



## Autonomous Marine Vehicles

Robots don't rule our seas just yet, but there may very well come a day in the future when the only time people are on the salt water is for transportation or a yearning for salt air and recreation. Already, unmanned systems and their teams of operators have persevered in the harshest of ocean environments. Mission successes include crossing oceans, mapping seabed beneath ice, and locating hydrothermal vents in the deepest parts of our oceans. The field of autonomous marine vehicles, both surface and subsea, has been active for decades now. Assessing the state of global activity in this area is certainly a challenge given the level of activity around the world.

The Fall 2018 issue of the Journal of Ocean Technology – with guest editor Dr. Ron Lewis – will focus on autonomous marine vehicles. We would like to share with our readers autonomous marine vehicle research, development, and operations in parts of the world that we do not hear from enough. We're inviting authors from around the world to report on activity at their institutions and in their countries by submitting a technical paper, essay, or short article.

### IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Technical paper submissions: **May 25, 2018**

Expressions of interest for essays or short articles: **June 8, 2018**



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