



RVOC SAFETY COMMITTEE UPDATE

RVTEC 2024

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- Annual Safety Committee Meeting
 - Held in Halifax, Nova Scotia on April 30, 2024
 - Some discussion on Li-ion battery protocols, no consensus on any update to existing RVSS section.
 - RVSS Section A.5 – Cable/Line testing and termination requirements.
 - Discussion on going.
 - Safer Seas – Actions underway by UNOLS office
 - Safety Coordinator Position as part of UNOLS Office
 - Details being worked out in UNOLS Office

RVSS WAIVER REQUESTS

- Received and considered 3 RVSS waiver requests:
 - May 23 – *Armstrong*: Coring with FoS of 1.5; after discussion, **no waiver needed**
 - Oct 23 - *Thompson*: D/d waiver for side rollers; **granted**
 - Jan 24 – *Sikuliaq*: Synthetic line FoS, D/d for sheave & rollers; **granted**
 - Second request made for same work in Fall 2024 – Manufacturer’s testing of 9/16” synthetic line showed some reduction in breaking strength, so a new line is being used for Fall work.

RVSS ONGOING ISSUES & DISCUSSIONS

- Updating and modernizing civility at sea and harassment prevention and reporting language in the RVSS
 - In coordination with Emily Shimada and the UNOLS MERAS committee
 - Updates were put on hold temporarily until impacts of the Safer Seas Act were fully understood
- RVSS accommodations for light duty overboarding equipment
 - Appendix B has no exceptions for light duty equipment such as davits, gin poles, etc.
 - There's general consensus among the safety committee that exceptions would be acceptable
- RVSS Section A.8.1 Tension Monitoring Accuracy
 - Change request was submitted to relax tension monitoring accuracy requirements for low tensions

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Any concerns or topics from the RVTEC community that should be brought up for discussion with the RVOC Safety Committee?

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