



UNOLS REPORT

Research Vessel Operators Committee
Virginia Institute of Marine Sciences
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Staff- No changes

Start Year 8 on May 1st, 2016

Highlights of past year

All (9) UNOLS Standing Committees met as planned

Fleet Improvement Plan published by Fleet Improvement Committee

Seismic Workshop-Sept 2015

International Research Ship Operators (IRSO) Oct 2015- La Jolla

RVTEC Mtg- Miami- Nov 2015

International Workboat Show- UNOLS Booth- Dec 2015 New Orleans

UNOLS Ocean Observatory Initiative (OOI) Workshop- Jan. 2016 at NSF

UNOLS Descend Workshop- Harvard, Jan. 2016

Ch. Sci. Training Workshops, Blue Heron, Sharp, Thompson

Ocean Sciences Meeting- UNOLS Booth- Feb 2016, New Orleans

Green Boats and Ports for Blue Waters III- April 2016, URI

STEM-SEAS Program on *Oceanus*, *Endeavor* & *Sikuliaq* transits

Other UNOLS Committee News

SCOAR Is working on UAV operations

SSC- Working on 2017 schedules

AICC- Tracking new icebreakers developments

MLSOC- Regional Plan- bringing in new users

RVTEC- All tech things considered, active mail list serv

OOSC- Moving OOI from construction to operation

DESSC- spring DeSSC Meeting will be held on **May 18 & 19** in Woods Hole.

Other news of RVOC Interest

New Horizon left the fleet- May 2015

Knorr has been transferred to Mexico and *Melville* to Phillipines

Online Cruise Planning Application

UNOLS Tech Manager working with NSF and TAMU to start the set-up of the Technician Pool guidelines, contracts and procedures.