



# UNOLS REPORT

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## Past

2016- Ocean Observatory Initiative Workshops- OOI moved from construction to operation Workshops held Arlington- January 2016 – 82 pax and Portland, OR Sept 2016- 78 pax.

2016- Chief Scientist Training Workshops- 7 cruises in 2016 on *Thompson*, *Atlantis*, *Blue Heron* and *Sikuliaq*

STEM-SEAS Program- (3) expeditions in 2016 on *Oceanus* in May, *Endeavor* in July, and *Sikuliaq* in August.

IRSO Web site and IRSO Meetings- International Research Ship Operators (IRSO) Oct 2016- Isle of Capri

## Present

UNOLS Staff- No changes- however Caitlin will be on maternity leave this summer

We start Year 9 on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 at URI-GSO

Kick-Off Re compete for new UNOLS Office- June 2017

URI/GSO term expires April 30, 2019

## Video Project: Promoting a Positive Work Environment

As part of a zero tolerance policy for sexual harassment and disruptive workplace behaviors, NOAA, NSF, ONR, and UNOLS are working together to develop a video on “Promoting a Positive Work Environment”

### OBJECTIVE

The objective of this project is to create a custom video to educate Academic Research Fleet (ARF) operators/crew and embarked scientists on how and why we need to support and sustain a safe, professional working environment for all aboard our ships. This video shall be tailored to demonstrate unacceptable behaviors, and then address the following for those who sail on ARF ships:

How and why to avoid disruptive work behaviors including bullying, threatening behavior, and workplace violence

How and why to avoid sexual harassment

How both victims and bystanders can and should respond to disruptive behaviors

Proper reporting procedures and record-keeping

# Present

Marine Seismic Research Oversight Committee- MSROC- get this committee up and running. New members

Patrick Hart, USGS, CA (Chair) 03/2017- 03/2020

Nathan Bangs, UT Austin - 03/2017- 03/2020

Del Bohnenstiehl, NCSU -03/2017- 03/2020

John Hopper, Geological Survey of Denmark and Greenland - 03/2017- 03/2020

Beatrice Magnani, S. Methodist U., TX 03/2017- 03/2020

Emily Roland, UW -03/2017- 03/2020

Joann Stock, SIO -03/2017- 03/2020

Anne Tréhu, OSU -03/2017- 03/2020

Warren Wood, Stennis- 03/2017- 03/2020

Donna Blackman, SIO (ex-officio)

Daniel Lizzaralde, WHOI (ex-officio)

## Present continued

NSF Dear Colleague Letter on Cyberinfrastructure- Input submitted by Marine Supts & RVTEC, Document submitted

White Paper Committee on Mexican Operations- Working on Customs, Clearances, Shipping Logistics, Ship Agent policies, & cruise planning-

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Alice Doyle/UNOLS- [alice@unols.org](mailto:alice@unols.org)

## Present

Marine Seismic Research Webinar for Chief Sci. Training Workshop – 3 sessions, April 10, 11, 12, 2017- Over 100 participants signed up. Organized and facilitated by Caitlin Mandel/UNOLS

STRS Modifications- Programming changes account for every day of the year, as well as improve search capability for on various fields, such as EEZ clearances, operating area, equipment used.

Chinese delegation- Planning to visit the UNOLS Office.

## *Questions for UNOLS Operators*

### *Logistics of Facilitating Science Mobilization/Demobilization in Foreign Ports*

- **Does your institution have written guidelines that are provided to scientists who will be working on your vessels in/out of foreign ports, which discuss the details of preparing for, executing, and demobilizing from a research cruise? If so, please forward these documents to us and if you have them listed on your website please forward the URL (and indicate how often the URL is updated).**

## *Obtaining Foreign Clearances*

- Does your institution have a written policy on obtaining foreign clearances to collect scientific data and samples in territorial waters of foreign nations? If so, please pass along the document and / or link to a website where this information is available.



# Future

Modifications to RVSS- Appendix B, Chapter 18, Appendix D, also Chapter 6 and Appendix E

Ch. Sci. Training Workshops/Cruises on *R/V Blue Heron*- June 8-11 and *R/V Roger Revelle* –Sept 26-Oct 6

STEM-SEAS Program funded for year 2- Transits to be determined

INMARTECH 2018 Meeting- Location TBD- October 2018

RVTEC- Hosted by Univ. of Minnesota, Duluth- Oct 24-26, 2017