# Research Vessel Operators Committee



# **Committee Report**

UNOLS Council Meeting March 27-28 2019
Tom Glennon



# RVOC Committee Chair & Chair Elect

- Tom Glennon (URI) Chair 9/2016 9/2019
- Zoltan Kelety (SIO) Chair Elect 3/19 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 Survitec Group/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**

- Doug Russell/UW to UNOLS, replaced by Capt. Robert Kamphaus
- Rich Behn/UM-RSMAS retired in April, replaced by Miguel McKinney
- Stewart Lamerdin/OSU replaced by Fred Jones/Interim Fall 2018, new

MarSup announcement expected early April 2019



#### **RVOC 2018 Recent Changes and some ongoing efforts:**

- New 365 days/year on ship schedules w/9 day types
- Began 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
- Group Purchases Jon Bichy/SKIO EEBDs completed 2018. Jon Swallow/UDEL finishing up Man Overboard Beacons 2019. Tempus Medical Units?
- 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
- o♣ Jon Swallow/UDEL 2015–2021
- o♣ Doug Baird/UAF 2018–2021
- o♣ Miguel McKinney/RSMAS 2018-2021
- o♣ Zoltan Kelety/SIO 2015-2021
- Quentin Lewis/BIOS 2016-2019
- ○♣ Christopher Peterson/ 2016-2019
- O♣ Ben Anderson/Art Anderson Assoc/- 2016-2019
- - OPEN Brandi Murphy/UW &RVTEC (New UNOLS Office)



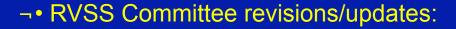
#### **Charge of the RVOC Safety Committee:**

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 & equipment



- Chapter 9.4, Lithium batteries Revision approved 7/2018
- Chapter 16.3.3.3, Emergency Escape Breathing Devices (EEBDs) Revision approved Nov 2018. Feedback by MarSups
- Chartering of Non-UNOLS Vessels, Chapter 18/Appx D Removed from RVSS; draft UNOLS guidance doc provided as a read-ahead.
- Appendix B, Overboard Handling Systems Approved Nov 2018 Ed. Feedback from MarSups on implementation.
- New RVSS edition needed in near future

