

YOUTH OCEAN CONSERVATION SUMMIT

2019

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Event Program

December 7 • Mote Marine Laboratory • Sarasota, FL

***Empowering the next generation of ocean
conservationists!***





2019 Youth Ocean Conservation Summit Schedule Saturday, December 7, 2019 – Mote Marine Laboratory

8:45-9:25 Registration/Check-in

9:30-9:35 Welcome to the Summit and Mote Marine Laboratory

9:40-10:25 Keynote Presentation

10:30-11:00 Youth Ocean Conservation Team member presentations

11:10-12:00 Morning Workshop Sessions:

Conservation Project Action Planning Session

Careers in Ocean Conservation

12:00-12:50 Lunch

(Lunch in two waves; Action Planning participants start at 12:00pm and Careers in Ocean Conservation participants start at 12:10pm)



Afternoon Workshop Sessions:

1:00-1:50 Workshop Session 1

- Be an Eco-Influencer Presented by Lisa Moody
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5:10-5:30 Closing and Thank You's

2018 Youth Ocean Conservation Summit

9:40-10:25 Keynote Presentation:

Julie Henry

President – Finish Line Leadership Consulting

Julie Henry started her career as an intern at Mote Marine Laboratory in the summer of 1994. For this little girl who grew up along the shores of Lake Michigan in Chicago always dreaming of the sea, she could not believe she was now working alongside her heroes to learn more about and protect the ocean.

Today, Julie is a former zoo and aquarium senior leader and current President of Finish Line Leadership consulting firm. She uses her extensive background in zoology and communication, outdoor fieldwork, and leadership experience to help leaders drive (and survive) change. Through miraculous stories and provocative insights about the art of instinct, endurance and survival, she challenges leaders to listen to their own nature, lead the way they're designed to lead, and have the impact they were designed to have on the world.



Julie holds an MA in Communication from the University of South Florida and is a graduate of the Sustainable Business Leadership Executive Program from Green Mountain College in Vermont. She earned a Postgraduate Diploma in Outdoor Education from the University of Otago in New Zealand as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar and graduated with degrees in Education and Zoology from Miami University of Ohio.

Julie has presented to over 1 million people, across 32 states, 6 countries, visited 60 zoos and aquariums in a professional capacity, and has worked with over 55 organizations across corporate, nonprofit, government and community sectors including Nabisco, Seattle Aquarium, NOAA, Zenith Insurance, and Disney.

Ultimately, she is an ocean girl at heart, a mountain girl in spirit, and can be found (or not!) exploring outdoors any day of the week.

10:30-11:00 Youth Ocean Conservation Team Presentations

Young people are stepping up and leading the charge to protect our planet's marine ecosystems. Through this series of opening presentations, you'll be inspired by our Youth Ocean Conservation Summit alumni as they share the conservation programs they've launched after participating in the Summit. Their projects range from marine debris prevention and environmental education efforts to habitat restoration and wildlife conservation programs. Through these presentations they'll highlight their project planning process, lessons learned, and the impact of their efforts.



"Inspiration is around every corner at the Youth Ocean Conservation Summit. Personally, I found it in the amazing scientists and conservationists who are in attendance at the Summit as guest speakers or workshop leaders. There is so much to learn from the great minds that are working in the field of ocean conservation and marine research"

- Monica H., Youth Ocean Conservation Summit alumni



11:10-12:00 Morning Workshops

Action Planning Session (recommended for first time participants)



Is there an ocean conservation issue you wish to address in your community? Join students from across the country, and work with ocean scientists and conservationists, to develop a project and action plan to help

address relevant marine conservation issues. This engaging session will walk you through the process of planning your own ocean conservation project and help you gain the knowledge and skills you need to make your project successful! Afternoon workshops at the summit will help you further develop the skills you need to successfully implement your conservation project in your hometown and help protect our planet's marine ecosystems!



Careers in Ocean Conservation (recommended for returning participants)

Already working on an ocean conservation project and want to learn how to turn your ocean conservation work into a career? Then this workshop is for you! Join a panel of researchers, educators and ocean conservationists to learn about their career paths, educational background, and current day to day conservation work! You'll also have the chance to have your questions answered by this team of conservationists, and they'll share with you ways you can take action now to help with the ocean conservation work they do on a daily basis!



About the Careers in Ocean Conservation panelists:

Kate Reimann – Founder & CEO, Rouge Wave

Kate is the founder of Rouge Wave, making certified compostable beach toys using plastic made from plants, not petroleum. Rouge Wave is on a mission to make better products using better materials to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, eliminate fossil fuel use in the materials economy, and make our oceans plastic-free.

