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The breadth and depth of the field of ocean technology never ceases to amaze. From the latest autonomous underwater vehicles that can take us farther and deeper into inner space, to advanced trawl designs that all but eliminate by-catch, to microbial fuel cells for powering autonomous ocean sensors, the diversity of ocean technology is nothing short of astounding. Perhaps even more remarkable is how technology and people from such diverse backgrounds come together under the banner of ‘ocean technology.’ Like the oceans themselves, ocean technology seems to know no bounds. What this means, of course, is that when we look for technologies to improve the safety, efficiency, sustainability and profitability of the oceans and ocean enterprise, we are well advised to look to other disciplines for hints about the latest developments. What it also means is that technologies we develop for ocean purposes are likely to have applicability in other disciplines. In either case, it is in our own best interest, and the interests of others, to keep a weather eye on the horizon at all times.

At *The Journal of Ocean Technology* we are both honoured and humbled to have been part of such a dynamic community for the past six years. As we embark on our seventh year of publication we would like to take the opportunity to thank you – our readers, contributors, advertisers, Editorial Board members and Guest Editors – for your kind contributions over the past year. We very much look forward to working with you again this year to expand global knowledge and understanding of the importance of ocean technology as an enabler of responsible ocean utilization and management.

As with ocean technology itself, we have drawn on other disciplines to expand the JOT team for the coming year. In particular, we are happy to welcome Deva Murthy (Sales and Marketing Coordinator) and Julie Kavanagh (Production Coordinator) to the team. Deva comes to us from the wonderful world of offshore health, safety and environment, while Julie has a background in business administration and mad skills in planning. These new team members, together with our Managing Editor, Dawn Roche, and Graphic Designer, Carla Myrick, have worked up an exciting slate of topics to be covered during the coming year. These include the technology of sail (V7N1), ocean mapping (V7N2), offshore safety and survival (V7N3) and oil spill response (V7N4). As always, we welcome any comments you may have on anything you read or see between the covers of *The Journal of Ocean Technology*.



The JOT production team perched atop the Marine Institute's SmartBay buoy (L to R): Carla Myrick, Dawn Roche, Julie Kavanagh, Deva Murthy.

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