

- > Sending out a weekly email that highlights open crew positions in the ARF. Currently going to 440+ credentialed mariners and growing every day. Has really helped hiring managers crew their vessels.
- > No days lost due to crewing so far in 2024. In 2023, only days lost were aboard R/V Sharp, but was a combo of crewing and engineering deficiencies.
- > Biggest need in the fleet currently are QMEDs, so Meegan has switched her focus from the large maritime academies to smaller schools who graduate QMEDs.
  - > Proposal drafted to create a centralized cadet/intern program. This program would be voluntary, but creates a single location for cadets to apply to train aboard ARF vessels which will cut down on single requests. The program will also track cadets to determine if they come back to research ships upon graduation.
- > Overall, the US Academic Research Fleet is doing quite well crewing-wise relative to other Federally-funded fleets.

