

MTS IN MOTION

A glimpse into what our members are **working on, thinking about, and moving forward.**

Greetings from MTS.

Spring has been a season of momentum across the Marine Technology Society.

From launching new tools that strengthen the Ocean Enterprise to bringing together experts through workshops, conferences, and competitions, the MTS community continues to turn ideas into action. Across our programs, committees, sections, and partner networks, professionals, students, innovators, and organizations are working together to advance marine technology and tackle real-world challenges.

In this edition, you'll get a glimpse of that impact in action—from the collaborations sparked at the 2026 Buoy Workshop and the launch of BlueConnex, to opportunities through Ocean Exchange and the upcoming MATE ROV Competition World Championship.

These stories are just a snapshot of what's happening across the MTS ecosystem. Behind every event, initiative, and breakthrough is a community of people committed to shaping the future of our ocean industries.

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MTS COMMUNITY

Where Committees Drive Impact: Inside the 2026 Buoy Workshop

One of the most powerful benefits of the Marine Technology Society is the opportunity to engage with a community of experts who are actively shaping the future of ocean technology. Through committees like the MTS Buoy Committee, members don't just discuss challenges—they collaborate to solve them.

A prime example is the [2026 MTS Buoy Workshop](#), which brought together over 140 attendees and 25 exhibitors, representing industry, academia, government, and nonprofit organizations. The workshop served as a forum for buoy designers, operators, researchers, manufacturers, and end users to exchange lessons learned, share emerging technologies, and explore solutions to some of the ocean sector's most pressing challenges.

Conversations throughout the event focused on advancing ocean observing systems through integrated sensing technologies, AI-enabled data management, improved network reliability, and strategies to address persistent challenges. Just as importantly, the workshop sparked new collaborations, strengthened professional networks, and created opportunities for continued work long after the event concluded.

This is the impact of MTS committees in action. By bringing together diverse perspectives and expertise, committees provide a platform where ideas become partnerships, partnerships become projects, and projects help advance the technologies and solutions our ocean community depends on. Whether through technical workshops, working groups, webinars, or ongoing collaboration, MTS committees serve as engines of innovation—connecting professionals who are passionate about advancing marine technology and creating impact across the blue economy.



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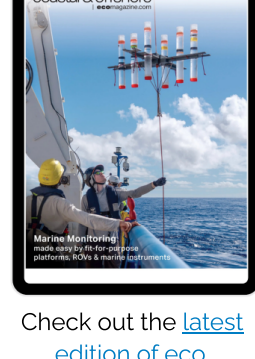
Did You Know?

The groundbreaking work of MTS Sections and Committees doesn't just stay in our network—it's getting global exposure. Highlights and outcomes are regularly featured in [Ocean News & Technology \(ON&T\)](#) and [Environment, Coastal & Offshore \(ECOO\) Magazine](#), MTS's official media partners.

MTS corporate members receive discounts on advertising in media partner publications. **Join MTS and get connected to the groups shaping the future of the industry.**



