

Southern Association of Marine Laboratories Meeting 2024 April 28-30, 2024

Meeting Location:

[Baruch Marine Field Laboratory \(BMFL\), University of South Carolina](#)

BMFL is located on the 16,000-acre Hobcaw Barony property in Georgetown County, South Carolina. Its on-site conference facilities and lodging (the Kimbel Center) are located by the entrance to the property off of Highway 17, whereas the BMFL marsh-side complex is located 2.5 miles into the property at the edge of the North Inlet estuary.

Address for mapping travel to site: **22 Hobcaw Road, Georgetown, SC 29440**

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AGENDA

All times Eastern Time

Sunday, April 28, 2024

Location: Hobcaw Barony Discovery Center (see maps below)

5:00 PM **Opening Remarks & Welcome Reception**

- Open Remarks: Bill Strosnider, Director, Baruch Marine Field Lab and Interim Director, Belle W. Baruch Institute for Marine and Coastal Sciences
- **Welcome Reception**

Monday, April 29, 2024

Location: Kimbel Lodge

8:00 AM **Breakfast (provided)**

9:00 AM **Welcome and Instructions** - SAML President Clark Alexander

9:05 AM **Overview of Host Laboratory** - Bill Strosnider (30 min)

9:35 AM **SAML Laboratory Updates** - (3 minutes per lab, Clark Alexander to provide timing)

11:15 AM **Federal Briefing** - Alli Hays, Federal Science Partners

12:00 PM **Lunch (provided)**

1:00 PM **External Issue Discussion**

- NAML Best Practices in Field Safety and Accessibility document - Billie Swalla, chair NAML DEI Committee, Itchung Cheung, chair, NAML Education Committee.- [View/Download Document](#) on NAML website under Resources tab > Reports

1:45 PM **Break**

2:00 PM **SAML Business Meeting**

- All voting by Delegates only; voting by in-person and virtual attendees.
- Approval of Minutes of April 17, 2023 Meeting found here: [SAML 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes](#)
- SAML Elections - report of Nominating Committee (Sue Ebanks - Chair, Mike Allen, Mike Wetz)
 - Member-at-Large (2025-2027)
- SAML Dues delinquencies
- Treasurer Report - Eric Milbrandt
 - FY2023 summary
 - FY2024 Budget Overview
 - Audit Committee
- Education Committee Report - Melinda Simmons
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Report - Mike Wetz
- SAML Student Support Program - Loretta Battaglia, SAML President-Elect and Chair of Student Support Committee
- NAML Updates - Lou Burnett, NAML Executive Director
- New Business
 - Growing SAML/NAML membership
 - Future meeting venues - Gulf Coast progression, then suggest NE lab
 - Future internal/external topics for annual meetings

3:00 PM (approximately) **Tour of BMFL and historic Hobcaw House**

6:00 PM (approximately) **Dinner (provided):**

South Carolina Maritime Museum (729 Front St., Georgetown, SC)

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

Location: Kimbel Lodge

8:00 AM **Breakfast (provided)**

9:00 AM **SAML Student Support Awards Presentations** (6 talks at 15 min each)

- 9:00 - Macarena Martin Mayor, University of South Florida, "Spectrophotometric determination of bicarbonate dissociation constants (K_2): a model for estuarine and marine waters over a wide range of temperatures"
- 9:15 - Sully Sullivan, University of South Florida, "Remote sensing of *Sargassum* in the Florida Keys"
- 9:30 - Sam McClain, Texas A&M University, "Short-term improvement in coastal acidification and eutrophication along a coral reef at Kahekili Beach Park in Maui, Hawai'i"
- 9:45 - Maggie Knight, College of Charleston, "Application of a new method for detecting and quantifying phthalate exposure using blubber from bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*)"
- 10:00 - Jon Choi, Duke University, "The Endangered Species Act, public science, and scientific coordination on offshore wind"

- 10:15 - Mallory Mintz, University of Georgia, “*Akashiwo sanguinea* blooms in coastal Georgia: insights from high-resolution monitoring efforts”

10:30 AM **Break**

10:45 AM **Partnership Feature: NOAA NERRS Centralized Management Office: SWMP Program and Best Practices for time-series data collection and archiving**

- National SWMP Data Synthesis Report: “Quantifying short-term variability and long-term change in estuaries with NERR SWMP data,” Robert Dunn, Research Coordinator, North Inlet - Winyah Bay NERR

11:45 PM **Closing Remarks** - SAML President Clark Alexander

12:00 PM **Adjourn**

Lunch is Grab and Go style (provided)

Committees of SAML

Board of Directors

Clark Alexander, President 2024-2025
Loretta Battaglia, President-Elect 2024-2025
Sue Ebanks, Past President 2024-2025
Eric Milbrandt, Treasurer 2024-2025 (non-voting)
Sally Brooks, Secretary 2024-2025 (non-voting)
Antonietta Quigg, Member-at-Large 2022-2024
Mike Allen, Member-at-Large 2023-2025
Reide Corbett, Member-at-Large 2024-2026

Standing Committees

Nominating Committee 2024

Sue Ebanks (as Past President), Chair
Mike Wetz
Mike Allen

Finance Committee 2024

Eric Milbrandt, Chair (as Treasurer), Chair
Clark Alexander, President
Loretta Battaglia, President-Elect
Antonietta Quigg, longest-serving Member-at-Large

Audit Committee 2024

Ken Halanych, Chair
Jim Gelsleichter
Carys Mitchelmore

Other Committee(s)

Student Awards Committee 2024

Loretta Battaglia, Chair (as President-Elect)
Two players to be named later

