



Meeting Agenda

UNOLS RVOC Safety Committee

29 April 2025

Virden Retreat Center

1155 College Drive, Lewes DE 19958

Tuesday, 29 April 2025 0900-1200 1300-1530

Zoom Meeting: <https://washington.zoom.us/j/98625591487?pwd=Ew5asWCWzqlh1hfmVTXplCHjyCa1Fa.1>

- 0900 Call Meeting to Order, introductions – Jeff Garrett
- UNOLS Code of Conduct – Doug Russell
 - Safety Committee terms of reference – Jeff Garrett
- 0905 RVSS Waivers granted since last meeting – Jeff Garrett
- Continued synthetic line waiver issues for OSU & OOI mooring work
- 0915 Safety committee actions since April 2024 meeting – Jeff Garrett
- RVSS Appendix A revisions concerning tension member & termination testing – RV tech working group input
 - Preliminary discussion of line tension monitoring
- 0920 Section A.5.2 update: tension member testing & termination standards – Jeff Garrett & tech work group
- 1000 Tables A.8.2 thru A.8.4 revision: Tension Monitoring Accuracy – Erich Gruebel
- 1020 Appendix B, Section B.3.3: Clarifying Overboard Handling System Labeling
- 1045 Safer Seas Act implementation update – Doug Russell
- 1100 Alcohol on ARF vessels: policy, pre-cruise briefs, safety management systems – Rose Dufour
- 1130 Science diving on ARF vessels – Doug Russell
- 1200 **Break for Lunch**
- 1300 Equipment issues
- 1330 New UNOLS Safety Manager position update – Doug Russell
- 1345 Safety issues identified by NSF Inspection Team – Blake Powell
- 1415 Additional issues for consideration by the Safety Committee:
- Appendix A & B exclusions for small overboarding systems (~200 lbs)?
 - Does the RVSS need high-voltage considerations (such as for an ROV on a cable)?
 - B.5.3 – OHS Operator's Manual improvement: system summary section?
 - Alternative compliance: recognized codes or specs for weight handling gear that may be equivalent to RVSS standards – Aaron Davis
 - Shipboard cranes: consistent inspection, testing & maintenance – Aaron Davis
- 1510 Safety Committee Chair hand-off
- 1515 Safety Committee Membership review
- 1530 Meeting concludes
- 1800 RVOC Icebreaker reception - Irish Eyes Pub & Restaurant