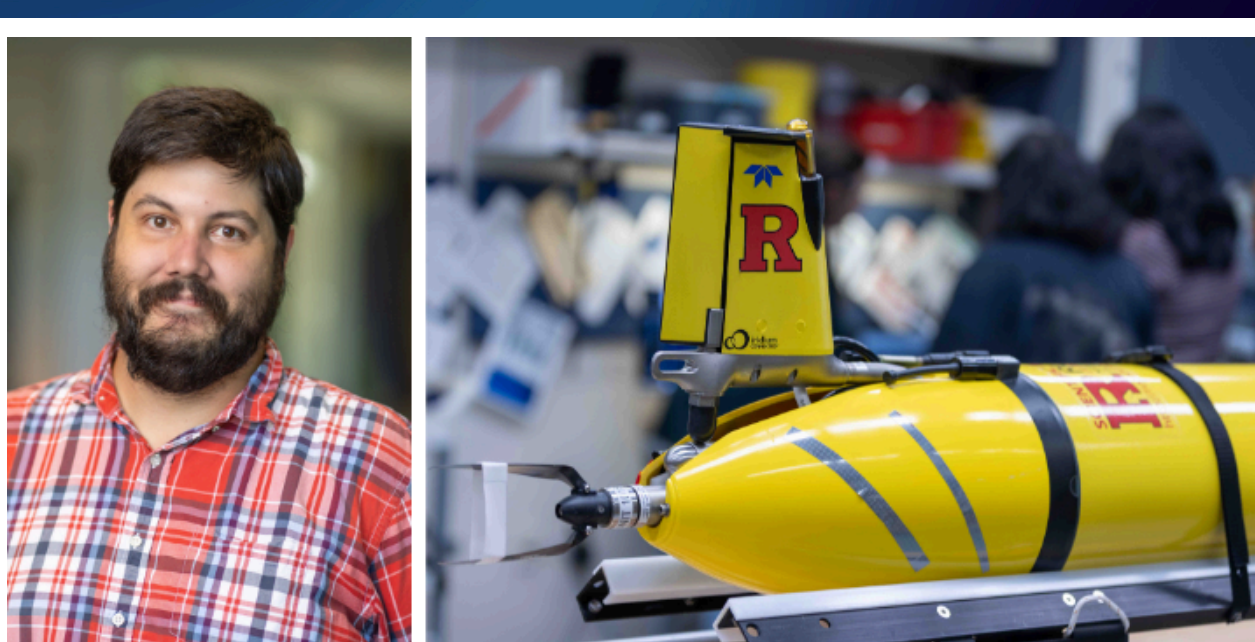
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Check out the [latest edition of ECOO](#)



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Advancing Marine Technology Through Mentorship: Meet Dr. Alexander López

Dr. Alexander López is helping prepare the next generation of marine technologists and ocean scientists through hands-on learning, mentorship, and ocean observing education. As an Assistant Teaching Professor at Rutgers University, he leads the MS in Operational Oceanography graduate program in the Department of Marine and Coastal Sciences and serves as faculty in the Center for Ocean Observing Leadership (RUCOOL).

In 2025, Dr. López was recognized with the John P. Craven Mentor Award—an honor presented to an MTS member who has demonstrated outstanding and sustained service to the field of marine technology through mentorship.

Dr. López teaches various courses and has mentored nearly two dozen graduate students in the Operational Oceanography program. His teaching philosophy focuses on building confident, skilled oceanographers through problem-solving, scientific literacy, and practical research experiences.

By fostering a supportive and curiosity-driven learning environment, Dr. López exemplifies the impact MTS members are making across the marine technology community through education, mentorship, and leadership development.

Don't just watch the future of marine technology take shape—be part of it. Join MTS today!

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SHAPE THE FUTURE - JOIN MTS



CORPORATE CORNER



Sofar Ocean and the Shift to Smarter Ocean Monitoring

Ocean monitoring is changing, and MTS members are helping lead that shift. [Sofar Ocean](#) recently introduced *Spotter Scout*, a solar-powered uncrewed surface vehicle (USV) designed for persistent, mobile sensing in remote and deepwater environments. Moving beyond fixed, resource-intensive systems, it enables operators to deploy, reposition, and manage networks of assets, shifting ocean monitoring from single points to full-area coverage.

This work is also happening in community. At the 2026 MTS Buoy Workshop, Sofar Ocean was deeply engaged as both an exhibitor and contributor, hosting sessions like *Backyard Buoys: Engaging Communities to Power Distributed Monitoring Networks*. It's a clear example of how innovation is strengthened through shared knowledge, collaboration, and real-world exchange.

As a platform organization, MTS connects companies like Sofar Ocean with the broader Ocean Enterprise—bringing together industry, academia, and government to accelerate how technologies are understood, adopted, and applied. Because innovation doesn't happen in isolation—it happens through connection.

