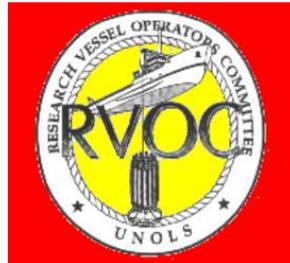


RESEACH VESSEL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

November 2019



Research Vessel Operators Committee (RVOC)

- Promotes cooperation, fleet standards, marine safety, efficiency, and quality of service among marine science research and educational institutions.
- Provides a forum to address issues such as federal regulations, security, technology, procedures, and public relations as those affect their research fleets.

RVOC Committee

Chair: Zoltan Kelety SIO 10/2019 - 4/2022

Chair Elect: Doug Baird UAF 10/2019 - 4/2022

Plus twelve marine superintendents voting members

RVOC 2019 Annual Meeting

- April 23-25, Scripps Institution of Oceanography in La Jolla, CA
- Hosted by Dr Bruce Applegate & Zoltan Kelety ~ 75 attendees
- Format change from 3.5 days to 3 days with opening day Safety Committee Meeting with marine superintendents, funding agency reps, and industry participation
- Keynote Speakers:
 - Dr Brian Craig of Lamar University & ABS addressing Safety Research Initiative
 - Dave Wolfe of Peregrine Technical Solutions presenting Cybersecurity

RVOC 2020 Meeting

- Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science at the University of Miami: April 28-30
- Host – Marine Superintendent Miguel McKinney

Marine Superintendent Changes

- CAPT Robert Kamphaus UW
- Miguel McKinney UM-RSMAS
- Kaya Johnson OSU

RVOC Safety Committee

- Jeff Garrett (Chair) USCG(ret) 4/2015 - 4/2021
- Jon Swallow UDEL 4/2015 - 4/2021
- Zoltan Kelety SIO 4/2015 - 4/2021
- Miguel McKinney RSMAS 4/2018 - 4/2021
- Doug Baird UAF 4/2018 - 4/2021
- Kerry Strom WHOI 4/2018 - 4/2021
- Matt Durham (RVTEC Rep) SIO 3/2019 - 3/2022
- Meegan Corcoran UW 9/2019 - 9/2022

- **Subject Matter Experts - (available as needed)**
- Aaron Davis SIO (Appendix A&B, winches)
- Rick Trask WHOI (UNOLS Wire Pool Manager)
- Joshua Eaton WHOI (Appendix A&B, winches)

Recent Accomplishments

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Received, considered and granted five RVSS waiver requests:

All involved incorrect wire diameter-sheave groove size mismatch as specified in Appendix A

All involved short-notice action by committee

All five waivers granted due to low risk to personnel & equipment

RVSS Committee revisions/updates:

Chapter 9.4, Lithium batteries – Revision approved

Chapter 16.3.3.3, Emergency Escape Breathing Devices (EEBDs) – Revision approved Nov 2018.

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.

New RVSS edition needed in near future