Kiley Gray – Public Programs Coordinator, Mote Marine Laboratory

Kiley is originally from Florida and has always known that marine biology was her passion.

She began her deep dive into the field as a high school intern with Mote Marine and continued on to intern with the Education department and in the Seahorse Conservation Laboratory during college.

After graduating college, Kiley worked as a fisheries biologist for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission in Charlotte Harbor for a time before coming back to her roots at Mote. She currently is responsible for bringing marine science and Mote research to the public during behind the scenes tours and to the early childhood audience through the Mommy and Me at Mote program.



Sara Kane - Sustainability Program Coordinator, Sarasota County

Sara Kane manages the sustainability program for Sarasota County UF/IFAS Extension & Sustainability. She oversees sustainability improvements within government operations and the efforts to create a sustainable community across Sarasota County. Among her responsibilities are promoting energy efficiency to residents and businesses, ensuring sustainability improvements in county facilities and fleet, employee and community education and grant management. She has also worked in the environmental field with the Sarasota Bay Estuary Program and Mote Marine Laboratory. Sara has a Masters in Global Sustainability with a concentration in water from the University of South Florida.





12:00-1:10 Lunch

While enjoying your lunch, continue to finalize the details of your ocean conservation project action plans, and take time to network with other youth attending the summit as well as the representatives from local environmental organizations!

Afternoon Workshops:

Use the below schedule to help select your afternoon workshop sessions. These workshops are designed to equip you with the knowledge, skills, and resources you need to help launch your newly planned ocean conservation projects and/or continue to expand your existing conservation efforts! Complete workshop descriptions and About the Presenters can be found on the following pages.



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Afternoon Workshops:

Be an Eco-Influencer! – Presented by Lisa Moody

(Offered Session 1)



Discuss various ways to build your own brand, create engaging content, and explore various outlets to best promote your conservation projects/ideas. Breakout sessions will give participants a hands-on opportunity to work in teams to create on-site content to share with the group.

About the presenter:

Ms. Moody is an Emmy-award winning writer and producer, whose wildlife and conservation shows have aired on Discovery Networks, Animal Planet, Nickelodeon, ABC, NBC, CBS, Travel Channel, and more. She teaches production at Ringling College of Art and Design, and founded the All Ringling Television Network (ART Network), a student-driven outlet for original content. She currently serves as Interim Director of Marketing and Digital Strategies for the College and continues to lead her own company, TinWoman Productions, Inc.

Turning the Tide on Single-Use Plastic Culture – Presented by Trish Schranck and Angelina Kossoff

(Offered Session 1 & 2)

Single-use plastics are a well-documented major source of plastic debris in the ocean and consequently a marine pollution prevention priority. The Reduce Single-Use at Eckerd College project was launched in August 2018 and is funded by a grant from the NOAA Marine Debris Program. The project aims to change behavior from consumption to rejection of unnecessary single-use plastics. Education and outreach activities were designed to raise awareness about marine debris, facilitate understanding of the connections between actions on campus and impacts in the marine environment, and encourage self-reflection and behavior change. This workshop will share results from the ongoing project and the successful strategies implemented to achieve these positive results in our campus community. It is our hope that this Project will be used as a model for similar efforts on your campus.



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About the presenter:

Trish Schranck is a senior at Eckerd College majoring in marine science (biology track) and minoring in chemistry and environmental studies. In addition to being an intern on the Reduce Single-Use Project, Schranck also serves as president of the Eckerd College Marine Science Club. Plastic reduction is especially important to Schranck because 8 million metric tons of plastic enter our marine ecosystems each year as a result of our demand, and every turtle species has been observed ingesting plastics.

Angelina Kossoff is a junior at Eckerd College majoring in environmental studies and minoring in sustainability, marketing and management. As an intern for the project, Angelina works collects data to assess project progress and coordinates social media outreach.

The Art of Interpretation: Connecting People to Your Mission - Presented by Dana Henderson

(Offered Session 1 & 2)

You have decided on a cause you care about. You are ready to create change. You are ready to save the world! Now, you must figure out how to get everyone to care about the issue and remember what they have just learned from you. How do you effectively connect them to your mission? Through the process of "Interpretation" you can use simple techniques that will make your interactions more impactful, meaningful and memorable. During this interactive workshop, participants will learn how to better relate to your audience, how to choose the information most important to your cause and most importantly how to make it fun and empowering so everyone wants to be a part of it!



