



Committee News

Steven Hartz of UAF Recognized for 30 years of Contributions to Community



The UNOLS office recognized Steven Hartz at the 2019 RVTEC meeting for 30 years of contributions to the community.

Second Module of Shipboard Civility Program Available Now

The second module of the Shipboard Civility program, titled *Shipboard Civility - Fostering a Respectful Work Environment Module II* is finally complete and now available at <http://www.unols.org/shipboard-civility>.

The first module, *Shipboard Civility - Fostering a Respectful Work Environment* has been available since February 2019. Both videos are required viewing before sailing aboard a UNOLS designated vessel. The videos are available for either streaming online or downloading for offline viewing. It is highly recommended that the videos are viewed as a group before arriving at the vessel when possible. The new video covers scenarios that are more nuanced and subtle than previously available videos, and their benefits are significantly improved by discussing it's themes with the rest of your team.

The two videos should be supplemented by a flowchart and contact sheet (module III) supplied by the operating institution during the pre-cruise planning stage as well as posted prominently aboard the vessel. If this is available on your institution's public website, please share the link with media@unols.org.

New Committee Members

All of our committees are staffed by volunteers and we are grateful for their contributions of time and experience. We would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest committee members.



Featured Photo

Aurora borealis during 2019 RVTEC Meeting - credit David Pablo Cohn



Upcoming Events

[2020 AICC Winter Meeting](#)
January 15-16, 2020
Rainier Room US Coast Guard Base
Seattle, WA

[2021 Global & Ocean Class Ship Scheduling Kick-off Meeting](#)
February 13, 2020
Scripps Institution of Oceanography
La Jolla, CA

[2020 AGU Ocean Sciences Meeting](#)
February 16-21, 2020
San Diego Convention Center
San Diego, CA

[Deep Submergence Science Town Hall](#)
February 17th, 2020
Ocean Sciences 2020 - San Diego Convention Center Room 9, UL
San Diego, CA

[2020 RVOC Meeting](#)
April 28-30, 2020
RSMAS
Miami, FL

Did you know...

If your cruise is working out of a foreign port or in foreign waters, it is worth reading "Operations in Foreign Waters and Ports". The paper makes recommendations on best ways to plan, coordinate, and carry-out these often tricky cruises and can be found on the UNOLS website [here](#).

- Amy Baco-Taylor / FSU - Council

- Joseph Montoya / Georgia Tech - Fleet Improvement Committee (FIC)
- David Caress / MBARI - Deep Submergence Science Committee

Big Thank You to Outgoing Committee Members

Thank you so much to the following individuals for their contributions to the UNOLS community.

- Tammy Richardson / U.S. Carolina - Council
- David Emerson / Bigelow Emerson - DeSSC

Community Updates

Facilitator of Marine Seismic Capabilities for the U.S. Research Community

NSF is seeking proposals for a Facilitator of Marine Seismic Capabilities. The Facilitator (either individual or group) will support the needs of the marine seismic research community for access to acquisition of long-offset and deep-imaging 3D seismic data using a large tuned source. The Facilitator will work with researchers in identifying suitable vessels (commercial, foreign academic, or other) to support NSF-funded seismic research projects. The Facilitator will also be responsible for arranging and negotiating competitive lease agreements for marine seismic research activities that have been determined by NSF to be high priority projects following the merit review process. Find out more about this solicitation on the NSF website here:

https://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf20533

A Reminder About Payment of Annual UNOLS Dues

At the Fall Annual Meeting on October 1, 1993 a proposal was presented to the membership to require dues of UNOLS members. Per the summary report from that meeting, "the dues should be from unappropriated funds and would be used for such things as flowers for deceased persons, farewell gifts for retiring members, wine and cheese socials at our meetings and other similar expenses." The proposal was passed by unanimous vote.

In August of 2019, we followed the long standing tradition and sent out invoices to our member institutions for the 2019/2020 annual dues. Inflation has not affected UNOLS much as the amount requested continues as it was in 1993 at \$100.00 per year for operator institutions. Although this year we did ask for the same dues from operator and non-operator institutions, unlike in the past. Most of our 58 members have paid; however, a number of institutions still have not submitted their payment. The UNOLS Office continues to depend on these dues to cover departing gifts, flowers and to pay for the food and drink at UNOLS hosted social functions. We ask that UNOLS institutional representatives verify that their institutions have submitted their annual dues payment to the UNOLS Office. Thank you!

Marine Science Research Coastal State

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Consent, Outstanding Reports

If your research required obtaining consent from a coastal state through the Office of Ocean and Polar Affairs (OPA) in the last 10 years, please don't forget to complete your preliminary and final reports. They must be submitted by the Platform Operator listed in the application. Outstanding reports can affect future consent requests. Please see the note below from OPA.

Greetings UNOLS Community,

We ask that you all log into your RATS accounts to see if there are any pending tasks to "submit preliminary reports" or "submit final reports". If you do have any outstanding reports, they will be listed on your home screen as soon as you log into RATS. Only Platform Operator accounts will have the outstanding tasks on their home screens. If you have any questions about past cruises that may have outstanding reports, but you are not the platform operator, please send an email to MarineScience@state.gov and they will be able to help you track the status of the cruise reports. A spreadsheet of outstanding reports categorized by vessel, should be coming out later this year to help identify any reports that are still outstanding. We have cruises from as far as 2010 that still have reports missing, so even if you have not recently participated in a cruise, you still may have a task in your RATS account for outstanding reports.

Many thanks, MSR RATS Team

Fleet Highlights



Gulf-Caribbean Oceanographic Consortium selected by NSF to operate RCRV 3 Named for Gulf Coast Civil Rights Icon Dr. Gilbert R. Mason

A Gulf Coast civil rights icon is being honored as the namesake of a new, \$100 million National Science Foundation (NSF) oceanographic research ship, to be operated by the Gulf – Caribbean Oceanographic Consortium (GCOC), led by The University of Southern Mississippi (USM) and the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium (LUMCON). NSF officials have informed the National Science Board that the ship, which is under construction and will have dual homeports at the Port of Gulfport and Houma, LA, will be named Research Vessel (R/V) Gilbert R. Mason.

R/V Gilbert R. Mason will be the third and final RCRV to join a new fleet of NSF ships, bringing the most advanced technology to ocean science to date. In 2017, NSF awarded the design and construction of all three ships to Oregon State University, which will also operate the first ship, R/V Taani. Operation of the second ship, R/V Resolution, was awarded to the East Coast Oceanographic Consortium, led by the University of Rhode Island, in 2018.

See [USM News](#) for more information about the vessel and its namesake.

Order of the Ancient Albatross presented to the R/V Oceanus

The Order of the Ancient Albatross was presented to the R/V Oceanus at the UNOLS Annual Meeting this year. Dr. Jonathan Fram received the

award on behalf of Oregon State University. The Order of the Ancient Albatross goes to the oldest operating research vessel in the fleet. It was also belatedly awarded to the R/V Clifford A. Barnes operated by University of Washington and received by Dr. Rick Keil, Director of the School of Oceanography.

Previous recipients of the award

1948-1985 R/V Veleró IV, University of Southern California
1985-1989 R/V Conrad, Columbia University
1989-1996 R/V Atlantis II, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute
1996-2006 R/V Alpha Helix, University of Alaska Fairbanks
2006-2014 R/V Melville, Scripps Institution of Oceanography
2014-2018 R/V Clifford A. Barnes, University of Washington

Updates to UNOLS.org

Updated SatNAG Wiki

The SatNAG committee recently migrated their website from Atlassian to Dokuwiki. Check it out at SatNAG.UNOLS.org and see what information is available.



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