MTS IN MOTION

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

More Than a Moment: A Summer of Momentum Across MTS

This summer, the MTS community was active across the globe.

At the [2026 MATE ROV World Championships](), hosted in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, students from around the world came together to demonstrate their technical skills, creativity, and passion for ocean exploration. The event has grown steadily over the past as teams from 18 countries came together to complete missions inspired by some of the world's most demanding underwater environments, and hosted their ROVs in saltwater for the first time.

Throughout the summer, MTS Sections and Committees also created opportunities for members to exchange knowledge, strengthen regional connections, and engage with emerging ocean technologies. The [Gulf Section Committee]() hosted a Mid-Technical and Tech Cafe at [Subsea Solutions Lab]() in Houston, Texas, bringing together professionals advancing offshore energy and wildlife protection. The [ROV Tech Committee]() also hosted a networking event in Houston to celebrate and support incoming and outgoing interns.

MTS also continued to advance innovation across the ocean enterprise this summer. [Ocean Discovery League]() reached important milestones in supporting solutions for a healthier and more sustainable ocean, including [Project Deep Blue]() which helped raise the voice of the marine technology community to policymakers through engagements on Capitol Hill. The release of [Ocean Decade Vision 2.0]() reinforced the role of industry and organizations across the sector to connect, collaborate, and discover new resources.

Together, these moments show why MTS exists: to bring people, ideas, and technologies together so the marine technology community can solve problems, share knowledge, build the next generation of leaders, and move ocean science and industry forward. Whether you're a student entering the field, a professional looking to connect, or an organization working to advance new solutions, MTS creates the spaces, events, and opportunities to grow, and opportunities that can help you take the next step.

JOIN MTS & BECOME PART OF WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

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 [Marine Technology Reporter]() and the [Environmental Science & Ocean Engineering]() MTS Committee's [Ocean Noise Newsletter]().

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 [2026 editorial calendar]()!

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Unlocking the Deep Ocean: Meet Dr. Jake Russell

MTS Member Dr. Jake Russell is working to unlock sculpted ocean floors of Earth's far borders: the deep ocean. As co-founder and CEO of Sophera Ocean, he leads a company building and operating a fleet of autonomous underwater vehicles (AUVs) to map the seafloor with unprecedented speed and precision. Before that, he was the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, building on technology originally developed in collaboration with NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

As he works to bring that technology into the field, Russell has tapped into the MTS community to build partnerships, connect with peers, and find new talent. He's also found a home in the OCEANS Conference and Exhibition, and Maritime Monitoring Technology, and he credits Orphoz Ocean, received MTS Ocean Exploration Technology Award. That connection has continued to grow, and Orphoz Ocean received its joining MTS as a corporate member.

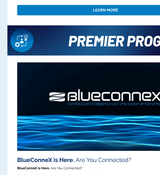
"MTS has provided immensely valuable opportunities for networking with other ocean technology professionals, creating a platform for our technology, and recruiting marine robotics talent," Russell said.

Among the highlights of his MTS experience was participating in a panel alongside Capt. Bill Abuhl, director of the Office of Ocean Exploration and Research at NOAA, on the importance of ocean exploration and strengthen an important relationship supporting Orphoz Ocean's ongoing operations in the Caribbean. For Russell, MTS has provided more than a place to share technology; it has created connections to people, talent, and opportunities that may one day move that technology forward.

Don't just watch the future of marine technology take shape—be part of it. Join MTS today!
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Guidance Marine and Sonardyne Demonstrate the Power of Strong Partnerships

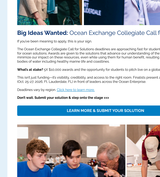
Innovation across the MTS corporate community is helping address some of the marine technology industry's most pressing challenges. Guidance Marine and Sonardyne have collaborated on [integrated solutions]() and Verspro to conduct a technology demonstration at Sonardyne's Plymouth testing facility. The demonstration showcased the integration of Sonardyne's Ranger 2 USBL positioning system with Guidance's uDrone Surface Vehicle (SV) technology, currently under development, demonstrating the potential to provide secure positioning when GPS is unavailable.

The collaboration highlights how companies across the marine technology sector are combining complementary expertise to develop more resilient solutions for increasingly complex operating environments.

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

TAP INTO THE COMMUNITY – JOIN MTS

NEXT WAVE



Ocean Business Comes to America: Inaugural U.S. Event to Debut in Rhode Island in 2027

The Marine Technology Society (MTS) is thrilled to announce a major new chapter for the U.S. ocean community: Ocean Business is coming to America for the first time. From May 31 – June 2, 2027, MTS will partner with Ocean Business and Diversified Communications to bring one of the world's leading events on ocean science and technology events to North America for the first time. This inaugural U.S. event will take place in Rhode Island and will bring together government leaders, researchers, industry innovators, and technology professionals, start-ventures, and tip-line demonstrations.

For MTS, the partnership represents an exciting expansion of how the Society brings the marine technology community together. Ocean Business has long been a trusted gathering place for those who want to deliver meaningful technical exchange, and the connections that move the industry forward.

"Ocean Business is a special event for the global marine technology community," said Chris Odenkirk, MTS Chief Executive Officer. "It's a place where engineers, innovators, scientists, and policymakers can come together to solve real problems. Bringing it to the United States is a natural step for MTS, and we're excited to welcome the world to Rhode Island."

For the summer Ocean Business' unique format and opportunity for students to pitch live on a global stage.

