

## Ocean Class SMR Input Gear Handling over the side, towing, winches, wire & cranes

Robert Knox - SIO

1 Physical Oceanography

Ocean circulation - But I'm going to use this form mainly to insert some overall observations or workshop discussion items into the mill, based on my reading of inputs thus far (7/1/02)

### **Over the side handling**

See J. Christensen plea for hands-off CTD. □ If that, or similar-size package, could be done well, and if the system could adapt to other packages of roughly similar size/weight, this could make for safer/better operations into worse weather. □ How best to accomplish? □ What implications for winch/crane/overboarding system/auxiliary restraints? □ Good topic for further thought.

### **Towing**

Instrument towing (e.g. Seasoar) is not a major design driver; heavy-duty towing appears not to be an issue.

### **Winches**

Needs to be considered together with wire (#13) and overboarding gear (#15). □ Seems as if two "CTD" or next-generation CTD winches and one trawl winch are needed. □ Can any of these readily be used for "clean" work (e.g., trace metal) or must that be a separate winch system?

### **Wire**

Current UNOLS effort to specify next-generation wires is important here - may imply different winches.

### **Crane**

Various functional requirements emerge - self-loading of vans from pier, small relocatable cranes to serve deck gear and hatches, use of main crane(s) as overboarding/coring/towing equipment (suitable crutch or restraint). □ Some numbers for load/reach limits will be needed, as well as definition of crane performance at sea vs in port (dynamic effects).

Ed Carpenter - SFSU

Biology

phytoplankton ecology, nutrient cycling

### **Over the side handling**

Need to launch and recover sediment traps in uncluttered deck area.

### **Towing**

### **Winches**

Need conducting cable winch for CTD Rosette. We typically work just in upper 300 m but of course should have ca 5000 m of wire. We still use old non conducting hydro cable for towing 1 m dia plankton nets to collect larger phytoplankton.

### **Wire**

### **Crane**

Need for loading & unloading. Should have a simple setup for launch & recovery of a Zodiac.

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Anthony Michaels - USC

Biology

Role of biological community structure in the cycling of biogenic elements in the ocean.

**Over the side handling**

**Towing**

Occasional dragging for stuck mooring with trawl wire and drag.

**Winches**

Standard kinds of winches. Simultaneous usability for CTD, hydrowire, trawl (conducting?), mooring recovery, and specialized trace-metal winch (user provided). We usually ask for this full mix at one time on our bigger cruises for CTD ops, plankton tows, MOCNESS, trace metal sampling, mooring recovery/deployment, piston cores and the occasional dragging for dead moorings.

**Wire**

The usual

**Crane**

loading, unloading. Sometimes used at sea instead of A-Frame

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Paul Hargraves - URI

Biology

phytoplankton

**Over the side handling**

hero pltfm

**Towing**

<1kt or drift

**Winches**

light

**Wire**

for Niskin or CTD

**Crane**

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Grace Klein-MacPhee - URI

Biology

Fishery Science

**Over the side handling**

side deployment of CTD and smaller MOCNESS

**Towing**

**Winches**

at least 3, A trawl winch, dual drum winch, hydrographic winch for MOCNESS up to 10 meters

**Wire**

**Crane**

2 cranes

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Edward Durbin - URI

Biology

Zooplankton

**Over the side handling**

Motion compensated winch for heavy gear.

**Towing**

**Winches**

**Wire**

Optical fiber for VPR

**Crane**

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Joan Bernhard - South Carolina

Biology

Benthic ecology and physiology of meiofauna and microorganisms. This necessitates collection and maintenance of live material (i.e., temperature sensitive).

**Over the side handling**

Existing A frames are often too small (narrow and / or throw-- angle of extension) to accommodate newer / larger sampling gear (e.g., MC800 multicorer). Width of A frame needs to be at least 15 feet.

