



# UNOLS Office Quarterly Report

Period: Q1 2026  
January - March 2026

## MEETINGS

- AICC Meeting 14-15 Jan Seattle
  - USCG updated on current & plans for Arctic science support. USCG goals in Arctic: Healy to continue with science mission focus. Storis & future ASCs to focus on USCG's other missions.
  - Investigating potential for combining with the Antarctic science community to create a Polar Icebreaker Coordinating Committee.
- 2027 Ship Scheduling virtual Kick-Off Meetings - 12 & 19 March

## NEXT QUARTER PLANS

- UNOLS Funding / Coop. Agreement & Grants - finalize Year 3 increments with NSF, ONR, NOAA & USGS
- Strategic / outreach - as needed to support ongoing efforts by various entities to encourage federal support for ongoing seagoing science and fleet recapitalization
- Complete FIC FIP update
- Prepare & submit new MATE Internship Program grant proposal to NSF

## MATE

- Reaching out to industry / other private entities, soliciting sponsorship/gifts to fund 2026 internships until a new grant can be awarded
- Received \$50K gift from Maxwell/Hanrahan Foundation
- Kongsberg providing \$2.5K gift
- 205 applications received for the 2026 program from 100 different community colleges/universities.
- 1 long-term internship underway through mid-May.
- 6 short-term internships scheduled April through July.

## OTHER INITIATIVES

- UNOLS Office - developed draft Harassment Reporting Guidance for the community, has sent out for review by operators, tech managers, legal, and human resources
- Compiled funding data for funding agencies
- Assisted Cruise of Opportunity

## SCHEDULING

- NSF 2026 budget signed. Restoring some high-priority programs to Global/Ocean class schedules requiring revisions (i.e., OOI, GO-SHIP).
- Working on 2026 adjustments due to Roger Revelle engine casualty during GO-SHIP A16S

## COMMITTEES

- **Council** - preparation for Spring Meeting 28-29 April at USM, Gulfport, MS
- **RVOC** - preparation for meeting 6-7 May at WHOI
- **RVTEC** - Set location for RVTEC 2026 meeting - University of Miami; Survey on topics for 2026 RVTEC
- **DeSSC** - preparation for meeting May 21-22 at WHOI 21-22 May
- **FIC** - Fleet Improvement Plan (FIP) rewrite, Surveys, T-AGS vessel specification comparison
- **MERAS** - Welcomed 2 new committee members. Website Refresh. Finished Chief Scientist Training Document. Provided Materials to be handed out at the OS Meeting in Scotland.
- **MSROC** - Send out Survey for MSROC early career workshop held in Dec 2025
- **AICC** - Schedule summer virtual meeting. Working to add an Early Career Scientist committee member to the committee. Investigating potential for Polar Icebreaker Coord. Committee incorporating Antarctic science as well
- **SCOAR** - Catch up with the SCOAR committee, Mar 2026
- **OBSIC - OS** - New Chair Zachary Eilon (Feb, 2026). Preparation for In-person Spring Meeting 10 & 11 June at UTIG
- **AMRCC** - completed Arctic Icebreaker Science Mission Capabilities report, submitted to USCG. Carin Ashjian is working with US ARC on briefings in Washington, D.C. on this topic.
- **Safety** - Completed RVSS App A update, Chapter 6, and Appendix E updated and out for review. Preparation for meeting 5 May at WHOI

## MFP

- Driving implementation of the Inventory Management Module in collaboration with Scripps and OSU Van Pool.
- Leading user-group efforts to strengthen the Hazardous Material workflow within MFP.
- Enhanced the Shipping and Cargo workflow for *Healy* and worked with UW to apply these improvements to their MFP branch.
- Continuous user support.
- Improved the (SME) Cruise Location step by implementing a screenshot functionality on the map.
- Created institution-specific URLs.
- Finalizing improvements to the Funding & Breakdown Report.
- Working to streamline communications between MFP and Pooled Equipment Leads.