

2013 Research Vessel Operators Committee (RVOC) Meeting

April 22 - 25, 2013*

*** Safety Committee Meeting April 22, 2013**

*** RVOC Meetings April 23 - 25, 2013**

**University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science
Chesapeake Biological Laboratory
Room 1101 of Building 480, Bernie Fowler Laboratory
Solomons, MD**

MONDAY, 22 APRIL 2013
0830 – 1600 Safety Committee Meeting

TUESDAY, 23 APRIL 2013

0800 Registration, Coffee and Pastries

0830 Welcoming Remarks

- Call to order: Joe Malbrough, RVOC Chair, will call the meeting to order and provide an opportunity for introductions around the room.
- Bruce Cornwall, Marine Superintendent, Chesapeake Biological Laboratory
- Guest Speaker: Dr. Thomas Miller, Director, Chesapeake Biological Laboratory

0900 Old Business:

- Minutes of 2012 Meeting
<http://www.unols.org/meetings/2012/201204rvo/201204rvocmi.html>
Compliance Dates for Appendix B.

0905 Group Purchase updates of Shipboard Scientific Support Equipment items:

- Development of Maximum Capability Document for Appendix B-Fred Jones/OSU
- Bridge Watch Alarms and ECDIS- Al Suchy/WHOI
- Desh-5 Upgrade- Doug Russell/UW
- GSSP Upgrades- Zoltan Kelety/SIO

NEW BUSINESS

0930 Committee and Liaison Reports (10 minute limit)

- Final Call for Chair Elect Nominations & Election
- [UNOLS](#) – Jon Alberts, Executive Secretary
- Safety Committee & RVSS – Dan Oliver/UAF
- Ship Scheduling Committee – Stewart Lamerdin/MLML
- [FIC](#) – Al Suchy/WHOI

1000-1015 Break/Voting

1015 Committee and Liaison Reports Continued (10 minute limit)

- RHOV – Al Suchy/WHOI
- [RVTEC](#) – Joshua Eaton/WHOI
- [AICC](#) – Lee Cooper/UMCES
- [SCOAR](#), [MLSOC](#), [DESSC](#) – Jon Alberts/UNOLS
- RVOC – announcement of Chair-Elect election results

1200 Lunch

1300 Agency Reports

- NSF – Rose Dufour & Bob Houtman
- ONR & IWG-FI – Tim Schnoor/ONR
- NOAA/OMAO – Ralph Rogers/NOAA
- USCG – Jonathan Berkson/USCG
- State Department – Kelly Cohun/ Office of Ocean & Polar Affairs

Special Reports- 10-15 minutes

- UNOLS Wire Pool, Cable Lubrication, Use of Synthetics – Rick Trask/WHOI
- Winch Pool & Motion Compensation – Joshua Eaton/WHOI-East Coast & Zoltan Kelety/SIO-West Coast
- Post Cruise Assessments and PCA results – Jon Alberts
- Van Pools – Bill Byam/ UDEL-East & Demian Bailey/OSU-West
- Fleet Broad Band/High Seas Net – Al Suchy/WHOI
- Handling System Updates- Bill Byam-Markey Upgrade to Caley System & Side Frame, Zoltan Kelety-Markey System on Revelle, Joshua Eaton-Jason LHS & new Rapp Hydema Winch. UNOLS standard bolting flange, Dan Oliver-Sikuliaq A-Frame
- Medical Service Update – William Pack/SOS-MedAire
- Representatives from Foreign Countries
 - [NERC](#) – Geraint West and Robin Plumley
 - [NIOZ](#) – Dr. Erica Koning, NIOZ & OFEG report
 - [DRDC Atlantic](#) – Yves Perron

1500-1515 Break

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1515 Special Reports Continued

- Research Vessel Updates
- [R/V SIKULIAQ](#) – Daniel Oliver, UAF
- Ocean Class AGOR update – Mike Prince/ONR & Chris MacDonald/PMS325

1600 Expedition Tour of R/V RACHEL CARSON – (limited to 30 persons)

**Group Dinner 1830-2100
Catered Dinner Alliance Coastal Building**

WEDNESDAY, 24 APRIL 2013

0800 Coffee and Pastries

0830 Special Reports Continued

- Oregon State Univ. Regional Class Research Vessel Update – Demian Bailey/OSU
- RCRV- Operation of Regional Class Research Vessels – Matt Hawkins/NSF
- Schmidt Ocean Institute – Pete Zerr & Eric King/Schmidt Ocean Institute

0900 Group Discussion-

- Minimum Age on our ships – Jon Alberts
- Maritime Labor Convention 2006 – Dennis Nixon

1030-1045 Break

1045 Group Discussion continued.

- Cruise Personnel Manifest – Alice Doyle & Jon Alberts/UNOLS
- Science Equip. Inventory, Cruise Planning Module, Radioisotope Awareness- Alice Doyle/UNOLS

1130 Annual Group Photo – All Hands.

1200 Lunch

1300 Guest Speaker: Matthew Gasparich, Maritime Training Services: *“Building a Smarter, Safer Maritime Community”*

1400 Ship Happens. Admiralty Law & Insurance Update – Dennis Nixon

1500-1530 Break

1530 Ship Inspection Program Update JMS – Blake Powell/JMS Naval Architects

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THURSDAY, 25 APRIL 2013

0800 Coffee and Doughnuts

0830 Guest Speaker: Dr. Carlos Comperatore/USCG-Office of Safety & Occupational Health - “Managing the Effects of Crew Endurance Degradation on Operational Hazard Exposure”

0930-0945 Break

0945 Business Meeting

- Assignments to Committees
- Review of RVOC Action Items Pending
- Safety Committee actions – Dan Oliver
- Suggestions for 2014 Agenda
- Nominations and vote on 2014 meeting location

1000 Round Table discussion items

- Appendix B Lessons learned
- Sexual Harassment Prevention Training Film update – Jon Alberts
- Ballast Water Treatment
- Cable Lubrication

1100 Round Table Discussion UNOLS Marine Superintendents Only

- “RVOC Only” website
- Glosten Stability Program
- Providing a “normal level of support” and anything over and above becomes the responsibility of the science party.
- Other items of concern, interest

1200 Adjourn