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
    o 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)
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**
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)
“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**