

UNOLS & RVTEC Open Discussion

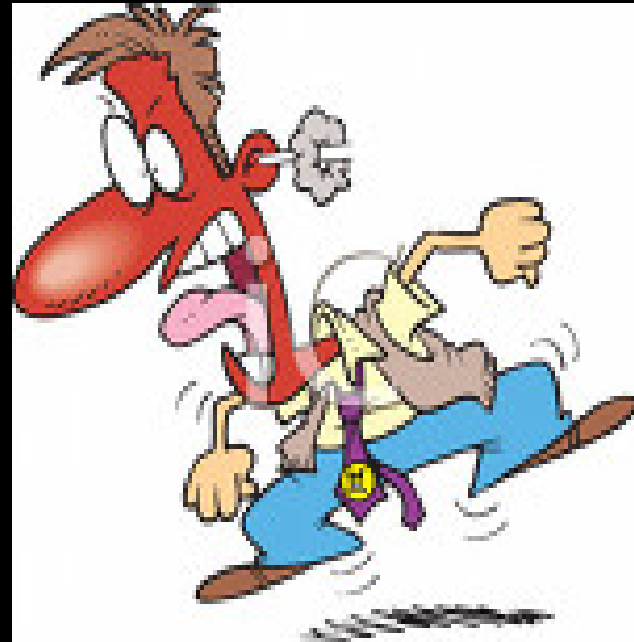


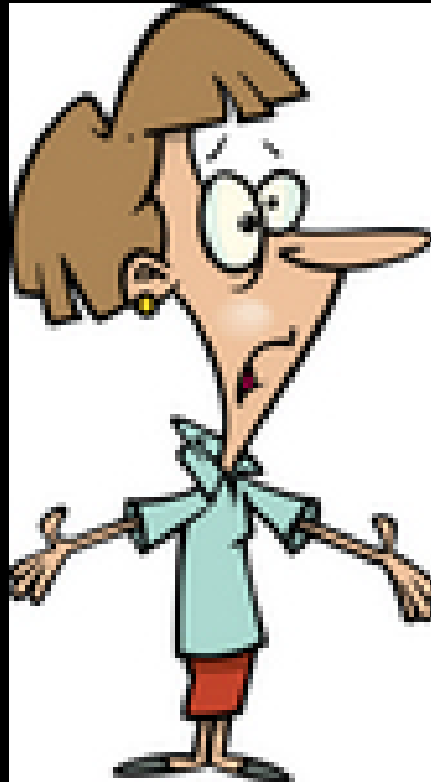




Communications

- Improve communications within and between UNOLS subcommittees and the UNOLS council. Too few people in the academic or congressional ranks really know what UNOLS is or what it does
- Better communications of important issues to the broader science community.









UNOLS – University National Oceanographic Laboratories

Originally created to: (1971)

- Allow community wide ship access,
- Establish a cooperative ship scheduling system
- Standardize operations
- Create uniform funding arrangements

but remaining within the university sphere and to be coordinated by an association of labs designated as UNOLS.

It quickly became apparent that additional items should be part of the UNOLS mission:
(fall 1972)

- Fleet replacement
- Establish and develop mission requirements and concept designs for new ships in the coastal, intermediate, and global size categories as well as specialized vessels such as polar research, geophysical, and submersible handling

As UNOLS has evolved over the years to meet changes and challenges, its role remains the same as was first envisioned; to coordinate and serve the Academic Research Fleet.

- **2. OBJECTIVES**

An objective of UNOLS is to coordinate and review the access to and utilization of facilities for academic oceanographic research, and the current match of facilities to the needs of academic oceanographic programs. UNOLS makes appropriate recommendations of priorities for replacing, modifying or improving the numbers and mix of facilities for the community of users. Another objective is to foster federal and other support for academic oceanography, thereby continuing and enhancing the excellence of this nation's oceanographic program. Emphasis is placed on ships and other seagoing facilities.

UNOLS Council

- **e.) Council:** The UNOLS Council represents and acts on behalf of the UNOLS membership as the operating and governing body of UNOLS..... It considers and makes recommendations to funding agencies regarding the needs for specialized facilities or new concepts in facilities and the balance between facilities and funded research programs..... It assists funding agencies in efforts to obtain adequate and uniform financial data and post-cruise reporting of ship operations..... Reports shall include an annual summary report delivered at the annual UNOLS meeting, reports of Council meetings and special reports on important actions or activities

RVTEC

RVTEC – Annex VI

- The RVTEC provides forum for discussion among the technical support groups of the Academic Research Fleet.

2. PURPOSE

- The purpose of the Research Vessel Technical Enhancement Committee (RVTEC) shall be to promote the scientific productivity of research programs that make use of research vessels and oceanographic facilities and to foster activities that enhance technical support for sea-going scientific programs.

4. SPECIFIC TASKS

- Promote the exchange of technical information.
- Enhance technical skills of available the technical support personnel in the UNOLS community.
- Review new instrumentation development and application of new technologies

If we want the UNOLS Council to assist us with the various issues and problems we have we will need to discuss these issues thoroughly amongst ourselves and then decide on solutions. We then can present these issues to the Council for their assistance. But we must be prepared to take actions ourselves and not rely on the Council to do it for us.