

NOC Association of Marine Science National Capability Beneficiaries (NOCA)

14th Annual Meeting 15 - 16 May 2025

Virtual Meeting



Professor Martin Solan and the membership of the [NOCA Steering Board](#) look forward to joining colleagues from member institutes of the [NOC Association of Marine Science National Capability Beneficiaries](#) (NOCA), the [Marine Alliance Science for Science and Technology for Scotland](#) (MASTS), and the [Challenger Society](#) at the 2025 AGM of the NOCA. You don't have to be a member of these groups to participate – anyone with an interest in the marine environment is welcome.

This free on-line event will be conducted by Zoom on 15 - 16 May 2025 between 10:00 and 12:30 on both dates. Delegates will be asked to log on by 09:45 each day to ensure we are ready to start at 10:00.

Agenda

Thursday 15th May 2025 10:00 UK time

09:30 – 09:45 Delegates invited to log on

10:00 Welcome from Professor Martin Solan, Chair

10:05 Item One: An update of Future Marine Research Infrastructure – Dr Kristian Thaller

10:15 Questions

10:20	Item Two: Overview of NERC's national capability (NC), including ships, autonomous vehicles and NC science – Dr John Siddorn
10:35	Questions
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10:40	Item three: The challenges of providing training about NC for early career researchers – Professor Martin Solan
10:50	Questions
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11:00	Break
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11:15	Item four: The Atlantic Climate and Environment Strategic Science (AtlantiS) programme – update - Professor Jason Holt
11:35	Questions
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11:40	Report on Progress by the UK Marine Science Scoping Group – - Dr John Siddorn
11:50	Questions
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12:00	Closing discussion and questions
12:15	End of day one

Friday 16 May 2025 – Day Two

09:30 – 09:45	Delegates asked to log on
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10:00	Welcome from the chair
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10:05	The PRESCIENT project – the Rothera Time Series – Professor Kate Hendry
10:15	Questions
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10:20 BIOPOLE - multi-centre NC project – Professor Geraint Tarling

10:30 Questions

10:35 The PRESCIENT project – Sea Level Rise (Work package three) presentation by Dr Pierre Dutrieux

10:40 Questions

10:45 **BREAK**

11:00 **DISCUSSION – led by Professor Martin Solan**

- Research ships, autonomous vehicles, NC science and national public good and the benefits delivered for UK marine science.
 - How the marine science component of NC will contribute to International Polar Year.
 - How does marine science NC link with HEI sector research?
 - An ecosystems approach to government science and how sensor and autonomy development might help with statutory monitoring of the ocean.
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12:00 **Update on the Marine Facilities Advisory Board
– Dr John Siddorn**

12:05 Closing discussion and any questions

12:15 **End of the 14th AGM of the NOC Association**

Registration

To participate in the 14th NOCA AGM please [register](#) here.