

MID-ATLANTIC MARINE DEBRIS SUMMIT

Dewey Beach, DE
November 12-13



2025 Mid-Atlantic Marine Debris Summit SCHEDULE-AT-A-GLANCE

Pre-Summit Welcome Night Tuesday, 11 November 2025		
TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
16:30 - 19:30	Informal Networking Event: Come join us for a relaxed evening of informal networking with fellow attendees, speakers, and summit organizers. Whether you're eager to connect over conversation or prefer to ease into socializing with a shared task, this optional gathering offers something for everyone. Help the planning team with light prep—like stuffing welcome bags or assembling name badges—or simply drop in to say hello and settle in before the summit begins. We look forward to welcoming you!	Hyatt Place, Dewey Beach

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Summit Kickoff: Presentations, Panels, and Collaboration Wednesday, 12 November 2025		
TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
08:15 - 09:00	Light Breakfast	Pre-function space
09:00 - 09:30	Opening Remarks & Keynote Speaker	Ballroom
09:30 - 10:30	Large Scale Marine Debris: Data, Prevention, and Removal	Ballroom
10:30 - 10:45	Break	
10:45 - 11:45	Microplastics: Bridging Science, Management, and Regional Action	Ballroom
11:45 - 12:15	Student Flash Talks	Ballroom
12:15-13:30	Working Lunch • Speed Networking • Poster Session • Org & Demo Tables	TBA
13:30 - 14:45	Collaboration Sessions 1. Abandoned & Derelict Vessels Workshop 2. Mid-Atlantic Data Portal 3. Microplastics	Breakout rooms 1. Sunset South 1 2. Sunset South 2 3. Ballroom
14:45 - 15:00	Break	
15:00 - 16:00	Marine Debris Policy for Long-Term Solutions	Ballroom
16:00 - 16:15	Adjourn	Ballroom
18:00 - 20:00	Marine Debris Trivia (Jeopardy style)	Ballroom

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Voices from the Region: Case Studies, Communities, and Communication Thursday, 13 November 2025		
TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
08:15 - 09:00	Light Breakfast	Pre-function space
09:00 - 09:15	Opening Remarks	Ballroom
09:15 - 10:30	Case Studies in the Benefits of Prevention and Removal	Ballroom
10:30 - 10:45	Break	
10:45 - 12:00	Community Impacts and Collaborative Solutions	Ballroom
12:00 - 13:30	Lunch & Open Networking	Pre-function space
13:30 - 15:00	From Data to Dialogue: Communicating Science and Solutions in the Marine Debris Space	Ballroom
15:00 - 15:30	Final Remarks & Adjourn	Ballroom
15:30 - 17:30	Beach Cleanup (<i>rain date - Friday am</i>)	TBA
17:30 -19:30	Fireside Film (<i>pending permits</i>)	TBA

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In the Field: Hands-On Engagement Friday, 14 November 2025		
TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Morning (TBA)	Derelict Crab Pot Round-up – Hands-On Removal and Learning: Join us for a hands-on morning on the Rehoboth Bay starting at the Dewey Beach Yacht Club on Friday, November 14, where participants will cycle through interactive stations to experience how Delaware Sea Grant and the University of Delaware tackle derelict crab pot removal. Learn how we mark lost gear using side scan sonar, assist in real life pot removal and data collection, and try your luck at a life-size crab pot game targeting K-12 that utilizes roundup data. Be ready to go out on the boat, get wet and muddy, flex those muscles, and have some fun! The event is weather dependent. Space is limited—minimum 10, maximum 25 participants. Sign up via the event registration form.	Dewey Beach Yacht Club in Dewey Beach, DE
Morning (TBA)	UDEL Tour: The University of Delaware Hugh R. Sharp Marine Studies Campus located in Lewes is home to world-class research that examines everything from microbes in Delaware Bay-floor sediments to penguin behavior in the Antarctic. This campus visit will provide a glimpse of some of the labs and tools our scientists use to better understand our marine environment. Depending on weather and availability, participants may tour the Robotic Discoveries Laboratory, shark lab, our 2-megawatt wind turbine, or the 146-foot Research Vessel <i>Hugh R. Sharp</i>. <i>Minimum attendance is 10 and maximum that can be accommodated on the tour is 20. Sign up via the event registration form.</i>	The University of Delaware Hugh R. Sharp Marine Studies Campus in Lewes, DE



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