RVOC Committee Chair & Chair Elect

- Tom Glennon (URI) Chair 9/2016 – 9/2019
- Stewart Lamerdin (OSU) Chair Elect 9/16- 9/19
RVOC 2018 Annual Meeting – April 17-19, 2018 Univ. of Rhode Island

- Hosted by Bruce Corliss/Tom Glennon ~ 75 attendees.
  - Format Change from 3.5 days to 3 days with Safety Committee Meeting on day one with marine superintendents, funding agency reps and industry
  - Andy Hiller/Marine Safety Equipment on safety equipment technology
  - Morgan Turrell/NTSB & Dennis Nixon/UNOLS on the M/V El Faro final findings report

Recent Marine Superintendent Changes

- Albert Suchy/WHOI retired in June, replaced by Tim Twomey/WHOI
- Rich Behn/RSMAS retired in April- Miquel McKinney/Interim, then George Pellissier/RSMAS
- Stewart Lamerdin/OSU replaced by Fred Jones/Interim Marine Superintendent
- Paul Ljunggren/LDEO retired in April, replaced by Sean Higgins/LDEO
- Anita Lopez/UH – Reorganized Marine Office - Director of R/V Operations
RVOC 2018 Recent Changes and some ongoing efforts:
- New 365 days/year on ship schedules w/9 day types
- Modified home port day rate for 2019
- Charging for Load and Unload days in home port for ship days
- Tracking Fleet Broad Band/Sat Comms changes - WHOI
- Medical Services Contract coming up April 2019 – Doug Russell
- Group Purchases - Jon Bichy/SKIO - EEBDs completed and Jon Swallow/UDEL leading Man Overboard Beacons
- AGOR Midlife refits and R/V Rachel Carson joins fleet, Clifford A. Barnes retired.

RVOC 2019 Meeting:
Scripps – April 23-25, 2019- La Jolla, California
Hosts - Bruce Applegate and Zoltan Kelety
RVOC Safety Committee:

- **Jeff Garrett**/USCG ret. – 2015–2021 - Chair
- **Jon Swallow**/UDEL – 2015–2021
- **Doug Baird**/UAF – 2018–2021
- **Brandi Murphy**/UW &RVTEC Rep – 2018-2021
- **Miguel McKinney**/RSMAS – 2018-2021
- **Zoltan Kelety**/SIO – 2015-2021
- **Quentin Lewis**/BIOS – 2016-2019
- **Christopher Peterson**/ 2016-2019
- **Ben Anderson**/Art Anderson Assoc/- 2016-2019
- **Kerry Strom**/WHOI-2018-2021
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.

- Voting Members- 10 members representing various UNOLS vessel classes plus polar, regulatory, NavArch, and RVTEC
- UNOLS Community Members, Federal Agency Reps, Observers all welcome
- UNOLS Subject Matter Experts- non-voting, expertise as needed, invited by committee
- Term limits- 3 year with a possible 3 year renewal
- Reporting- Safety Committee reports to RVOC
- Meetings- Twice a year to include RVOC, plus several teleconference
Recent Accomplishments

• 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

• Committee continues working on RVSS revisions:
  ◦ Chapter 6 & Appendix E, Personal Behavior & Individual Safety – Revision complete July 2017; approved by UNOLS Council
  ◦ Chapter 9.4, Lithium batteries – In final draft
  ◦ Chapter 16.3.3.3, Emergency Escape Breathing Devices (EEBDs) – In final draft
  ◦ Chapter 18 & Appendix D, Chartering of Non-UNOLS or Non-Institution Vessels – Council voted to remove this from RVSS.
  ◦ Appendix B, Overboard Handling Systems – Final draft in review & forwarding for RVOC approval