



## Ocean 180 Video Challenge Winners

Over the past month, nearly 21,000 students in middle school classrooms around the world viewed and critiqued the top ten video abstracts submitted for this year's Ocean 180 Video Challenge. In addition to casting their votes for their favorite videos, students also provided feedback to participating scientists on how they could improve their video storytelling and production skills and make their science more accessible to the public.

Five teams were honored for their excellence in science communication. Two entries were awarded first place prizes, one from Category 1 which included entries submitted by amateur teams, and one from Category 2, which included entries created with assistance from professional videographers. Both Category 1 and 2 videos were eligible for second place, third place, and honorable mention.

**Please join us in congratulating this year's winners!**

### **1st Place (Amateur Category)**

#### **Coral Reef Rescue: Save the Parrotfishes!**

Joseph Pawlik and Boston Dang, University of North Carolina, Wilmington

### **1st Place (Professional Category)**

#### **Drifting in the Gulf**

Guillaume Novelli and Laura Bracken Chaibongsai, Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science, University of Miami  
Patrick Rynne, Waterlust

### **2nd Place:**

#### **Where Do Sharks Spend Most of Their Time?**

Neil Hammerschlag, Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science, University of Miami  
Fiona Graham and Patrick Rynne Waterlust

### **3rd Place**

#### **Palmyra Atoll Reef Sharks**

Douglas McCauley, Julie Cohen, Alex Parraga, and Jessie Ward O'Sullivan, UC Santa Barbara

### **Honorable Mention**

#### **Diet Secrets of the Deep and Fathomous**

Anela Choy, Steven Haddock, Bruce Robison, Susan Von Thun, and Kyra Schlining, Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute

To learn more about the winning teams and to view the other 2018 Ocean 180 Video Challenge finalists, visit our website at [www.ocean180.org](http://www.ocean180.org)

We look forward to your participation in next year's Ocean 180 Video Challenge!

Sincerely,

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