

**2017 Research Vessel Operators Committee Meeting- (RVOC)
Tulane University River & Coastal Center
1380 Port of New Orleans Place
New Orleans, LA**

**Safety Committee Meeting- Tulane Univ. River and Coastal Center
*Tues. 18 April 2017- 0900 to 1600***

**RVOC Meeting
Tulane Room
*Wed. 19 April 2017 to Fri. 21April, 2017***

0830 Coffee

0900 Welcoming Remarks

- Call to order: Tom Glennon/URI- RVOC Chair
- Welcome: Craig McClain-Executive Director/LUMCON & Joe Malbrough/LUMCON

0905 Old Business

- Accept the minutes from RVOC 2016 Meeting-
<https://www.unols.org/event/meeting/2016-rvoc-meeting>

0915 New Business

- Update on Research Vessel Safety Standards (RVSS) & Appendix B/Jeff Garrett
- Recent UNOLS Council Activities: “News We Can Use” /Jon Alberts.

0945 Agency Reports

- NSF – Rose Dufour/NSF- (MOSA, Cooperative Agreements)
- ONR – Tim Schnoor/ONR
- NOAA/OMAO – Colin Little
- U.S. State Department /Allison Reed

1015 Break

1030 Foreign Country Reports

- NOC-NERC – Phil Harwood/NOC & Stuart Younghusband/NOC
- NIOZ & OFEG– Erica Koning/NIOZ
- CMRE/NATO Science & Technology – Ian Sage/CMRE

1130 Open Discussion

1200-1300 Lunch

1300 Special Reports

- Ship Inspections/ Blake Powell/JMS Naval Architects
- UNOLS Wire Pool, Cable Lubrication, Use of Synthetics – Rick Trask/WHOI
- East Coast Winch Pool-Joshua Eaton/WHOI
- West Coast Winch Pool-Aaron Davis/SIO
- Fleet Broad Band – Al Suchy/WHOI
- Satellite Communications/SatNag- Jim Holik/NSF
- HiSeasNet-Jim Holik/NSF
- Eric King/SOI
- Rob Walker/USF- New Research Vessel

1500-1515 Break

1515- Miscellaneous:

Special Service Facility- Elizabeth Brenner/SIO

1600-1700 Guest Speaker- *Restoration of PT305* - Mark Masor-Gulf Coast Operations Manager/Gibbs and Cox

**RVOC Annual Dinner 1730-2030
Calcasieu- 930 Tchoupitoulas St.**

Thursday 20 April 2017

0800 Coffee

0830 Welcome Remarks-

0845 *Ship Happens*- including Jones Act/Public Vessel/ Dennis Nixon/URI

1000-1030 Break

1030-1145 Committee and Liaison Reports (10-15 minute each)

- UNOLS Report – Jon Alberts, Executive Secretary
- Safety Committee Report – Jeff Garrett
- RVTEC Report- Bill Fanning/URI
- Ship Scheduling Committee Report and Operating in Mexican waters and ports- Doug Ricketts/Univ. of Minn & Jon Alberts/UNOLS
- FIC – Al Suchy/WHOI
- Medical Service Update –George Washington Maritime Medical Access/Kai Neander

1145 Group Purchase updates of Shipboard Scientific Support Equipment items:

- Update on Man-Overboard Locator Beacons- Doug Ricketts
- Interest in new item?

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1200-1300 Lunch- followed by Group Photo

1315 New Builds and Mid-Life Refits

- NSF Update on Regional Class Research Vessel Update – Rose Dufour/Jim Holik/NSF
- R/V *Kilo Moana* Engine Control Refit/ Alan Hilton/UH
- Transition to Operation of R/V *Neil Armstrong* & R/V *Sally Ride* – Al Suchy/WHOI and Zoltan Kelety/SIO
- R/V *Thomas G. Thompson* Refit - AGOR 23 class- Doug Russell/UW
- R/V *Roger Revelle* Midlife Refit & R/V *Sproul* Replacement- Zoltan Kelety/SIO
- R/V *Barnes* replacement/Doug Russell/UW

1415 Coffee Break

1430 Continue with New Builds and Mid-Life Refits

1515-1600 Unmanned Aerial Systems aboard UNOLS ships- Luc Lenain/UCSD

1600-1700 Louisiana Crawfish Boil- Host- Joe Malbrough/LUMCON

Friday 21 April 2017

0800 Coffee

0830 Marine Superintendents Round Table- Closed Session- Marine Supts Only- Separate agenda to be provided

1000-1015 Break

1015 Business Meeting & Round Table Discussion

- Assignments to Committees
- RVOC Elections
- Review of RVOC Action Items
- Safety Committee actions
- Suggestions for RVOC 2018 Agenda items
- Nominations and vote on RVOC 2018 meeting location
- Appendix A & B Lessons learned
- Ballast Water Treatment
- Post Cruise Reports /Jon Alberts

1100 Adjourn meeting