Software Defined Infrastructure in the Academic Research Fleet

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The Academic Research Fleet as the Large Facility

Global Class

- 1. Thomas G. Thompson (Univ. of Washington)
- 2. Roger Revelle (Scripps Institute of Oceanography, SIO)
- 3. Atlantis (Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, WHOI)
- 4. Sikuliaq (Univ. of Alaska Fairbanks)
- 5. Marcus G. Langseth (Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory)

Intermediate Class

- 1. Kilo Moana (Univ. of Hawaii)
- 2. Oceanus (Oregon State University)
- 3. Endeavor (University of Rhode Island)
- 4. Atlantic Explorer (Bermuda Institute for Ocean Sciences)
- 5. Neil Armstrong (WHOI)
- 6. Sally Ride (SIO)

Regional Class

1. Hugh R. Sharpe (Univ. Delaware)

Coastal/Local Class

- 1. Robert Gordon Sproul (SIO)
- 2. Pelican (Louisiana Univ. Marine Consortium)
- 3. F.G Walton Smith (Univ. of Miami)
- 4. Savanah (Skidaway Institute of Oceanography)
- 5. Blue Heron (Univ. of Minnesota Duluth)
- 6. Rachel Carson (Univ. of Washington)



Shipboard Computing in The Academic Research Fleet

CI Problem: A modernized computing infrastructure is sought to support:

- Basic Services:
 - Network
 - WAN connectivity
 - LAN (shipboard network)
 - State of Health Monitoring
- Scientific Services:
 - Data Acquisition
 - Storage
 - Computing
- Real-Time Services:
 - Pub/Sub
 - Event Driven

RCRV CI Requirements:

- (1) Must support 40 or more individual & unique IT services
- (2) Must be easily configured for high-availability
- (3) Must include out of band management capabilities
- (4) 10GbE connectivity to the network core
- (5) 20 TB of useable storage
- (6) 75 CPU or CPU equivalents
- (7) 300 GB of RAM

Additional Evaluation Criteria:

- (1) physical footprint,
 (2) resource footprint,
- (3) compute & storage efficiency,
- (4) technical debt,
- (5) availability,
- (6) ease of management, and
- (7) costs: (CAPEX & OPEX).

RCRV CI Project: Architecture Options





VM backups/Snapshots

Room to grow Room to share Storage = 60 TB Raw, but.. Useable space is determined by choices:

- failure tolerance method (RAID-1, 5/6)
- primary level of failures to tolerate (1, 2, or 3)

Secondary Network Storage: File Storage