**Towing**

To applicable to my work to date

**Winches**

Nothing out of the ordinary required (NOOTOR)

**Wire**

NOOTOR

**Crane**

NOOTOR

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Bess Ward - Princeton University

Biology

microbial ecology/ biogeochemistry

**Over the side handling**

nothing special

**Towing**

**Winches**

things that can handle CTD, box core, individual bottles

**Wire**

see above

**Crane**

just for loading

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Richard Barber - UNC/Duke

Biology

primary productivity regulation

**Over the side handling**

conventional

**Towing**

n/a

**Winches**

in addition to conventional hydroline conducting, a Kevlar/teflon-coated winch and wire is needed

**Wire**

Kevlar

**Crane**

n/a

William Cochlan - SFSU

Biology

Phytoplankton and bacterial productivity, nitrogenous nutrition

**Over the side handling**

ridgid inflatable(s) for special sampling requirements

**Towing**

**Winches**

2 standard winches for CTD/rosette (stardboard) and 1-2 located aft for net hawls, etc.

**Wire**

standard conductivity cables for upper 500 meters

**Crane**

Ability to lauch/recover standard rosettes with bottles/CTD as well as wire sampling.□Also a boom 'outrigger-typ'e system to hang over the side for deployment of underway sampling systems (i.e., trace-metal clean sipper system)

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Sharon Smith - RSMAS

Biology

zooplankton ecology

**Over the side handling**

good aft A frame, as present Thomas Thompson

**Towing**

maintain steady 2kts.

**Winches**

capable of towing MOCNESS nets of all sizes, hydrowinch

**Wire**

0.68 conducting; 0.32 conducting, regular hydrowire

**Crane**

as present Thomas Thompson

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Elizabeth Venrick - SIO

Biology; Chemical

Physics, chemistry and biology of the California Current with emphasis on fishery oceanography, planktonic ecosystem structure and function and climate-ocean interactions

**Over the side handling**

Rear A-frame, dedicated CTD launching system, hydro boom. May in future need buoy tending capabilities.

**Towing**

**Winches**

trawl winch, hydrowinch, CTD winch. May, in future, need ability to tow SeaSoar or underway CTD

**Wire**

**Crane**

Mostly for loading and unloading in port. Occasional use at sea for launching skiffs, moving equipment. May in future be needed for tending moorings.

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James Meehan - NMFS

Biology/Other

Living Marine Resources life histories, population structures, and stock assessments. Ecology and dynamics of Large Marine Ecosystems. Identification and description of Essential Fish Habitats and endangered species Critical Habitats

**Over the side handling**

Extendable beams or frames (A,U,J)  
Capable of handling 910 kg plus 5,000 meters of 8.2 mm or 9.5 mm electromechanical wire.  
Outboard extension at least 3 m from side shell

**Towing**

**Winches**

Two autocompensating trawl winches to support trawling to a depth of 1,800 m.; Third wire winch with cable length compatible with maximum trawl warp scope.; Oceanographic winch w/a working depth of 5,000 m; Two hydrographic winches w/a working depth of 5,000 m

**Wire**

Trawl winches - 28 mm trawl cable; 14.3 mm wire rope (3x19 torque balanced); Oeco winch - 14.3 mm wire rope; 15.9 mm mechanical wire; " 17.3 mm electromechanical wire or fiber optic cable"  
"Hydro winches 8.2 mm or 9.5 mm electromechanical wire"  
" 6.35 mm mechanical wire rope"

**Crane**

Aft working deck -  
Dockside static load - 3650 kg at 9 m  
At sea dynamic load - 4550 kg at 6 m  
2275 kg at 15 m  
250 kg at 20 m

Rana Fine - RSMAS

Chem. Oc.

Tracer Oceanography

**Over the side handling**

for hydrography

**Towing**

**Winches**

for hydrography 36 place rosette

**Wire**

for hydrography, 7000 m

**Crane**

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Frank Sansone - Hawaii

Chemical Oceanography

Hydrothermal plume biogeochemistry; trace gas biogeochemistry

**Over the side handling**

**Towing**

Ability to perform tow-yo operations with CTD-rosette

**Winches**

Ability to perform tow-yo operations with CTD-rosette

**Wire**

Ability to perform tow-yo operations with CTD-rosette; 4 conductors for CTD cable

**Crane**

Knuckle crane or similar for deploying/recovering floats and attached sample arrays

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John Christensen - Bigelow Laboratory

Chemical Oceanography

Nutrient and hydrographic distributions in shelf and slope areas, benthic rates of metabolism and release.

