

Marine Careers Day 2025 Schedule For Speaker/Exhibitor

Meadowlands Exposition Center, Secaucas, NJ

Friday, 28 March 2025

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM: Set-up for Rooms B and C.

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM: Marine Careers Exhibitor and morning Speaker Check-in in Main Lobby.

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM: Exhibitor Set-up (in Room C).

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM: Students/Guests visit the Exhibition Hall (C)

9:00 AM - 9:30 AM: Student registration at front desk; issued wrist bands.

Sign-up for ROV Piloting with Scuba.Tech

Sign-up for Commercial Diving Hands-on activities (Foyer – Enter through Exhibition Hall C))

9:45 AM – 9:55 AM: Introduction by Dan & Betty Orr, IMPORTANT information regarding the day.

10:00 AM - 10:30 AM: Christopher Drew, "From Shipwrecks to Sea Creatures: STEAM Principles in Marine Careers," President, Scuba.Tech Incorporated.

10:30 AM - 11:00 AM: Paul Washington with Co-presenter Melissa Wiggins, "Citizen Science: Volunteering to Save the Planet," Co-Chair, Science & Education Committee, National Association of Black Scuba Divers.

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM: Margo Peyton, "Oceans Connect Us," Beneath the Sea's 2025 Diving Pioneer, CEO and Founder, Kids Sea Camp and Family Divers Adventures.

11:30 AM - 12:00 PM: George Buckley, with Co-presenter Ryan Hunter, "Applying for programs and scholarships," Boston Sea Rovers/Boston Malacological Club.

12:00 PM - 12:30 PM: Lunch or working lunch (write grant submission), Visit with Exhibitors. Check-in for Afternoon Speakers.

1:00 PM - 1:30 PM: Shirley Pomponi, "Women Divers Hall of Fame Scholarship & Grant Opportunities - How to Prepare a Competitive Application," Research Professor, Florida Atlantic University, Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute.

1:30 PM - 2:00 PM: Alex Rose "Conservation: The Intersection of Science and Art," Ocean Geographic Magazine Science Editor.

2:00 PM - 2:30 PM: Lenny Speregen "A Life Spent Underwater," Professional Diving Instructor, New York Harbor School.

2:30 PM - 3:00 PM: Kurt Bretsch "Marine Science and SCUBA Undergraduate Programs at Stony Brook University," School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences.

3:00 PM: End of Marine Careers Day program.

Conference Room B – Lectures / Conference Room C – Exhibitors

BTS Exhibition Floor – Marine Careers Booth (Must sign-up and be escorted to ROV Piloting interactive demonstration).

BTS Foyer – Exhibitor - New York Harbor School.