Research Vessel Operators Committee





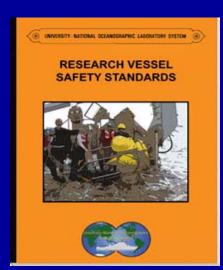
Committee Report

UNOLS Annual Council Meeting October 2010

Highlights of the April 2010 RVOC Meeting



- Safety Committee and Research Vessel Safety Standards (RVSS)
 - Review medical standard screening for scientific parties and crew
 - Update the Crew Safety Training Manual
 - Plan workshops for Appendix A- Rope and Cable Safe Working Load Standards
 - Final Review of Draft for Appendix B
 Overboard Handling Systems Design Standards



Appendix B UNOLS Overboard Handling Systems Design Standards

Applies to:

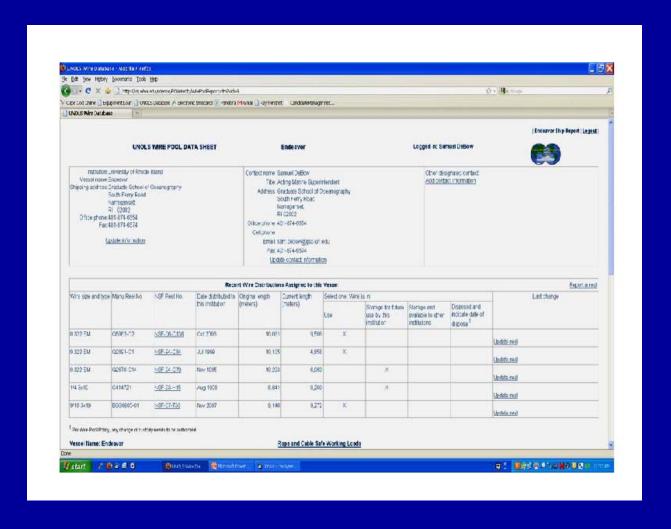
- All fixed and portable overboard handling systems
- Each component of the overboard handling system:
 - Winches, Frames, Davits, Cranes, Booms and Sheaves
 - Foundations for all components including ship structure
 - Deck tie downs and shackles
- This document WILL apply to cranes if they are used to lift, deploy, and/or recover science packages
- This document DOES NOT apply to manned lifting operations

- Equipment Pools and Shared Use Equipment-Vans, Winches and Wire
 - -Improved "Quality of Service"
 - -Focused equipment purchases
 - -Reduce overall costs



Wire Pool Database

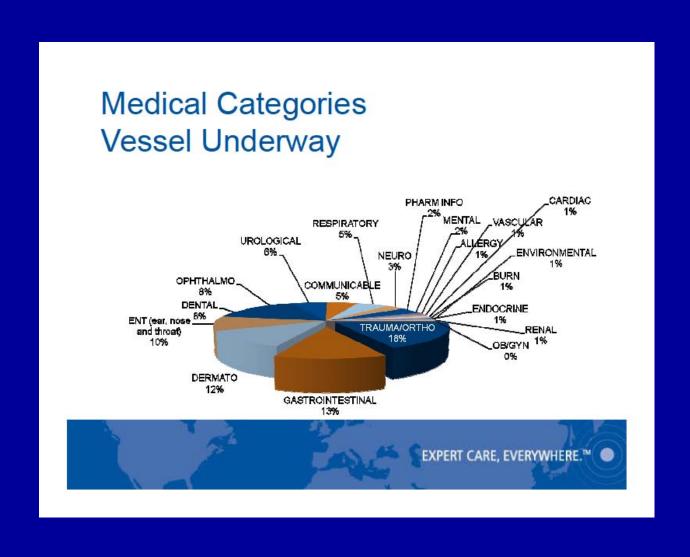
Rick Trask is Pool Manager of the Web-based database Provides a history of all UNOLS wires and wire usage





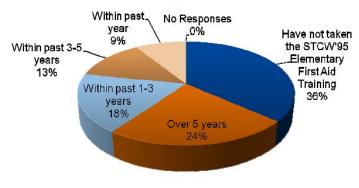
- Provides fully integrated medical assistance products and services to the world's premiere commercial maritime organizations throughout the world
- MedAire is contracted by UNOLS to provide medical services, products and assistance to all UNOLS vessels.
- MedAire provided a UNOLS Ship Survey of Medical Training

Survey of Training levels in the UNOLS Fleet



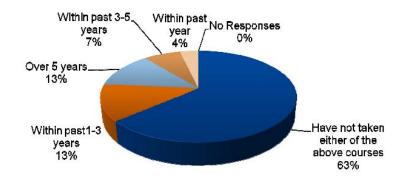
Survey of Training Levels in UNOLS fleet Are we training our crew??





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NSF Ship Inspection Program Blake Powell from JMS Naval Architects

Purpose

The major purposes of the NSF Ship Inspection Program are:

- 1) To assure that the capabilities of the research vessel and technical support meet accepted scientific community standards and expectations;
- 2) To assure the seaworthiness and safety of research vessels supported by NSF meet or exceed the standards set forth by the *UNOLS Research Vessel* Safety Standards (RVSS), and applicable requirements of the International Maritime Organization, American Bureau of Shipping (ABS), the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), and the U.S. Coast Guard;
- 3) To ensure NSF-owned ships as capital assets, are being adequately maintained;
- 4) To ensure NSF-funded science is scheduled on properly outfitted and maintained vessels.



UNOLS Ship Inspection Best Practices Web Site located on the RVOC web page



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R/V HUGH R SHARP BEST PRACTICES EXAMPLE

VAN VESTIBULE AND HOOK UPS

The ship can accept two vans on its aft main weather deck connected to the ships interior through a vestibule. The system is designed to accept 20 ft. vanpool vans with the entry door leading into a vestibule so personnel do not go outside when entering the vans. The ship connections to the vans are through the deck just forward of the vans and thus the power and other connections are short and neat. The aft van double doors open aft and the escape hatches open up without obstruction. When vans are not aboard, panels close in the vestibule.



PORTABLE GAS DETECTOR

Most UNOLS vessels have a gas detector that was part of a group purchase several years ago. These units have a history of sensor failures and

The HUGH SHARP uses a relatively inexpensive Mine Safety Appliance [MSA] Altair 4 portable/personal gas detector for confined space entry and overhauling fire scenes. The meter detects LEL, CO, HZS, and O2.

The rubber over-molded housing is easy to grip, durable, and small enough to be lowered on a line into the tank or clipped to your shirt.



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SCRIPPS Institution of Oceanography will host the 2011 RVOC Meeting April 13-15

