Scientific Committee for Oceanographic Aircraft Research

Briefing for the UNOLS Annual Meeting: Oct. 2011



SCOAR Membership 2011 / 2012



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SCOAR Meeting Held at the CIRPAS facility

Marina, Calif.

June 23 & 24 2011



Presentations available at:

http://www.unols.org/meetings/2011/201106sco/201106scomi.html

Meeting Host:

• CIRPAS - Located on the South/Central California Bight

Marina Facility

- 3500 ft runway manned operations only
- 30,000 sq ft maintenance hangar
- Instrumentation and Calibration Laboratory
- Maintenance and Payload integration shops
- Offices





UNOLS SCOAR Meeting CIRPAS Hangar 507 Marina CA June 23 and 24, 2011

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Discussion Topics

- •How can embarked Unmanned Aerial Systems revolutionize - spatially, quantitatively, and qualitatively the data collection and observations conducted from research ships? UAS are proving to be capable tools in multiple military and civil applications. Sensors are smaller, more capable with new ones on the horizon.
- •Explore further coordination between manned aircraft and ships and observatories for coastal and EEZ programs.
- •Regulatory issues are supplanting platform limitations as the primary operational challenge.
- •Funding Agencies are likely to face Budgetary pressure as deficits grow (Which may make these platforms more attractive)

SCOAR Activities, 2011 and 2012

- •Briefing on UAS and shipboard operations to Schmidt Ocean Institute, January 2011.
- •Planning (ongoing) for integration of an UAS into an ONR sponsored science program operating from a UNOLS AGOR.
- •SCOAR meeting, with participation by funding agency personnel, June 2011.
- •Briefing on SCOAR for the ICCAGRA Meeting, September 2011.
- •SCOAR Booth at Ocean Sciences 2012, in Salt Lake City: to include representative UAS airframes, sensors, posters, and information on how investigators can go about accessing these assets through the CIRPAS facility.
- •Further communications and interactions with ICCAGRA and IWG-IF.
- •Recruitment of new members.
- •Outreach to the Ocean Science Community to inform investigators on the uses, capabilities and availability of manned and unmanned aerial assets for marine science research.

Ship / UAS ops in the Arctic

(pictures courtesy of P. McGillivary, USCG





Objective

Demonstrate the value added of Full Motion Video (FMV) streaming from Small Unmanned Aerial System (SUAS) during Arctic Operations

GOALS:

- Demonstrate that SUAS operations can be done SAFELY on/off board ships
- Demonstrate Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) capabilities of SUAS
- Stream Full Motion Video from RAVEN SUAS on to ROVER for
 - Sea ice ridge detection/monitoring
 - Marine mammal detection
 - Assistance in emergency exercises
 - Detection and monitoring of oil spilled from ship or oil exploration

RAVEN



ManufacturerWingspanAeroVironment Inc4ft 3inLaunch MethodLengthHand-launched3ft (0.9m)Recovery MethodWeightDeep-stall landing4.2lb (1.9kg)Camera PayloadsCruise SpeedColor/IR/Thermal30mph

Employed since 2002

- Hand launch/recovered
- Battery powered (60-90min endurance)
- Line-of-sight command and control
- Full color and IR capable payloads
- System fits into a large backpack

NAU-2 Inits: Owned (and expendable) by A2Q
 System is constructed to break apart upon impact with land/obstacles to minimize kinetic damage
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RAVEN FMV Snapshots *video is archiveable and can be streamed live on the internet with proper bandwidth

Certificate of Authorization

2011-WSA-60-COA

Certificate of Authorization (COA) from this FAA for RAVEN flights in the Arctic has been approved/issued

• COA application is for entire Alaskan airspace above Barrow, encompassing over 60% of HEALY's ECS mapping mission



Area of operations approved in COA

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