

UNOLS Activities and issues

2007 / 2008



Data Management Best Practices

- An Ad-hoc Committee has been formed to report on best practices for the collection of data and metadata at sea to promote public dissemination.
- The membership represents a wide spectrum of disciplines and ship operations across the UNOLS community.
- The Co-Chairs are Stephen P. Miller (SIO) and Robert Arko (LDEO).
- The Final report will be provided to the Council prior to their late spring/summer 2008 Council Meeting.



Crew and Marine Technician Retention and Hiring Issues

- The recruitment and retention of skilled technicians and crewmembers is a critical factor for ensuring the high quality of UNOLS fleet operations.
- The ability to attract and retain competent crew and technicians for the fleet is reaching crisis proportions.
- The RVTEC and RVOC Chairs and Vice Chairs/Chair Elects, are gathering information from operating institutions to generate a list of tangible solutions to the problem.
- The list will be presented to the UNOLS Council for consideration and possible action in the fall 2007.
- Stay tuned...

ADA Guidelines for UNOLS Vessels

- Terry Whitledge has prepared a final draft of the Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Guidelines for UNOLS Research Vessels. The draft document is in review by FIC and the ADA Committee
- ADA Procedural recommendations are being incorporated into the Research Vessel Safety Standard Update.
- NSF inspections of the UNOLS vessels will consider improvements that will enhance accessibility for various impairments. (Examples – adequate lighting, removal of trip hazards, high visibility marking of obstacles, etc.)



Al Suchy leads a tour of *Knorr* during the ADA Workshop (2006)

Science Opportunities on UNOLS Vessels – Web Resource

- A UNOLS Web Page for Science and Educational Opportunities aboard UNOLS Vessel is now available: <http://www.unols.org/info/cruise_opportunities.html>
- Each year, a portion of UNOLS cruises have available space for science and education opportunities. A list of available cruises aboard these vessels will be maintained on the UNOLS website.
- Chief Scientist can also use the site to recruit "Watchstanders" to assist in their research cruise.
- Individuals interested in participating on a cruise, can submit an on-line form with information about availability and areas of interest.
- The UNOLS Office will maintain a list of individuals who are seeking cruise opportunities and will provide it to Chief Scientists/PIs on request.

R/V Marcus G. Langseth UNOLS Vessel Designation

- UNOLS Council approved UNOLS Vessel Designation for R/V *Langseth* with contingencies for successful completions of reflagging, conversion and NSF inspection.



Status:

- USCG Inspections are underway and successful completion is expected soon
- NSF Inspection – early November

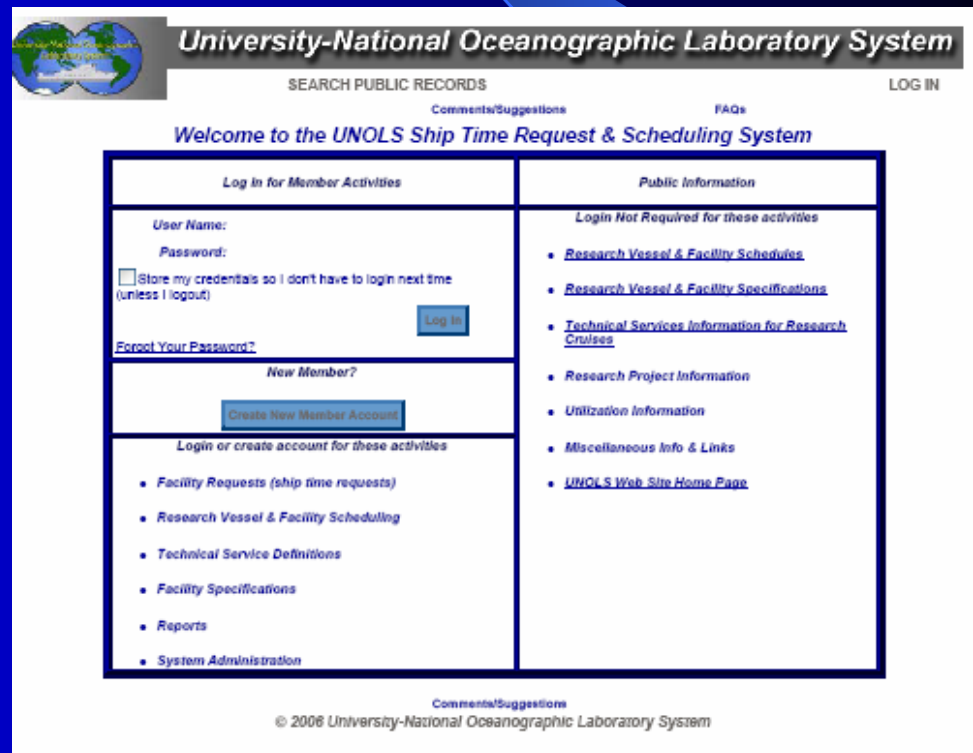
Appointments to Committees

- Executive Committee
 - Marcia McNutt, UNOLS Chair
 - Vernon Asper, UNOLS Chair-Elect
 - Deborah Kelley, Council
 - Peter Ortner, Council
- FIC - David Checkley (SIO)
- RVOOC
 - Matt Hawkins (RVOOC Chair)
 - Peter Zerr (RVOOC Chair-Elect)
- AICC – Steve Hartz (ex-officio: RVTEC rep)
- SSC
 - Stan Winslow (SSC Chair)
 - Liz Caporelli (SSC Chair-Elect)

The new UNOLS Ship time Request (STR) & Scheduling Database is up and running!