About the Presenter:

Dana has worked at Mote Marine Laboratory for 9 years inspiring and empowering thousands of students and adults from all backgrounds to care about our ocean and contribute to marine conservation and sustainability. Her background ranges from humpback whale research, working in a wildlife shelter with birds of prey to what she is most passionate about...marine science education. She believes through positive and personal interactions with people we can ignite a spark to conserve our marine world. She knows that the power of our youth to use that spark to facilitate change is what will save our ocean and save our planet!

The Florida Microplastics Awareness Project: Seeing the BIG Problem of Tiny Plastics– Presented by Abbey Tyrna

(Offered Session 1 & 2)

Participants will learn about the global and local problem of tiny plastic pollution and will analyze local waters for these microscopic plastics using one of the most commonly used scientific methods.

About the presenter:

Dr. Abbey Tyrna is the Water Resources Agent for University of Florida IFAS Extension in Sarasota County. She received a Ph.D. in Geography from Penn State where her research focused on quantifying the changes to wetland hydro patterns as a result of human disturbance. Dr. Abbey has been working on various water resource issues since coming back to Florida in 2016; everything from microplastic pollution to water conservation. Dr. Abbey is devoted to raising awareness of the BIG problem with tiny plastics and as such coordinates the Florida Microplastic Awareness Project and works across county agencies to develop plastic waste reduction strategies.



Legislative Advocacy: Elevating Your Voice at the Florida Capitol - Presented by Justin Atkins

(Offered Session 1 & 2)

A training introducing the skills needed to understand the legislative process in Florida and advocating for the issues that are most important to you.

About the presenter:

Justin is currently the State Director of NextGen Florida where he and his team work to elevate the voices of young people throughout the state.



Ocean ARTivism – Presented by Alyssa Irizarry & Ryan Sobel

(Offered Session 1 & 2)



Art and design are necessary tools in the global movement to raise awareness of environmental issues and motivate communities to take action for our blue planet. Finding inspiration in the work of youth artists from around the world, create your own work of art that calls for care and action for our ocean.

About the presenters:

Alyssa Irizarry is an artist and director at Bow Seat Ocean Awareness Programs, a nonprofit that engages teens in ocean conservation and advocacy through the arts. Alyssa holds a BA in Art History and Environmental Studies from Tufts University, and has been involved in environmental education for 10 years. Alyssa is passionate about helping students of all ages discover and creatively explore their relationship with the natural world. Her work can be found in California's Monterey Bay Aquarium,

on the streets and walls of Salem, Massachusetts, and or online at @litlelitle.

Ryan Sobel is a student of Biological Sciences at Florida Atlantic University, specializing in Molecular Biology and Neuroscience. In addition to his academic career, Ryan is a wildlife artist and scientific illustrator, passionate about using his work to promote environmental conservation initiatives. His work has been displayed across the U.S. in museums, aquariums, zoos, and other scientific institutions. He has been inducted into the Ocean Artists Society, as well as served as a Blue Sphere Foundation featured artist.



Spread the word about ocean conservation through film! – Presented by Dr. Phil Gravinese & Dr. Lauren Toth

(Offered Sessions 3 & 4)

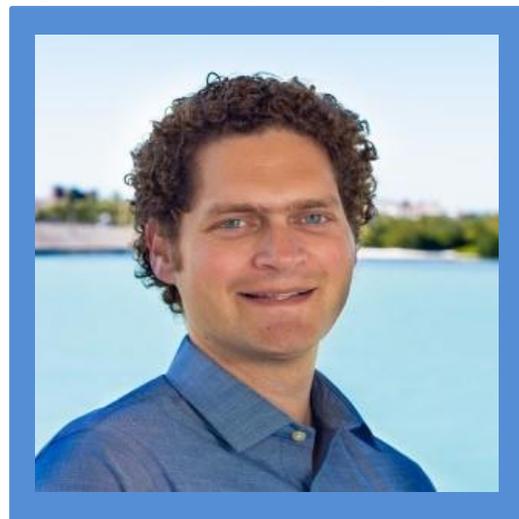
Our presentation will focus on three topics that will help you create videos that will engage, motivate, and inspire audiences, while working on a limited budget. First, our expert team of marine scientists, educators, and professional film-makers will provide key technical tips for video production that will assist you in better planning, producing, and creating your ocean conservation films. During this part of the workshop we will demonstrate how to utilize widely available tools like iPhones, point-and-shoot cameras, and free filmmaking software to make inexpensive, but effective films. Our presenters

