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Research Vessel Operators Committee Agenda

Westin Nova Scotian

Halifax, NS

Day 1 - Wednesday, 1 May 2024

- 0800-0830 Coffee**
- 0830 Opening Comments, Introductions
- Welcome - RVOC Chair – Doug Baird / UAF
 - Announcements – Doug Russell / UNOLS
 - Participant introductions
 - Welcome – DFO / CCG / Dalhousie U / COVE
- 0845 RVOC Meeting Opens – Old / New Business
- Old Business - Accept Minutes from 2023 RVOC Meeting
 - New Business – Suggested issues to discuss during the course of the RVOC meeting
- 0900 Federal Agency Reports
- NSF – Rose Dufour
 - ONR – Rob Sparrock
 - NOAA – LCDR Cherisa Friedlander
 - State – Amanda Williams / Gabriella David
- 1015-1030 Coffee Break**
- 1030 UNOLS Report – Doug Russell
- UNOLS Activities
 - 2023 Schedule Wrap Up & 2024 Outlook
- 1045 BABAA Update – Eric Buck
- 1100 RCRV Update – Daryl Swenson / OSU



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- 1115 RVOC Discussions / Presentations
- Other Operators
 - Canada – Randy King
 - Netherlands – Zeynep Erdem
 - United Kingdom – Stuart Youngusband
 - CMRE NATO – Darryn Debruyn
 - Schmidt Ocean Institute – Eric King
- 1230 **Lunch** - provided
- 1330 UNOLS Operators Updates & Challenges/Successes – up to 2 slides per operator
- 1415 Insurance: Policies & Responsibilities – Mark Gleason / Parker, Smith & Feek
- 1500 Safer Seas Act Discussion - **TBD**
- 1530 Coffee Break**
- 1545 CCG Fisheries Research Vessel tour?
- 1700 Meeting adjourns
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- 1800 – 2100 RVOC Annual Dinner**
- [Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21](#)
 - Keynote: Canadian National Shipbuilding Strategy



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Day 2 - Thursday, 2 May 2024

- 0800-0830 Coffee**
- 0830 Legal / Risk – Jonathan Guttoff, UNOLS Risk Manager
- Proposed changes to ARF statutory language
 - Updates on Maritime Insurance, Risks, Major Legal Issues
- 0930 Safety Committee Recap – Jeff Garrett
- 1030-1045 Coffee Break**
- 1045 Special Reports
- Winch Pools – Brian Guest / WHOI and Aaron Davis / SIO
 - Wire Pool – Rick Trask / WHOI
 - Van Pools – Jon Swallow/UDel & Daryl Swensen/OSU
 - Cybersecurity Update – Lee Ellett / SIO
 - Cybersecurity Funding – Anchor Act
 - Cyber Security / Cyber Infrastructure working group status
- 1200-1300 Lunch - provided**
- 1300 Project Updates
- GW Marine Medical Services – Alex Cullen / GW
 - Crewing Support – Meegan Corcoran / UNOLS
 - Antarctic Research Vessel Update – Mike Prince/NSF
 - Savannah Mid-life Update – John Bichy/SkIO
 - MFP Participant List & Statistics – Alice Doyle / UNOLS
- 1400-1415 Coffee Break**
- 1415 Ship Inspections – Common Issues, Lessons Learned & Best Practices – Blake Powell / JMS
- Inspection periodicity discussion
- 1515 Group Purchases
- SCBA & MOB - Jon Swallow / UDel
- 1530 Open Floor – Current and New Issues
- ARF Bulk Fuel Purchasing – Paul Gallagher or Kerry Strom / WHOI?



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- STCW Updates (especially International voyages) – Meegan Corcoran / UNOLS
- March 25-28 WHOI FUTURES Bottom Sampling Workshop summary – Alice Doyle / UNOLS
- Additional issues?

1630 Review Action Items, discuss location of 2025 RVOC meeting

1700 **Conclude Meeting**