1. Purpose
The purpose of this procedure is to establish in the Ship Operations Group a unified and stated mission to guide the activities of this group.

2. Responsibility
It is the responsibility of all members of the Ship Operations Group to be familiar with and understand the understated mission statement.

3. General
The mission of the Ship Operations Group at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution is as stated herein:

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Ship Operations at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution is to provide science with the highest quality and most cost effective oceanographic research platforms, services, staff and instrumentation resulting in WHOI being the first choice for scientists’ research. In accomplishing these ends Ship Operations will foster the best possible working environment in the maritime community, maintain the highest possible safety standards and strive to minimize any detrimental environmental impact of its activities.

4. Related Mission Statements and Visions

Mission of Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

Its primary mission is to develop and effectively communicate a fundamental understanding of the processes and characteristics governing how the oceans function and how they interact with the Earth as a whole.

Mission Statement of WHOI Safety Office

The mission of the Safety Office is to establish and maintain an effective Safety Program for the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. Our objective, within this mission, is to provide the tools and information necessary to create a safe, hazard free environment for all WHOI employees, students and visitors. To that end, our goal is to accomplish this objective through the judicious use of nationally recognized safety standards – modified, to the extent necessary to fit the individual specific needs of the various disciplines represented at WHOI; and in such a manner as to meet compliance with all applicable regulations and guidelines.
Vision Statement of Port Office

The Port Office provides science with the highest quality and most cost effective marine services, staff, and tools, resulting in WHOI being the first choice for scientists' research. The Port Office supports and fosters the best working environment in the worldwide maritime community so that sailors consider WHOI their first choice for employment.

The Port Office demonstrates the highest quality teamwork and professionalism among its members. There is an environment of mutual trust, respect and working partnership. Individual strengths are known and utilized resulting in effective responsiveness to a wide variety of external pressures and needs.

The Port Office advances the Institution's leadership position in the oceanographic community by supporting success of its scientific programs. It serves WHOI's infrastructure with effective coordination and use of services, and it benefits its own team members with personal job satisfaction.