Bring your organization into the conversation. Reach us at membership@mtsociety.org

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PREMIER PROGRAMS



BlueConnex is Live. Are You In?

The Ocean Enterprise just got a whole lot easier to navigate.

Last month, **MTS's Ocean Enterprise Initiative** officially launched [BlueConnex](#)—a powerful new platform designed to connect, map, and activate the global ocean tech landscape. If you've ever felt like critical insights, players, and opportunities are scattered across too many places, this is your solution.

BlueConnex brings it all together—curated, cross-sector intelligence that gives you a clear, real-time view of what's happening across the Ocean Enterprise. From emerging technologies to key players and market signals, it's built to help you see the full picture, and act on it.

Create your free account to start exploring and build your own personalized collections to track trends, companies, and innovations that matter most to you. New features are rolling out, and early users will be first to experience what's next.

Get in early. Stay ahead >>>

ENTER THE PLATFORM >



Big Ideas Wanted: Ocean Exchange Call for Solutions

If you've been meaning to apply, this is your sign.

The Ocean Exchange Call for Solutions is already underway, and deadlines are approaching fast for innovators, startups, and students building what's next for ocean solutions.

What's at stake? \$100,000 Neptune Awards for breakthrough solutions driving real impact across ocean tech, the blue economy, and coastal resilience.

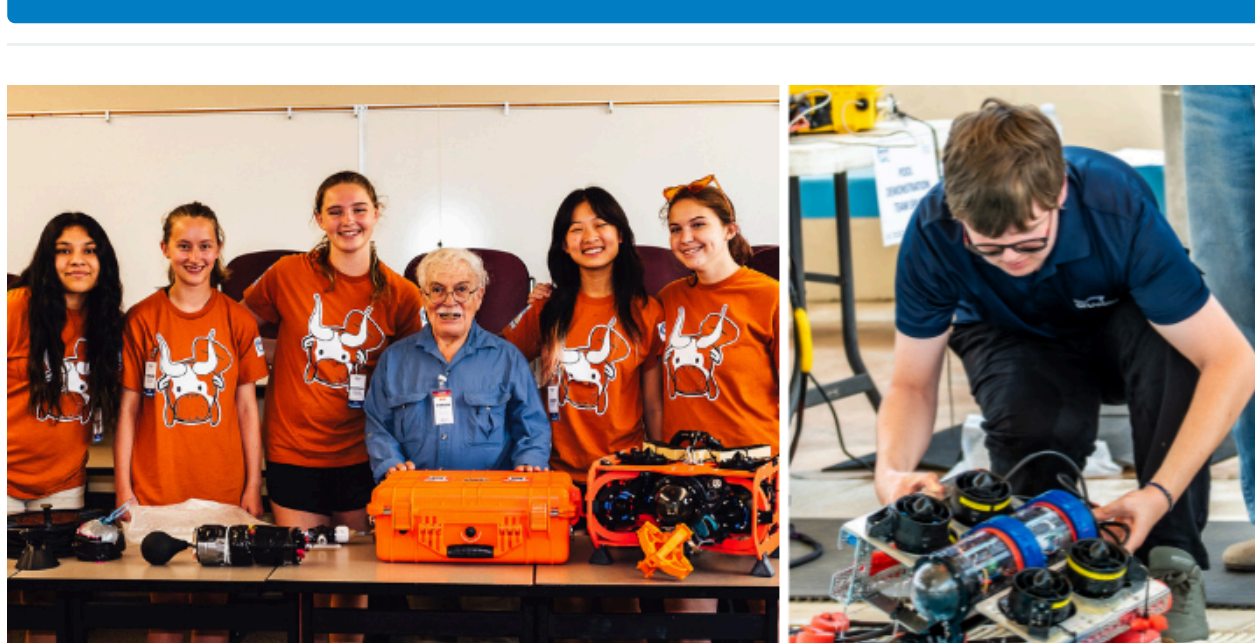
Plus, the Collegiate Call for Solutions offers \$10,000 awards and the opportunity for students to pitch live on a global stage.

