



## ***Oceans In Action Workshop***

**Hosts: Marine Technology Society Gulf Coast Section, Mississippi Enterprise for Technology**

**August 21 and 22, 2018**

**Courtyard by Marriott, Gulfport, 1600 Beach Blvd, Gulfport, MS 39501**

The *Oceans In Action Workshop* is an annual event featuring new technologies in the maritime industry. Day one consists of updates from federal, state, and regional organizations and new technologies that have helped their missions over the past year. New technologies of interest to local agencies are also presented. Day two is our industry-focused day and has historically consisted of panels on current and emerging topics. This year, resulting from a closer collaboration with the Commander, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command, our event is even more exciting!

Day two will begin with pier-side demonstrations of select technologies associated with the Advanced Navy Technology Exercise (ANTX). Workshop participants will be shuttled to the Port of Gulfport to watch staged demonstrations of new technologies, review results of exercises recently held in the Gulf of Mexico, and to tour recently-completed facilities, including the new University of Southern Mississippi (USM) Marine Research Center. Participants will be shuttled back for luncheon presentations, a panel on the Blue Economy, and Business-to-Business/Business-to-Government meetings.

There are a number of opportunities associated with *Oceans In Action* for your organization. Two exhibit rooms will be available, sponsored by the Marine Industries Science & Technology (MIST) Cluster and the USM Mississippi Defense Diversification Initiative. A limited number of additional exhibit tables will be available. Sponsorships are available for companies that want extra promotion.

Registration for the event workshop will be available shortly at [www.mtsociety.org](http://www.mtsociety.org) under Upcoming Conferences. If you are interested in exhibiting, sponsoring, or serving as an anchor for the B2B/B2G sessions, *Oceans In Action*, please contact event Chair Laurie Jugan at 228-688-1192 or [laurie.jugan@usm.edu](mailto:laurie.jugan@usm.edu).