



DRAFT Meeting Agenda

UNOLS RVOC Safety Committee

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

Clark Building, 5th Floor

360 Woods Hole Road, Woods Hole, MA 02543

Tuesday, 5 May 0900-1200 1300-1600

0900 Call Meeting to Order, introductions – Doug Russell and Jon Swallow

- UNOLS Code of Conduct
- Safety Committee terms of reference and membership

0910 Safety committee actions since April 2025 meeting – Jon Swallow

- New members
- New Safety Chair email (safetychair@unols.org)
- Dive Safety Subcommittee established
- Appendix B – waived compliance for OHS < 1000lb breaking strength (NBL)
- Appendix A – wire termination SOPs and testing (full compliance by 1/01/2028)
- RVSS Chapter 6.1.4 Harassment Prevention updates
- Safety Chair / Safety Committee members meeting at RVTECH

0925 Safety Manager position update – Doug Russell

0930 High Voltage Electrical Safety – Erich Gruebel

- How can we increase awareness of hazards and training?
- Update or retract RVS 2014-1 Safety Bulletin

0950 Lithium Battery Safety – TBD

1000 – 1015 COFFEE BREAK

1015 Appendix B Refresher – Aaron Davis

1035 What are the Hurdles for ARF compliance with Appendix B? Bring your thoughts! – Jon Swallow

1055 Overboard Handling System labeling requirements – How Clarify? - Jon Swallow

1105 Open discussion for other Appendix A and B topics – Jon Swallow

1125 Fatigue and Science Party Work Hours – Jon Swallow

1145 Waivers to the RVSS – UW request for permanent waiver - ???

1200 – 1300 LUNCH

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- 1300 NOAA Ship RON BROWN and RAINIER fires – lessons learned – Julie Wagner
- 1340 ROGER REVELLE Engine Failure – lessons learned – Joost van der Zwaag
- 1400 How communicate Incident / Near Miss Lessons Learned to the Deck Plates? – Jon Swallow

1415 – 1430 COFFEE BREAK

- 1430 UNOLS Monthly Safety Report – Top Hits 2025 – Jon Swallow
 - 1440 NSF Inspection Team Top Safety Hits 2025 – Blake Powell
 - 1450 Alcohol on ARF vessels clarification / reminder – Jon Swallow and Rose Dufour
 - 1500 UAS / SCOAR and Diving Subcommittee Update??
 - 1505 Additional Topics and Open Discussion
 - 1600 Meeting concludes
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- 1800 RVOC Icebreaker reception – Flying Bridge Restaurant, 220 Scranton Ave, Falmouth, MA