



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: February 12, 2026

Number of Floats Deployed: 368 GO-BGC floats deployed (341 operating); 323 SOCCOM floats deployed (152 operating).

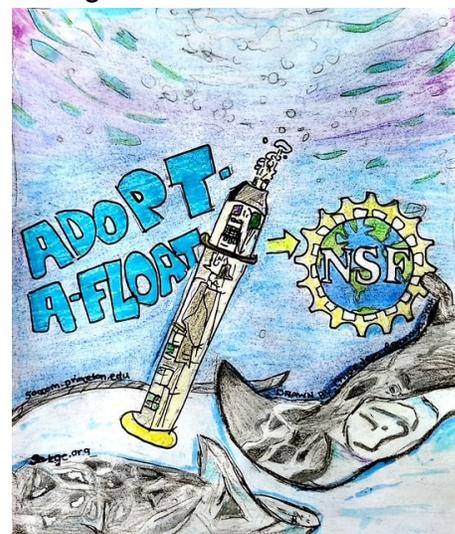
Happy Valentines Day!!

Some of you are likely experiencing (or have or will) some unusual weather and our floats are no different. Be sure to check out float data from floats that are in the path of storms or high winds so you can see what happens to the ocean below the surface during bad weather. This type of information is really important for scientists as this is when it is difficult to get research boats out onto the water (or scientists willing to brave seasickness).

- The 2026 Adopt-A-Float sticker competition has closed and we had some amazing submissions from some really talented students. Here you can see the submissions ranked in the top two – we will be making stickers using the float design submitted by Chloe and Shanaya from Windemere Ranch Middle School in San Ramon, CA. Their float (*Fred* #22725 is a SOCCOM float launched in 2024). Honorable



Mention goes to the wonderful design on the left submitted by students in Ms. O'Connors Sea Turtle Class at Oasis Charter School in Salinas, CA (they have a float #4062 named *Sea Turtleitos* launched at the end of 2025).



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>

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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