

Appendix VIII

USCG Report

UNOLS COUNCIL MEETING
U.S. COAST GUARD AGENCY REPORT
03 FEB 98

USCGC POLAR SEA will be making a shake down/science of opportunity cruise from 27 APR to 09 JUL 98. This cruise will also involve participation in a Russian-led oil spill exercise off of Sakhalin Island at the beginning of the trip. The science party is made up of approximately 20 PIs and students. Lisa Clough has been assigned as Senior Scientist.

USCGC POLAR STAR has recently been scheduled for a two month Arctic trip, departing Seattle on 09 JUL. She will be operating off of Pt Barrow and will be involved with some SHEBA support. There is space for science of opportunity. Interested parties can contact Dr. Phil McGillivery, Pacific Area Coast Guard Science Liaison Officer, at (510) 437-5355.

USCGC HEALY construction continues at Avondale Shipyard. Although the Coast Guard has not been formally notified, it appears that a two-three month delay in delivery is likely, possibly as late as 31 May 99. This development removes any slack time from the 1999 schedule for crew training and ice trials. An ice trials planning conference is scheduled for 03-04 FEB at the Cold Regions Resemh and Engineering Laboratory to address a wide variety of testing demands. The Coast Guard is proceeding with plans to meet the summer 1999 ice trials schedule so that an unrestricted Arctic science cruise can be accomplished in 2000.

CRUISE PLANNING GLTIDES and SHIP REQUEST FORMS for the Polar Class ships and HEALY are being completed by a contractor and will emulate those of other ships already posted on the Web.

MST TPAINING: Coast Guard Marine Science Technicians (MSTS) have made a number of cruises on UNOLS vessels in the last five months. This idea was broach at the SEP97 UNOLS Council meeting and has been enthusiastically embraced by both the Coast Guard and the UNOLS members. The Coast Guard is most appreciative of this exchange and plans to continue the practice as a standard training requirement for our technicians.

CIVILIAN TECBNICIANS: The Coast Guard recognizes the need to continuously irnprove the level of support available to the science community aboard the Polar Class ships and on HEALY when delivered. The preferred alternative is to properly train our crews to deliver on par with LTNOLS fleet technicians. At present, there are no plans to have regular civilian employees or contractors working on Coast Guard ships. Contract personnel are expected to be involved in HEALY science testing cruises.

Final decisions regarding HEALY staffing will evolve from the these events.

COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS STAFF OCEANOGRAPHER: The Office of Personnel Management has a current announcement seeking applicants for the Coast Guard's "Marine Science Specialist GS-12/13" (Announcement no. AR0301). The closing date is 16FEB98. Interested parties can review the announcement on the OPM Web Page. [HTTP://www.usajobs.opm.gov](http://www.usajobs.opm.gov) and contact CDR DuPree for @er information. Wide dissemination of this opening would be highly appreciated.

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