Underlay and Dive Planning Guidance
 - Additional training documents
 - Improved talking points on pre-cruise planning checklist
- Addition of Alvin In Hull Briefing Video
- Addition of Waveglider Section on NDSF Website
- Revamp of Training Materials page on NDSF Website
 - Hope to make training section more visually pleasing and user engaging.
- Addition of “Request Data” button on NDSF website

[NDSF Website](https://www.ndsf.gov)

- Guidance on Navigation Files for NDSF Dive Planning
 - NDSF Dive Planning document
 - Underlays - bathy files (.grd) or image files (.png, .tif, or .bmp)
 - *Files should be <30MB
 - Targets - CSV format (.txt or .csv)
 - *Coordinates need to be in Decimal-Degrees and provided as Northings & Eastings
 - GeoMapApp for NavG3 underlay creation document
 - *Possible alternatives to GeoMapApp (ie. QGIS & Fiedermaus but both require a license)



Questions/Feedback

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