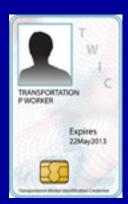


RVOC 2009 Activities and Meeting Highlights

- Transportation Workers Identification Credential
- Research Vessel Safety Standards Ninth Edition
- Crew and Technician Recruitment and Retention
- Clean Water Act Permit Requirements and Vessel General Permit
- Experiences from the Fleet on Vessel Maintenance Management systems

Transportation Workers Identification Credentials (TWIC)







UNOLS Call For Standing Committee Nominations:

DEep Submergence Science Committee - Chair Position: deadline extended Arctic Icebreaker Coordinating Committee - several positions: deadline Sept 15, 2009.

Upcoming Meetings

Council Meeting - October 13, 2009 UNOLS Annual Meeting - October 13-14, 2009 Fleet Improvement Committee Meeting - October 15, 2009 Research Vessel Technical Enhancement Committee Meeti November 18-20, 2009

Current Activities and News

** NEW - Posted September 1, 2000 ONR AGOR 27-28 Operator Selection Announcement
> NSF Announces First Major Award Liver American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to the Alaska Region search Vessel (ARRV)- May 27, 2009 UNOLS Fleet Improvement Plan 2009 Research Vessel Safety Standards - Ninth Edition afety Standards for Human Occupied Vehicles - First Edition, March 2009

> Transportation worker Identification Credential (TWIC) Information for the UNOLS Community > UNOLS Cruise Opportunity website now available

Public Outreach & Related Sites

Jobs/Personnel

UNOLS Office Feedback Form

> Site Map & Search

UNOLS Office Contact Information

Current UNOLS Vessel & Facility requirements -

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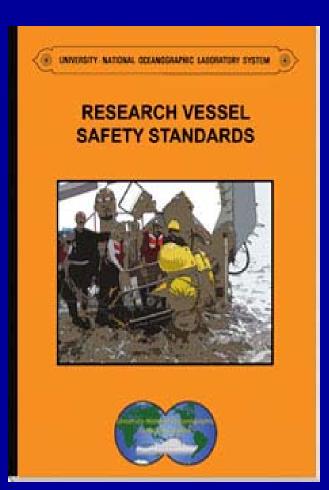
Atlantis, Knorr, Marcus G. Langseth, Melville, New Horizon, Oceanus, Roger Revelle, Seward Johnson, HBOI marine facility, SIO marine facility (certain exceptions apply), WHOI marine facility

TWIC NOT required for Unescorted Access:

Atlantic Explorer, Blue Heron, Cape Hatteras, Clifford Barnes, Endeavor, Hugh Sharp, Kilo Moana, Pelican, Point Sur, R.G. Sproul, Savannah, Thomas G. Thompson, Walton Smith, Wecoma All other UNOLS institution facilities

Research Vessel Safety Standards, Ninth Edition (RVSS)

- Approved by the Council in March 2009
- The current version
 is available electronically
 on the UNOLS website



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Old Chapter 10 removed

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Crew Recruitment and Retention effort?

The Dictionary defines crisis as "A crucial point or situation in the course of anything; turning point...An unstable condition in political, international or economic affairs in which an abrupt or decisive change is impending."

Recent Marine Superintendent Survey:

- 0 not too much of an issue
- 1 Is an issue at times
- 2 Always an issue
- 3 Is serious enough that a cruise or cruises came close to being cancelled or have a high fear that one will need to be cancelled in the future.

Responses:

- 0's two small coastal operators
- 1's six operators
- 2's two operators
- 3's three operators

Implemented Clean Water Act Requirements for Vessels EPA's Vessel General Permit (NPDES - VGP)

 Notice of Intent Submission deadline: 19 September 2009

 The permit only limits activities in "waters of the United States" (extending to the outer reach of the 3 mile territorial sea")

The permit will limit, in addition to all the existing regulations like oil, garbage, etc.:

- Deck Washdown and Runoff and Above Water Line Hull Cleaning
- Graywater
- Chain Locker Effluent
- Firemain System discharges
- Underwater Ship Husbandry Discharges
- Sonar Dome Discharge
- Boat Engine Wet Exhaust



The permit does NOT "affect, supersede, or relieve ... any otherwise applicable requirements or prohibitions under other provisions of Federal law or regulations.

