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University - National Oceanographic Laboratory System (UNOLS)

An organization of academic institutions (Universities, National Labs, etc.) involved in oceanographic research joined for the purpose of coordinating oceanographic ships schedules and research facilities.



Why was UNOLS Created?



1960's – "Golden Years of Oceanography"



Investigators from non-operating institutions were struggling to get access to ship time.



Federal Agencies were concerned over lack of coordination, increasing costs, differing modes of operations, lack of consistency within the vessels receiving funding from the federal institutions.

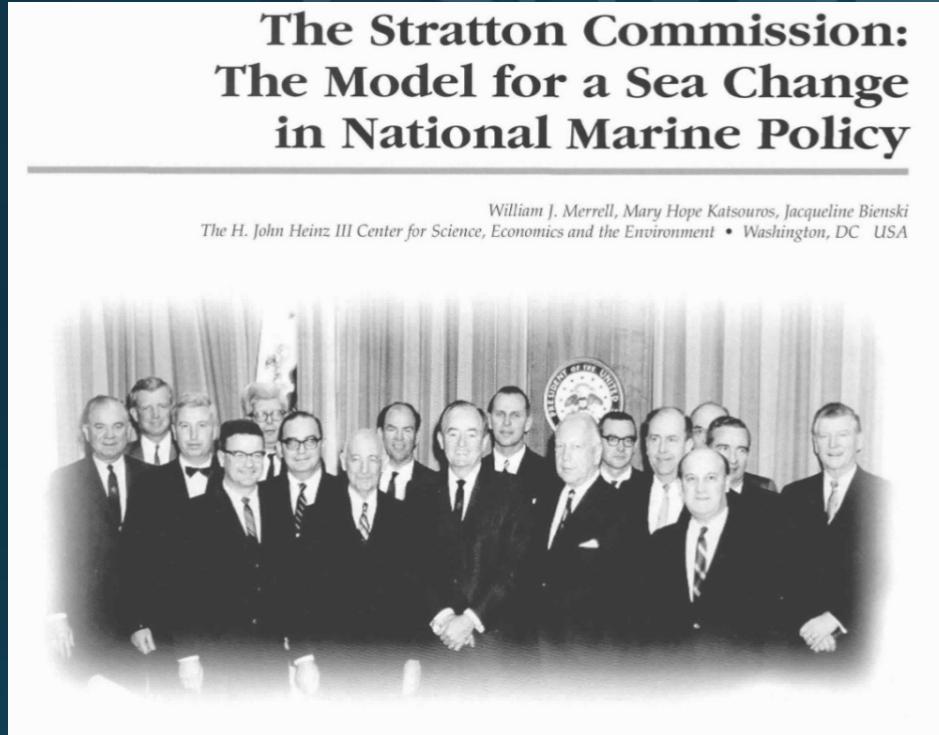


Operators were concerned over higher ship costs and increasing ship numbers.



No centralized ship scheduling or coordination.

How was UNOLS Formed?



Stratton Commission Report
1969

- Stratton Commission Report (1969) recommended forming NOAA, Sea Grant and the National Oceanographic Laboratories (NOLS) to run the Academic Research Fleet.
- Operating Institutions agreed with goals, but opposed excessive federal control
- Worked out another approach with University – NOLS (UNOLS)
 - Community wide ship access
 - Cooperative ship scheduling
 - Standardized ship operations
 - Uniform funding arrangements

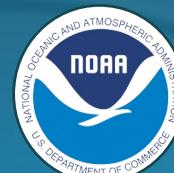


What is UNOLS Today?



UNOLS today is a consortium of 61 U.S. institutions

- 14 operating institutions that operate:
 - 17 Research vessels
 - National Deep Submergence Facility
 - National Oceanographic Aircraft Facility
 - National Oceanographic Seismic Facility
- Facilities are either owned by one of the Federal agencies or by individual institutions.
- Elected Council & 8 major committees
- UNOLS Office



