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Research Vessel Safety Standards RVSS Updates





UNOLS Safety Committee Membership- June 2018

Jeff Garrett/ USCG ret.- Chair 4/2015-4/2021

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Safety Committee- Current Tasking- RVSS Re-writes

Appendix B- UNOLS Overboard Handling System Design and Operating Standards

Lithium Battery- Chapter 9- Scientific & Shipboard Hazardous Materials

Escape Breathing Apparatus- Chapter 16 Fire Fighting Equipment and Fire Protection

Chartering Non-UNOLS Vessels or Non Institution Vessels- Chapter 18
(With NSF-OCE Guidelines for Use of Non-Academic Vessels.)



Charters for a PI from a UNOLS Vessel Operator Institution: The UNOLS Institution Marine Supt. will review the documentation required by Chapter 18/Appendix D and approve or disapprove the charter.

Charters for a PI at a UNOLS member institution, but not a UNOLS Vessel Operator institution but that has a small boat program: The designated person ashore who has institutional responsibility for overseeing the marine programs and all marine assets shall inspect and approve or disapprove a vessel for an intended charter.

Charters for a PI at either a UNOLS member institution that that does not have a small boat program, or an institution without any UNOLS affiliation: The funding agency will contract for and provide funding for a qualified marine surveyor to review the documentation required by Chapter 18/Appendix D, and submit a recommendation for approval/disapproval to the funding agency.