

MTS IN MOTION

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

Where Will MTS Be in 2026? MTS Events, Partnerships, Key Industry Convenings—Mapped Out

Hello Marine Technology Community,

As you look ahead to the year to come, we want to share a first look at where the Marine Technology Society will be convening the global marine technology community in 2026.

This special edition of *MTS in Motion* offers an **exclusive preview of our 2026 event roadmap**—shared to help you plan, prioritize, and engage early.

The roadmap reflects a clear strategic focus: intentional convenings centered on technology, industry engagement, and real-world application. Each gathering is designed to bring the right expertise into the room, create space for meaningful exchange, and move critical conversations forward across the ocean enterprise.

What follows is more than a calendar—it's a snapshot of where connection, collaboration, and progress will take place in 2026, and an early signal of where you'll want to be in the room.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Here's a Snapshot of Where We'll Be This Year

Feb 9-12: International Partnering Forum (IPF)	Jun 10: Offshore Innovation Exchange: Mini TechSurge & Tech Café
Feb 22-27: Ocean Sciences Meeting (OSM)	Jul 12-16: NMEA 2026 Conference
Mar 10-12: Oceanology International (OI)	Oct 8: Oceanengineering/MTS Symposium
Mar 16: MTS Underwater Robotics TechSurge	Oct 12-14: Dynamic Positioning (DP) Conference & Workshop
Mar 20: MTS Houston Sporting Clays Tournament	Oct 25-27: Ocean Exchange Event
Mar 23-26: MTS Buoy Workshop	Oct 28-30: Global eDNA Conference
Mar 31-Apr 2: Offshore Technology Conference (OTC) Asia	Oct 2026: MTS Houston Section BBO (date TBD)
Apr-May: MATE ROV Competition Regionals	Dec 2-4: Underwater Intervention
Apr 20: Earthx2026	Dec 2-5: ACTE's CareerTech VISION
Apr 23: Puget Sounds TIDES Conference	Date TBD: TechSurge: Uncrewed Maritime Systems (more info coming!)
May 4-7: Offshore Technology Conference (OTC) Houston	Date TBD: International Submarine Symposium (more info coming!)
Jun 25-27: 2026 MATE ROV Competition World Championship	



Early 2026

February 9-12, 2026: International Partnering Forum (IPF) | New York, NY

IPF brings next-generation marine technologies together with the supply chain to spark innovation, forge partnerships, and deliver results. From large-scale ocean energy products to wave, tidal, floating solar, and marine carbon capture—if it powers the ocean economy, you'll find it here. Members of the MTS Offshore Renewable Energy Committee will have a booth onsite.

February 22-27, 2026: Ocean Sciences Meeting (OSM) | Glasgow, Scotland

Every two years, OSM brings together scientists from across the globe to share the latest research findings, collaborate on solutions, and make lasting partnerships with the goal of advancing scientific knowledge and impacts. MTS will have a booth, a co-hosted reception, and a session on Early Career Ocean Professionals (ECOPs).

March 10-12, 2026: Oceanology International (OI) | London, UK

OI provides a platform for you to learn from ocean leaders from around the world, boost your technical and blue economy knowledge, and connect with key buyers in vertical industries. MTS engagement includes a booth, the launch of BlueConnEX through the [Ocean Enterprise Initiative](#), and the hosting of dedicated sessions.



Spring 2026

March 16, 2026: MTS Underwater Robotics TechSurge | Kattankulatur, India ★

MTS Student Section-led technical event featuring expert talks and a poster competition focused on underwater robotics, AI-enabled systems, and marine technology innovation. This signature event is co-organized by the MTS SRM Student Section.

March 20, 2026: MTS Houston Sporting Clays Tournament | Houston, Texas ★

This annual event brings together industry professionals for a day of networking and friendly competition. Proceeds from the event directly support MTS scholarships, helping invest in the next generation! This signature event is organized by the MTS Houston Section.

March 23-26, 2026: MTS Buoy Workshop | St. Petersburg, Florida ★

This bi-annual event convenes the global buoy community to share advances in oceanographic, weather, and buoy systems. The program includes technical sessions, a pre-event seminar, facility tours, and dedicated networking opportunities, continuing a long-standing forum for collaboration across buoy design, operations, and applications. This signature event is organized by the MTS Buoy Committee.

March 31-April 2, 2026: Offshore Technology Conference (OTC) Asia | Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

This annual event brings together global offshore professionals for four-days of cutting-edge innovation, strategic insights, and unparalleled networking. MTS is a supporting organization of OTC, reinforcing its commitment to collaboration and innovation across offshore and marine technology sectors.



Spring 2026 (cont'd)

April-May, 2026: MATE ROV Competition Regional Events | Worldwide ★

MATE ROV Competition Regionals take place worldwide, bringing student teams together to showcase their innovations as well as qualify for the World Championship while building hands-on skills in underwater robotics and marine technology. These events are delivered through MATE Regional Competition Network partner organizations.

