

# RESEARCH VESSELS



The College of the Environment houses numerous research vessels in the School of Oceanography and at the Friday Harbor Laboratories, ranging from ocean-roving ships to small boats capable of getting into shoreline nooks and crannies. Whether towing plankton nets in Lake Washington or in the Puget Sound, or charting temperature-salinity profiles in the South Pacific, these vessels offer scientists unparalleled access to both ocean and freshwater environments.

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### Thomas G. Thompson

The University's flagship research vessel, the R/V Thomas G. Thompson is capable of sailing to nearly any ocean across the globe. Owned by the U.S. Navy and operated by the University of Washington, the vessel is open to scientists not only from the UW, but from other academic and research institutions across the nation. The Thompson is 274 feet long and can house up to 36 scientists along with 21 crew and 2 technicians.

### Clifford A. Barnes

Nearing the end of its service, the R/V Clifford A. Barnes has played many roles, facilitating research largely within the western waters of Washington State and British Columbia. The ship is 86 feet long and can accommodate 6 scientists and 2 crew for up to 7 days. Efforts to raise funds to replace the Barnes are currently underway.

### Centennial

Operating out of the Friday Harbor Laboratories, the R/V Centennial is a 58 foot former salmon trawler that now offers students and scientists access to the waters of the San Juan Islands and Salish Sea. Up to 36 people can be accommodated on short day trips, and 6 can be accommodated for longer trips.

### Smaller Boats

Numerous smaller boats fall under the purview of College departments as well, allowing scientists and students the ability to travel to nearby field locations situated within local marine and fresh waters.



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