Every two years, the Small Boat Safety Board and Small Boat Program Office hold a Small Boat Summit, for all Vessel Operations Coordinators, small boat operators and representatives from Line Offices and Programs. The goal of the 2019 Small Boat Summit is a focus on safety, new technologies and resources for small boat operations. The summit is designed to provide resources, training, exchange best industry practices and networking opportunities for the NOAA small boat community who hold responsibilities for maintaining safety and assuring mission success.

Key Personnel:
Ann Byar                  SEC Safety Board Representative
Richard Chesler          NMFS/OLE Line Office Small Boat Officer
Michael Davidson         NOS Line Office Small Boat Officer
Dennis Donahue           NWS/OAR Line Office Small Boat Officer, Safety Board Chair
Joe Duran                SEC Safety Board Representative
LCDR Brian Elliot       Small Boat Program XO
Wayne Hoggard            NMFS Line Office Small Boat Officer
John Humphrey            OMAO Line Office Small Boat Officer
Jeff Kingrey             Small Boat Program Engineering Coordinator
Darel McCormick          Small Boat Program Inspection Coordinator
Paul Moreno              Small Boat Program Training Coordinator
Dave Slocum              NOS/ONMS Line Office Small Boat Officer
LCDR Nicky VerPlanck    Small Boat Program Manager
Chad Yoshinaga           NMFS Vessel Program Coordinator

Tuesday November 5, 2019 – Day 1

08:00 - 08:30        Check-in at reception / Pick-up nametag
08:30 - 08:45        Administrative address from local site official
08:45 – 09:30        Welcome & opening remarks (Donahue/ Mr. Friedman)
09:30 - 10:15        Introduction, overview & small boat news (Donahue)
10:15 – 10:35        Small boat requirements and sustainability study (Pat Ryan, Micro Systems Integration)
10:35                Break
10:45 – 11:30       VOC roles & responsibility (Verplanck/Hoggard)
11:30 - 12:00       SBP websites (Elliot)
12:00              Pre-ordered lunch/ Line Office breakouts (NMFS, OLE, NOS, OAR/NWS, OMAO)
13:15 – 14:15       Training updates (Moreno)
14:15 – 14:40       Training tool – gear over the side web based resource (Hoggard)
14:40 – 15:10       Vessel Operations Program discussion (Hoggard/Donahue)
15:10              Transition/Break
15:20 - 16:00       Vessel Operations Program breakout
       ● Vessel Operations Program training
       ● Vessel Operations Program input & future
16:00              Transition
16:10 – 16:40       Risk management process (Yoshinaga)
16:40 – 17:30       VPC poster session
17:30              Adjourn
18:00 – 20:00       Social at Hangar restaurant and flight lounge

Wednesday November 6, 2019 – Day 2

08:00 - 08:15       Check-in at reception / Pick-up nametag
08:15 - 08:30       Administrative & recap
08:30 – 08:50       Introduce breakout session topics (Elliot)
       ● Breakout by platforms
       ● Breakout by missions
08:50              Transition/Break
09:05 - 09:50       Breakout session by platform
       ● Session 1 – Non motorized
       ● Session 2 – Class A, I & II
       ● Session 3 – Class III & SRV
09:50              Transition
10:00 - 10:45  Breakout sessions switch
  ● Session 4 – Class A, I & II
  ● Session 5 – Unmanned systems
  ● Session 6 – Boats deployed from Ships

10:45  Transition

11:00 – 12:00  Accident & incident investigation 101 (Brian Knapp, USCG)

12:00  Pre-ordered lunch

12:30 – 13:00  Tour of FWRI boats (Bob Heagey, FWRI)

13:00 – 13:30  FWRI small boat operations (Eric Weather, FWRI)

13:30 - 15:00  Unmanned Systems (UxS)
  ● Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS), Drones (LT Marwine, OMAO)
  ● Autonomous & Unmanned Underwater & Surface Vehicles (AUV/UUV) (Val Schmidt, UNH)
  ● UxS open discussion

15:00  Transition/Break

15:10 - 15:55  Breakout session by mission
  ● Session 7 – Survey / mapping
  ● Session 8 – Diving
  ● Session 9 – Mammals, sea turtles, etc.
  ● Session 10 – Gear over the side, towing, heavy deployment

15:55  Transition

16:00 - 16:45  Breakout sessions by mission switch
  ● Session 11 – Survey / mapping
  ● Session 12 – Diving
  ● Session 13 – Gear over the side, towing, heavy deployment
  ● Session 14 – Fishing

16:45  Transition

16:55 - 17:30  Open questions & closeout day 2

17:30  Adjourn
Thursday November 7, 2019 – Day 3

08:00 - 08:15 Check-in at reception / Pick-up name tag

08:15 - 08:30 Administrative & recap

08:30 - 09:45 Report out on day two breakout sessions
  ● Breakout by platforms
  ● Breakout by missions

09:45 Break

10:00 – 11:30 Accident reporting & case study (Humphrey/VerPlanck)
  ● Case study 1 - Lithium Ion hazards (Doug Smith, OMAO)
  ● Case study 2 - R/V Manta engine room fire (LTjg Melissa Trede, NOS)
  ● Case study 3 - Whale contact (Slocum)

11:30 Offsite lunch/ Training instructors breakout (NOAA component, MOCC, etc.)

13:00 - 13:45 Small boat requirements in boat selection (Hoggard/McCormick)

13:45 - 14:45 Manual updates & feedback (VerPlanck/Donahue)

14:45 Break

15:00 - 15:30 Trailer maintenance (Seth Hartt & Joe Isley, Boatmaster)

15:30 - 16:15 Maintenance programs
  ● True Point (Slocum)
  ● Fish maintenance module (Yoshinaga)

16:15 – 17:30 Summit recap, open questions & next steps

17:30 Adjourn