

RVOC and RVOC Safety Meeting Reports

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RVOC Meeting

■ Key Topics:

- Committee and Agency Reports
- Special Reports
- Speakers
- Workshops

Special Reports

- Van Pool
- Load Handling Systems
- Long Core System
- Research Vessel Updates
- Vessel Security Requirements (CMMS)
- Others similar to RVTEC (i.e. PCAs, Safety, etc.)

Speakers

■ Insurance & Liability

- Discussed cases of operator liability and their effects on the UNOLS fleet

■ Med Air (formerly MAS)

- Discussed the capabilities of Med Air to handle emergencies abroad and when travelling

Workshops

- Load Handling Systems
- Uniformity for port & EEZ fees
- Automated Manifest System
- Safety

RVOC Safety Meeting

- The safety manual will be rewritten.
- The new version will have a section that Chief Scientists can pull-out and read for the scientific group's knowledge and compliance.

- Chapters from the manual were assigned to various members of the committee to begin re-writing. Chapter 9, Hazardous Materials, was assigned to the RVTEC representative. The first draft is due for review on Jan 15, 2005.

■ Chapter Format

– Chapters – Key Subjects

- Intro to the subject (its importance)
- Required by regulations for all vessels
- Required by regulations for:
 - Inspected vessels
 - Classed vessels
 - SOLAS regulations
- Required Standard under RVSS
- Required Standard under certain circumstances by RVSS
- Recommendations and best practices.