

**AGENDA
2009 RVOC Meeting
April 14-16, 2009**

**The University of Texas at Austin
Marine Science Institute
Port Aransas, Texas**

TUESDAY, 14 APRIL 2009

0800 Registration, Coffee and Pastries

0830 Welcoming Remarks

- Call to order: Pete Zerr, RVOC Chair, will call the meeting to order and provide an opportunity for introductions.
- Dr. Steve Lanoux, Assistant Director for Operations, UTMSI
- Dr. Lee Fuiman, Director of the Marine Science Institute and Chairman of the Department of Marine Science at the University of Texas.

0850 Guest Scientist Presentation – Dr. Ed Buskey, Ph.D., Professor of Marine Science at UTMSI. Professor Buskey is a seagoing scientist with time aboard many UNOLS vessels, and is the Chief Scientist of the new Mission-Aransas National Estuarine Research Reserve managed by UTMSI.

0915 Old Business:

- Minutes of 2008 Meeting
See <http://www.unols.org/meetings/2008/200804rvo/200804rvomi.html>
- TWIC requirement for Mariners as of April 15th 2009

**0920 Group Purchase updates for 2007 & 2008 Shipboard Scientific Support
Equipment items:**

- Sailor Thrane & Thrane 500 Fleet Broadband System – Al Suchy
- Voyage Data recorders – Al Suchy
- Geotraces winch modifications for global AGOR's – Al Suchy
- Small Utility Boats – Joe Malbrough
- Firefighting gear - Stewart Lamerdin
- 500 & 750 mm blocks – Bill Byam

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 – Rich Findley
- AICC – Dan Schwartz
- SCOAR – Mike Prince
- MLSOC – Paul Ljunggren

1130 Lunch

1230 Agency Reports

- ONR & IWG-F (ex-FOFC) – Tim Schnoor
- NOAA – Bill O'Clock, Will cover current FY09 accomplishments and NOAA ship acquisition schedule (e.g., FSVs, Hassler) via phone conference.
- USCG –
- State Department – Liz Tirpak
- Note: NSF report will occur tomorrow (Wednesday)

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

- Safety Statistics and MAS/Medaire – Mike Prince
 - Detelina Trendafilova from Medaire will be available to answer questions
- Representatives from Foreign Countries
- NERC – Robin Plumley
- NIOZ – Marieke Rietveld
- Research Vessel Updates
 - Alaska Region Research Vessel (ARRV) – Dan Oliver, UAF
 - Marcus Langseth update – Paul Ljunggren
 - Ocean Class AGOR update – Chris Macdonald, PEO Ships
- Post Cruise Assessments and PCA results – Mike Prince
- Van Pool - East Coast, Capt. Bill Byam / West Coast, Pete Zerr
- Other Special Reports may be added as time permits

1530 Break

1545 Special Reports Continued

1700 – Adjourn

Dinner on Tuesday will be held at the
The Conference Center at Plantation Suites

WEDNESDAY, 15 APRIL 2009

0800 Coffee and Pastries

0830 Guest Speaker: Pam Clark from JJMA/Alion: Presentation on SAIC's product ISS 2000 (A software package for surveying that integrates inputs from sonar systems, positioning system, and data acquisition systems and is displayed onto a graphic user interface (GUI).

0900 Chris Grech: Deputy Director of Marine Operations MBARI, Installation and support of cabled observatories.

1000 Break (Hand out quiz “Ten questions on Ship Operations.”)

1015 Guest Speaker: Geoff Lebens (ODIM) & Jan Kjarstad (ODIM Norway) Advanced handling systems.

1100 Dan Oliver: Vessel Maintenance Management Systems, experiences from the fleet

1130 Lunch

1230 Guest Speaker: Fred W. Girshick, Ph.D. : What to expect from low and ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel.

1300 Continuation of Special Reports: Matt Hawkins, NSF

- NSF Overview
- Regional Class Research Vessels (RCRV)

1330 UNOLS Wire Pool update – Rick Trask

1415 Discussion of Appendix A (RVSS) Rope & Cable Safe Working Load Standards & SWL Estimator spreadsheet review - Rich Findley

1450 IMO Initiative for Long Range Identification and Tracking (LRIT) – Captain Daniel Schwartz

1500 Break

1515 Piracy considerations in the Gulf of Aden - Marieke J. Rietveld, NIOZ

1530 Ship Happens. Admiralty Law & Insurance Update - Dennis Nixon

1700 Adjourn

Wednesday dinner event will be at

Virginia's On The Bay

THURSDAY, 16 APRIL 2009

0800 Coffee and Pastries

0830 Canadian Shipping Act- 2001 (Response plans, etc.) & MARAD/Propeller Club Adopt-A-Ship Program - – Eric King, Port Captain UW

0845 Crew and Technician Retention Workshop findings and actions: Stewart Lamerdin & Mike Prince

0930 Research Vessel Academy - Gregg Trunnell, Director of Pacific Maritime Institute

0950 Environmental section:

- Straight scoop about new California laws and regulations. – Tom Althouse
- Recent issues with obtaining permits in the Monterey Bay NMS
- Straight scoop about East Coast laws and regulations. – Al Suchy
- The US EPA and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Vessel - General Permit (VGP)
- Regulations on wood packaging materials

1010 Break

1030 Round Table Discussion (Marine Superintendents Only)

- Safety Committee actions – Tom Althouse
- Appendix B (Winch & handling System design standards) - Matt Hawkins
- Ship Inspection Program: Service Life Predictions and Appendix A (UNOLS Rope/Cable Safe Working Load Standards) compliance – Matt Hawkins
- Equipment Pools: Winches, Wire, and Vans - Matt Hawkins
- RVOG only website
- CTD Cable Improvement Workshop
- Fleet-wide vessel berthing policy
- Post Cruise Assessment forms & system potential revisions
- SOLAS
- ISM
- OSRP
- ISOM Code of Conduct for Marine Scientific Research Vessels
- Medical Services Contract
- Providing a “normal level of support” and anything over and above becomes the responsibility of the science party.
- Avoiding vessel conflicts in Operational areas

1130 Lunch

1230 Business Meeting

- Assignments to Committees
- Review of Action Items Pending
- Suggestion for 2010 Agenda
- Nominations and vote on 2010 meeting location

1400 Adjourn