



Research Vessel Operators Committee (RVOC)

UNOLS Council Meeting

April 29th, 2026

Busy Annual Meeting coming up next week - May 5th-7th at WHOI

- First day – Safety Committee meeting
- 2nd-3rd days
 - Agency updates
 - Reports from the various equipment pools, cybersecurity, MFP, medical services provider
 - Discussion of fires on R/V *Roger Revelle*, *Ron Brown* and *Rainier*
 - Presentations re: maritime insurance & legal issues, ship inspections, and foreign research vessel operations
 - Tours of R/V *Atlantis* and the NDSF
 - Presentation by Dr. Julie Huber
 - Additionally:
 - Unified pre-cruise boarding language
 - Medical evaluations for embarking students and scientists
 - Full Optimal Year / Classification of schedule days
 - Legislative language to classify ARF ships