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# Research Vessel Operators Committee Agenda

**Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution**

**Quissett Campus**

**Clark Building, 5<sup>th</sup> 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:**

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**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 – Rob Munier, WHOI 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 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 – Dave Walter / UDel & Christine Golden/OSU
- Cybersecurity Update – Michael Simpson / OMNISOC
- ABS – Ben Komar / Ben Mantey

**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 – Included in registration fee (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

### RVOC Zoom Meeting Info

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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/V *Atlantis* & NDSF tours

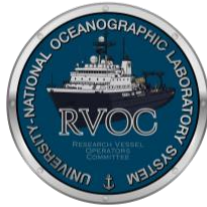
#### 1200-1300 Lunch – provided

1300 RVOC Group Photo

1300 Discussion Items

- Telemedicine Device Replacement – Doug 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 – Doug Russell

#### 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 – Doug Russell
  - Full Optimal Year / Classification of Schedule Days – Doug Russell / Alice Doyle
  - New legislative language to classify ARF ships – Doug Russell / Jon Guttoff
- 1645 Review Action Items, discuss location of 2027 RVOC meeting
- 1700 **Conclude Meeting**

*Many thanks to WHOI for hosting the 2026 RVOC Meeting and to our Federal Funding Agencies!!*