**Over the side handling**

Why can't CTD/rosette packages be deployed and recovered without manually clipping lines to them? Why can't the operation be fully untouched? Free swinging heavy gear is dangerous. Similarly, boxcores and other devices of similar size and weight should also be made hands-free in deployment and recovery.

**Towing**

none

**Winches**

Boxcores require deep-sea winches. CTD/rosette. Ability to deploy benthic landers via capstan and A-frame.

**Wire**

box cores usually the heaviest gear deployed.

**Crane**

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Craig McNeil - URI

Chemical Oceanography

Dissolved gases, biogeochemical cycling

**Over the side handling**

rigid inflatables for at sea operations

**Towing**

**Winches**

CTD/rosette, starboard and stern

**Wire**

full ocean depth, power and coms (RS-232/485)

**Crane**

mooring deployment/recovery

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Bob Collier - OSU

Chemical Oceanography

Marine Biogeochemistry, Trace Element Chemistry, Hydrothermal Systems

**Over the side handling**

Ability to launch a workboat.

**Towing**

**Winches**

Full ocean CTD winch (em.322), enable mission-based science operators (like WHOI ships), ability to tow-yo up to 1.5 knots on stbd., ability to place a second winch for special purpose use (clean wire), □rawl winch for coring ops (piston, box, etc.), □iberoptic em wire for ROV and camera ops - support of Observatory service and science ops. □Utility Pango winch or traction winch for mooring / equipment recovery and deployment.

**Wire**

**Crane**

Shipboard crane capable of placing science vans and picking from shore (reasonable distance). □□

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Mark Altabet - Massachusetts

Chemical Oceanography

marine biogeochemistry; oceanic nitrogen cycling, N and C isotope biogeochemistry

**Over the side handling**

CTD/Rosette, in situ large-volume pumps, MOCNESS, multicore, gravity core, piston core

**Towing**

Sufficient for MOCNES

**Winches**

1 hydro (1 backup) , 2 for CTD/Rosette, 1 trawl with possible backup

**Wire**

Hydro sufficient for 30-l Nisking bottle and in-situ pump deployments; acoustical wire sufficient for CTD/Rosetter; trawl wire sufficient for MOCNESS; also interested in multicore, gravity core, and piston coring capability.

**Crane**

Sufficient for handling coring operations and MOCNESS towing if used instead of A-frame

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Stephen Miller - SIO

G & G

mid-ocean ridges  
seafloor mapping  
databases and archives

**Over the side handling**

**Towing**

**Winches**

dredge, rov

**Wire**

dredge, rov

**Crane**

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James Cochran - LDEO

G & G

lithospheric/crustal creation and evolution, rifting processes - both at mid-ocean ridges and continental rifts

**Over the side handling**

motion compensated frames for launch and recovery in rough seas

**Towing**

seismic ship needs to be able to handle 6+ km streamer, perhaps multiple streamers, and large air gun array. Requirements are less for general purpose ships

**Winches**

**Wire**

dredge, coring, ROV

**Crane**

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Carey Steven - URI

G & G

volcanology and volcanoclastic sedimentation

**Over the side handling**

deployment of piston coring equipment

**Towing**

suitable for towed side-scan sonar survey

**Winches**

suitable for deployment of standard piston core and dredging equipment

**Wire**

suitable for deployment of ROV (fiber-optic cable)

**Crane**

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Robert Pockalny - URI

G & G

Seafloor Mapping and Underway Geophysics

**Over the side handling**

**Towing**

ability to tow magnetometer or perhaps a towed mapping system (

**Winches**

sufficient to put DSL120 or Jason II types instruments over the side

**Wire**

Conductor and/or fiber optic

**Crane**

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Daniel Fornari - WHOI

G & G

Mid-Ocean Ridge, oceanic transform, and seamount research, including hydrothermal vents, basalt geochemistry, submarine volcanology, seafloor mapping

**Over the side handling**

better hydrobooms, better controls and viewability between work area and control station and with BRIDGE video views and direct views

**Towing**

for ROVs and towed packages, controlled speeds of 1/4 to 1 kt w/DP

**Winches**

current Agor 24 class OK, better traction winches?

