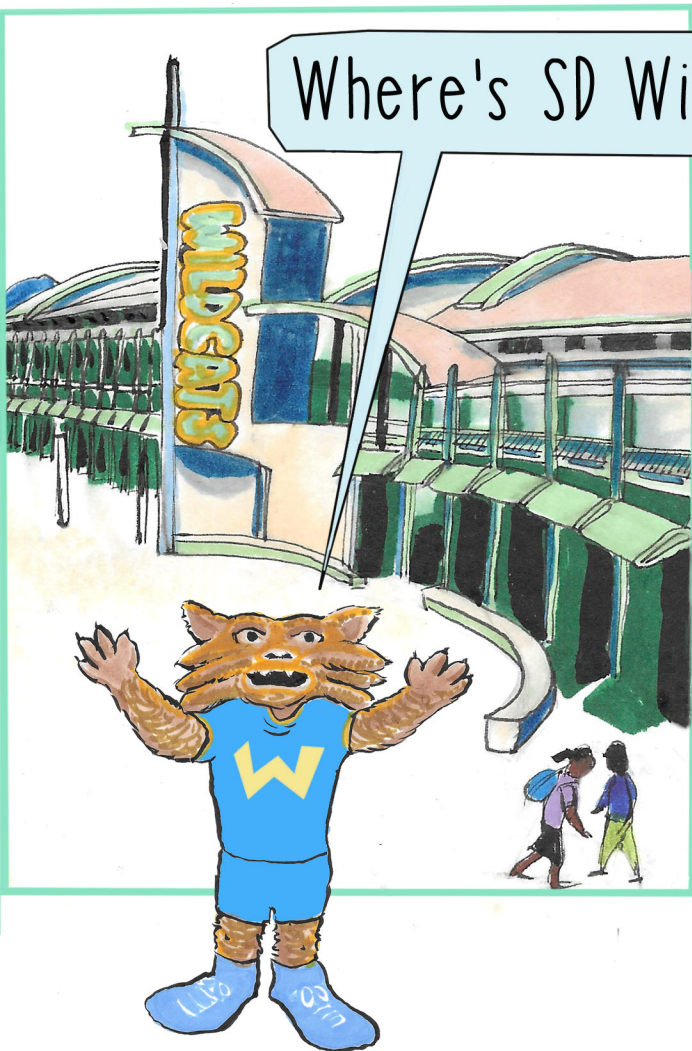
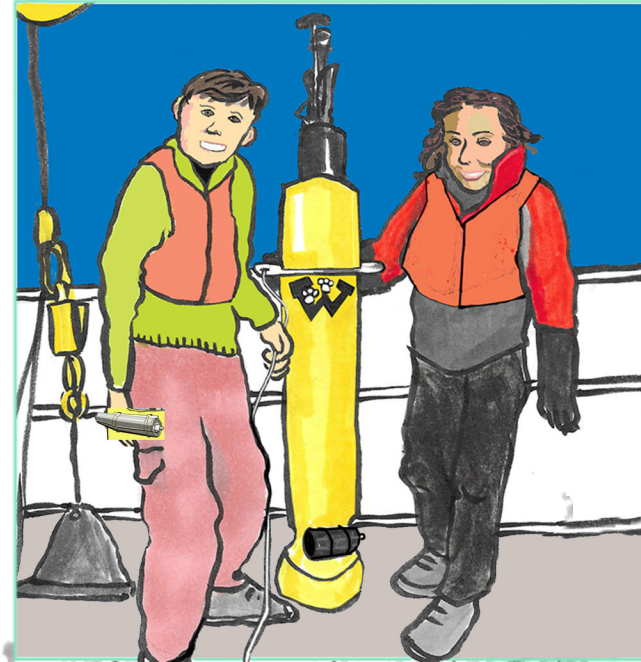


# going overboard



## Step 1: Adopt your SOCCOM float and give it a name.

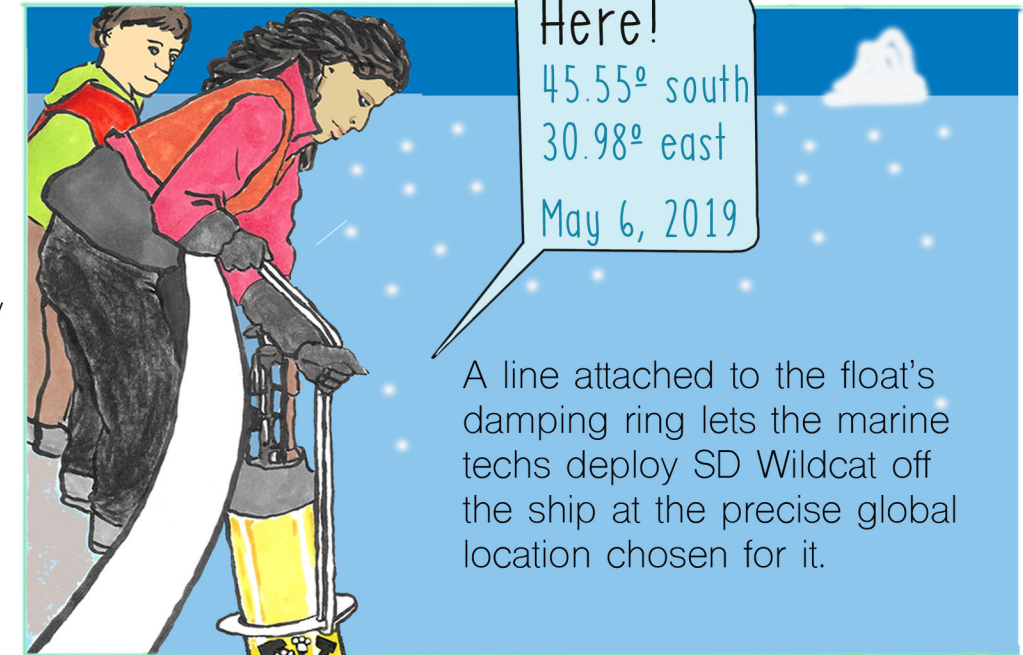
When the students at Wangenheim Middle School decided to ADOPT-A-FLOAT, they named it after their school mascot, the SD (San Diego, California) Wildcat.



