

UNOLS Report

2023 SCOAR 1 Nov 2023

Back at 1115 Central

UNOLS Community 2023 Highlights

- **New Crewing Manager Hired**
 - Meegan Corcoran was hired to increase outreach to make sure folks know what the ARF is.
 - Crewing Video Created:
<https://vimeo.com/821819885/4ecf865893?share=copy>
- **MATE program rolled into the UNOLS office**
 - Same program, Same Manager (Maria Osciadacz) different host.

UNOLS Community 2023 Highlights (cont.)

- **Marine Facilities Planning** roll out continues (www.mfp.us)
- **COVID** continues to be an issues, just not as big of one.
- **Busy ship schedules** for the globals and ocean class vessels
- **LANGESTH service extended** through 2026
- **RCRVs** – late but coming along
- **RV Safety Standards 11th Edition** published
- MarSSAM taking over as “**Dredging Center of Excellence**”

UNOLS Community 2023 Highlights (cont.)

- **Build America, Buy America (BABA) Act causing headaches**
 - Big administrative burden on ship operators to develop waiver requests that are submitted via NSF NSF funding contractor support to aid ship operators in meeting the Act's requirements
 - Real challenge for ship operators dealing with major maintenance, shipyards, upgrades, etc.
- **Cyber Infrastructure / Cyber Security - CIWG keeping busy**
- **Satellite Communications – HiSeasNet**
 - Big increase in bandwidth to facilitate at sea operations and coordination with shoreside scientists, support, etc.

UNOLS at the 2024 Ocean Sciences Meeting

UNOLS & Committees are sponsoring 4 Town Hall meetings

1. UNOLS office - UNOLS introduction & how to request ship time
2. DeSSC - mROV (medium ROV discussion & Q&A)
3. SCOAR – UAS for marine science
4. MERAS – Navigating gender at sea

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