Safety Committee
RVOC Report
April 19, 2018
TERMS OF REFERENCE

Charge of the RVOC Safety Committee:

To provide a forum for the formulation, review, and recommendation for the approval of the UNOLS Research Vessel Safety Standards (RVSS) for the UNOLS fleet through the RVOC.
Accomplishments since April 2017 Meeting

• Received, considered and granted 4 RVSS waiver requests:
  ➢ All involved incorrect wire diameter-sheave groove size mis-match as specified in Appendix A
  ➢ All involved short-notice action by committee
  ➢ All 4 waivers granted due to low risk to personnel & minimal impact on equipment
  ➢ Appendix A revision needed?

• Chair attended a meeting of Science Committee for Oceanographic Aircraft Research (SCOAR), August 2017, to develop a UAS policy ... and ultimately revision of RVSS as appropriate

• Continued working on RVSS revisions
RVSS Revisions

Chapter 6 & Appendix E, *Personal Behavior & Individual Safety* – Revision complete July 2017; approved by UNOLS Council 30 August 2017

Chapter 9.4, *Lithium batteries* - Update complete, pends additional NSF & JMS comments; final committee action & forwarding for RVOC approval

Chapter 16.3.3.3, *Emergency Escape Breathing Devices (EEBDs)* - Update complete, pends additional NSF & JMS comments; final committee action & forwarding

Chapter 18 & Appendix D, *Chartering of Non-UNOLS or Non-Institution Vessels* - Update draft complete, pends final committee action and forwarding

Appendix B, *Overboard Handling Systems* - Update complete, pends additional NSF & JMS comments; final committee action & forwarding for RVOC approval
Membership Terms of Reference

1. Voting Members- 10 members, representing the UNOLS class of vessels; global, ocean, regional, local, as well as polar, regulatory, and RVTEC

2. UNOLS Community Members, Federal Agency Reps, Observers all welcome

3. UNOLS Subject Matter Experts- non-voting, expertise as needed, invited by committee

Term limits- 3 year with a possible 3 year renewal
Reporting- This will remain the same, i.e. report to RVOC
Meetings- Twice a year to include RVOC as before
Membership Status

1. Chair: Jeff Garrett – 2015–2018, will continue
2. Jon Swallow/UDEL – 2015–2018, will continue
7. Quentin Lewis/BIOS – 2016-2019
8. Christopher Peterson – 2016-2019