

# JOIDES Resolution

## Information & Quick Reference

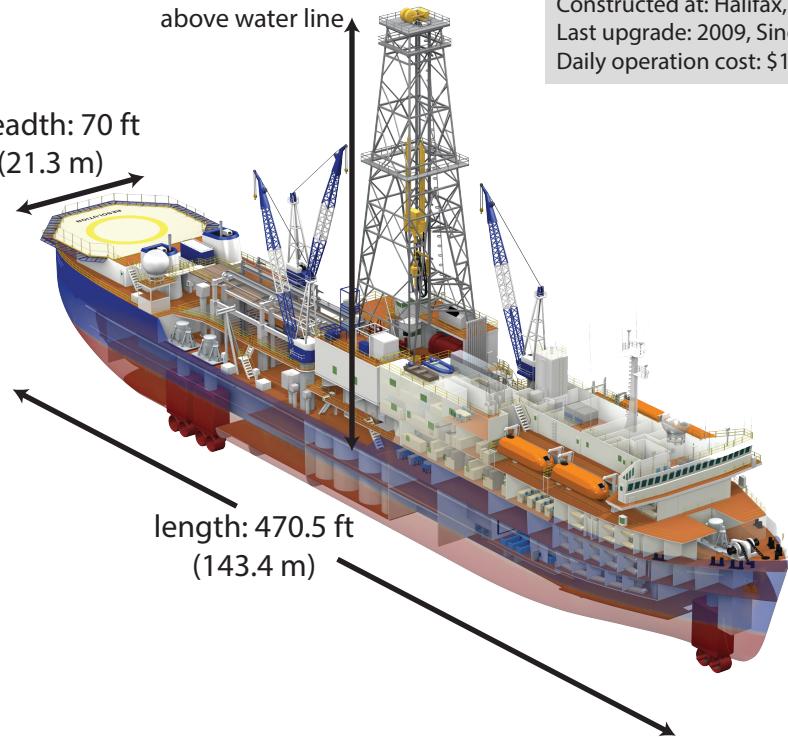
derrick: 192 ft  
(58.5 m)  
above water line

breadth: 70 ft  
(21.3 m)

length: 470.5 ft  
(143.4 m)

Year built: 1978  
Constructed at: Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada  
Last upgrade: 2009, Singapore  
Daily operation cost: \$180k - 270k (expedition dependent)

Owned by: ODL AS (Siem Offshore AS)  
Science Operator: Texas A&M University  
Port of Registry: Limassol, Cyprus



### Weight

gross tonnage: 10,282 standard tons (20.5 million lbs)

### Propulsion

2 main propeller shafts; 9000 horsepower  
12 thrusters; 750 horsepower

### Scientific Spaces

Square footage: 18,000 square ft  
Refrigerated core storage: 26,250 cubic ft

**Moonpool:** 22 ft diameter (6.7 m)

**Wireline:** ~6,400 m  
(max drilling a combination of water & penetration)

**Drill pipe:** 46,500 ft (14,173 m)

**Transit Speed:** 10.5 kt (optimal)

### JOIDES Resolution (1985 - present)

1985 - 2003: Ocean Drilling Program, ODP

2004 - 2013: Integrated Ocean Drilling Program, IODP

2013 - 2024: International Ocean Discovery Program, IODP

The vessel is named for the HMS Resolution, which explored the Pacific Ocean, its islands, and the Antarctic region under the command of Captain James Cook over 200 years ago.

The "JOIDES" in the ship's name stands for **J**oint **O**ceanographic **I**nstitutions for **D**eep **E**arth **S**ampling. The name represents the original partnership of universities that initiated scientific ocean drilling.

### Coring Statistics & Records

**IODP Expeditions/ODP Legs completed:** >193

**Operational:** > 12,115 days

**Distance traveled:** > 684,394 nautical miles

**Sites visited:** > 1025

**Holes drilled:** > 2,817

**Cores recovered:** > 59,278

**Deepest water:** 5,968 m (Mariana Basin, Hole 802A)

**Deepest hard rock:** 2,111 m (Costa Rica Rift, Hole 504B)  
(over ~1 year total to recover)

**Deepest sediment:** 1,927 m (Canterbury Basin, Hole U1352)  
(15 days to recover)

**Most core recovered on a single cruise:** 8,003 m  
(SE Atlantic Ocean, Leg 175)

### Expeditions

Per year: 4-5 expeditions

**Time at sea:** typically 60 days  
(Time at sea without re-provisioning: 75 days)

**IODP members:** 21 countries

### Personnel Complement

**Capacity:** 125

**Scientists onboard:** ~30

**Science Technicians:** ~30

**Crew:** ~65

### Scientific Ocean Drilling History

1958 - 1966: Project Mohole

1968 - 1983: Deep Sea Drilling Project, DSDP (Glomar Challenger)