**Wire**

current std wires OK, improved FO cable including FO hydrographic cable

**Crane**

similar to current capabilities but with MUCH better reliability and design for at sea operations/maintainence

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John Collins - WHOI

G & G

Seismology

**Over the side handling**

Big A-frame aft + stbd. A-frame

**Towing**

Capability to tow 6 airguns

**Winches**

2 entirely independent winches, 2 drums 2 traction motors. Must be able to switch between fiber and trawl.

**Wire**

> 40,000 lbs, fiber, coax, and trawl.

**Crane**

Articulated crane on fantail + portable crane (e.g. Hiab)

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Fred Spiess - SIO

G & G

seafloor deformation measurement, seafloor work systems, plate tectonics, etc.

**Over the side handling**

Assume this includes over the stern - large A frame capable of moving 10 ton load from inboard to outboard. 3 or more suspension points.

**Towing**

tow FLIP

**Winches**

dredge & em cable - capability of shifting from one to the other easily. at least 9 km of wire CTD or light coring winch.

**Wire**

3 fibers & 3 copper. 3Kv. 15kvA. at least 15,000 lbs working load

**Crane**

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Peter Lonsdale - SIO

G & G

structure and geomorphology of oceanic crust, defined by geophysical surveys

**Over the side handling**

**Towing**

small booms for towing aigun arrays and seismic streamer (looking ahead, multiple streamers) plus mag

**Winches**

9/16" main winch plus a standard hydro

**Wire**

9/16" + hydrowire

**Crane**

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John Hildebrand - SIO

G & G

Marine Geodesy - study of crustal movements using acoustics and GPS

**Over the side handling**

A frame with 20-30 Klb rating

**Towing**

**Winches**

**Wire**

Fiber optic cable and appropriate shieves, capable of changing to dredge wire with minimal down time.

**Crane**

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Robert Ballard - URI

G & G; Other

Deepwater Archaeology

**Over the side handling**

ability to launch 3,000 lbs ROV

**Towing**

towing side-scan sonar system at 1-3 knots

**Winches**

traction winch

**Wire**

0.68 inch fiber optic wire for working in 6,000 meters

**Crane**

ability to launch 3,000 lbs ROV

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John Orcutt - Scripps Institution of Oceanography

G & G; other

Marine seismology

**Over the side handling**

A-frame as above. Load should exceed crane significantly; e.g. 10 tons.

**Towing**

Tow a single multichannel (2.g. 24 channels or less) streamer and modest airgun array.

**Winches**

EM and fiber optical cable capability to as great a length as possible - perhaps 8-9km.

**Wire**

3 optical fibers and 3 copper conductors. 18,000 lb working load. High voltage conductors (e.g. 3kV).

**Crane**

At least a 2-ton working load at full extension on fantail. A-frame desirable for larger loads.

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Sean Wiggins - SIO

G & G; other

Marine Geophysics & Oceanographic Instrumentation

**Over the side handling**

A-Frame

**Towing**

**Winches**

fiber optics and coax

**Wire**

**Crane**

launch and recovery of small instruments

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John Bash - URI

Other

Research Vessel Management

**Over the side handling**

Motion compensated frame for handling equipment in heavy seas

**Towing**

**Winches**

**Wire**

**Crane**

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Joe Coburn - WHOI

Other

Research Vessel Management

**Over the side handling**

Stern frame, side hydrobooms port & starboard; one of which rated for cable with broadest bandwidth (currently .680 FO). Motion compensated system - specs to be determined.