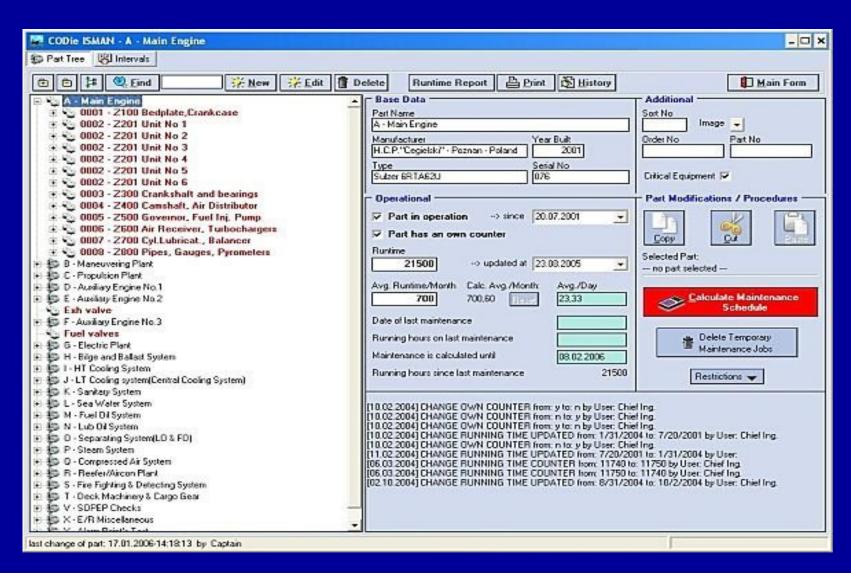
Specifically:

- Ballast Water Management Plans,
- Garbage disposal,
- Oil (MARPOL, etc.)

Inspections, Monitoring, Reporting, and Recordkeeping

- Dry dock Inspection report prepared by the class society (American Bureau of Shipping)
- Routine vessel inspections must be documented in official ship logbook
- Comprehensive vessel inspections must be conducted by qualified personnel at least once every 12 months

Computerized Maintenance Management System (CMMS)



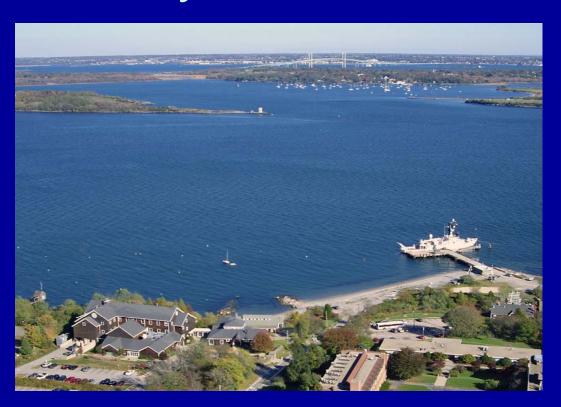
Conducted a survey and received 13 Responses:

HOW MANY ARE USING A CMMS

- 7 of 13 that responded use a CMMS
 4 are using an in-house developed system
 3 are using commercial system
 For multi-ship operations 1/3 use the same system for all ships
- Two responses are using it for science systems, no responses for tracing wire history.
- Biggest challenge is getting IT support, compatibility with other Institutional systems for purchasing and personnel modules, and the ease of use.
- Initial set up can be labor intensive and tedious.

In conclusion, the message "keep it simple" and choosing one system that clearly establishes functionality are recommended.

2010 Annual RVOC Meeting will be hosted by <u>University of Rhode Island</u>



April 20-22nd