will offer expert tips on the various aspects of filmmaking including topics such as storyboarding, camera work, photography, recording, editing, and video distribution. We will then demonstrate how to turn conservation messages into short engaging stories by using skills like storyboarding to highlight the key points, and by generating hooks that will gain the attention of your audience. Second, we will discuss current “hot topics” in marine conservation, and brainstorm some effective ways to address these “hot topics” through film. Finally, we’ll showcase creative examples from our Youth Making Ripples archive to demonstrate how you can create ocean-themed footage even if you don’t have access to the ocean, by utilizing items available in most schools and homes. The workshop will culminate with students creating a storyboard for a short film pertaining to an ocean conservation message relevant to their interests and ocean conservation goals.

About the presenter:

Dr. Philip Gravinese joined the Mote team in February 2017.

His research interests focus primarily on determining how environmental stressors, like ocean acidification, elevated seawater temperatures, hypoxia, and red tide will impact the reproductive biology, development, and behavior of commercially important crustaceans (stone crabs, blue crabs, and spiny lobster). Throughout his Ph.D. he attempted to bridge the communication gap between the scientific community and the general public by incorporating the underlying concepts of his research into educational lessons. In 2012, he co-founded an international marine-science film-making competition for K–12 students called Youth Making Ripples. The Youth Making Ripples program challenges the next generation of ocean enthusiasts to promote marine conservation messages using film and 21st century technology.



Film and marine science have always been joint passions for Dr. Lauren Toth. She earned an undergraduate degree from University of Miami where she majored in marine biology and motion picture production. She went on to pursue a Ph.D. at Florida Institute of Technology. She is currently a Research Oceanographer at the United States Geological Survey Coastal and Marine Science Center in St. Petersburg, FL. Lauren is a coral-reef ecologist who uses clues from the past to better understand and manage the modern decline of coral-reef ecosystems. Lauren studies the fossil record of coral reefs around the world, to determine how reefs change over time and what environmental conditions promote reef growth and lead to reef decline.

Shark Tank – YOCS - Presented by Sean Russell

(Offered Sessions 3 & 4)

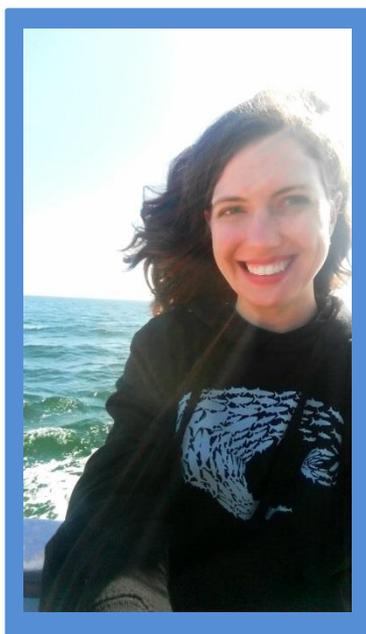
Are you looking to gain skills in communicating your conservation efforts while securing funding to grow the impact of your work? This first of its kind, YOCS session will provide participants with the opportunity to learn how to develop a compelling story and message to share their conservation work with potential partners and funders. During the session students will have the opportunity to develop and deliver a pitch for their projects to a panel of marine conservation experts for a chance to win a \$100 grant to support your conservation work.

About the presenter:

Sean Russell has dedicated his professional career to empowering young people around the world with the tools and resources to protect our planet. Sean is the founder and director of the Youth Ocean Conservation Summit, an annual event held at Mote Marine Laboratory in Sarasota, FL which is also modeled in cities across the United States in partnership with conservation organizations. Through this program, Sean works to empower young people with the knowledge, skills, and resources needed to address ocean conservation issues in their local communities. After graduating from the University of Florida, Sean has worked with a diverse set of organizations to elevate the roll of youth leadership in the fields of marine science, education, and conservation. Currently Sean serves as the Manager for the EarthEcho Water Challenge at EarthEcho International. This global citizen science program connects young people around the world to their local waterways through water quality monitoring, provides a platform for them to share their data with a global audience, and equips them with the tools to take action to protect their water resources. Sean also works with SeaWorld Parks and Entertainment on initiatives designed to inspire the next generation of conservation leaders, including coordinating the SeaWorld & Busch Gardens Youth Advisory Council. Sean is a member of the National Marine Educators Association Board of Directors, an advisor to the Ocean Project, and the co-creator of Sea Youth Rise Up. He has also served in roles with Mote Marine Laboratory and Georgia Sea Grant. Follow him on Twitter @seandrussell.



