• 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
- 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
- **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

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

- RVSS Committee revisions/updates:
  - 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.
  - New RVSS edition needed in near future