



Adopt-a-Float Newsletter

Welcome to the Adopt-a-Float program! We are looking forward to having you join us as we watch the floats on their journey through the ocean.

Date: January 10, 2025

Number of Floats Deployed: 244 GO-BGC floats deployed (232 operating); 303 SOCCOM floats deployed (136 operating).

Float of the Month!



Root Beer Float

Mission High School, Santa Cruz, CA.



Deadlines for the sticker competition and the EARTH workshop are coming up!!

Coming up soon will be the deployment of *Root Beer Float* which has brought grins to our staff (one of three floats being launched from the Discovery expedition). As such, you might see it on our social media pages (note the new Bluesky accounts below). We are not posting on X/twitter these days.

We have four ships deploying floats right now with a couple more expeditions coming up in the next few weeks including (hopefully) the long awaited RV **David Packard** – MBARI's new research vessel.

Just a reminder that it might take up to two months for your float data to show up on the [Adopt-A-Float viz site](#) as the data are checked for quality control at that point and then posted. You can view data that has not yet been checked at the regular [Float-Viz site](#).

The 2025 EARTH teacher workshop will be July 27 – Aug 1 in Newport, Oregon and you can start thinking about your application (remember, we want you to try and evaluate one of the EARTH [lesson plans](#) as part of the application <https://www.mbari.org/education/education-research-testing-hypotheses-earth/lesson-plans/>).

We are now accepting submissions for the [2025 student sticker competition](#). You can get more information and guidelines at <https://www.go-bgc.org/outreach/2025-sticker-contest> - Deadline is February 1, 2025. And we will always have more floats heading out to sea and are looking for adopters – so feel free to adopt another float! Check out the Flickr page for photos of your floats if they have been adopted/launched.

Find your float information here: https://www3.mbari.org/gobgc/tables/GOBGC_Adopt-a-Float.html or https://www3.mbari.org/soccom/tables/SOCCOM_Adopt-a-Float.html

Find resources here: <https://www.go-bgc.org/outreach/for-educators>

Follow our Flickr page: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/go-bgc/> for recent GO-BGC and SOCCOM floats or <https://www.flickr.com/photos/139764369@N07/> for older SOCCOM floats

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