UNOLS Council Meeting
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In Memoriam:
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NOAA – UNOLS Partnership continued

- Council, RVOC, FIC, and Ship Scheduling Meetings
- Schedule optimization between UNOLS operators and NOAA PI’s
- UNOLS projects on NOAA ships
- Collaborative Buoy Operations
- MRP Planning and Lessons Learned
- COVID-19 Lessons Learned
FY22

- SIP & bubble protocols through Q1
- Blocked time for two Operation Readiness Trainings
NOAA Fleet COVID-19 Guidance

**Vaccine status:** Not mandatory but highly encouraged
- 15/15 ships have had access to both doses
- Personnel provide status via existing secure OMAO HIPAA approved medical system managed by the Office of Health Services (OHS). Supervisors and co-workers are not to request this information

**Existing COVID-19 guidance**
- Approved molecular (PCR) COVID-19 test on day 4-5 of SIP AND one Rapid Antigen Test on the same day of sailing (MPIC/MO administered), OR 2 PCR tests to be conducted on day 4-5
- Strict 7 Day SIP before sailing, off ship
- No ship beyond 500nm for the first 7 days of sailing
- No one living aboard until negative results received and 7 days of SIP completed
- Masks, social distancing, galley restrictions, confined space restrictions while aboard for 20 days minimum
Updated Underway “Relaxed” COVID-19 measures

Strict 7 Day SIP off ship continues along with the above testing requirements

If **100%** of all sailing members are vaccinated, Relaxed COVID-19 measures after 24 hours at sea no 7 day requirement to stay along the shore before heading out past 500nm
  - 90% - 100% vaccinated, relaxed measures after 7 days at sea
  - <90% vaccinated, relaxed measures after 14 days

Examples of relaxed measures:
  - Masks optional
  - Social distancing no longer required, caution advised in confined spaces
  - Open Galley, gym, common areas

All ships shall have capacity to conduct COVID-19 testing of all embarked personnel while at sea/ Daily crew/personnel COVID-19 screening to continue
NOAA Class A - AGOR Variant

Mission: Support coastal, continental shelf, worldwide ocean survey & data collection

Principal Characteristics
- Length Overall: 244.50ft
- Draft: 15.27ft (Full-load, EOL)
- Displacement: 3,120 LT
- Sustained Speed: 12kts
- Complement: 44 + 4(surge)
- Endurance: 12,000 nm

Mission capabilities:
- Launch work boats & perform maintenance on buoys & moorings
- Collect weather & water column data & bathymetric surveys
- Enhanced seakeeping & bubble sweepdown characteristics
- Flexible diesel-electric power plant
- High maneuverability & station keeping
- Reconfigurable working deck areas
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