OCEARCH Shark Summit: Shark Research, Collaboration, and Conservation – Presented by Lindsay Laughner



(Offered Sessions 3 & 4)

Participants will have the opportunity to learn about OCEARCH, the North Atlantic White Shark Project, their science and fishing methods, and how they use their research to enable ocean and shark education and conservation. Participants will then take part in a "Shark Summit" activity where they will be researching, collaborating, and debating on a topic regarding shark fisheries and management of these apex predators in the North Atlantic.

About the presenters:

Lindsay is a marine science educator and an OCEARCH Education Ambassador. In these roles, she integrates the OCEARCH Global Tracker and the next generation science standards into the OCEARCH S.T.E.M. curriculum, and S.T.E.M. education programs, to prepare students to be the next generation of ocean stewards. She has joined OCEARCH on 10 expeditions, where she is a part of education outreach, and collaborates with scientists and crew members to create content that connects students and teachers with the research conducted on the ship,

and the science of the ocean and marine species. For more information about OCEARCH, or S.T.E.M. Education curriculum and programs, please visit www.ocearch.org.

Preventing Plastic Pollution – Presented by Michael Doshi

(Offered Session 3 & 4)

This session will provide you with an introduction to plastic as a material and why it's a problem across its entire life cycle from fossil fuel extraction to disposal. In this session we will explore current solutions to solve plastic pollution and discuss the thought processes behind creating new solutions.

About the presenter:



Michael Doshi, who simply goes by Doshi, is based in Los Angeles and has been heavily involved in plastic pollution prevention since 2014. Including work with Heal the Bay, 5 Gyres Institute, Surfrider Foundation-Los Angeles Chapter, and Algalita Marine Research & Education. Doshi was a crew member on Algalita's 2017 South Pacific Gyre Expedition, bringing his fun spirit to the high seas.

He is Algalita's Leadership Programs Manager, mentoring youth to help bring their inspiring ideas and solutions to reality. He spearheads strategic partnership collaborations, engaging like-minded organizations working on innovative solutions to participate in educating youth through Algalita's leadership platforms. Doshi travels the world conducting waste investigations to experience where our plastic ends up in the environment and how it impacts humans. His short film The

End of the Road, highlighting waste exports to the island of Java, Indonesia, won the award for Best Environmental Story at the Patagonia Film Festival 2019. Doshi is featured in the full length documentary The Story of Plastic, which documents how plastic pollutes across its entire lifecycle from fossil fuel extraction to disposal. Doshi also acts as the Policy Coordinator for Algalita, working in coalitions to push forward plastic-smart policy on a local, state, and national level.

In addition to his work with Algalita, Doshi runs an Instagram account called @gnarlybeachcleaner, where his mission is to spread awareness of plastic pollution through fun and positivity! Over the past few years he has been a featured MC and educator at plastic pollution prevention youth summits including Ocean Heroes Bootcamp, POPS International Youth Summit, Kokua Hawaii Foundation - Plastic Free Hawaii Youth Summit, and the Youth Innovation Forum on Plastic Pollution.

He strives to teach people to live in the present with undertones of longevity.

Sea Turtles & You! – Presented by Caleb Jameson

(Offered Session 3 & 4)

Summer is a great time to visit the beach, but sea turtles need to use the beach during that time of year as well. Join us to learn all about sea turtles and what you can do to help them. There will be hands-on activities and the opportunity to learn how you can build and install a Turtle Safe Toy Box on your own beach!

About the presenters:

Caleb Jameson is a freshman at Providence Community School in Sarasota, Florida. Growing up on the coast, he has always had a passion for all things ocean. He has been doing Sea Turtle Patrol with Longboat Key Turtle Watch and Mote Marine Laboratory for six years. He is also a trained stranding responder with Mote Marine Laboratory's Stranding Investigations Program and he assists with calls related to stranded or injured marine animals. Caleb is very involved in educating people about sea turtles and how they can help protect them. He participates in many Longboat Key Turtle Watch educational outreach events



each year. He publishes a newsletter for the Longboat Key Turtle Watch Sea Turtle Defender Club and leads educational activities for the club members. As part of his desire to help with ocean conservation and educate the public, Caleb is the founder and creator of the Turtle Safe Toy Box that helps to keep plastic toys from ending up in the ocean and becoming a danger for marine life. Caleb has won two grants from Klean Kanteen through the Youth Ocean Conservation Summit to launch his project which is continuing to grow. He is also a 2019 recipient of the Keep Manatee Beautiful Youth Volunteer Award and a member of the Keep Florida Beautiful Youth Council.

