



Oceans In Action Workshop 2025

Marine Technology Society Gulf Coast Section
Mississippi Enterprise for Technology

August 26-28, 2025
Mississippi Coast Convention Center, Ballroom A
2350 Beach Blvd, Biloxi, MS 39531

Oceans In Action Program Agenda – Tuesday, August 26

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| 11:00am – 1:00pm | Registration and Check-in |
| 1:00pm | Welcome: Katharine Weathers, <i>Oceans In Action</i> Chair
Welcome: MSET
Welcome Video, Mississippi Governor Tate Reeves |
| 1:10pm | Patrick Levine, Mississippi Department of Marine Resources |
| 1:30pm | Enhancing Marine Management and Maritime Observations Through eDNA Innovation <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Moderator: Elif Demir-Hilton, Oceankind, MTS eDNA Committee Co-Chair● David Lodge, Cornell University● Nate Marshall, Stantec● Santiago Herrera, Lehigh University● Chris Scholin, Senior Scientist, MBARI, MTS eDNA Committee Co-Chair |
| 3:00pm | BREAK |
| 3:30pm | Kelly Darnell, University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast Research Laboratory (GCRL) and the Mississippi Based RESTORE Act Center of Excellence (MBRACE) |
| 4:00pm | Dr. Jonathan Woodward, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College |

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4:30pm	Dr. Amy Townsend & Sydni Shoemaker, Pearl River Community College
5:00pm	Mississippi Power
5:30pm – 7:30pm	Mississippi Power hosts Reception at IP Casino Resort Ballroom A 850 Bayview Avenue Biloxi, MS

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Oceans In Action Program Agenda – Wednesday, August 27

8:00am	<i>BREAKFAST</i>
9:00am	Welcome Video, Mississippi Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith
9:05am	Dr. William Burnett, Director National Data Buoy Center
9:30am	Dexter Malley, NOAA Office of Marine and Aviation Operations (OMAO)
10:00am	<i>BREAK</i>
10:30am	Eric Sparks, Mississippi State University (MSU)
11:00 am	Liesl Hotaling, MTS Director of Program Development
11:30am	Chris Carmichael, NASA
12:00pm	<i>LUNCH</i>
1:30pm	Carol Harris, Mississippi Development Authority (MDA)
2:00pm	Jon Nass, Port of Gulfport
2:30pm	Bo Ethridge, Port of Pascagoula
3:00pm	<i>BREAK</i>
3:30pm	Michael Kruk, Deputy Director NOAA Technology Partnerships Office

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4:00pm

Place-based Innovation: Building the Blue Economy From the Cohort Perspective

- Moderator: Joel Lawhead, Tekannoa
- Alexandra Runyan, MarineSitu
- Kim Gavin, BlueIQ
- Yi Chao, SeaTrec
- Dylan Sparks, Mythos AI
- Mike Flanigan, Seasats

5:00pm

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Oceans In Action and ANTX: Gulf Coast: Program Agenda – Thursday, August 28

Events at the Convention Center:

8:00am	<i>BREAKFAST</i>
9:00am	Welcome Video, Mississippi Senator Roger F. Wicker
9:15am	RDML Acosta; Commander, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command; Commander, Task Group 80.7 Topic: Operational Navy Update and Future Plans
9:30am - 1:00pm	ANTX Vignettes
9:50am	Dr. Joseph Calantoni, Technical Director, CNMOC
10:10am	Paige George, NavalX Gulf Coast Tech Bridge
11:30am	<i>LUNCH</i>
1:00 pm	B2B and B2G

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