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Research Vessel Operators Committee Agenda

Westin Nova Scotian
Halifax, NS

Icebreaker Reception – Tuesday, 30 May 2024 1600-1800 at [The COVE](#) **Note:** cash bar
27 Parker St, Dartmouth NS

RVOC Zoom Meeting Info:

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Day 1 - Wednesday, 1 May 2024

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| 0800-0830 | Coffee & snacks |
| 0830 | Opening Comments, Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome - RVOC Chair – Doug Baird / UAF• Announcements – Doug Russell / UNOLS• UNOLS Code of Conduct – Doug Russell• Participant introductions• Welcome – DFO / CCG / Dalhousie U |
| 0845 | RVOC Meeting Opens – Old / New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Old Business - Accept Minutes from 2023 RVOC Meeting• New Business – Suggested issues to discuss during the course of the RVOC meeting |
| 0900 | Federal Agency Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NSF – Rose Dufour• ONR – Rob Sparrock• NOAA – LCDR Cherisa Friedlander• State – Amanda Williams |
| 1015-1030 | Coffee Break |



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- 1030 UNOLS Report – Doug Russell
 - UNOLS Activities
 - 2023 Schedule Wrap Up & 2024 Outlook
- 1045 BABAA Update – Eric Buck / SIO
- 1100 RCRV Update – Daryl Swenson / OSU
- 1115 RVOC Discussions / Presentations
 - Other Operators
 - Canada – Randy King
 - Netherlands – Zeynep Erdem
 - United Kingdom – Stuart Younghusband
 - CMRE NATO – Darryn Debruyn
 - Schmidt Ocean Institute – Eric King
- 1230 **Lunch** - provided
- 1330 UNOLS Operators Updates & Challenges/Successes – up to 2 slides per operator
- 1415 Insurance: Policies & Responsibilities – Mark Gleason / Parker, Smith & Feek
- 1500 Safer Seas Act Discussion – Doug Russell
- 1530 **Coffee Break**
- 1545 CCGS TELEOST Tour – rideshare pooling to ship’s mooring location
- 1700 Tours Complete

- 1800 – 2100 **RVOC Annual Dinner** (Optional – for those who purchased a ticket, cash bar)
 - [Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21](#)
1055 Marginal Road, Halifax

Keynote Speaker

Peter Egener

Senior Director – Engineering Services

Canadian Coast Guard

Canadian National Shipbuilding Strategy





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Day 2 - Thursday, 2 May 2024

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0800-0830 Coffee & snacks

- 0830 Legal / Risk – Jonathan Guttoff, UNOLS Risk Manager
- Proposed changes to ARF statutory language
 - Updates on Maritime Insurance, Risks, Major Legal Issues
- 0930 Safety Committee Recap – Jeff Garrett
- 1000 Safer Seas Act – Doug Russell

1030-1045 Coffee Break

- 1045 Special Reports
- Winch Pools – Brian Guest / WHOI and Aaron Davis / SIO
 - Wire Pool – Rick Trask / WHOI
 - Van Pools – Jon Swallow/UDel & Daryl Swensen/OSU
 - Cybersecurity Update – Lee Ellett / SIO
 - Cybersecurity Funding – Anchor Act
 - Cyber Security / Cyber Infrastructure working group status

1200-1300 Lunch - provided

- 1300 RVOC Group Photo
- 1305 Project Updates
- GW Marine Medical Services – Dr. Adam Rutenberg / GW
 - Crewing Support – Meegan Corcoran / UNOLS
 - Antarctic Research Vessel Update – Mike Prince / NSF
 - Savannah Mid-life Update – John Bichy / SkIO
 - MFP Participant List & Statistics – Alice Doyle / UNOLS

1400-1415 Coffee Break



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- 1415 Ship Inspections – Common Issues, Lessons Learned & Best Practices – Blake Powell /JMS
- Inspection periodicity discussion
- 1515 Group Purchases
- SCBA & MOB - Jon Swallow / UDel
- 1530 Open Floor – Current and New Issues
- ARF Bulk Fuel Purchasing – Paul Gallagher / WHOI?
 - STCW Updates (especially international voyages) – Meegan Corcoran / UNOLS
 - March 25-28 WHOI FUTURES Bottom Sampling Workshop summary – Alice Doyle / UNOLS
 - Additional issues?
- 1630 Review Action Items, discuss location of 2025 RVOC meeting
- 1700 **Conclude Meeting**