

Research Vessel Operators Committee



Committee Report

UNOLS Council Meeting May 2016
Doug Russell

RVOC 2015-2016



- **RVOC Business:**
 - Doug Russell's term as Chair ends this September
 - URI's Tom Glennon next Chair
 - Seeking nominations for a new Chair Elect
- **Marine Superintendent Changes**
 - BIOS: Ron Harelstad retired. Quentin Lewis has taken over
 - Skidaway: Michael Richter retired. SKIO seeking a new Marine Supe
- **Research Vessel Safety Standards**
 - Issued & institutions working to become compliant.
 - East & West Coast winch pools (COEs) assisting operators
- **RVOC 2016 – 19-21 April**
 - Hosted by Virginia Inst. Of Marine Science at Gloucester Point, 65 attendees.
 - VIMS was an outstanding host incl fresh crabs & oysters!!
 - RVOC 2017 location TBD – LUMCON / New Orleans or URI / Narragansett

RVOC 2015 - 2016 Cont'd



- Issues for RVOC to look at
 - Need for Electro-Technical Officers to support new/upgraded vessels
 - PCAR process
- Group Purchases
 - Markey Winch Upgrades: Doug Russell (UW)
 - Complete: Atlantis, Langseth, & Revelle
 - Thompson – contract in place, work underway & will be completed as ship enters mid-life
 - Atlantic Explorer – funded in 2016, install 2017