

**2018 Research Vessel Operators Committee Meeting- (RVOC)
University of Rhode Island- Graduate School of Oceanography
Coastal Institute Building, South Ferry Rd. Narragansett RI**

Safety Committee Meeting
Tues. 17 April 2018- 0900 to 1600

RVOC Meeting
Wed. 18 April 2018- 0830 to 1700
Thurs. 19 April 2018- 0830 to 1700

RVOC Icebreaker- Tuesday 17 April 1730-1930
Venue: The Towers @ Narragansett Pier Beach- 35 Ocean Rd, Narragansett

RVOC Annual Dinner-Wednesday 18 April 1730-2030
Venue: The Spain Restaurant, 1144 Ocean Road, Narragansett

Tuesday 17 April 2018 Safety Committee Meeting with UNOLS Marine Superintendents

0830 Coffee & Registration

0900 Safety Committee Meeting Opens

- Call to order: Jeff Garrett/Chair-Safety Committee
- RVOC Chair Comments- Tom Glennon/URI
- RVOC Vice-Chair Comments- Stewart Lamerdin
- Welcome Remarks

0915-1200 Safety Committee- (Chair will provide more detailed agenda for this session)

Review and discuss status of RVSS updates:

- Chapter 6 & Appendix E, Personal Behavior & Individual Safety - Update complete & approved by UNOLS Council
- Chapter 9.4, Lithium batteries - Update complete, pends committee approval & forwarding for RVOC approval
- Appendix B, Overboard Handling Systems - Update complete, pends forwarding for RVOC approval
- Chapter 16.3.3.3, Emergency Escape Breathing Devices (EEBDs) - Update complete, pends committee approval & forwarding
- Chapter 18 & Appendix D, Chartering Non_UNOLS Vessels - Update draft complete, pending review.
- Comments from ONR, NSF, JMS and other stakeholders

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- New Business
- Safety Equipment
- Urgent need for new Safety Committee members to replace retiring members and current vacancies.

1200-1300 Lunch

1300-1600 Safety Committee Work continues

1600 Meeting Adjourns-

1730 Icebreaker- The Towers- Narragansett Pier, 35 Ocean Rd.

Wednesday 18 April 2018- RVOC Meeting Opens

0830 Coffee & Registration

0900 RVOC Chair Opening Welcome Remarks- Tom Glennon/URI – RVOC Chair

0905 URI/GSO Welcome- Bruce Corliss- Dean/URI Graduate School of Oceanography

0915 RVOC Meeting Opens- RVOC Topics of Interest- UNOLS provided slides to each topic.

- New UNOLS Scheduling System- Changes to a 365 day year & Day Type definitions
- Full Optimal Year- Sustainable Operating Year
- Charging for home port loading & unloading- modified day rate calculation
- Appendix B- (Read-ahead)
- Lithium Battery edits(Read-ahead)

1000 Coffee Break

1015 Discussion continues

- Chapter 6 and Appendix E- Harassment Prevention- Update complete and approved
- Chapter 18 Chartering Non-UNOLS vessels-(Read-ahead)
- RVOC Liaison to Fleet Improvement Committee
- If time allows: Ocean class transition to operation.

1130-1230 Lunch Provided-

1235 Old Business & New Business-

- Accept the minutes from RVOC 2017 Meeting
- Opportunity to introduce new business
- Group Purchase Updates- John Bichy/SKIO on Emergency Escape Breathing Devices

1300 UNOLS Council Report- Deb Steinberg/VIMS & UNOLS Chair

- Council priority items

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- Improving Morale at Sea
- UNOLS Office Transition

1315 U.S. Federal Agency Reports-15 minutes each

- NSF – Rose Dufour/NSF- (MOSA, Cooperative Agreements, budgets)
- ONR – Tim Schnoor/ONR
- NOAA/OMAO – Stephen Barry/NOAA
- U.S. State Department- Matt Kastrinsky/US.State Dept.
- National Transportation Safety Board- Morgan Turrell/NTSB

1430-1445 Break

1445 Other R/V Reports- 15 minutes each

- NOC-NERC – Phil Harwood/NOC & Stuart Younghusband/NOC
- NIOZ & OFEG– Erica Koning/NIOZ
- CMRE/NATO Science & Technology – Polar Code/Ian Sage/CMRE
- SOI- Eric King
- Xiamen University- Research Vessel- Haili Wang/XMU
- RCRV Project Update/ OSU Project Office- Demian Bailey/OSU

1630-1700 Coring from UNOLS Vessels- Paul Walczak/OSU & Jim Broda/WHOI

1700 Finished for the day

**RVOC Annual Dinner 1730-2030
Spain Restaurant, 1144 Ocean Rd, Narragansett, RI**

Thursday 19 April 2018

0800 Coffee

0830 Open Meeting- Welcome Remarks- Tom Glennon

0835- Update on Research Vessel Safety Standards (RVSS)/Jeff Garrett

0900- Ship Happens- Dennis Nixon/URI & UNOLS Risk Manager
(coffee break when convenient)

1045 Special Reports- 15 mins each.

- Ship Inspections/ Blake Powell/JMS Naval Architects
- UNOLS Wire Pool– Rick Trask/WHOI
- Satellite Communications Policy/SatNag- Jon Meyer/SIO
- Marine Safety Equipment- Andy Hiller/Survitec

1200-1300 Lunch- followed by Group Photo

1300-1445 Committee and Liaison Reports

- Ship Scheduling Committee Report/Doug Ricketts/Univ. of Minn

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- FIC & Fleet Broad Band – Al Suchy/WHOI
- Medical Service Update –George Washington Maritime Medical Access/Kai Neander

1445-1500 Break

1500 New Builds and Mid-Life Refits-

- *R/V Thomas G. Thompson* Refit, *R/V Rachel Carson* & *R/V Barnes* Update Doug Russell/UW
- *R/V Roger Revelle* Midlife Refit & *R/V Sproul* Replacement- Zoltan Kelety/SIO

1600 Open Discussion & Closing Remarks

- Review RVOC Action Items- Assignments to Individuals and/or Committees
- Suggestions for RVOC 2019 location, dates & agenda items

1700 Adjourn meeting