**Towing**

Should not be a defining requirement - 10,000# @ 6 knots

**Winches**

2 Hydrowinches, 1 traction winch with capability of changing between trawl wire and FO, not necessary to carry both simultaneously.

**Wire**

Next generation of oceanographic cables. Fiberoptic.

**Crane**

Cargo-type crane to load from dock to key deck locations. Portable (relocatable) articulated crane for handling AUV, ROV, etc.

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Marc Willis - OSU

Other

N/A

**Over the side handling**

Account for multiple towed instruments (eg. towed profiler + acoustic towfish + surface sampler). □ Large, high-capacity A-frame.

**Towing**

Not a defining requirement

**Winches**

Deep-sea winch for towing/coring, Intermediate winches (2), for CTD cable, light trawling wire and/or project wires - interchangeable drums

**Wire**

Forward-thinking to next generation cables high-power/FO

**Crane**

At least one telescoping-boom crane, placed for towing over-the-side in crutch, one or more knuckle-boom cranes for deck work and loading - size and place cranes to handle loaded containers/ship's winch drums, serve all open deck areas

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Richard Pittenger - WHOI

Other

NA

**Over the side handling**

Hydro booms Port and Starboard, A-frame, U-frame (including AUVs) in a sea way

**Towing**

10 meter MOCNESS, mid-water trawl.

**Winches**

2 hydro winches, convertible traction dredge / .680 fiber optic

**Wire**

Standard UNOLS .322, .680, 9/16

**Crane**

Hyab knuckle crane, 20,000 lbs.

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Paul Ljunggren - LDEO

Other

Marine Operations

**Over the side handling**

Stern Aframe- rated 30 tons or capable of exceeding breaking strength of wire to be employed on it. 25 ft vertical clearance. 15 ft horizontal clearance. Capable of reaching 12-15 ft inboard or outboard of vessel.  
Starboard side hydroboom

**Towing**

**Winches**

All winches wire, tension, speed read outs.  
Capacity of 10,000m of UNOLS standard wire or electromechanical cable  
Winches to include:  
CTD/hydro winch  
Core winch

**Wire**

**Crane**

Three cranes-  
1-Small portable articulated crane capable of being positioned to support over the side operations.  
1-Articulated crane with 40 boom rated for 3000 lbs at 40 ft.  
1-Large telescoping boom crane- capable of handling 15000-20000lb containers

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Thomas Rossby - URI

Phys. Oc.

Ocean circulation with emphasis on the Gulf Stream and North Atlantic Current system. Perhaps work farther north in future.

**Over the side handling**

Long rail on starboard side for access to water line for recovery ops.

**Towing**

**Winches**

**Wire**

**Crane**

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Terrence Joyce - WHOI

Physical Oceanography

Ocean general circulation, mesoscale variability

**Over the side handling**

recovery/deployment of 3m discus buoy for meteorology, standard surface and intermediate moorings

**Towing**

A-frame for towing SeaSoar

**Winches**

trawl winch, 2 hydro winches

**Wire**

standard UNOLS wire for above (8000m)

**Crane**

lift capability for standard container vans, specialized for science labs [hydro]

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James Ledwell - WHOI

Physical Oceanography

Tracer release experiments

**Over the side handling**

Low freeboard to deploy sleds, bottles and instruments on wire, deploy and recover profilers; launch 10-meter long floats

**Towing**

Low tow speeds, 0 to 2 knots, 6000 pound maximum tension with CTD cable

**Winches**

CTD winch, with backup, for 10,000 meters of CTD cable; Computer control

**Wire**

Present 0.322" CTD wire is marginally OK; go stronger; add optical fiber

**Crane**

Light - for launchin delicate floats at sea

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Dave Hebert - URI

Physical Oceanography

Mixing processes

**Over the side handling**

State-of-the-art handling where minimal tag lines, etc. are needed. A system such as Wiebe's is a good start.

**Towing**

Towing - 10000 lbs at 6 kts

**Winches**

**Wire**

**Crane**

Able to load gear from dock to all points on the ship.

