



## *Come Ashore* TO HOLYROOD

Nestled at the nexus of the Labrador Current and Gulf Stream; crossroads of the Atlantic for over 500 years and gateway to the Eastern Arctic, the Town of Holyrood, Newfoundland, has a strong connection to the ocean – from providing bait and ice to Grand Bank schooners in the 18th and 19th centuries, to servicing the needs of a thriving, 21st century yacht club.

Site of a large, deep and sheltered harbour, Holyrood is home to the Marine Institute's

Holyrood Marine Base, the first phase of a major maritime infrastructure development that will eventually include a marginal wharf, breakwater and 3,500 square metre interdisciplinary research and teaching facility.

With a keen weather eye on emerging opportunities in ocean research, experiential learning and ocean industry, Holyrood is poised to take its rightful place as a global leader in the Blue Economy. [www.comeashore.ca](http://www.comeashore.ca)

## *RV Zeeleeuw* EN ROUTE TO KENYA

The Flanders Marine Institute donated the RV *Zeeleeuw* oceanographic research vessel to the Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute as part of a partnership between the two institutes for bilateral collaboration in the field of marine sciences. The vessel will be renamed RV *Mtafiti* (Swahili for "researcher") and, once it arrives in Kenya later this year, it will be the first ever oceanographic research vessel on the East-African coast. The vessel holds 10 crew and 12 scientists, has an overall length of 56.5 m and a beam of 9 m. [www.vliz.be](http://www.vliz.be)





# OCEANOGRAPHIC FLEET REPORT

The United States National Ocean Council released the Federal Oceanographic Fleet Status Report – a comprehensive review of the country's fleet of oceanographic survey and research vessels – in May 2013. The report indicates that interagency coordination is well-

established among the survey and oceanographic vessels and outlined a number of challenges such as rising fuel costs.

[www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/federal\\_oceanographic\\_fleet\\_status\\_report.pdf](http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/federal_oceanographic_fleet_status_report.pdf)

## USNS *Maury*

Earlier this year, the United States Navy christened the USNS *Maury*, its newest oceanographic survey ship. Named after Commander Matthew Fontaine Maury – the first superintendent of the United States Naval Observatory – *Maury* is ~108 metres

long, has a beam of ~17 metres, and includes a 28 m<sup>2</sup> moon pool for unmanned vehicle deployment and retrieval. The vessel was constructed at the Halter Marine Shipyard in Mississippi, U.S.A., with delivery scheduled for 2014.



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