This isn't just funding—it's visibility, credibility, and access to the right room. Finalists present at Ocean Exchange (Oct. 25-27, 2026), Ft. Lauderdale, FL in front of leaders across the Ocean Enterprise.

Deadlines vary by region. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Don't wait. Submit your solution & step onto the stage >>>

LEARN MORE & SUBMIT YOUR SOLUTION



It's Almost Here: MATE ROV Competition World Championship

The countdown is on.

The 2026 MATE ROV Competition World Championship is about to take over St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador, bringing together the next generation of innovators as they put their skills to the test in one of the industry's leading ocean tech hubs.

Teams from around the world will compete in real-world mission scenarios—deploying, testing, and operating ROVs in challenges that mirror today's ocean industry.

Can't be there in person? Tune into the [broadcast](#) to watch the action unfold, see innovation in real time, and get a front-row seat to the future of marine technology.

And if you're thinking, **"I want in!"**—this is your entry point:

- [Start a team](#) and bring MATE to your school or community
- Build skills through the [MATE ROV Academy](#)
- Bring hands-on learning into the classroom with [SeaMATE](#) kits
- Support MATE through [sponsorship or co-sponsorship](#)
- Get involved as a [volunteer](#) next season

Watch. Get Inspired. Get Involved >>>

DIVE IN - MATE ROV COMPETITION WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP



ADVANCE YOUR CAREER

Your Next Opportunity Starts Here

Looking to take the next step in your marine technology career? The **MTS Career Center** connects job seekers with top employers across industry, government, and academia—posting roles that span from internships to executive leadership.

- New jobs added regularly
- Internships, fellowships, full-time roles
- Employers actively looking for MTS talent

Not an MTS member yet? You can browse—but that's just the beginning. MTS members get access to advanced features like job alerts, resume uploads, and employer visibility.

LET'S DO THIS - JOIN MTS



UPCOMING EVENTS

Here's a peek at what's coming up in the MTS community—just a few of the many opportunities to connect, learn, and lead in marine technology.

- **Sep 15-18** | [23rd International Submarine Symposium](#) | Hamburg, Germany
- **Oct 6-8** | [MTS TechSurge: Next-Generation Maritime Autonomy](#) | Arlington, VA
- **Oct 12-14** | [2026 JIP Conference & Exhibition](#) | Houston, TX
- **Oct 19-21** | [Ocean Exchange Event](#) | Fort Lauderdale, FL
- **Oct 28-30** | [2026 Global eDNA Conference](#) | Seattle, WA
- **Dec 2-4** | [Underwater Intervention](#) | New Orleans, LA

MTS members get the full lineup, early access, and exclusive invites!

Looking to build your network, stay ahead of industry trends, or find an opportunity to present your research or highlight your company's projects? **We'll help you find the right events for your goals.** Contact us at membership@mtsociety.org



READY TO DIVE IN?

Thinking About What's Next?

Across the MTS community, members are building the next generation of ocean technology—launching new tools, shaping workforce pathways, and driving momentum in the blue economy.

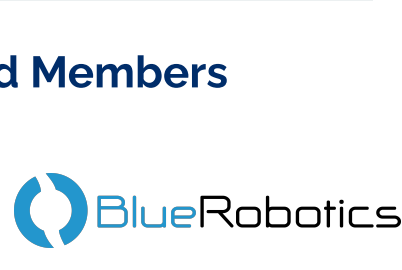
This newsletter offers just a glimpse. Behind it are the conversations, collaborations, and career moves that are shaping what's next—from students to early-stage innovators to experienced leaders.

If you're working to grow in this space—to expand your impact, connect with peers, or stay aligned with where the field is headed—**there's a place for you in this network.**

Reach out at membership@mtsociety.org to learn how MTS supports professionals across the marine tech industry landscape.

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