

# Research Vessel Operators Committee



## Committee Report

**UNOLS Council Meeting  
May 8, 2015  
Doug Russell**

# RVOC 2014-2015



- **RVOC Business:**
  - RADM Jeff Garrett (USCG, ret.) has assumed Chairmanship of Safety Committee
- **Marine Superintendent Changes**
  - UAF: Dan Oliver departed. Pete Zerr has assumed Marine Superintendent role temporarily until UAF completes hiring of a replacement.
- **Research Vessel Safety Standards**
  - Updated approach to Appendix B (over the side handling systems)
  - JMS reviewed RVSS and provided a number of recommendations
  - Safety Committee concurred with incorporation of most JMS comments during recent meeting in Seattle.
  - RVSS to be finished up shortly & submitted to RVOC for approval and dissemination to the fleet.
- **RVOC 2015 – April 28-30, 2015**
  - Hosted by University of Washington in Seattle. Nearly 70 attendees.
  - Modified format well received.
  - Included visits/tours of CGC HEALY and Markey Machinery

# RVOC 2014 - 2015 Cont'd



- RVOC 2016 – dates to be determined
  - To be hosted by Virginia Institute of Marine Science, Gloucester Point, VA.
- Group Purchases
  - Markey Winch Upgrades: Doug Russell (UW)
    - Complete: Atlantis, Langseth
    - Revelle – winch complete, install during shipyard late this year
    - Thompson – contract in place, work to be completed as ship enters mid-life
    - Atlantic Explorer – anticipate funding in 2016, install 2017
  - ECDIS: Al Suchy (WHOI)
    - Purchases completed for Thompson, Revelle, Atlantis, Langseth & Kilo Moana,
    - 2 systems installed rest to be completed during upcoming shipyards
  - Tempus Telemedical Devices: Paul Ljunggren (LDEO)
    - Purchases completed for Thompson, Revelle, Atlantis, & Langseth