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Research Vessel Operators Committee Agenda

Westin Nova Scotian

Halifax, NS

Icebreaker Reception – Tuesday, 30 May 2024 1600-1800 at [The COVE](#) **Note:** cash bar

27 Parker St, Dartmouth NS

RVOC Zoom Meeting Info:

<https://washington.zoom.us/j/92836975103?pwd=MkZTWXRnMENKkytkbElrOVYza25BZz09>

Day 1 - Wednesday, 1 May 2024

0800-0830 Coffee & snacks

0830

Opening Comments, Introductions

- Welcome - RVOC Chair – Doug Baird / UAF
- Announcements – Doug Russell / UNOLS
- UNOLS Code of Conduct – Doug Russell
- Participant introductions
- Welcome – DFO / CCG / Dalhousie U

0845

RVOC Meeting Opens – Old / New Business

- Old Business - Accept Minutes from 2023 RVOC Meeting
- New Business – Suggested issues to discuss during the course of the RVOC meeting

0900

Federal Agency Reports

- NSF – Rose Dufour
- ONR – Rob Sparrock
- NOAA – LCDR Cherisa Friedlander
- State – Amanda Williams / Gabriella David

1015-1030

Coffee Break



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- 1030 UNOLS Report – Doug Russell
 - UNOLS Activities
 - 2023 Schedule Wrap Up & 2024 Outlook
- 1045 BABAA Update – Eric Buck / SIO
- 1100 RCRV Update – Daryl Swenson / OSU
- 1115 RVOC Discussions / Presentations
 - Other Operators
 - Canada – Randy King
 - Netherlands – Zeynep Erdem
 - United Kingdom – Stuart Younghusband
 - CMRE NATO – Darryn Debruyn
 - Schmidt Ocean Institute – Eric King
- 1230 **Lunch** - provided
- 1330 UNOLS Operators Updates & Challenges/Successes – up to 2 slides per operator
- 1415 Insurance: Policies & Responsibilities – Mark Gleason / Parker, Smith & Feek
- 1500 Safer Seas Act Discussion - **TBD**
- 1530 Coffee Break**
- 1545 CCGS TELEOST Tour – bus ride provided to ship’s mooring location
- 1700 Bus returns to Westin Nova Scotian

- 1800 – 2100 RVOC Annual Dinner** (Optional – for those who bought a ticket, cash bar)
 - [Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21](#)
1055 Marginal Road, Halifax

Keynote Speaker

Peter Egener

Senior Director – Engineering Services

Canadian Coast Guard

Canadian National Shipbuilding Strategy





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Day 2 - Thursday, 2 May 2024

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0800-0830 Coffee & snacks

- 0830 Legal / Risk – Jonathan Guttoff, UNOLS Risk Manager
- Proposed changes to ARF statutory language
 - Updates on Maritime Insurance, Risks, Major Legal Issues
- 0930 Safety Committee Recap – Jeff Garrett

1030-1045 Coffee Break

- 1045 Special Reports
- Winch Pools – Brian Guest / WHOI and Aaron Davis / SIO
 - Wire Pool – Rick Trask / WHOI
 - Van Pools – Jon Swallow/UDel & Daryl Swensen/OSU
 - Cybersecurity Update – Lee Ellett / SIO
 - Cybersecurity Funding – Anchor Act
 - Cyber Security / Cyber Infrastructure working group status

1200-1300 Lunch - provided

1300 RVOC Group Photo

1305 Project Updates

- GW Marine Medical Services – Dr. Adam Rutenberg / GW
- Crewing Support – Meegan Corcoran / UNOLS
- Antarctic Research Vessel Update – Mike Prince/NSF
- Savannah Mid-life Update – John Bichy/SKIO
- MFP Participant List & Statistics – Alice Doyle / UNOLS

1400-1415 Coffee Break



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- 1415 Ship Inspections – Common Issues, Lessons Learned & Best Practices – Blake Powell /JMS
- Inspection periodicity discussion
- 1515 Group Purchases
- SCBA & MOB - Jon Swallow / UDel
- 1530 Open Floor – Current and New Issues
- ARF Bulk Fuel Purchasing – Paul Gallagher or Kerry Strom / WHOI?
 - STCW Updates (especially International voyages) – Meegan Corcoran / UNOLS
 - March 25-28 WHOI FUTURES Bottom Sampling Workshop summary – Alice Doyle / UNOLS
 - Additional issues?
- 1630 Review Action Items, discuss location of 2025 RVOC meeting
- 1700 **Conclude Meeting**