



# 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: May 14, 2026**

**Number of Floats Deployed:** 418 GO-BGC floats deployed (386 operating); 328 SOCCOM floats deployed (156 operating).

## Float of the Month

Floats are still going in the water – we currently have 14 adopted floats going out in the next few

weeks with another 16 adopted floats ready to be assigned to other ships. As you can see from the map on the left, our floats now have pretty good coverage of the world ocean (five more floats were launched since the map was created). Thank you for all the new adoptions that have come in during the last month.

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 68 floats this year for a total of 418 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/B0DWXBG9F>) 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](https://www3.mbari.org/gobgc/tables/GOBGC_Adopt-a-Float.html) or [https://www3.mbari.org/soccom/tables/SOCCOM\\_Adopt-a-Float.html](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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