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: March 5, 2026

Number of Floats Deployed: 379 GO-BGC floats deployed (359 operating); 327 SOCCOM floats deployed (156 operating).

Float of the Month

Happy to have *UFOS* (WMO 4903566; serial number 1541) ready to go out to sea after it was removed from the RV *David Packard* last year and shipped back for repair. This float was named by the YMCA in Gateway Region and during out engineering checkouts at the dock, it ended up not working. When this happens, we call it being RMAed – which means Return Merchandise Authorization – essentially, it needs to come back for repair. But it has been repaired and was loaded on the RV *L'Astrolabe* and deployed on Feb 18th!! With two cycles complete, it looks like all systems are working and you can now access the data from Adopt-A-Float viz.

We have closed applications for the 2026 EARTH workshop and will be hosting 25 educators at MBARI this summer, so we should have some new lesson plans for you by the start of the school year.

Funding is currently scheduled to run out in November but we will keep posting data and I'll keep sending out newsletters for awhile. We are still hoping that NSF funds our renewal proposal but won't know until this summer at the earliest. We do still have quite a few floats to launch (and get adopted) before November, so if you wanted another float, this is your reminder to submit a name as soon as you can.

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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