



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: April 14, 2026

Number of Floats Deployed: 404 GO-BGC floats deployed (384 operating); 328 SOCCOM floats deployed (157 operating).

Float of the Month



Crystal

Environmental Charter High School, Pittsburgh, PA.



Crystal (18340; 5906543) was launched in November 2022 and we never heard from it again until last night! We are hopeful that *Crystal* will be able to keep reaching the surface and catch up with all the data that the float has been collecting for the past 3.5 years.

Funding is currently scheduled to end this year but we will keep posting data and I'll keep sending out newsletters. So far, we have launched 54 floats this year for a total of 404 GO-BGC floats. The current timeline is to complete 500 GO-BGC deployments by the end of October. There will still be some SOCCOM deployments (~12 floats) in the next austral summer. This means we do still have quite a few floats to launch (and get adopted) in the next 6 months, so if you wanted another float, this is your reminder to submit a name as soon as you can.

I would also like to recommend this book *Argo Adventures: Willow & Wren's Search for the Missing Fish!* (<https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0DWXBG9F9F>) if you have students wondering how float data could be used. Created by middle school students and illustrated with AI, it's a fun, easy read.

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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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