

NOC's Marine Autonomy and Technology Showcase 2019



Registration is now open for the National Oceanography Centre's (NOC) Marine Autonomy and Technology Showcase (MATS) 2019, which will take place from 12-14 November at the waterfront site in Southampton. MATS 2019 promises to be the biggest showcase to date, with a record number of abstracts received and a wide range of exhibitors already on board.

MATS 2019 will feature a packed three-day programme of exhibits, presentations, panel discussions and networking, offering a unique and valuable opportunity to find out about the latest developments in marine autonomous technology and how this field is set to develop in the years to come. The event also enables organisations to engage with the NOC to explore opportunities around funding, sharing ideas and getting those ideas in

front of influential, high-profile users from the marine and maritime sector.

Marine Autonomy and Technology

The event will welcome a roster of speakers from across the industry, academia, and government organisations. Each day of the showcase will see leading figures from the world of marine autonomy and technology take to the stage to present on innovative, disruptive technologies, with a focus on current developments and future priorities and challenges.

Autonomous Underwater Vehicles

Marine autonomy is a transformative technology that continues to generate huge interest from major industry sectors, including offshore renewable energy, oil and gas, and defence, and the showcase event was established by the NOC in 2015 in response to this growing interest. Outside of the industry, the technology has continued to capture the public imagination in the last 12 months with the global popularity of Boaty McBoatface, the name given to one of the NOC's Autosub Long Range autonomous underwater vehicles.

Oceanids Marine Robotics Programme

Aidan Thorn, Marine Robotics Innovation Centre Manager at the NOC, said: "This forum provides an opportunity for us to share experiences and update the community on developments in the Oceanids marine robotics development programme. With a record number of high quality abstracts received over the summer, the delivery committee is looking forward to building upon the success of previous years and delivering a fantastic event."

Registration

Tickets are priced at £180 (including VAT) for the three-day event, which includes lunch and refreshments, access to the icebreaker drinks, and an evening networking supper. The full programme and biographies of the speakers will be announced in the coming weeks. Full details on how to register are available on [noc.ac.uk](https://www.noc.ac.uk).