

Oceans In Action Workshop 2025

Exhibit Table Instructions

Below please find some information on the **Oceans In Action Workshop (OIA)**, to be held August 26-28, 2025 at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Convention Center, 2350 Beach Blvd, Biloxi, MS 39531. Exhibit table space will be assigned at the event.

Important Information and dates

1) Registration

When your company registered for a table at Oceans In Action, two full registrations to all days of the event were included. If you have not already done so, please contact Kristina Norman, kristina.norman@mtsociety.org, with the names of the two attendees covered under your exhibit table reservation or if you require any changes. For additional table staff, additional registration is required; visit the OIA website, [Oceans In Action 2025](#) to register additional personnel.

2) Travel Information

If you are flying in, Gulfport/Biloxi, MS is the closest airport servicing the Biloxi area. Uber/Lyft, rental cars and taxis are available. Alternatively, flights are also available to New Orleans, LA. From New Orleans, it is a 1.5-hour drive, and many Uber/Lyft drivers will not travel that far; from the Gulfport/Biloxi Airport, it's 15 min. Note – there is no hotel within walking distance of the Convention Center, so a rental car is advised.

Driving Directions: Highway I-10 to Mississippi Exit 34A, proceeding South on Hwy 49. Take 49 to Hwy 90 – turn left (east) onto Hwy 90 – this is also Beach Blvd. Stay in the left lane. Centennial Plaza is on the left approximately 3 miles from I-49; the Convention Center is approximately 5 miles from I-49, also on the left. Note, the main exit from the airport is onto I-49 – turn left (south) and follow the directions above.

Event Address: Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Convention Center, 2350 Beach Blvd, Biloxi, MS 39531, 228-594-3700.

3) Local Hotels

We do not have a room block reserved for this event. However, there are a few options in the area, including:

Centennial Plaza, [Centennial Plaza](#)

Courtyard Marriott, [Where Can We Take You? | Endless Experiences & Top Locations | Marriott Bonvoy](#)

Doubletree by Hilton, [DoubleTree by Hilton Biloxi - Guest Reservations](#) (closest to the casino scene)

4) Set-up and Tear-down

- An exhibit table comes with an 8-ft table, and two chairs. A cover and skirt are available as well. Electricity is available, please bring your own power cords.
- We are looking for a sponsor for WIFI in the meeting/exhibit room. If sponsored, it will be available throughout the ballroom and the lobby assigned to our event.
- The event begins at 1:00pm on Tuesday, August 26, and exhibit tables are in the same room as the speakers/audience. You will be able to set up exhibit materials at your table beginning at 9:00am that morning. If you need other arrangements, please contact Laurie Jugan, jugan@bellsouth.net.

- We would like all the tables to be set up no later than 12:30pm on Tuesday.
- Breakdown will be following the speakers on August 28th; speakers finish in the morning and lunch will be served. Out of respect for the speakers on the 28th we ask you do not break down until after lunch that day. If you must leave early, please arrange to break down during a break – please do not break down during the speaker program. Materials and equipment from tables must be removed from the building no later than 6:00pm on the 28th.
- We will coordinate shipping of pre-paid packages (UPS or FedEx) back to your company with pick-up on Friday, August 29th from the Convention Center.
- **Please note that we will not be able to handle oversized or heavy shipments at this venue.** All exhibits must be carried/rolled in. Heavy lift is not available and the area in the convention center cannot accommodate heavy systems on the exhibit floor. Models, videos, and other representations are encouraged.

5) Security

We ask you do not leave any valuable materials or equipment at your table overnight. Internal and external doors will be locked, but we will not have manned security overnight.

6) Business-to-Business and Business-to-Government Meetings

Business-to-Business/Business to Government (B2B/B2G) meetings take place in the afternoon on August 28 following lunch. Anchors have been confirmed and if you have not already done so, please contact Laurie Jugan, jugan@bellsouth.net, with your selections. The list of anchors is available on the OIA website, [Oceans In Action 2025](#).

Fifteen-minute one-on-one meetings are planned from 1:00pm – 5:00pm. Spots will be limited and will be given on a first-come, first-served basis.

7) Contact Information/Questions

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