



UNOLS Safety Committee

Tuesday, May 5 2026

Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

Quissett Campus

Clark Building, 5th Floor

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Zoom Information:

<https://washington.zoom.us/j/94026350676?pwd=blv1yys1WUD47bqdO3R5Zw6Dde3A6H.1>

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
- App B – waived compliance for OHS < 1000lb breaking strength (NBL)
- App A – wire termination SOPs and testing (full compliance by 1/01/2028)
- Review (ongoing) of RVSS Harassment Prevention Sections
- Safety Chair / Safety Committee members meeting at RVTEC

0925 Safety Manager position update – Doug Russell

0930 High Voltage Electrical Safety – Erich Gruebel

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

0945 Lithium Battery Safety – TBD

1000 RVSS Chapter 6.1.4, App E, & “Harassment Reporting Best Practices” – Tara Clemente

1025 – 1040 COFFEE BREAK

1040 RVSS App B Refresher – What is and is not an OHS? What is required? - Aaron Davis

1100 What are the Hurdles for ARF compliance with Appdx B? Bring your thoughts! – Jon Swallow

1120 Overboard Handling System labeling requirements – How Clarify? - Jon Swallow

1130 Open discussion for other Appendix A and B topics – Jon Swallow

1150 Waivers to the RVSS – UW request for permanent waiver – Greg Higgins / Winch and Wire Pools

1200 – 1300 LUNCH

- 1300 NOAA Ship RON BROWN and RAINIER fires – lessons learned – Julie Wagner
- 1330 How communicate Incident / Near Miss Lessons Learned to the Deck Plates – Jon Swallow
- 1345 2025 “Top Hits” from UNOLS Safety Reports and NSF Inspection Team – Jon and Blake
- 1400 Diving Subcommittee Update - Alice Doyle

1415 – 1430 COFFEE BREAK

- 1430 RVSS Chapter 5.4.2 – Science Party Rest; update needed? – Jon Swallow
- 1445 Alcohol on ARF vessels clarification / reminder – Jon Swallow and Rose Dufour
- 1455 Additional Topics, Open Discussion, and Recap of Key Action Items – Jon Swallow

1600 Meeting concludes

- 1800 RVOC Icebreaker reception – Flying Bridge Restaurant, 220 Scranton Ave, Falmouth, MA