Introduction

The JOIDES Resolution is operating under the International Ship & Port Facility Security Code (ISPS). These security measures and procedures have been adopted by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) to enhance the protection of ships, personnel, cargo, and ports. The initiative of the ISPS code is to respond to an increased threat of terrorist attacks. These new security requirements can also help to protect against other threats, such as piracy, hijacking, radical protest groups, other criminal activity, and stowaways.

The regulations are taken very seriously by the ship and shore authorities. Port state control enforcement will board ships and inspect their security measures. The ship can be denied entry, expelled from port, or have operations restricted if the security measures are not adequate or the Ship Security Plan is not followed. The JOIDES Resolution’s Ship Security Plan has been approved by its Flag State; the ship and plan have passed all verification audits and the JOIDES Resolution has its International Ship Security Certificate (ISSC).

Definitions of Security Alert

Level 1: Normal threat
Level 2: Heightened threat
Level 3: Highest threat

Policy

There are three security alert conditions: Level 1 (normal threat), Level 2 (heightened threat), and Level 3 (highest threat). Even when operating at security Level 1, we must observe some basic precautions. All personnel must wear ID tags in port. All Siem Offshore, SOS, and Catering personnel will have picture IDs. All JRSO personnel and JRSO third-party personnel shall have picture IDs. All visitors and agents will be given a Temporary Visitors ID at the gangway upon verification of their business onboard. These persons will report to the security watch at the gangway and sign in before boarding the vessel. A list shall be provided by ODL/Siem, SOS, Entier, or JRSO of persons that will be arriving before their arrival date so their name, business, company, ID number, and verifying person can be placed on the ships visitor log. If necessary the Captain, Ship Security Officer, or designee can approve personnel on a case-by-case basis, but a picture ID must be presented and verification made by a responsible person. There will be additional measures for security Levels 2 and 3, which will be discussed as necessary, and there may even be additions to security Level 1 that will be discussed later as needed.

By boarding the vessel, persons agree to abide by any and all directions issued by the Master or Ship Security Officer to ensure the security and safety of the vessel and its personnel. Failure to comply with such instructions will result in denial or revocation of authorization to be onboard, and such persons may be identified and reported to the appropriate authorities. Baggage and personnel will be searched as required in accordance with the ISPS code, the Ship Security Plan, and in response to specific incidents or threats. Boarding this vessel is deemed valid consent to screening or inspection.
ODL/Siem Offshore and JRSO personnel are assigned areas of responsibility to secure and patrol. When a new security level has been implemented, the Captain, Ship Security Officer, or designee will advise the personnel on board of their duties and responsibilities. All personnel will be advised of the current level of security. Each vessel is required to have a Ship Security Officer (SSO). The Ship Security Officer on the *JOIDES Resolution* is the Chief Mate. Restricted areas are clearly marked, and it is a breach of security to enter, if not authorized. Please consider it your duty to report any suspicious behavior or activities to the Master or the Ship Security Officer without delay.