

# Research Vessel Operators Committee



## RVTEC Report

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# Safety Committee and Research Vessel Safety Standards (RVSS)



- Revision 1 and Compliance date 1 June 2011 to the Research Vessel Safety Standards- Appendix A. UNOLS Rope and Cable Safe Working Load Standards
- Promulgated Appendix B, Overboard Handling Systems Design Standards, 15 July 2011
- The UNOLS Appendix B Workshop will be held San Diego on February 7 & 8, 2012, Hosted by: Scripps Institution of Oceanography



# Appendix B Overboard Handling Systems Design Standards

- Promulgated on 15 July 2011 with a compliance date of 15 July 2014.
- The objective of this document is to provide a unified code of practice for the structural design and operating principles of overboard handling systems used onboard UNOLS vessels.
- Little input and lack of feedback from the UNOLS community. Perhaps this promulgation and compliance date requirement will increase focus on Appendix B.
- The RVSS manual was designed as a living document and as such, revisions and corrections were intended to be made.
- Workshop will be held in San Diego on February 7 & 8, 2012, Hosted by: Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

# Maximum Capability Document (MCD)

- Define as the maximum permissible tension (MPT) for a specific component or system, for a given range of load geometries.
- Possible group purchases for professional services for vessels with same equipment such as A-frames and deck sockets
- Endeavor, Sikuliaq and Cape Hatteras are currently working on MCDs.

# The UNOLS Research Vessel Operators Committee (RVOOC) April 23-26, 2012

- Hosted by Univ. of Alaska/Fairbanks
- In Marinette, Wisconsin.
- Tours of R/V SIKULIAQ currently under construction at Marinette Marine Corporation Shipyard.

**R/V SIKULIAQ**

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