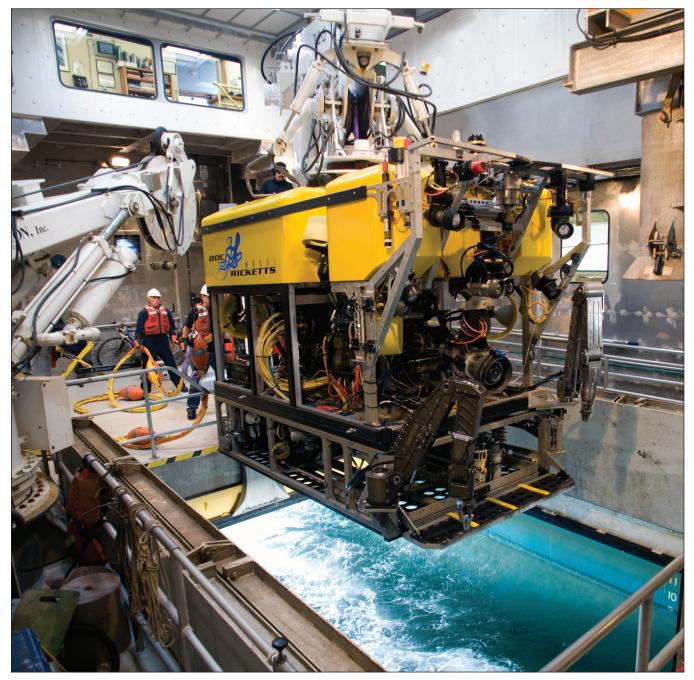
Chapter 1



Underwater Vehicles

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Stories From Real Life: Cousteau and the Underwater World

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6. Chapter Summary

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- Describe the common types and uses of modern underwater vehicles.
- Identify motivating factors and key historic events in the evolution of underwater vehicles.
- Describe some of the major challenges confronted by developers of early underwater vehicles and describe how they were overcome.
- Name and describe the major subsystems of a modern work class ROV.

Figure 1.1.cover: MBARI's New Doc Ricketts ROV

The ROV Doc Ricketts is the newest underwater research vehicle for the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute (MBARI). It is shown here on a 2009 test dive, with launch through the moonpool of the research vessel Western Flyer.

The Doc Ricketts replaced the ROV Tiburon, which was built by MBARI staff in 1996. The new ROV features more sophisticated control systems and can handle much heavier loads. The Doc Ricketts was named after local marine biologist Ed Ricketts, who was made famous by John Steinbeck's book, Cannery Row.

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