

**2010 RVOC Annual Meeting  
April 20-21, 2010**

**Marine Superintendents Round Table  
April 22, 2010**

**The University of Rhode Island- Graduate School of Oceanography**

**MONDAY, 19 APRIL 2010**

**0900 – 1600** Safety Committee Meeting/Challenger Room/Pell Library

**TUESDAY, 20 APRIL 2010**

**Coastal Institute Building**

**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 around the room.
- Sam De Bow, Marine Superintendent, URI
- Dr. David Farmer, Dean, [URI Graduate School of Oceanography](#)

**0850 Old Business:**

- Minutes of 2009 Meeting  
See [2009 RVOC minutes](#)
- Status of P- Code GPS systems in UNOLS fleet
- Status of Crew and technician retention workshop findings and actions

**0855 Group Purchase updates of Shipboard Scientific Support Equipment items:**

- Sailor Thrane & Thrane 500 Fleet Broadband System – Al Suchy
- GEOTRACES winch modifications for global AGOR's – Al Suchy
- IMO Initiative for Long Range Identification and Tracking (LRIT) – Robin Plumley

**NEW BUSINESS**

**0930 Committee and Liaison Reports (10 minute limit)**

- [UNOLS](#) – Jon Alberts, Executive Secretary
- DESSC/MLSOC/AICC- Jon Alberts
- Safety Committee & RVSS – Dan Oliver
- Ship Scheduling Committee – Stan Winslow
  - Discussion on deposits or guarantees for scheduled work
- [FIC](#) – Al Suchy
- RHOV – Al Suchy

**1000-1015 Break**

**1015 Committee and Liaison Reports Cont.' (10 minute limit)**

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- [RVTEC](#) – Rich Findley -include overview of Tritium Lab swab program and R2R
- [SCOAR](#) – Dan Schwartz

**1115-1200 Facilities Tour** of URI-GSO Inner Space Center- Dr. Dwight Coleman, Director of ISC will host the tour.

**1200 Lunch- Coastal Institute Bldg/Large Conference Room**

**1300 Agency Reports**

- U.S. State Department– Liz Tirpak
- ONR & IWG-F (ex-FOFC) – Tim Schnoor
- NOAA/OMAO – RADM Jon Bailey
- USCG – Jonathan Berkson
- NSF- Matt Hawkins

**Special Reports**

- Equipment Pools – Matt Hawkins, East Coast- Al Suchy / West Coast - Zoltan Kelety and Van Pools - East Coast, Capt. Bill Byam /West Coast, Pete Zerr
- UNOLS Wire pool – Pool update and presentation on wire tracking database (Rick Trask/Ruthanne Molyneaux will be available for one on one instruction after presentation)
- Post Cruise Assessments and PCA results – Jon Alberts
- New proposed IMO regulations regarding high-latitude operations. – Dan Oliver
- Common Marine Inspection Document (CMID) - Joe Malbrough
- 2010 Oceanology International exhibition - Stewart Lamerdin
- Medical Section
  - MedAire & Medical training discussion–Dr. Paulo Alves & Ms. Detelina Trendafilova
  - Safety Statistics– Jon Alberts
  - Medical examinations for non crew personnel – Eric King
- Representatives from Foreign Countries (~ 10 mins each)
  - [NERC](#) –Robin Plumley, RRS Discovery replacement & Geraint West, ISOM,
  - [NURC](#) – Ian Sage, NATO Undersea Research Centre
  - [NIOZ](#) – Dr. Erica Koning, OFEG report
  - [DRDC](#) – Yves Perron & Atlantic & CFAV QUEST
- Research Vessel Updates
  - [R/V SIKULIAQ](#) – Captain Daniel Oliver, UAF
  - Ocean Class AGOR update – Mike Prince,ONR
  - RCRV – Matt Hawkins, NSF

**1530 Break**

**1545 Special Reports Continued**

- Greening the Fleet-Liz Caporelli
- NOAA DART Mooring Cruises-Liz Caporelli

**1700 – Adjourn**

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**Tuesday dinner- [The Conanicut Yacht Club, Jamestown, RI](#)- 6:30 social-7:30 dinner**

**WEDNESDAY, 21 APRIL 2010**

**0800 Coffee and Pastries**

**0830 Guest Speaker:** Mr. Benjamin Strong, USCG AMVER System

**0900 Guest Speaker:** Mr. Gerd Rohardt, REVMA vessel management software

**0930 Guest Speaker:** Mr. Raymond Fischer, Noise control design and abatement

**1030 Break**

**1045 Annual Group Photo** – All Marine Superintendents and agency representatives.

**1050 Kilo Moana Load Handling System:** Captain Gray Drewry

**1100 Guest Speaker:** Sergio Fifi, Jensen Maritime Consultants – Towing restrictions and man-rated cranes.

**1200 Lunch-Coastal Institute Bldg- Followed by R/V Endeavor tour (optional)**

**1300 Guest Speaker:** Mr. Tomas Rezanka - MTNW, winch monitoring

**1315 Guest Speaker:** Blake Powell, JMS -NSF Ship Inspection Program

**1345 Discussion of Appendix A (RVSS) Rope & Cable Safe Working Load Standards & SWL Estimator spreadsheet review and upcoming workshops** – Dan Oliver

**1430 Discussion of Appendix B (RVSS): UNOLS Load Handling System Design Standards** – Dan Oliver

**1500 Break**

**1515- Continue Discussion on Appendix B**

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

**1700 Adjourn**

**Wednesday night dinner: options pending**

**Thursday, 22 APRIL 2010**

**0800 Coffee and Doughnuts**

**0830 Round Table discussion items (Marine Superintendents only)**

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- “RVOC Only” website
- [UNOLS job posting website](#) (*How much is it used, how can it be improved*)
- What constitutes “research work” as pertains to the federal definition of a research vessel.
- NSF Ship Inspections and Ship Condition Forms
- Discussion on the use of ships by non-traditional users and cancellation policies, etc.
- Providing a “normal level of support” and anything over and above becomes the responsibility of the science party.
- Avoiding vessel conflicts in Operational areas
- Pregnancy at sea, what are the various institutional policies?
- More rigorous health screening for the ships crew and the science party
- UNOLS “No Alcohol onboard” policy.
  - Has the policy been difficult to enforce?
  - Have there been violations?
  - What actions have been taken in the event of a violation?
  - Are there any additional issues that should be addressed related to the policy?

**1130 Lunch**

**1230 Business Meeting**

- Assignments to Committees
- Review of RVOC Action Items Pending
- Safety Committee actions – Dan Oliver
- Suggestions for 2011 Agenda
- Nominations and vote on 2011 meeting location
- Notice that an election for RVOC Vice Chair/Chair Elect will occur prior to April 2011

**1400 Adjourn**