VESSEL USE GUIDELINES-Research Ramp up

(R/V Connecticut will be covered in separate document)

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

The following guidelines are to be used to address safety concern related to COVID-19

All vessel use must be related to a research project that has been approved by the OVPR. That approval must be on file with the Department Head and Marine Ops.

- Choice of a specific boat will be made in consultation with Marine Operations Manager. Boat must be suitable for task while allowing for social distancing
- Trips should be limited to 3 hours
- Masks/face coverings must be worn at all times (If mask needs to be removed for eating and drinking that should be done at least 6’ away and downwind of nearest person)
- Before getting underway all common touch surfaces must be wiped down with disinfectant-this includes but is not limited to keys, keyboard/pads, throttles, steering wheels, handrails, seats, shore power cords, locks, dive ladder etc.
- There should only be one operator/trip. Should a 2nd person need to steer the wheel should be wiped down at time of switch.
- Social distancing must be maintained at all times
- If equipment needs to be deployed or recovered by hand it must be able to be safely accomplished by 1 person
- Only the minimum amount of people to accomplish job safely will be permitted on board
- Any disposal gloves should be removed and disposed of properly
- After use, interior of boat must be completely rinsed with freshwater (including dock lines), and common touch surfaces wiped down with disinfectant after rinsing
- Common use work vest need to be washed with soap and water and hung to dry

*Should trailering need to be done the same precautions should be taken with all common touch services involved in the operation (truck and trailer). It is highly recommended that when possible multiple vehicles be used with only 1 person per vehicle. See UCONN/DMS vehicle use policy

** Disinfectant, brushes and paper towels will be on boats or in a box on dock

DIVING OPERATIONS GUIDELINES-Research Ramp up

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Dive Ops need DSO approval