

Research Vessel Neeskay Cruise Request Information.

Completion of the online vessel request form will require the information listed below. Having all of the information available prior to starting the online form will make completion easier and help avoid errors. Incomplete requests may not be processed and you will be contacted for additional information. Online requests should be completed in one sitting; partially completed forms cannot be saved for future completion.

The Research Vessel Cruise Request is NOT a cruise plan. Prior to a reserved cruise, the investigator will need to submit a cruise plan that provides more detailed information on station locations, time on station, activities at each station, etc. We do not have a standard form for cruise plans. The cruise plan should include enough information so that the Captain can determine if the cruise plan is efficient, feasible, and can be safely completed. Please include exact station locations and the specific sampling efforts to be conducted, including the types of sampling equipment that will be used.

INFORMATION NEEDED for a CRUISE REQUEST:

- Short description of the requested cruise (Title used for scheduling).
- Funding source:
 - Specific account information is required for UWM researchers.
 - If funding is from a School of Freshwater Sciences course, the course information will be needed.
 - External academic or agency requests will need an approved source of funding. The School will contact the requesting investigator to obtain further information on funding.
- General area of operation, using one or more of the following:
 - The geographic description
 - Latitude and longitude
 - Distance from Milwaukee.
- Brief description of the cruise (how many stations visited, type of sampling conducted, equipment needed, etc.):
 - If an ROV or SCUBA will be used, please list. Additional information will be requested prior to the cruise.
 - If a buoy is to be deployed, all required permits must be approved and available prior to departure.
- Number of people in the scientific crew.
- Cruise dates, including preferred and alternate dates.
- What time of the day will the cruise start.
 - If a day cruise is scheduled for 7 or more hours, the cruise should depart by 8 am.
 - For special cruise times (such as night surveys) arrangements will need to be made with the Captain.
- Length of day (hr.)
 - Any significant loading or unloading that requires the vessel crew's assistance may be included in the length of the cruise.
 - Vessel hourly rates increase after 8 hours. Refer to the rate sheet for more information.
- Port of operation:
 - Milwaukee is our home port.
 - List preferred alternate port of operations if needed.
- Significant cruise needs, such as extra loading/unloading time, use of hazardous chemicals or compressed gases, special power needs, etc.
- Contact information for investigator.