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WHO AM I?

MARINE TECHNICIAN SUPERINTENDENT - OSU MTG

iRobot, Texas A&M, BIOS

RVTEC **SCOAR** rep – *future* RVTEC Chair



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Oregon State University Marine Technician Group

What we've done

- *Procured UAS's to support science objectives on the R/V Oceanus*
- *Hosted a UAS training event at the OSU MTG facility*
- *Obtained Part 107 certifications via the FAA for all OSU MarTech's*
- *Utilized UAS's to support public outreach*
- *Developed OSU MTG specific US documentation (JSA/SOP)*



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Training

Part 107 training with General Pacific. A 2-day “cram” course with a guaranteed Part 107 test pass.

Continued pilot training and system familiarization within team



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R/V Oceanus UAS JSA (*job safety analysis*)



DRONE FLIGHT OPERATIONS

OSU SHIP OPERATIONS	
Originator: Kate <u>Kauba</u>	Approved By: Andrew Woogen

Job Safety Analysis

Task to Be Accomplished: Deployment and Recovery of Drone in Flight

Potential Hazards:

- Projectile from broken propeller
- Entanglement of drone in ships equipment
- Loss sight of drone
- Wave and swell action enhance potential for hazards
- Wind effects within proximity of the ship
- Personal Injury when performing hand launch / landing
- Battery failure
- Experiencing external distractions or interruptions may enhance potential hazards
- Lack of adequate communication may enhance potential hazards
- Line or cable in water being caught in the propulsion system
- Deploying or recovering before everyone is notified and ready, particularly the bridge officer
- Personnel falling overboard while working near deck edge

Engineering and Administrative Controls: (Note: The following is not a comprehensive list of engineering controls available. Controls listed serve simply as a reminder that you should properly use items that may be on hand to mitigate potential hazards)

- ✓ Familiarity with the SMM sections "Overboarding Operations"
- ✓ Properly trained pilot in command (POC) with part 107
- ✓ Properly trained personnel on deck
- ✓ Properly submitting NOTAM prior to flight

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OSU SHIP OPERATIONS	
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- ✓ Clear and proper communications between everyone involved
- ✓ Good housekeeping on deck
- ✓ Situational awareness
- ✓ Only personnel directly involved in operation will be in the work area.

Environmental Concerns:

- Loss of Drone at sea
- Loss of Li Batteries

Environmental Controls:

- ✓ Maintaining adequate battery levels for flight and return
- ✓ Maintaining visual on drone when in flight
- ✓ Ensure positive control of all components as they are brought on board.

Personal Protective Equipment: (Note: Some items may or may not be required depending on the situation, company policy, etc.)

- Eye Protection
- Hard Hat
- PFD
- Safety shoes
- Work clothing appropriate for outside deck work

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SOP (*standard operating procedure*) & vehicle specific **user manual**

Includes:

- Flight planning
- How to submit a NOTOM (*notice to airmen, which is required if operating in controlled airspace*)
 - piloting instructions specific to each vehicle
 - How to operate the vehicle's controls
 - Tips and techniques for piloting
 - Account usernames and passwords
 - Video editing instructions
 - Where to find help if needed



Drone resources at OSU



- Drone Group (on campus)
- COA (*OSU moved away from this and is pushing for all OSU UAS pilots to just get their own part 107's*)
- Drone Complier app (*A great resource to logging flight data, and used to be required when OSU provided the COA*)
- UAS training at University for students and employees
- OSU has its own UAS policies depending on how they're being used
- OSU will register our drones with the FAA for us (*and make sure we stay current*)



Satellite Domes - Grey whale Thermal



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OSU MTG UAS publicity in our college



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Atmospheric Sciences - Oregon State
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Photo Finish Friday (not a thing; we just made it up):
great aerial view of Ship Ops, NOAA MOC-P, Yaquina
Bay Bridge, and beyond, taken with the OSU Marine
Technician Group's aerial drone.



