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## Appendix VII

From - Mon Sep 18 10:17:41 2000

From: Braxton Tesh <braxton@skio.peachnet.edu>

To: Mike Prince <office@unols.org>

Subject: R/V Savannah Update

Mike,

Here is an update on the R/V Savannah : The ship was designed by Rodney E. Lay & Assoc. of Jacksonville, Florida and is now under construction at the Washburn & Doughty Shipyard of East Booth Bay, Maine. The yard is expected to complete their contract by July 1, 2001 at which time the ship will be sailed to Skidaway Institute of Oceanography in Savannah. The science labs will then be finished out and much equipment and electronics will be moved over from the R/V Blue Fin. This work will be completed by SkIO staff with hopes of having the ship up and operational by the Fall of 2001. Presently the Washburn & Doughty Shipyard is working a double crew on the R/V Savannah and is ahead of schedule with much of the steel work completed, the engines are set on their beds and the generators also set in place. If this pace continues we may shave a couple of months off the schedule. The estimated cost of the ship now stands at \$ 3.4 million.

R/V Savannah

LOA 91' 6"

Beam 27'

Draft 8'

Horsepower 900

Gross Tonnage ~300

Cruise speed 12 knots

Main Engines two Caterpillar model 3406E

450 hp @ 1800 rpm

Bow Thruster a 16" American Bow Thruster TRAC Series with 65

hp hydraulic motor

See you in D.C. next week. Regards, Braxton