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 13, 2026

Number of Floats Deployed: 360 GO-BGC floats deployed (340 operating); 318 SOCCOM floats deployed (147 operating).

Float of the Month!

- It's been a busy month with many floats launched and even more loaded onto ships and ready to hit the water. Eight of the nine floats on the RV *Agulhas II* have been launched with one more to go (*Black Current*). Four of the six floats on the MV *Vasiliy Golovnin* are in the water with two more to go (*Falcon* and *Campo Cougar*). There are seven floats on the RV David Attenborough, six floats on the RV *Falkor too*, nine on the RV *Nuyina*, and one on the RV *L'Astrolabe* - all leaving the dock in the next few week. Seven more floats on the RV *Roger Revelle* leaving on March 8th.
- And in exciting news, there have been 14 floats surfacing from under the ice and reporting back. If your float is in the Southern Ocean and you haven't heard from it in a while, you might check and see if it has come back.
- At this point, I only have one adoption that is not yet assigned a float and there will be more floats heading out to sea over the next few months. Our funding has ended so the floats launched this year will be the last ones (unless we are able to secure additional funding) – so if you want another adoption, don't delay!
- The next EARTH Workshop is open to all educators and will take place in **Monterey, California, July 26–31, 2026** and application information is posted (www.mbari.org/EARTH) – deadline for applications is February 15th.
- And the 2026 Adopt-A-Float sticker competition (https://www.go-bgc.org/outreach/2026-sticker-contest) is now open and accepting applications!! Guidelines will be similar to last year and can be found here – the deadline is February 9th.

Check out the Flickr page for photos of your floats if they have been adopted/launched.

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.

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
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