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OSU MTG drone science uses on Oceanus

UAS utilized to video whales

Tracy Crew's 2019

OSU MarTech served as pilot in command b/c scientist's Part 107 expired

View an R&D vehicle being towed off the starboard side as well as to look at waves over the horizon

Jim Moum – two cruises 2018 & 2019

Footage utilized in ONR conferences



Credit: Leigh Torres



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Seaglider Deployment/Recoveries

Sarah Webster 2021

Footage significantly utilized in UW APL documentary



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Oceanus's *NSF/JMS inspection* OSU Ship Operations facility



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First drone flight - R/V Oceanus

Vehicle = *Splash Pro* w/*Hero GoPro*



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Last drone flight - R/V OCEANS

Vehicle = Mavic 2 Enterprise Dual



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OSU MTG public outreach *with* drones

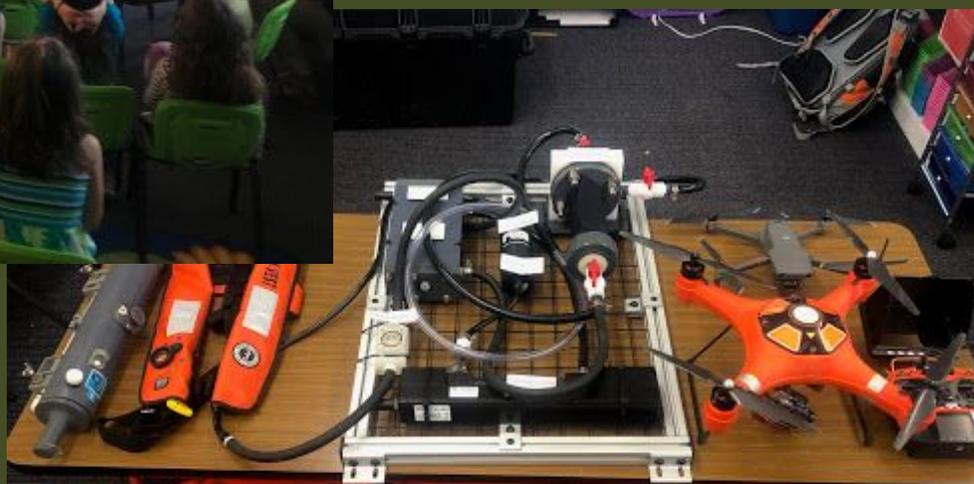


Photo of the Week



Marine Technician Kristin Beem presenting at a public outreach event hosted by the Oregon State CEOAS Marine Technician Group in their Corvallis workshop. Photo by Andrew Woogen

Send Announcements (and photos!)

OSU MTG Pilot Training – how to land a UAS on a moving ship (*catch it?*)



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Future of UAS's with the OSU MTG

- Anticipate more use cases identified by the science community
- Continued training on UAS piloting and operating off a moving ship
- Explore new payloads (*sensors?*)
- Invest in spare equipment and innovation
- Renew part 107 certs every 24 months for all OSU MarTech's
- Establish clear expectations of UAS services MarTechs will provide to the ship-using science community



R/V Armstrong



RVTEC *Community*

- Guidance on '*hobbyist*' drone use on ARF vessels
- Requested recommendations of vehicle type (R/V *Langseth seismic*)
- Create list of **new** technology possibilities & technical **support** needed
- Seeing an increase use in fleet and anticipate more
- Overall lots of interest by the RVTEC community, but also hesitation



Future of UAS's in RVTEC – potential

- Consider a center for excellence – one MarTech Group could spearhead this innovation to provide a service to the science community as needed. Potentially funding as a specialize service.
- Consider group training for UNOLS MarTechs, to economically and efficiently train MarTechs in UAS's and get them part 107 certified
- Consider establishing a fleet-wide COA for UAS operations in the MarTech community. Which could include a set of requirements (ex. Training/vehicle registration/flight data recoding/mission ops pre-approval...)
- Establish clear expectations of UAS services MarTechs will provide to the ship-using science community



OSU MTG's UAS Mavic2 Enterprise Dual



- 4K video gimbal
- FLIR thermal camera
- Daylight readable display/controller
- Strobe light for dusk/dawn flights
- Speaker
- Spot light
- Floats
- Protective case and spare batteries/parts



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