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FLAGSHIP VESSEL



MV Polar Athena

FINNISH-
BUILT

1A SUPER
ICE CLASS

HIGH-LATITUDE
EXPEDITIONS

The ultimate multi-purpose vessel • An ocean research platform • An adventure basecamp
• A floating classroom • A polar embassy



EXPEDITION READY

Interior Facilities

- Lab spaces
- Meeting areas
- Observation areas
- Educational spaces
- Health & wellness centre
- Comfortable accommodations

Deck & Field Equipment

- Deck space for research and science
- Scuba centre
- Fleet of zodiacs & RHIBs

Unique Features

- Polar Code compliant
- Cost-effective, fuel-efficient
- Long range expeditions
- Extensive modernization (2025-26)
- Advanced stabilizer system

70m
length



60
passengers



20
crew

13m
Beam

11
Knots

4.5m
Max Draft

1,753
GT

Contact Us

We invite you to join us on this extraordinary platform. Contact us to discuss project and partnership opportunities for the 2026/27 Arctic and Antarctic seasons and beyond.

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ABOUT THE SOI FOUNDATION

The SOI Foundation has more than 25 years of proven experience delivering transformative educational and research expeditions in the polar regions. A globally-celebrated Canadian charitable organization with a diverse network of partners around the world. soifoundation.org

25+
YEARS

51
EXPEDITIONS

4,500+
ALUMNI

53
COUNTRIES
REPRESENTED



A POLAR PLATFORM FOR:

Research & Conservation

Year-round ocean research for universities, NGOs, industry, Indigenous governments, and conservation organizations requiring reliable access to remote coastal and polar waters.

Indigenous Leadership & Reconciliation

A unique platform for collaboration, trust, and capacity building. Direct access to traditional territories with space for Indigenous-led research and knowledge systems to help shape, understand, and protect lands and waters.

Education & Ocean Literacy

A floating classroom for students, Elders, educators, artists, and leaders focused on climate, biodiversity, culture, mental health, and ocean health.

Sovereignty & Security

Whole-of-Society programming that advances national and international security interests and research. A sovereign presence to strengthen observation capacity across the North.

Multinational Cooperation

A hub for North-to-North science diplomacy and joint institutional missions.

Sustainable Blue Economy

Experiential support for innovation, careers, training, and Arctic development projects.

Media & Documentary

A capable platform for ambitious productions in remote, challenging, or environmentally sensitive locations.

