

Research Vessel Operators Committee



Committee Report

UNOLS Annual Meeting 2016
Tom Glennon

RVOC 2015-2016



- **RVOC Business:**
 - Doug Russell's (UW) term as Chair ended this September
 - Tom Glennon (URI) next Chair
 - Stewart Lamerdin (OSU) new Chair Elect
- **Marine Superintendent Changes**
 - BIOS: Ron Harelstad retired. Quentin Lewis has taken over
 - Skidaway: Michael Richter retired. John Bichy new MarSup
- **Research Vessel Safety Standards**
 - 10th Edition Issued & institutions working to become compliant.
 - Appendix A revised rope and cable safe working load standards
 - Appendix B added OVBD load handling systems design
 - Chapter 19 added on ship-based aircraft operations
- **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 LUMCON / New Orleans - dates: April 18-21

RVOC 2015 - 2016 Cont'd



- Issues for RVOC
 - Need for Electro-Technical Officers to support new/upgraded vessels
 - PCAR process - new form specific for Captains and techs?
 - Appx B compliance issues
- Group Purchases
 - Markey Winch Upgrades: Doug Russell (UW)
 - Complete: Atlantis, Langseth, & Revelle
 - Thompson – contract in place, work underway & will be completed summer 2017
 - Atlantic Explorer – no plan to install
 - PLB/MOBI
 - Doug Ricketts researching best option for group purchase, Tim Schnoor to fund.