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San Diego to play host to world's leading maritime conference

Underwater technology used to protect oceans, military on display at Oceanology International

SAN DIEGO – To highlight San Diego's growing [maritime and bluetech cluster](#), Oceanology International (OI) kicks off its first [North American conference](#) at the San Diego Convention Center this week. The conference serves to help improve strategies for developing, protecting and operating in the world's oceans – bringing together 1,500 attendees and 150 maritime technology companies from around the world. Led by The Maritime Alliance and with the support of San Diego Regional EDC, OI will be a biennial event in San Diego, switching to London in off-years.

A diversity of technology will be on display, from [Teledyne Marine](#) with its unmanned underwater vehicles used for security and inspection to [SonTek](#) with its underwater sensors used for data collection, or [Planck Aerosystems](#) that can land an aerial drone autonomously on a moving vessel.

WHAT: Media Availability

WHO: Greg Murphy, executive director, The Maritime Alliance
San Diego's maritime industry association; TMA worked to secure OI locally
Matt Sanford, economic development director, San Diego Regional EDC
Economic development organization; maritime industry expertise

Company participants

Cyril Poissonnet, strategic product development manager, SeaBotix, [Teledyne Marine](#)
Manufacturer of underwater unmanned systems used by military, law enforcement for infrastructure inspection and security

Luca Gambirini, marketing, [Ocean Reef Group](#)
Underwater equipment designer and creator of Nemo's Garden, an underwater biosphere used for farming

WHERE: Oceanology International North America
San Diego Convention Center
111 W Harbor Drive
San Diego, CA 92101

WHEN: February 14 and 15, 12:00pm - 2:30pm
A press pass is required for entry.

VISUALS: Underwater maritime technology, industry representatives

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