RESEARCH 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
• 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

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