



## **Ocean Exchange Names Collegiate Finalists for 2023**

*Two \$10,000 prizes to be conferred:*

*the Guy Harvey Award and the Ocean Exchange Award*

**Fort Lauderdale, Florida, USA, October 11, 2023** – With its 2023 event set for October 22-24, Ocean Exchange has named the finalists for their two \$10,000 awards, which will be conferred on October 23rd. Two winners will receive prize money of \$10,000 US.

Based in Fort Lauderdale, Ocean Exchange is a leader in supporting the acceleration of innovative solutions for healthy oceans and the sustainable Blue Economy.

Eight candidates have been chosen to present their solutions at the Ocean Exchange event. Seven are from the USA, one from Canada. Solutions fall into the following categories: hybrid propulsion, fishery monitoring, wind powered vessels, software for ocean navigation, coral protection, sargassum reuse, clean chemicals from ocean microbes and a precise bottom trawler to save fuel and seabed. Universities represented are: Universite de Sherbrooke, University of Florida, Quantic School of Business and Technology, Florida International University, NSU Florida, University of Cambridge, Harrisburg University of Science and Technology, and the joint program of Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution.

The two winners will be chosen—based on the impact, level of innovation, and the ability to execute the presented solution—by delegates representing business, academia, government, and nonprofits.

“Our mission is to better understand and conserve the ocean environment,” said Guy Harvey Foundation CEO Jessica Harvey. “That is why education is a key focus globally for us. It’s so exciting to see how these bright, creative, enthusiastic innovators and entrepreneurs are working to solve the world’s environmental challenges.”

The Ocean Exchange Awards Program is made possible by the support of sponsors, partners and leading industry experts from around the globe. “An initiative such as this, which promotes the acceleration of technologies designed to help solve critical global issues, could not exist without their support and dedication and the participation of gifted entrepreneurs from all corners of the world,” noted Millicent Pitts, Executive Director of Ocean Exchange. Ocean

Exchange brings the finalists to Fort Lauderdale to pitch in front of and network with the leaders who gather in South Florida from around the world.

Full lists of the finalists, along with more information about the solutions to be presented, are available [here](#). For more information about the event and Ocean Exchange's mission, visit the [Ocean Exchange website](#).

### ***About Ocean Exchange***

Ocean Exchange is a global ecosystem whose mission is to accelerate the adoption of innovative solutions for healthy oceans and the sustainable blue economy. A 501(c)(3), Ocean Exchange fulfills this mission through a rigorous, multi-level program that includes annual monetary awards, promoting registered Solutions Inspiring Action across multiple communication channels, and facilitating access to the global network comprising its Board of Directors, Delegates, Solutions Review Team, Executive Team and other experts from around the world. Ocean Exchange's mission is funded largely by private donations including those from Wallenius Wilhelmsen, Royal Caribbean, Schmidt Marine Technology Partners, Oceankind, Marine Research Hub of South Florida, Oceaneering, Angus Littlejohn, Jr. Family, and others who share the passion for healthy oceans. To learn more, visit [Oceanexchange.org](http://Oceanexchange.org).

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