The next part Sumerling—its visibility, credibility, and access to the right room. Finalists present at Ocean Exchange 2027, July 12–13, Seattle, Washington. Top 3 finish will access the Ocean Enterprise.

Deadlines very by region. Click here to learn more.

Don't wait. Submit your solution 8 step into the stage now.

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PREMIER PROGRAMS



BlueConnex is Here. Are You Connected?

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

MTS's [Ocean Enterprise Initiative]() officially launched [BlueConnex]()—a powerful new platform designed to help you find the right partners, technologies, and opportunities faster. Whether you're looking to meet like-minded insights, players, and opportunities are scattered across too many places, and that can slow down progress.

This is just the beginning. New features and updates are in development, but we want to hear from you! Reach out to [Jeff Neal]() with your feedback, ideas, or questions about how BlueConnex can be more helpful to the evolution. Send an email to jeffneal@marinetech.org to get started.

BlueConnex's format is all together—united, cross-sector intelligence that gives you a clear, real-time view of the ocean enterprise. Whether you're looking for partners, technologies, or opportunities, BlueConnex is the place to start.

Get in early. Shape the Future of BlueConnex.

ENTER THE PLATFORM »



Big Ideas Wanted: Ocean Exchange Collegiate Call for Solutions

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

The Ocean Exchange Collegiate Call for Solutions deadlines are approaching fast for students building what's next for ocean solutions. Awards are given for the solutions that advance understanding of the ocean and help minimize our impact on those resources, even while using them for human benefit, resulting in more resilient ecosystems, and more sustainable ocean economies.

What's at stake? 12 $5,000 awards and the opportunity for students to pitch live on a global stage.

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Engaging STEM Education: Back to School with MATE ROV

Looking to bring more excitement, hands-on learning, and real-world STEM skills into your classroom this year? The MATE ROV Competition is the perfect way to do it. Whether you're a teacher, parent, or mentor, we'll show you're not just getting started in doing so and your students and engineering curriculum.

Whether you have a single day a week, or an entire semester, we've got lesson plans for it all. The provided flexible resources are designed to introduce students to the world of remotely operated vehicles (ROVs) while building skills in engineering, problem-solving, and teamwork. Activities cover everything from buoyancy and circuitry to environmental problem-solving and teamwork.

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

- Start a team and bring MATE to your school or community
- Work online through the MATE ROV Academy
- Explore the [Getting Started with ROVs Curriculum Guide]() kits
- Support MATE through [sponsorship or volunteering]()
- Get involved as an [instructor]() next season

Build. Inspire. 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 employers, industry professionals, and academic partners—giving more than open doors to executive leadership.

- New jobs added regularly
- Internships, fellowships, full-time roles
- Resume tools and networking for MTS careers

Not an MTS member yet? No problem—but that's just the beginning. MTS members get access to advanced features like job alerts, resume uploads, and employer visibility.

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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 14-18** | [43rd International Submarine Symposium]() | Hamburg, Germany. *Registration Open*
- **Sep 15** | [Mid-Technical Meeting]() | Houston, TX. *Registration Open*
- **Oct 5-8** | [MTS Technology Next Generation Maritime Autonomy]() | Arlington, VA. *Registration Open*
- **Oct 12-14** | [Gulf Of Conference & Exhibition]() | Houston, TX.
- **Oct 19-21** | [Ocean Business]() | Southampton, UK.
- **Oct 20-21** | [Ocean Technology Event]() | Fort Lauderdale, FL.
- **Oct 26-30** | [Gulf Global eDNA Conference]() | Seattle, WA. *Registration Open*
- **Dec 2-4** | [Underwater Intervention]() | New Orleans, LA.

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

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'd help you find the right events for your goals.** – Contact us at membership@mts.org

2026 MTS Annual Meeting

Date: September 29, 2026
Time: Open | 5:00 PM EDT – 5:00 PM ET

The 2026 MTS Annual Meeting is an event exclusive to MTS members. The agenda for the meeting includes a discussion on the current state of the society, and the priorities and key achievements of what is to be done, and the results of the 2026 Board of Directors Election. To conclude the meeting, we have a panel discussion with current and past MTS leadership, allowing members to ask questions.

There's still time to join! Become a member today to stay updated and connected with the marine tech community!



TechSurge: Next-Generation Maritime Autonomy: Uncrewed Maritime Systems Across Surface and Undersea Environments

When: October 5-8, 2026
Where: Washington, DC

Join the MTS Uncrewed Maritime Systems Committee, a partnership with the MTS UC Section and the MTS ROV Integrated Technologies Committee for a two-and-a-half day TechSurge.

The TechSurge will feature a carefully curated mix of keynotes, technical briefings, hands-on technical areas, fabrication, and Q&As. The program will also include a networking reception, panel discussions, and contributed talks selected through a call for abstracts.

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2026 Global eDNA Conference

When: October 28-30, 2026
Where: Seattle, Washington

Hosted in partnership with the MTS eDNA Committee and the University of Washington eDNA Collaboratory, this conference will convene a global community of eDNA researchers, practitioners, and innovators to share connections, learn from one another, and further advance eDNA science. The global conference will feature three days of programming, including a full day dedicated to using eDNA-related tools in practice, a slate of plenary speakers, a poster session, and unstructured time for networking.

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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 looking 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@mts.org to learn how MTS supports professionals across the marine tech/industry landscape.

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