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Research Vessel Operators Committee Agenda

Virden Retreat Center

University of Delaware

1155 College Drive, Lewes DE 19958

Icebreaker Reception – Tuesday, 29 April 2025 1800-2000 **Note:** cash bar

Location: Irish Eyes Pub & Restaurant

RVOC Zoom Meeting Info:

<https://washington.zoom.us/j/91978903183?pwd=4aya3jEyvRenBtehXa6WZlqgl5Md8N.1>

Day 1 - Wednesday, 30 April 2025

0800-0830 Coffee & snacks

0830

Opening Comments, Introductions

- Welcome - RVOC Chair – Doug Baird / UAF
 - UNOLS Code of Conduct
- Announcements – Doug Russell / UNOLS
- Participant introductions
- Welcome – University of Delaware

0845

RVOC Meeting Opens – Old / New Business

- Old Business - Accept Minutes from 2024 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 Rachel Pryor
- State – Amanda Williams

1015-1030

Coffee Break



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- 1030 UNOLS Report – Doug Russell
- UNOLS Activities
 - 2024 Schedule Wrap Up & 2025 Outlook
- 1045 RCRV Update – Ethan Roth
- 1100 RVOC Discussions / Presentations
- Other Operators
 - Canada – Randy King & Pamela McKale
 - Netherlands – Zeynep Erdem
 - United Kingdom – Stuart Younghusband
 - USAP R/V *NB Palmer* – Brad Fabling
 - Schmidt Ocean Institute – Eric King
- 1230 **Lunch** - provided
- 1330 UNOLS Operators Updates & Challenges/Successes – up to 2 slides per operator
- 1415 Safer Seas Act Discussion – Doug Russell
- 1500 R/V *Hugh R Sharp* mid-life - Jon Swallow
- 1530 Coffee Break**
- 1545 R/V *Hugh R Sharp* & East Coast Van Pool Tour
- 1800** Tours Complete
- 1800 – 2100 RVOC Annual Dinner** (Optional – for those who purchased a ticket, cash bar)
- **Location:** Lewes Yacht Club
 - **Keynote:** **Dr. Deborah Bronk**, President, CEO & Senior Research Scientist, Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences; “Ocean Research Advocacy”



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Day 2 - Thursday, 1 May 2025

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0800-0830 Coffee & snacks

- 0830 Legal / Risk – Jonathan Gutoff, UNOLS Risk Manager
- Updates on Maritime Insurance, Risks, Major Legal Issues
- 0930 Safety Committee
- Committee Recap – Jeff Garrett
 - Safety Manager Hiring Update – Doug Russell

1000-1015 Coffee Break

- 1015 Special Reports
- Winch Pools – Sean Whelan / WHOI and Aaron Davis / SIO
 - Wire Pool – Eric Trotto / WHOI
 - Van Pools – Jon Swallow/UDel & Daryl Swensen/OSU
 - Cybersecurity Update – Michael Simpson / OMNISOC
 - GSSP Issue – Laura Stolp / NSF
 - ABS – Ben Komar
 - ARV Update – Tim McGovern / NSF

1200-1300 Lunch – provided

1300 RVOC Group Photo

1305 Miscellaneous

- GW Marine Medical Services – Adam Rutenberg, Derek Andresen, Kate Larsen
 - MFP – Alice Doyle / Stefani Martynenko
 - MOSA Guidance / Discussion – Eric Buck, Rose Dufour
- 1345 Ship Inspections – Common Issues, Lessons Learned & Best Practices – Blake Powell

1430-1445 Coffee Break

