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Research Vessel Operators Committee Agenda

Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

Quissett Campus

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

- 0800-0830** **Coffee & snacks**
- 0830 Opening Comments, Introductions
- Welcome - RVOC Chair – Doug Ricketts / Univ. of Minnesota-Duluth
 - UNOLS Code of Conduct
 - Announcements – Doug Russell / UNOLS
 - Participant introductions
 - Welcome – WHOI – Rob Munier, VP for Marine Facilities & Operations
- 0845 RVOC Meeting Opens – Old / New Business
- Old Business - Accept Minutes from 2025 RVOC Meeting
 - New Business – Suggested issues to discuss during the RVOC meeting
- 0900 Federal Agency Reports
- 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 UNOLS Operators Updates & Challenges/Successes – up to 2 slides per operator
- 1145 R/V Harassment Reporting Best Practices – Tara Clemente / UNOLS

1215 Lunch – provided

- 1300 Special Reports
- Winch Pools – Sean Whelan / WHOI and Aaron Davis / SIO
 - Wire Pool – Eric Trotto / WHOI
 - Van Pools – Tim Deering / UDel & Christine Golden/OSU
 - Cybersecurity Update – Michael Simpson / OMNISOC
 - ABS – Ben Komar

1415 Coffee Break

- 1430 Special Reports Continued
- GW Marine Medical Services – Dr. Adam Rutenberg & Derek Andresen
 - MFP – Alice Doyle / Stefani Martynenko
- 1515 Ship Inspections – Common Issues, Lessons Learned & Best Practices – Blake Powell/JMS
- 1530 Safety Committee Meeting Recap – Jon Swallow
- 1545 Special Topics
- R/V *Roger Revelle* engine fire – lessons learned – Joost van der Zwaag / SIO
 - NOAA Ship Ron Brown and Rainier fire recaps – Julie Wagner / NOAA

1700 Meeting concludes for the day

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

- **Location:** Captain Kidd Restaurant, 77 Water St, Woods Hole
- **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

0900 RVOC Discussions / Presentations

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

1000-1015 Coffee Break

1015-1200 Ship & NDSF Tours - R/Vs *Atlantis* & *Neil Armstrong* plus NDSF tours

1200-1300 Lunch – provided

1300 RVOC Group Photo

1300 Discussion Items

- Telemedicine Device Replacement – Russell
- Dive Ops & RVSS Chapter 11 Update – Christian McDonald
- Unified Pre-cruise boarding language / communication for science parties advising of the constant potential for cruise changes / diversions - ???

1415-1430 Coffee Break



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- 1430 Discussion Items Continued
- Medical Evaluations for embarking students & scientists - ?????
 - Science Party rest & RVSS 5.4.2 – Alice Doyle
 - STEMSEAs – planning/coordinating fleet support – Russell
 - Full Optimal Year / Classification of Schedule Days – Russell / Doyle
 - New legislative language to classify ARF ships – Russell / Gutoff
- 1645 Review Action Items, discuss location of 2027 RVOC meeting
- 1700 **Conclude Meeting**