

Safer Seas Act

- USCG has recently concluded ARF vessels are not Public Vessels
- Required to comply with Safer Seas Act (SSA)
 - **Enacted as part of the National Defense Authorization Act for the fiscal year of 2023 to combat sexual assault and harassment (SASH) aboard vessels**
- 4 Primary Elements
 - Safety Management System (SMS)
 - Key Control
 - Signage
 - Video Surveillance System
- UNOLS Office to facilitate efforts
 - SMS, Key Control & Signage -
 - Is operator/ship specific
 - UNOLS to coordinate / facilitate sharing of information & best practices amongst operators for
 - Meegan Corcoran will assume this role for the UNOLS Office

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- Video (and audio) Surveillance System
 - Contract for a stand-alone system that can be procured, installed, and supported on ships by a contractor
 - Coordinate with UNOLS Ship Operators
 - Focus on Global & Ocean Class vessels (8 ships) first as they undergo regular USCG inspections to maintain their Certificates of Inspection (COI)
 - Coordinate with RCRV program as those ships will also have COIs
 - Address Regional, Coastal and Local class vessels after
 - Doug Russell will manage this aspect of the SSA implementation
- Where are we currently?
 - Decision made this week to move ahead
 - Identifying possible solutions
 - Digigone is one solution
 - Standard package of cameras, microphones, secure server based on ship's general arrangements
 - 2-3 installation by a 2-person team
 - Tested remotely monthly with reports provided regarding the status & health of each ship's system
 - Data stored in a locked secure server onboard the ship
 - If video is required for an investigation, Digigone reaches in via satcom to upload requested video and then download to a secure source that is delivered to the authorized recipient . No crew involvement
 - Data (video & audio) is retained on server for at least a year per USCG regulation
 - Investigating other possibilities / possible solutions / suppliers
 - Will start on development of a contract that will be executed through UW Procurement
 - Intend to install for all berthing area passageways – crew, marine techs & science party to afford increased safety / security for all
 - Will share plans with the UNOLS Community as the plans solidify