<http://unolsweb.cms.udel.edu/STRS/Public/diu_login.aspx>

- All ship time requests have been entered into the new STR System
- Tutorials have been provided to all Ship Schedulers
- 2008 Ship Schedules are being created using the new system



The screenshot shows the login page for the University-National Oceanographic Laboratory System (UNOLS). The page title is "University-National Oceanographic Laboratory System". It features a search bar for "SEARCH PUBLIC RECORDS" and a "LOG IN" button. Below the search bar, there are links for "Comments/Suggestions" and "FAQs". The main heading is "Welcome to the UNOLS Ship Time Request & Scheduling System". The page is divided into two main sections: "Log in for Member Activities" and "Public Information".

Log in for Member Activities

User Name:
Password:
 Store my credentials so I don't have to login next time (unless I logout)
[Forgot Your Password?](#) [Log In](#)

New Member?
[Create New Member Account](#)

Login or create account for these activities

- Facility Requests (ship time requests)
- Research Vessel & Facility Scheduling
- Technical Service Definitions
- Facility Specifications
- Reports
- System Administration

Public Information

Login Not Required for these activities

- [Research Vessel & Facility Scheduling](#)
- [Research Vessel & Facility Specifications](#)
- [Technical Services Information for Research Cruises](#)
- Research Project Information
- Utilization Information
- Miscellaneous Info & Links
- [UNOLS Web Site Home Page](#)

Comments/Suggestions
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UNOLS Dues Accounting

- 2006/2007 Balance Forward: \$ 850.03
- Membership Dues Collected: \$1,800.00
- Total Income: \$2,650.03

- Expended: \$3,400.91
(Catering, Room rental,
certificates/frames, Donations.)

- Balance Forward: (-\$ 750.88)

UNOLS 2007 Calendar

Committee	Meeting	Dates	Location/Notes
RVTEC	Annual Meeting	Nov 6-8	Monterey & Moss Landing, CA
AICC	Fall Meeting	Nov 27-28	Seattle, WA
DESSC	Winter Meeting	Dec 9	Fall AGU in San Francisco
MLSOC	Winter Meeting	Dec	AGU, San Francisco, CA
UNOLS Booth	2007 Fall AGU Meeting	Dec 10-14	San Francisco, CA

*Please stop and see us at the UNOLS Booth
2007 Fall AGU Meeting, San Francisco, CA*



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Establishing Safety Standards for Human Occupied Vehicles (HOVs)

Document Status: All Chapters have been drafted and are in review:

- 1. Introduction**
- 2. Definitions**
- 3. Procedures**
- 4. HOV Operations**
- 5. HOV Support Ship**
- 6. HOV Handling Systems**
- 7. Training of HOV Crew**
- 8. HOV Science User Guidelines**

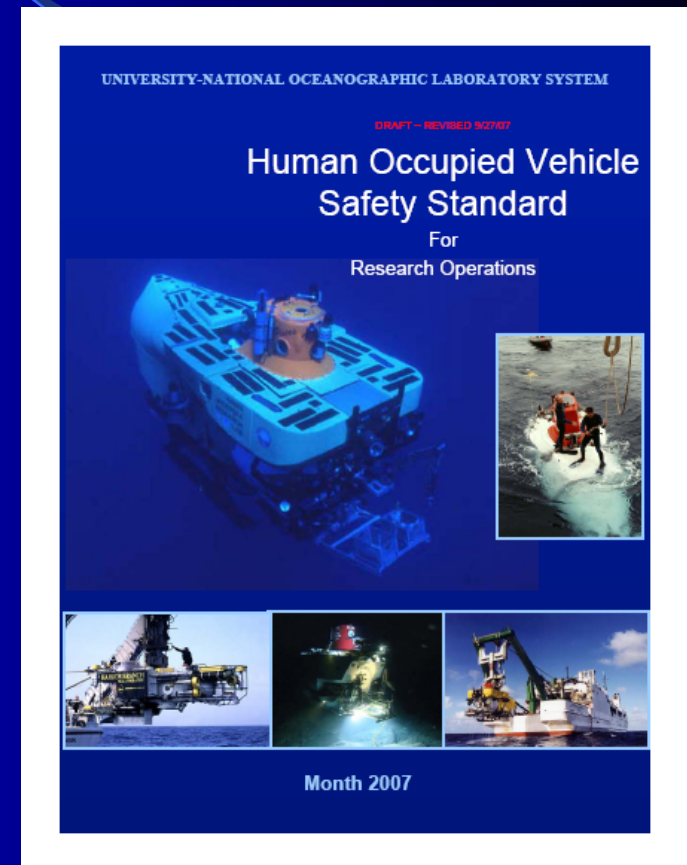
Committee Membership:

Dana Wilkes (Chair), Tim Askew (HBOI), Colleen Cavanaugh (Harvard U.), Pat Hickey (WHOI), Terry Kerby (HURL), Dan Schwartz (UW), Barrie Walden (WHOI), Craig Young (U. of OR)

Agency Representatives:

Dolly Dieter (NSF), Holly Smith (NSF), Barbara Moore (NOAA)

UNOLS Office: Annette DeSilva



UNOLS Council Election Results

- **NON-OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:**
- **AT-LARGE:**