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Bill Johns - RSMAS

Physical Oceanography

Large-scale Ocean Circulation, Western Boundary Currents and Mesoscale Processes

**Over the side handling**

CTD boom and all-weather hangar

**Towing**

**Winches**

Trawl winch w/ 12000 m wire; hydro winch 7000m wire; twin (fully-redundant) motion compensated CTD/profiling winch 7000m cable

**Wire**

**Crane**

articulated crane back deck, standard crane midships/aft able to reach all deck/stowage areas

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Tetsu Hara - URI

Physical Oceanography

Air-sea interaction

**Over the side handling**

**Towing**

**Winches**

**Wire**

**Crane**

Able to load research platforms (e.g., buoys) from dock to the deck, and to deploy them from the deck.

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David Farmer - URI

Physical Oceanography

Upper Ocean Physics, Internal Waves, Coastal Processes

**Over the side handling**

Need to be able to easily recover drifting instruments over the side. □ Must be good visibility from bridge and Excellent manoeuvrability.

**Towing**

Tow-yo CTDs are the primary application.

**Winches**

Standar CTD winch meets requirements, i.e. similar set-up to Ocean class vessels.

**Wire**

As for #12

**Crane**

Sufficient for standard current meter moorings etc. □ Present Ocean class capability sufficient.

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Mark Wimbush - URI

Physical Oceanography

Western Boundary Currents, esp. Kuroshio

**Over the side handling**

See 15 above

**Towing**

none

**Winches**

Conducting-wire CTD winch for hydrographic profiling to 7,000 m.

**Wire**

See 12 above

**Crane**

normal -- able to reach at least 6 ft over the fantail and side.

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Jack Barth - OSU

Physical Oceanography

coastal physical oceanography especially fronts and jets

**Over the side handling**

**Towing**

Tow SeaSoar vehicle at 7 knots on user-supplied cable and winch. Tow bioacoustics package off stern quarter at 7 knots using a tow wing or crane-in-crutch system.

**Winches**

full-ocean depth CTD/rosette capable winch;  trawl winch for mooring ops

**Wire**

full-ocean depth CTD/rosette capable wire; non-conducting 10K lb wire for emergency dragging for lost gear or unresponsive moorings.

**Crane**

Large crane for loading from shore.  Articulating crane for moving relatively small packages around the deck at sea.

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John Toole - WHOI

Physical Oceanography

observational physical oceanography

**Over the side handling**

stern A-Frame and midships J- or A-frame, low freeboard aft with uncluttered rail to facilitate pickup of drifting instrumentation

**Towing**

none

**Winches**

2 .322" conducting wire, 1 trawl wire, ability to mount mooring winch

**Wire**

see above

**Crane**

stern A-frame, midships J- or A- Frame, full deck coverage w/ main crane(s) capable of lifting loaded vans

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Michael McCartney - WHOI

Physical Oceanography

Abyssal circulation, thermocline ventilation, convection, and climate change

**Over the side handling**

I like the arrangement on the knorr (the extensible boom) better than a variety of J-frames and side A frames that I have used on other ships.

**Towing**

none

**Winches**

Winch and wire for CTD operations at least at the capacity of the Knorr. I believe a somewhat greater actual power might be needed as I believe in some circumstances it is the potential overheating of the winch that limits haul in, not tensions.

**Wire**

CTD cable is still my only real need.

**Crane**

I believe the primary crane pair on the Knorr has been fine for all my mooring operations. I do not do massive surface buoys, so will defer to those like Wellers folks that do.

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Brian Guest - WHOI

Physical Oceanography

Neutrally Buoyant floats and subsurface moorings

**Over the side handling**

Crane and A frame for mooring launch and recovery. CTD launch and recovery. Towed sled requiring crane, CTD winch and another winch with 1 ton lifting.

**Towing**

slow speed tows of 2 knots or less

**Winches**

CTD with backup, trawl and something that can handle a 4 ton or larger lift with non conductive wire.

**Wire**

3 conductor CTD cable, fiber optic for future use.