## Step 2: Send your float to sea

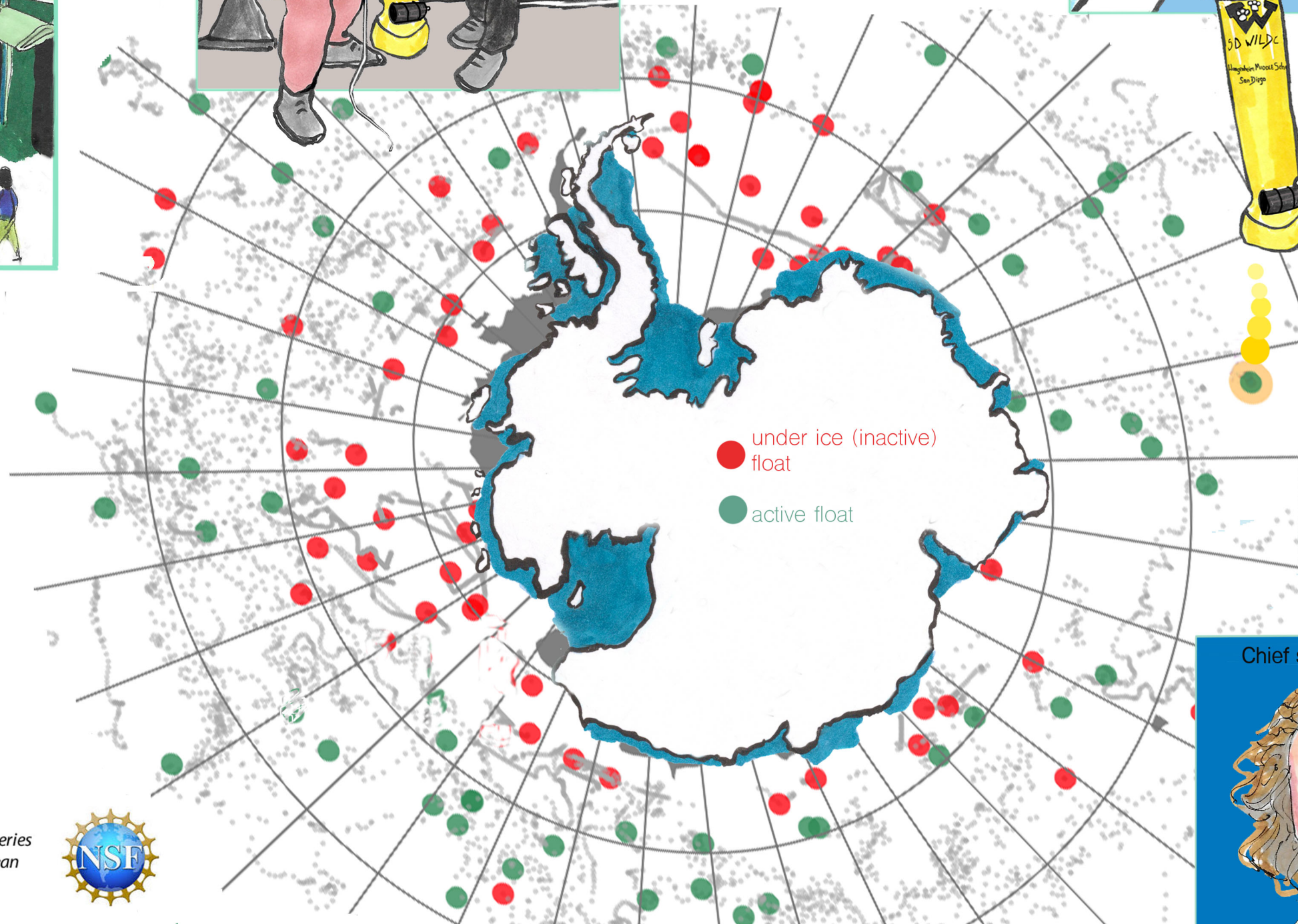
R/V *Thomas G. Thompson* has just crossed the Subantarctic front, one of the fiercest areas in the Southern Ocean, when SD Wildcat gets ready to go overboard.

Marine technicians Croy and Jenny prepare to deploy SD Wildcat. They wear flotation vests and steel-toed shoes for safety on deck.



## Step 3: Follow that float to see what stories it sends home.

To check SD Wildcat's location on the SOCCOM map, search for profiling float #12882 here:



We want to know how much heat, salt water, fresh water, carbon, oxygen, and nutrients are entering and exiting the Southern Ocean. SD Wildcat and the other SOCCOM floats help us better understand this ocean's role in regulating global climate.

Chief scientists Isabella Rosso and Alejandro Orsi