Mote Aquarium Exploration

(Offered All Sessions)

During this workshop you will be able to participate in an informal guided tour of Mote Aquarium. You will be able to see our indoor & outdoor galleries, visit our large shark exhibits and 2 touch tanks.

5:10-5:30 Closing Remarks/ Youth Ocean Conservation Team/ Evaluations



2019 Youth Ocean Conservation Film Competition

Are you an aspiring filmmaker? Is there an ocean conservation issue that you want to share with others? All students in grades preschool-college are invited to take part in the 2019 Youth Ocean Conservation Film Competition!

This competition provides you with the chance to highlight an ocean conservation issue that's relevant in your home town, create a short video to raise awareness about a conservation project, or film a public service announcement encouraging people to protect our planet's ocean. The possibilities are endless – just use your creativity!

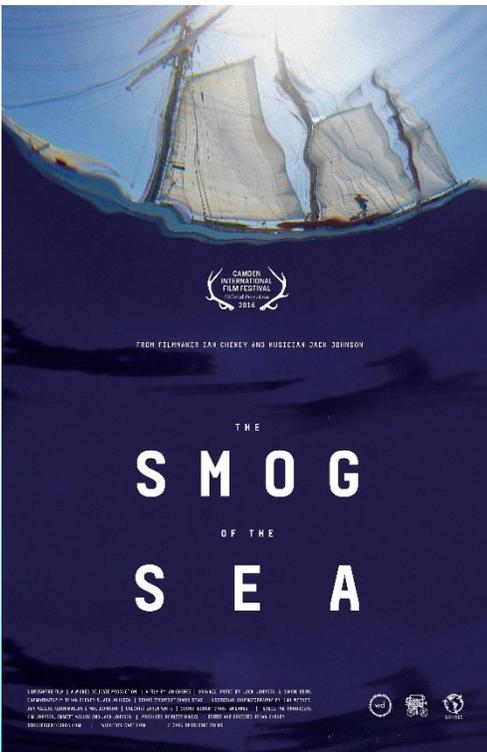
Winning films will be screened as part of the 2019 Community Ocean Conservation Film Festival, which will be held on December 6th at Mote Marine Laboratory in Sarasota, FL. Winners will also receive exciting prizes!

Visit www.yocs.org to download the contest rules and video submission instructions! Deadline for video submissions is Friday, November 1 at 11:59pm EST. Good luck!



2019 Community Ocean Conservation Film Festival

*An evening of ocean science and conservation
celebrating the work of young leaders*



Join young ocean conservation leaders, special guests and members of your community as we kick off the 2019 Youth Ocean Conservation Summit weekend!

This year's event will feature a special screening of the film *The Smog of the Sea*. This impactful documentary from filmmaker Ian Cheney chronicles a research expedition through the Sargasso Sea. Marine scientist Marcus Eriksen invited onboard an unusual crew to help him study the sea: renowned surfers Keith & Dan Malloy, musician Jack Johnson, spearfisher woman Kimi Werner, and bodysurfer Mark Cunningham, who become citizen scientists on a mission to assess the fate of plastics in the world's oceans. Using sparkling underwater cinematography, an original score by Jack Johnson and shipmate Simon Beins, and live-action footage of the crew's research, *The Smog of the Sea* makes an artful call to action for rethinking single-use plastic.



Come be inspired by the work of young conservation leaders through a showcase of student driven ocean conservation projects and films! Meet young people making a difference to protect our blue planet and hear from ocean conservation leaders of all ages.

Silent Auction/Raffle Fundraiser:

Support the Youth Ocean Conservation Summit program during this event by bidding on marine themed silent auction items including art, photography, and ocean themed prizes donated by renowned artists and conservation organizations.

Where: Mote Marine Laboratory's WAVE Center in Sarasota, FL

When: Friday, December 6th – 6:00PM doors open, silent auction/raffle fundraiser and conservation project showcase begins

Admission to this event is free but seating is limited and attendees must RSVP to reserve a seat at: www.yocs.org.

Location and Directions

The 2019 Youth Ocean Conservation Summit will be held at Mote Marine Laboratory. Mote Marine Laboratory is located at 1600 Ken Thompson Parkway, Sarasota, FL 34236. The event will kick-off and conclude in Mote's WAVE Center located on the left side of the main entrance to Mote Aquarium.

