

GUIDELINES FOR SHIP OPERATORS REVIEW OF SHIP TIME APPLICATIONS

2024 – 2026

Purpose

The purpose of this document is to ensure the SWERVE ship operators (represented by the Ship Operators Network (SON)) and the SWERVE Steering Committee (SC) understand and agree on the criteria to be used and information required for the “logistics review” of the ship-time applications.

Review Purpose and Process

Allocation of ship-time will be based on scientific excellence of the applications as well as logistics feasibility of the project. An independent Review Panel will provide the scientific review of the applications, and the ship operators will each provide a logistics review to determine which voyages are possible for them to support on their vessel.

SON members are responsible for the operations of SWERVE vessels, including approval of any ship-time that is granted on their respective vessels. SWERVE secretariat will receive applications for ship-time for marine research through the annual call. The application process will collect information from the researchers on the required vessel logistics for their research. Once the call is closed, the contacts listed below will be sent all the ship-time applications for logistics review. Once completed, the reviews will be sent individually to the SWERVE secretariat and then provided to the SC. Note – SON does not do the logistics review, the individual ship operators do this. SON is the network through which communication with the ship operators is supported.

Contact points for each vessel

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Review Criteria and Feedback

For each application, the logistics review needs to consider several criteria, as listed in the appended spreadsheet.

In addition to providing detail logistics review using the provided spreadsheet, each ship operator must state how many days of ship time **in total** they are able to support for a given year. This must include a stated total number of days that each Partner Organisation is willing to approve for the required co-funding (noting that 1 week per year was agreed by each Partner Organisation).