

Maintaining an Environment of Respect Aboard Ships (MERAS)

Committee Chair update: Emily Shimada has stepped down, MERAS currently operating without a Chair

Membership update:

- Dr. Gabrielle N. Ellis joined in September 2025
- Ex Officio Member Sarah Walters will join in December 2025.
- Plans are underway to add members from other UNOLS committees (Safety, RVOC, FIC)

Ongoing and New Initiatives:

- A Chief Scientist training document is being developed to support professional growth
- Collaboration underway with FieldSafe on at-sea safety protocols and training opportunities
- Work is in progress to develop a resource document and website to enhance accessibility and communication across the community

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