

2014 Research Vessel Operators Committee (RVOC) Meeting April 22 - 25, 2014*

- * Safety Committee Meeting Tuesday, April 22, 2014**
- * RVOC Wednesday April 23 to Friday April 25, 2014**

**University of Georgia-Skidaway Institute of Oceanography
Savannah, Georgia**

**Tuesday 22 APRIL 2014
0800 – 1600 Safety Committee Meeting**

Wednesday 23 APRIL 2014

0800 Registration, Coffee and Pastries

0830 Welcoming Remarks

- Call to order: Doug Russell/UW- RVOC Chair
- Dr. James Sanders, Executive Director, Skidaway Institute of Oceanography
- Guest Speaker: Ms. Hope Moorer, Program Manager, Navigation Improvements Projects, Georgia Ports Authority

0900 Old Business:

- Minutes of 2013 Meeting
<http://www.unols.org/meetings/2013/201304rvo/201304rvomi.pdf>
Compliance Dates for Appendix B. 7/15/2014

0905 Group Purchase updates of Shipboard Scientific Support Equipment items:

- Development of Maximum Capability Document – Doug Russell/UW
- Dsh-5 Winch Upgrade - Doug Russell/UW
- ECDIS - Al Suchy/WHOI

New Business

- Election for RVOC- Chair Elect
- Update on Research Vessel Safety Standards (RVSS) Reissue

0930 Committee and Liaison Reports (15 minute each)

- [UNOLS](#) – Jon Alberts, Executive Secretary
- Safety Committee Report – Dan Oliver/UAF
- Ship Scheduling Committee – Doug Ricketts/Univ. of Minn.
- FIC – Al Suchy/WHOI

1000-1015 Break- Collect RVOC Chair-Elect Ballots

1015 Committee and Liaison Reports Continued (15 minute each)

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

1200 Lunch

1300 Agency Reports

- NSF – Rose Dufour/NSF
- ONR & IWG-FI – Tim Schnoor/ONR
- NOAA/OMAO – Tracy Miller
- USCG – To be determined
- State Department/ Office of Ocean & Polar Affairs- Liz Tirpak

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 & Aaron Davis/SIO-West Coast
- Post Cruise Assessments and PCA results – Caitlin Mandel and Jon Alberts/UNOLS
- East & West Coast Van Pools – Bill Byam/ UDEL & Stewart Lamerdin/OSU
- Fleet Broad Band/High Seas Net – Al Suchy/WHOI
- Medical Service Update – William Pack/SOS-MedAire
- Schmidt Ocean Institute – Pete Zerr & Eric King/Schmidt Ocean Institute
- Representatives from Foreign Countries
 - [NERC](#) – Geraint West
 - [NIOZ](#) – Erica Koning, NIOZ & OFEG report
 - [DRDC Atlantic](#) – Yves Perron
 - CMRE/NATO Science & Technology - Ian Sage

1500-1515 Break

1515 Ship Inspection Program- Blake Powell/JMS Naval Architects

1615 Guest Speaker Rusty Fleetwood- *Maritime History of the Georgia Coast*

Group Dinner 1730-2000
Low Country Boil with Roasted Oysters
Univ. of Georgia/Skidaway Institute of Oceanography

Thursday 24 April 2014

0800 Coffee and Pastries

0830 New Builds and Mid-Life Refits

- Oregon State Univ. Regional Class Research Vessel Update – Demian Bailey/OSU
- RCRV- Operation of Regional Class Research Vessels – Matt Hawkins & Rose Dufour/NSF
- *R/V Sikuliaq* – Daniel Oliver/UAF
- *R/V Neil Armstrong* & *R/V Sally Ride* updates – Tim Schnoor/ONR & Mike Prince/ONR
- *R/V Thomas G. Thompson* Mid-Life Refit - AGOR 23 class- Doug Russell/UW

1030-1045 Break

1045 Group Discussion continued.

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

1130 Annual Group Photo – All Hands.

1200 Lunch

1300 Guest Speaker: LCDR Omar Vazquez/Executive Officer/USCG Marine Safety Unit Savannah - *NTVP & MMC issues, Near Misses/Collisions & Lessons Learned*

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

1500-1530 Break

1530 NOAA “Pass” Demonstration- to be determined

1600 *R/V Savannah* Vessel Tours- Divide into two groups, 30 minutes for each tour

Friday 25 April 2014

0800 Coffee

0830 Open Discussion- Allow Time to raise any issues needing more discussion.

0930-0945 Break

0945 Business Meeting

- Assignments to Committees
- Review of RVOC Action Items Pending
- Safety Committee actions – Dan Oliver
- Suggestions for RVOC 2015 Agenda items
- Nominations and vote on RVOC 2015 meeting location

1000 Round Table discussion items

- Appendix B Lessons learned
- UNOLS Orientation & MTS Sexual Harassment Prevention Training Films
- Ballast Water Treatment
- UNOLS Policy on Cable Lubrication
- Fuel Brokers
- Chapter 18 of RVSS – Chartering Non-UNOLS vessels
- Sailing Departure and Arrival Times of UNOLS vessels

1100 Round Table Discussion UNOLS Marine Superintendents Only

- Glosten Stability Program
- Providing a “normal level of support” and anything over and above becomes the responsibility of the science party.
- R/V Marine Wage Scale
- Small vessel operations

1200 Adjourn