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AGENDA
2008 Research Vessel Operators' Committee Annual Meeting
April 22 - 24, 2008

Old Dominion University
Webb Center – 1200 Webb University Center – River Rooms
Norfolk, VA
([Map to location](#))

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There's lots of things to do and places to visit when you're in Norfolk. Click [HERE](#) to see a pdf list of activities.

TUESDAY, 22 APRIL 2008

0800 Registration, Coffee and Pastries

0830 Welcoming Remarks

- Call the Meeting: Pete Zerr, Interim Chairman - RVOC
- Dr. Richard Zimmerman, Chair- Dept of Ocean, Earth, & Atmos. Sciences
- Billy Giocondo, Marine Superintendent, Old Dominion University

0850 Guest Scientist presentation – Professor Greg Cutter on the GEOTRACES Project.

0915 OLD BUSINESS

- Chair & Vice-Chair Election Results
- Minutes of 2007 Meeting (See:
<http://www.unols.org/meetings/2007/200704rvo/200704rvomi.html>)

0925 Group Purchase updates for 2007 Shipboard Scientific Support Equipment items:

- Safety Equipment by HBOI - Tim Askew
- Voyage Data recorders – Al Suchy
- 500 & 750 mm blocks – Steve Rabalais
- Jasons' Cradles & FLIR thermal imagers - Pete Zerr
- SarFinder MOB's and why NOT to buy them – Joe Malbrough

1000 Break

NEW BUSINESS

1015 Committee and Liaison Reports (10 minute limit)

- UNOLS – Mike Prince, Executive Secretary
- Safety Committee & RVSS – Tom Althouse
- Ship Scheduling Committee – Stan Winslow
- FIC – Al Suchy
- DESSC – Mike Prince
- RHOV – Al Suchy
- RVTEC – Bill Martin
- AICC – Dan Schwartz
- SCOAR – Mike Prince
- MLSOC – Paul Ljunggren

1115 Agency Reports - Part 1

- State Department – Liz Tirpak

1130 Lunch

1230 Special Reports (presentations will be limited to 10 minutes each)

- Safety Statistics and MAS/Medaire – Mike Prince
 - o Detelina Trendafilova from Medaire will be available to answer questions
- Representatives from Foreign Countries
 - o NURC – (NATO Undersea Research Centre). – Ian Sage
 - o NERC (Natural Environmental Research Council) Update – Robin Plumley
 - ISOM Manning Survey - Robin, Matt and Mike
- Research Vessel Updates

- o Ocean Class Design Effort – Bob Houtman
 - o Alaska Region Research Vessel (ARRV) – Dan Oliver, Seward Marine Center
 - o Marcus Langseth update – Paul Ljunggren
 - o Construction Progress on UMCES vessel <http://www.umces.edu/vessel/> - Bruce Cornwall
 - o Regional Class R/V Design Effort – Matt Hawkins
- Post Cruise Assessments and PCA results – Mike Prince
 - Van Pool (East Coast – Steve Rabalais, West Coast – Pete Zerr)
 - Close encounters with a granite rock. What went wrong, what went right? – Chris Grech (MBARI)

1445 Break

1500 Insurance and Admiralty Law Update and ISOM R/V Code of Conduct- Dennis Nixon

1700 Adjourn

**Tuesday Evening Event
Norfolk Yacht and Country Club
7001 Hampton blvd, Norfolk
Cocktails - 6:30-7:15pm (Cash Bar)
Dinner - 7:30pm**

(Transportation provided by Old Dominion University to Norfolk Yacht and Country Club)

WEDNESDAY, 23 APRIL 2008

0800 Coffee and Pastries

0830 Guest Speaker: Fred Campbell & Dave Johnson, 3PS, Inc. Load Moment Indicators, wire monitoring systems, and winch controls.

0915 Al Suchy will also provide group purchase update for winch monitoring at this time.

0930 Break

1000 Guest Speaker: Markey Machinery – Auto Render & Recovery - John Davis

1045 Guest Speaker: Rapp-Hydema - Winches - Tor Andersen and John Hotaling

1130 Lunch

1230 Guest Speaker: Dyncon – James Stasny & Wesley Keepers

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- **SWL Estimator spreadsheet** - Rich Findley
- **"Chapter 7 - Cable and Winch Documentation"** from the UNOLS Winch and Wire Handbook, Third Edition - Rich Findley

1345 2007 Wire Break Test Results, update on the purchase of electromagnetic non destructive testing equipment – Rick Trask

1415 R/V SHARP winches - Steve Rabalais

1430 Agency Reports - Part II

- NSF – Matt Hawkins
- ONR & IWG-F (ex-FOFC) – Bob Houtman - Also, Use of the US Navy Supervisor of Salvage's pollution response and salvage services for casualties involving Federally owned vessels
- NOAA – Status report on Okeanus & NMFS Fisheries Vessels- Captain Emily Christman, NMAO Marine Operations Center
- USCG – Jonathan Berkson

1500 Break

1515 Continuation of Special Reports and/or Research Vessel Updates

1700 Adjourn

**Wednesday Evening Event
Spring Hill Suites at Old Dominion University
4500 Hampton Blvd, Norfolk
Cocktails - 6:00-7:15pm (Cash Bar)
Dinner - 7:30pm**

THURSDAY, 24 APRIL 2008

0800 Coffee and Pastries

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- Canadian Shipping Act- 2001 (Response plans, etc.) – Daniel Schwartz
- Transportation Workers Identification Credentials (TWIC) update – Mike Prince
- Cadet & Internship Policy – Daniel Schwartz

0915 Crew and technician retention effort (brainstorming and prioritization of actual actions)

Stewart Lamerdin & Mike Prince

0945 Environmental section:

- Straight scoop about new California laws and regulations. – Tom Althouse
- Straight scoop about East Coast laws and regulations. – Tom Althouse or ?
- No Discharge Zones, “R/V Code of Conduct”, & “Green Ship” criteria – Mike Prince

1000 Break

1015 Continue Environmental section

1030 Round Table Discussion (Marine Superintendents only)

- ISM
- OSRP
- Medical Services Contract
- Sexual Harassment Training
- Safety Committee actions – RVSS revision approval
- Safe Working Loads
- Small boat group (vessels less than 100 feet) round table
- Other items to be added as needed

1130 Lunch

1230 Business Meeting

- Assignments to Committees
- Review of Action Items Pending
- Suggestion for 2009 Agenda
- Nominations and vote on 2009 meeting location

1400 Adjourn