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
- Desh-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
- 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