UNOLS Member Institutions & Oceanographic Community



UNOLS Office

UNOLS TEAM



UNOLS Community

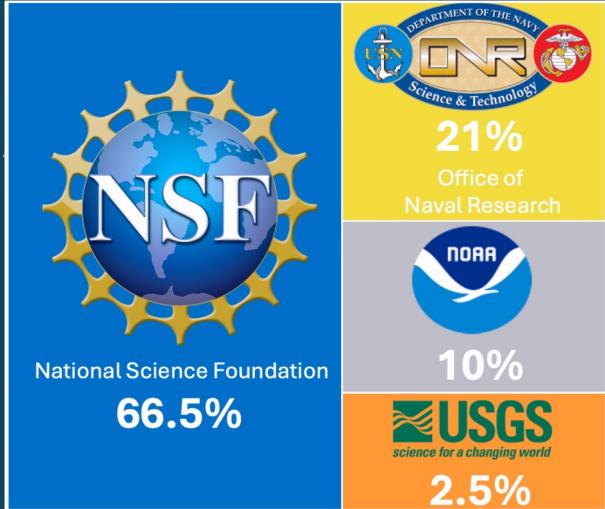
UNOLS Council



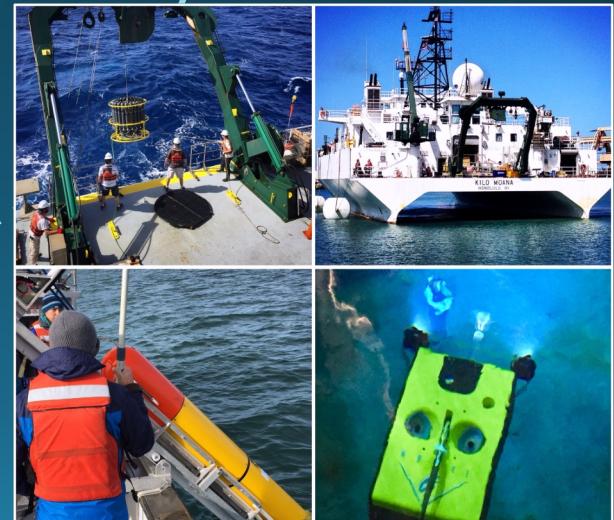
UNOLS Committees

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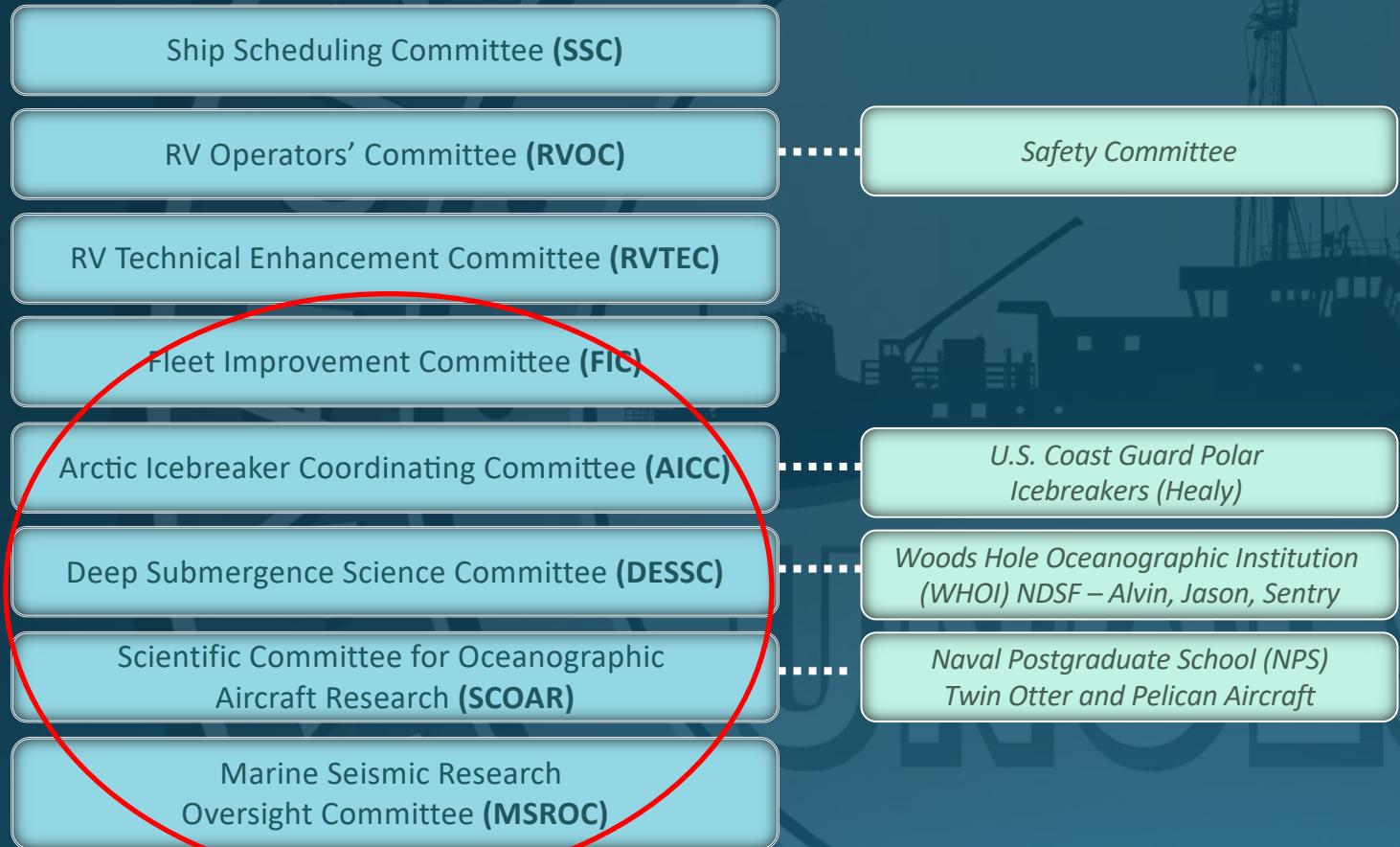
Supporting Federal Agencies



UNOLS Ship & Facility Operators & Technical Staff



UNOLS Committees:



UNOLS is a coordinator or facilitator of community wide efforts.



UNOLS Goals:

Promote

Promote broad, coordinated access to oceanographic research facilities

Support

Support continuous improvement of existing facilities

Plan

Plan for and foster support for the oceanographic facilities of the future

