Managing an aging ship: The past, present, and future of RV Cefas Endeavour

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The Past



20+ years of service

Fantastic outcomes, but not always plain sailing

- 250-300 days at sea per year
- Largely used for UK Government's statutory monitoring activity
- R&D projects co-delivered at sea
- Spare capacity available to charter
- Increasing technical issues as vessel ages → more scheduled maintenance periods
- Most recent vessel management contract started 01 April 2020.
- COVID-19



The Present



Here and Now

Continuous Improvement

- Contract Extension with AW Ship Management (through to 31 March 2027)
- Successful HVO (UCO) trial 100 m³
 - Decarbonisation
 - ~24T CO₂e reduction (WTT)
 - ~258T CO₂e reduction (TTW)
 - ~282T CO₂e reduction (WTW)
 - Cost (~£80k higher)
 - Combustion analysis (not yet in)
- Shore infrastructure review
 - Sites
 - Vehicles
- Internet connectivity LEO







The Future



To life extend, or not to life extend – that is the question

• Options under consideration:

- Continued use without targeted investment
- Continued use with targeted investment (life extension)
- Replacement with maintained scientific capability
- Replacement with enhanced scientific capability
- Technical and legal consultants engaged
- Considerations of future vessel management approach
- Decarbonisation / Net Zero ambitions







Prior Information Notice (PIN)

- This is not a call for competition it invites participation in pre-market activity
- To notify of a possible procurement (subject to Business Case approval) for the design, build, commission, and delivery of a new Research Vessel in accordance with the following high-level specification:
 - Length <85m
 - Draft ~ 5.5m
 - Beam ~ 18m
 - <5,000GT
 - Berths ~ 40 persons
 - Multi-fuel (synthetic methanol / HVO / MGO)
 - DP2
 - ICES209

<u>https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/028748-</u> 2024?origin=SearchResults&p=1



Planned Market Engagement

- 1st formal Market Engagement event 12 Nov 2024
 - In person Manchester (UK)
 - Online
- Registration is required
- Intended to:
 - provide an opportunity to share additional information on the requirement.
 - gather feedback on the high-level specification and commercial approach.



Further Market Engagement

- Further online engagement events will take place over the coming months (incl. 1-2-1's with Shipyards in November 2024
- Interested parties will need to express an interest in any potential future tender opportunity once / if a Contract Notice is published.
- Cefas advertises all tender opportunities on the UK Gov site (<u>gov.uk/find-tender</u>)
- To see all Defra group tender opportunities, register on our ATAMIS eprocurement portal (<u>atamis-9529.my.site.com/s/Welcome</u>)

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