**Crane**

10-20 ton to any part of main deck

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Charles Flagg - BNL

Physical Oceanography

Continental Shelf Processes, Shelf-ocean exchange, fronts

**Over the side handling**

A-frame amid-ships for CTD and coring work and a large a-frame on the stern for mooring and towing.

**Towing**

Towing requirements include constant slow speed for MOCNESS (~2-3 kts) and higher speeds for SEASOARS (~8 kts).

**Winches**

There should be the standard suite of winches permanently available and the big winch should be below the main deck if possible. The number of pulleys over which the wire passes should be minimal while the pulleys themselves should be as large as practicable. Winches that are roll compensated would be nice for hydrocasts but I am more worried about winches doing things autonomously outside the control of an operator to support their inclusion in the suite of equipment.

**Wire**

I'm uncertain what the strength requirements are for the various packages but clearly the ship should be able to do coring, tow SEASOARS and MOCNESSs, do vertical hauls, and hydrographic casts with large rosettes.

**Crane**

Articulated cranes should be able to reach all areas of the deck and storage areas on top of the deck houses. They should be able to self load items the size of storage and science vans.

Craig Lee - UW

Physical Oceanography

upper ocean and mesoscale dynamics

**Over the side handling**

- Large A-Frame.
- I-beam or J-frame
- Relatively low freeboard... accept wet fantail for easier handling of delicate gear.

**Towing**

**Winches**

- Hydro and trawl winches.
- Might also think about a towed profiling/multi-purpose winch with electro-optical cable.

**Wire**

- Standard cables and wire ropes
- Ability to handle electro-optical tow cables (no standards yet)

**Crane**

- Handle loaded containers sited alongside the ship.
- Cranes with ample scope to cover the entire ship.
- Articulating crane to supporting the fantail.

**Ocean Class SMR Input**  
**Gear Handling over the side, towing, winches, wire & cranes**

Ruth Curry - WHOI

Physical Oceanography

Water mass properties and ocean circulation in the context of global and regional climate

**Over the side handling**

Standard for CTD / floats /

**Towing**

none

**Winches**

Hydro winch for CTDs. For subsurface mooring work, we generally bring our own.

**Wire**

Standard conducting wire capable of lowering CTD and large volume rosette package

**Crane**

For loading/off-loading dockside.

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Al Plueddemann - WHOI

Physical Oceanography

air-sea interaction and upper ocean dynamics

**Over the side handling**

crane lifts over stbd or port rail

**Towing**

H-bit and capstain adequate

**Winches**

hydro winch, trawl winch

**Wire**

> 15,000 lb, comm's for CTD wire

**Crane**

one or more deck cranes able to load vans, reach to fantail and one rail

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**Ocean Class SMR Input**  
**Gear Handling over the side, towing, winches, wire & cranes**

John Whitehead - WHOI

Physical Oceanography

Ocean Circulation and dynamics

**Over the side handling**

**Towing**

**Winches**

2 moderate strength, one occasionally for dragging

**Wire**

ctd strength, 4000 lbs for anchors , power for ctd

**Crane**

fantail and side for ctd

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Randy Watts - URI

Physical Oceanography

dynamics of large scale current systems

**Over the side handling**

CTD; testing acoustic releases and other packages; deploying moorings

**Towing**

Sea-Soar and nets and acoustic packages

**Winches**

1 CTD winch; 1 higher bandwidth-capable winch might look to the future; 1 non-conductive hydro winch; 1 trawl winch

**Wire**

see above; CTD, faster, and non-conductive (to hang things inexpensively in the water)

**Crane**

1 able to load 20-ft containers from dockside;

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**Ocean Class SMR Input**  
**Gear Handling over the side, towing, winches, wire & cranes**

Rob Pinkel - Scripps Institution of Oceanography

Physical Oceanography; other

mesoscal& sub-mesoscale processes at low & high latitude

**Over the side handling**

**Towing**

can tow FLIP

**Winches**

electro-optical capability

**Wire**

**Crane**

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