

Topic of the month:

Being chief scientist on a research cruise

29 January 2021

13.00 – 14.30

online via Zoom

Research cruises are an important part of marine sciences. Many PhD students have participated or will participate in such expeditions. While as a participant, you have your own research questions and a set of tasks to fulfil, someone (or a small team) needs to keep an overview over the whole project: the **chief scientist** (and possibly one or several co-chief scientists).

What does it take to successfully plan and execute a research cruise, from acquiring funded ship time to mobilizing laboratory equipment and supplies, from reporting at sea to living aboard a working research vessel?



Dr. Walter Menapace, postdoc at the marine geotechnics group in MARUM, will be our guest in this seminar. Walter led the expedition **M167** in the Gulf of Cadiz in October 2020. He finished his PhD in 2017 and 3 years as a postdoc later, he became chief scientist on board the Meteor.

Walter will report about all the duties and tasks that are expected from a chief scientist and there will be time for your questions afterwards.

<https://www.marum.de/en/Dr.-walter-menapace.html>

<https://www.marum.de/en/about-us/Marine-Geotechnics/Meteor-167.html>

