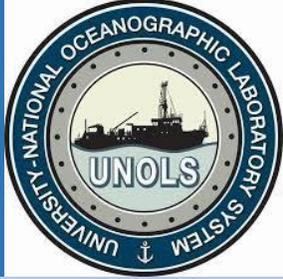
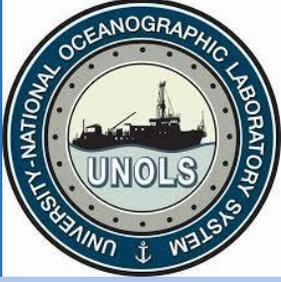


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## Actions of the Safety Committee for 2023

- 5 RVSS Waivers have been applied for, 4 granted and 1 was determined unnecessary.
  - 3 waivers granted for Appendix A: 9/16" wire fair led over sheaves grooved for 0.680" cable.
  - 1 waiver granted for Appendix B: granted fleet wide for use of VMP-500 profiler winch. USCG exemption was requested and granted based on low tension of operation.
- Revisions to RVSS Appendix A were approved at May 2023 Safety Committee Meeting
  - Application of App. A to shipboard tension members:  
Appendix title and Section A.0
  - Update of guidance on rotating sheave groove sizes:  
Tables A.8. and A.8.4
  - Inclusion of guidance for use of synthetic tension members:  
Sections A.5.3, A.5.7, A.8.3 and new Table A.8.5
  - Current RVSS can be found on the UNOLS website:
    - <https://www.unols.org/document/research-vessel-safety-standards-rvss>



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## Ongoing Projects

- Deck Socket Tester
- Fleet purchase of new SCBA kits and Person Overboard beacons.
- Discussion regarding use of metric system in the RVSS
- Reissue of the entire RVSS to capture a variety of changes of the past few years.

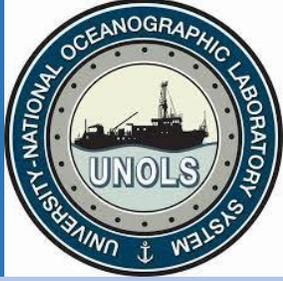
### **Upcoming Appendix A & B In-Person Training at WHOI**

- January 17 – 18, 2024 at the WHOI David Center. Live feed will be available.

### **Solicitation for new RVTEC Representative to the Safety Committee-**

Email nominations, including brief statement of interest and current CV/Resume to:  
Admiral Jeff Garrett (Safety Committee Chair) – [jgwagb@aol.com](mailto:jgwagb@aol.com)

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Any specific concerns from RVTEC that should be raised at the next Safety Committee Meeting?