

UNOLS SSC Committee Meeting 09/1996 - UNOLS SSC Committee Meeting 09/1996 - 1996 RVOC Meeting

**Tuesday, 22 October 1996
USF DAVIS HALL Room 130**

AGENDA

0800 Registration and Coffee

- Spouses will meet at 0900 in the Bayfront Hilton Lobby

0830 Welcoming Remarks

- Eugene Olson, Marine Superintendent, Florida Institute of Oceanography
- Dr. William Heller, Dean, University of South Florida, St. Petersburg campus
- Dr. John Ogden, Director, Florida Institute of Oceanography
- Mike Prince, Chairman, RVOC
- Paul Ljunggren, Vice-Chair, RVOC

0900 Old Business

- Minutes of the 1995 Meeting
- Post Cruise Evaluations
- Van Study, final review
- Medical Standards/Job Descriptions
- White paper on the benefits of the University operated research fleet.

0930 NEW Business

- Primer on small research vessels
- Safety Video for scientists

1000 Committee and liaison reports

- UNOLS, Jack Bash & UNOLS Chair, Dr. Ken Johnson (MLML)
- Safety Committee, Tom Smith
- RVTECH, Steve Rabalais
- FIC, Joe Coburn

1100 agency reports

- National Science Foundation - Dolly Dieter
- Office of Naval Research - Sujata Millick
- Naval Oceanographic Office - CDR Jim Trees
- NOAA - Capt. Martin Mulhern and/or Elizabeth White
- USCG - CDR Rick Ruth
- U.S. State Department - Tom Cocke
- Others

1200 lunch (Available at USF cafeteria next door)

1300 special reports

- Florida Institute of Oceanography
- Representatives from other countries and organizations
- Don White, Barryn Sawyer and Dale Gibb, Canadian Coast Guard
- REVELLE (AGOR 24) - Tom Althouse
- ATLANTIS - Joe Coburn
- Univ. of Connecticut R/V - Larry Burch
- New vessel for Skidaway - Steve Carignan
- WESTERN FLYER - Mark Vandenberg/MBARI
- Diving Safety issues - John Heine - AAUS
- Any other operators with special reports

1500 Insurance and Liability

- Report by Dennis Nixon on liability and insurance issues.

1600 Regulatory Report

- Report by George Ireland on any regulatory issues

1830 DINNER DANCE CRUISE TILL MIDNIGHT

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0830 Maritime Health Services

- Report by Dr. Mike Brown on medical support issues

0930 Full Session Discussion: Working with New Partners

- Discussion about changes within NOAA, the plans for NOAA use of the UNOLS fleet and the impacts on our operations. Discussion of the plans for UNOLS support of the Naval Oceanographic Office (NAVOCEANO) through the National Oceanographic Partners Act (NOPA) including the type of work anticipated and other special requirements for carrying out this work. Working for NOAA and NAVOCEANO raises the possibility of UNOLS vessels engaging in fisheries research, mapping and charting and other non-traditional types of work. Are we prepared for these types of missions? Should one or more vessels be modified to better serve these missions? How do we work with these other federal, state and private agencies and maintain our normal support for traditional users of the UNOLS fleet? What are the impacts on NSF and ONR supported research?

1130 Lunch and tour of MARINE Facilities and vessels at fio

1330 Workshops

- Medical and Functional (Performance) Standards (Bill Coste) A committee chaired by Bill Coste will meet to review and refine draft medical standards and draft physical/functional requirements (performance standards) to be used by UNOLS operators in job descriptions and for physical examinations given to shipboard employees. Persons not on the committee are welcome to attend and participate in this session, however, the committee will be responsible for approving the final draft which will be forwarded to the entire RVOC for approval.
- Strategies for maintaining a healthy and productive UNOLS fleet in an era of challenging budgets.

How do we measure the effectiveness of the fleet? (Mike Prince) A discussion about how operators can continue to operate safe and effective research vessels that will meet the fluctating needs of the academic science community in an era of steady or declining budgets. Included will be a discussion of the standards that vessels should be held to and how to measure the effectiveness of the fleet and individual vessels in meeting these standards. Identify areas where the RVOC is currently promoting a healthy UNOLS fleet and what new directions RVOC should take in the future.

- Crew and Scientist training programs (Tom Smith) The RVOC Safety Committee and other interested participants will work on the development of an Orientation/Safety video for scientists. As time permits they will also discuss other topics related to training and safety on UNOLS research vessels including the implementation of the 1995 Amendments to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978 (STCW) by the USCG.

1900 EVENING AT THE LOWRY PARK ZOO (DINNER AND SOCIAL HOUR TILL 10PM)

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0830 Reports from Workshop groups and other unfinished business

1000 round table discussion

Marine Superintendents will select and discuss topics of mutual interest. Please submit a list of items that you would like to discuss, other items will be developed during the course of the meeting.

Some items already suggested:

- The future of the National Weather Service and the effects on marine forecasts.
- Progress made in terms of regulations specifically GMDSS- Radio Officers and the associated federal regulations.
- Post cruise evaluations of research vessels
- Inmarsat B and SEANET. What does it have to offer us.
- ECDIS, equipment
- Marine Insurance program for Research Vessels

1200 Lunch

1300 Continue Round table

1400 Business meeting

- Nomination and Election of New Chairman and Vice-Chairman
- Assignments to committees, panels and work groups
- Review of action items pending
- Suggestions for the 1996 Agenda and meeting format, everybody should come to meeting with one idea, preferably in writing.
- Vote on host for 1997 and 1998 meeting. Come prepared to volunteer.

1500 Adjourn