

UNOLS Committee Reports

June 2000

**Arctic Icebreaker Coordinating Committee
Deep Submergence Science Committee
Fleet Improvement Committee
Research Vessel Operators' Committee
Research Vessel Technical Enhancement Committee
Ship Scheduling Committee**

Posted: 6/14/00 (Reports will be posted as they are received)

Fleet Improvement Committee *Submitted by Larry Atkinson*

The last FIC meeting was held on the new Coast Guard Icebreaker HEALY as it sailed from Norfolk to Baltimore. Recent activities of FIC include the following:

- Support for Alaska Replacement Vessel: FIC provided a letter endorsing the recent UAF proposal to NSF.
- Letter to Community: A letter was submitted to EOS alerting the community to the ship replacement situation. The letter should be published in early July.
- WWW report: Graphical documentation of the past and future trends in ship use and availability are on line at archive.unols.org/committees/fic/fleetreplacement.html
- NSF Workshop: FIC is working with Tim Cowles on a workshop addressing the community perception of future ship needs. The workshop will be held at OSU in August.
- Delaware Replacement: FIC has staying cognizant of the Delaware replacement process and will provide review at appropriate times.