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Research Vessel Operators Committee Agenda

Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

Clark Building, 5th Floor

360 Woods Hole Rd, Woods Hole MA 02543

Icebreaker Reception – Tuesday, 5 May 2026 1800-2000 **Note:** cash bar

Location: Flying Bridge Restaurant, 220 Scranton Ave, Falmouth, MA

RVOC Zoom Meeting Info:

https://washington.zoom.us/meeting/register/ezn_vrNoRkCWf8BanVWPug

Day 1 - Wednesday, 6 May 2026

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| 0800-0830 | Coffee & snacks |
| 0830 | Opening Comments, Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome - RVOC Chair – Doug Ricketts / Univ. of Minnesota-Duluth<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ UNOLS Code of Conduct• Announcements – Doug Russell / UNOLS• Participant introductions• Welcome – WHOI |
| 0845 | RVOC Meeting Opens – Old / New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Old Business - Accept Minutes from 2025 RVOC Meeting• New Business – Suggested issues to discuss during the course of the RVOC meeting |
| 0900 | Federal Agency Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NSF – Rose Dufour• ONR – Rob Sparrock• NOAA – LCDR Rachel Pryor• State – Amanda Williams & Gabby David |



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1015-1030 Coffee Break

1030 UNOLS Report – Doug Russell

- UNOLS Activities
- 2025 Schedule Wrap Up & 2026 Update

1045 RCRV Update – ???

1100 RVOC Discussions / Presentations

- Other Operators
 - Canada – Anthony Redican & ??
 - Netherlands – Zeynep Erdem (virtual)
 - United Kingdom – Guy Dale-Smith, Fiona Stuart
 - Schmidt Ocean Institute – Eric King

1230 **Lunch** - provided

1330 UNOLS Operators Updates & Challenges/Successes – up to 2 slides per operator

1415 R/V Harassment Reporting Best Practices – Tara Clemente / UNOLS

1430 Coffee Break

1445 R/Vs *Atlantis* & *Neil Armstrong* plus NDSF tours

1800 Tours Complete

1800 – 2100 RVOC Annual Dinner (Optional – for those who purchased a ticket, cash bar)

- **Location:**
- **Keynote: Dr. Julie Huber**, WHOI Oceanographer



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Day 2 - Thursday, 7 May 2025

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0800-0830 Coffee & snacks

- 0830 Legal / Risk – Jonathan Guttoff, UNOLS Risk Manager
- Updates on Maritime Insurance, Risks, Major Legal Issues
- 0930 Safety Committee
- Committee Recap – Jon Swallow

1000-1015 Coffee Break

- 1015 Special Reports
- Winch Pools – Sean Whelan / WHOI and Aaron Davis / SIO
 - Wire Pool – Eric Trotto / WHOI
 - Van Pools – Tim Deering / UDel & Daryl Swensen/OSU
 - Cybersecurity Update – Michael Simpson / OMNISOC
 - ABS – Ben Komar

1200-1300 Lunch – provided

- 1300 RVOC Group Photo
- 1305 Miscellaneous
- GW Marine Medical Services – Dr. Adam Rutenberg & Derek Andresen
 - MFP – Alice Doyle / Stefani Martynenko

1345 Ship Inspections – Common Issues, Lessons Learned & Best Practices – Blake Powell

1430-1445 Coffee Break



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1445 Discussion Items

- R/V *Roger Revelle* engine fire – lessons learned – Joost van der Zwaag
- Kongsberg Demerger – Eric Benway
- Telemedicine Device Replacement – Russell ???
- Dive Ops & RVSS Chapter 11 Update - ???
- New legislative language to classify ARF ships – Russell / Gutoff ????
- Unified Pre-cruise boarding language / communication for science parties advising of the constant potential for cruise changes / diversions - ???
- Medical Evaluations for embarking students & scientists - ?????
- Science Party rest & RVSS 5.4.2 - ?????
- UAS Operator Handbook update – Alice Doyle ?????
- STEMSEAs – planning/coordinating fleet support - Russell

1645 Review Action Items, discuss location of 2027 RVOC meeting

1700 **Conclude Meeting**