

**NOAA’s Office of Marine and Aviation Operations (OMAO)  
 Major Facilities: Centers, Aircraft Bases, and Ship Homeports**

- OMAO centers are denoted with a red dot on the above map, and more detail is provided below and on page two.
- OMAO ship homeports are denoted with a blue dot on the above map, and more detail is provided on page three.
- OMAO aircraft bases are denoted with a green dot on the above map, and more detail is provided on page four.

**Centers**

- **Aircraft Operations Center (AOC) – MacDill Air Force Base, FL**  
 The AOC provides capable, mission-ready aircraft and professional crews to the scientific community wherever and whenever they are required. Whether studying global climate change or acid rain, assessing marine mammal populations, surveying coastal erosion, investigating oil spills, flight checking

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aeronautical charts, or improving hurricane prediction models, the AOC flight crews continue to operate in some of the world's most demanding flight regimes.

- **Commissioned Personnel Center (CPC) – Silver Spring, MD**  
The CPC is the workforce management center of the NOAA Corps. The NOAA Commissioned Corps traces its roots back to the former U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, which dates back to 1807 and President Thomas Jefferson. The NOAA Corps today provides a cadre of professionals trained in engineering, earth sciences, oceanography, meteorology, fisheries science, and other related disciplines. Officers operate ships, fly aircraft, manage research projects, conduct diving operations, and serve in staff positions throughout NOAA.
- **Marine Operations Center, Atlantic (MOC-A) – Norfolk, VA**  
NOAA operates a wide assortment of hydrographic survey, oceanographic research, and fisheries research vessels. Ships located in the Atlantic are managed by the **MOC-A**. Logistic support for the vessels is provided by the marine operations center or, for vessels in Woods Hole, Charleston, and Pascagoula, by Port Captains located in those ports.
- **Marine Operations Center, Pacific (MOC-P) – Seattle, WA**  
Ships located in the Pacific are managed by the **MOC-P**. Logistic support for the vessels is provided by the marine operations center or, for vessels in Ketchikan, San Diego, and Honolulu, by Port Captains located in those ports.
- **NOAA Dive Center (NDC) – Seattle, WA**  
The Diving Center functions as the administrative support center and primary diver training facility for the NOAA Diving Program. The NOAA Diving Program trains and certifies scientists, engineers and technicians to perform the variety of tasks carried out underwater to support NOAA's mission. With more than 400 divers, NOAA has the largest complement of divers of any civilian federal agency.

Complete details on these Centers, as well as all NOAA ships, aircraft, and their homeports listed on pages three and four, can be found at:

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# NOAA Ships in FY 2008

## 20 Ships



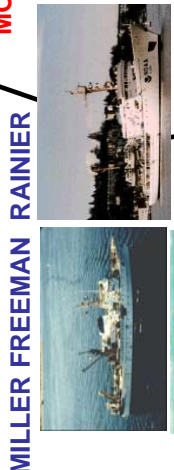
FAIRWEATHER

ALASKA (2)

MOC SEATTLE (4)



FERDINAND R HASSLER



MILLER FREEMAN RAINIER

NEW CASTLE (1)



DELAWARE II

WOODS HOLE (1)

**MISSIONS**  
 Nautical Charting  
 Fisheries Research  
 Oceanographic Research  
 Coastal Monitoring  
 Ocean Exploration

MOC NORFOLK (1)



THOMAS JEFFERSON

JOHN COBB McARTHUR II

SAN DIEGO (1)



DAVID STARR JORDAN



RONALD H. BROWN

PASCAGOULA (3)



GORDON GUNTER



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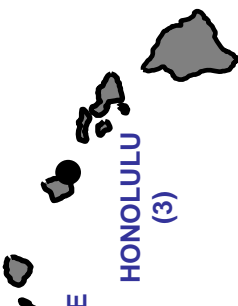
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PISCES



OREGON II



HONOLULU (3)

Temporary Homeports:



HONOLULU, HI



NEWPORT, RI

OKEANOS EXPLORER

HENRY BIGELOW



# NOAA Aircraft in FY 2008

## 13 Aircraft