April 20, 2026: E-Capital Summit & Blue Finance Convening and Workshop at Earthx2026 | Dallas, Texas

Earthx2026 is a major global sustainability conference and environmental forum that brings together leaders from business, government, science, and advocacy to advance solutions for a more sustainable future through dialogue, innovation, and collaboration. MTS is an innovation ecosystem partner and will be represented through participation from our flagship programs, Ocean Exchange and Ocean Enterprise Initiative.

April 23, 2026: Puget Sounds TIDES Conference | Seattle, Washington

A one-day gathering of ocean science, technology, and innovation leaders from academia, industry, and research to explore emerging trends and collaborative pathways in the blue economy. The event features keynote talks, themed sessions, and opportunities for students and professionals to connect and share insights on regional ocean solutions. This event is co-hosted by the MTS Puget Sound Section.

May 4-7, 2026: Offshore Technology Conference (OTC) | Houston, Texas

This is a premier global event for offshore energy professionals, bringing together engineers, industry leaders, and innovators to share breakthroughs in offshore technology, technical knowledge, and energy transition solutions across oil, gas, renewables, and emerging sectors. MTS is a supporting organization of OTC, reinforcing its commitment to collaboration and innovation across offshore and marine technology sectors.



Summer 2026

June 25-27, 2026: 2026 MATE ROV Competition World Championship | St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador, Canada ★

The MATE ROV World Championship brings student teams from around the world together to compete in hands-on underwater robotics challenges, connecting education, workforce development, and real-world marine technology applications. This is an MTS flagship program event.

June 10, 2026: Offshore Innovation Exchange: Mini TechSurge & Tech Café | Long Island, NY ★

Hosted in conjunction with NYSERDA's State of the Science convening, MTS will deliver a Mini TechSurge and Tech Café to support technical exchange, collaboration, and dialogue across the offshore wind and marine technology community. This signature event is organized by the Offshore Renewable Energy Committee.

July 12-16, 2026: National Marine Educators Association (NMEA) 2026 Conference | Cambridge, MD

The NMEA Conference is a premier professional development event for marine educators, bringing together teachers, informal educators, researchers, and program leaders to share best practices, curricula, and resources that advance ocean and marine science education. MATE will participate as an exhibitor and contribute to the Blue Technology Education Workshop.



Fall 2026

October 8, 2026: Oceanengineering/MTS Symposium | Hanover, Maryland ★

The Oceanengineering/MTS Symposium is a longstanding regional tradition that showcases emerging technology and fosters collaboration across subsea, defense, and ocean engineering sectors. This event is co-hosted by the MTS DC Section.

October 12-14, 2026: Dynamic Positioning Conference & Workshop | Houston, Texas ★

This annual event offers a forum for knowledge exchange and industry collaboration to advance safety, innovation, and performance in DP operations. This signature event is organized by the MTS DP Committee.

October 25-27, 2026: Ocean Exchange Event | Ft. Lauderdale, Florida ★

The Ocean Exchange annual event accelerates innovation for the health of our oceans and the sustainable Blue Economy, bringing global leaders, innovators, and decision-makers together to showcase and advance breakthrough technologies and award winning solutions. Ocean Exchange is one of MTS's flagship programs and a cornerstone convening for ocean technology innovation within the Society.

October 28-30, 2026: Global eDNA Conference | Seattle, Washington ★

The 2026 Global eDNA Conferences convenes the international environmental DNA community for three days of concurrent sessions, plenary talks, and networking to advance eDNA science, applications, and collaboration across sectors. Co-hosted by the MTS eDNA Technology Committee.

October 2026 (date TBD): MTS Houston Section BBO | Houston, Texas ★

The MTS Houston Section BBO is an annual community event that brings together members, industry partners, and friends for networking, fellowship, and celebration in a relaxed, social setting—strengthening connections across the marine technology community in the Gulf region. Hosted by the MTS Houston Section.



Winter 2026

December 2-4, 2026: Underwater Intervention | New Orleans, Louisiana ★

Underwater Intervention is a premier subsea and underwater technology conference and exhibition co-located with the International WorkBoat Show, featuring a multi-track technical program and exhibit hall that highlight advancements in ROVs, commercial diving, unmanned systems, offshore operations, and marine technology. The MTS ROV Committee host this event in collaboration with the Association of Diving Contractors International.

December 2-5, 2026: ACTE's CareerTech VISION | New Orleans, Louisiana

ACTE's CareerTech VISION is the premier annual conference for career and technical education (CTE) professionals, featuring hundreds of sessions, networking, and an expo focused on advancing education and workforce pathways in CTE. MATE presents and exhibits at this event.

Date TBD: TechSurge: Uncrewed Maritime Systems | Location TBD ★

A future MTS TechSurge focused on uncrewed maritime systems is in development. Stay tuned for more details, timing, location, and program highlights. Hosted by the MTS Uncrewed Maritime Systems Committee.

Date TBD: International Submarine Symposium | Hamburg, Germany ★

The 23rd International Submarine Symposium is planned as a flagship gathering for submarine and undersea systems professionals. More details on dates and location will be announced—stay tuned for updates. Hosted by the MTS Submarine Committee.

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