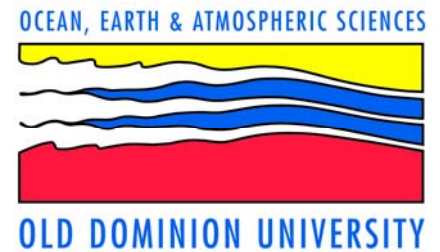




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Top Science Students from Virginia High Schools Compete in 15th Annual Regional Ocean Science Bowl

Sixteen teams, representing twelve Virginia high schools, faced off on Saturday, March 3, at the **15th Annual Blue Crab Bowl**. The academic contest, held this year at Old Dominion University (ODU) in Norfolk, tested the students' knowledge of the oceans. The **Blue Crab Bowl** is the Virginia regional competition of the National Ocean Science Bowl (NOSB[®]). Eighty students spent the day in heated tournament competition focused on the marine sciences. Teams came from all corners of the Commonwealth, from Manassas to Virginia Beach, Warrenton in the west to Exmore on the Eastern Shore.

For a record fifth year in row, **Bishop Sullivan Catholic High School** (Virginia Beach) won the top honors as First Place team. In Second Place was **Chesapeake Bay Governor's School-Glenns Campus**; **Seton School** (Manassas) took Third Place; and **Grafton High School** (Yorktown) placed Fourth.

The **Blue Crab Bowl** is a cooperative effort between Old Dominion University's Department of Ocean, Earth, and Atmospheric Sciences and the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, College of William and Mary. Over seventy volunteers, including faculty, staff and graduate students from both institutions, as well scientists from the US Navy and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration donated many hours of their time to ensure the success of this exciting event.

Virginia's **Blue Crab Bowl** was among the inaugural NOSB competitions in 1998. Designed to inspire and challenge high school students, NOSB contests like the Blue Crab Bowl test the competitors' knowledge of the marine sciences, covering the breadth of oceanography and maritime disciplines. **To date, the Blue Crab Bowl has involved over 1,220 of the Commonwealth's brightest science students from 52 public and private schools across Virginia.**

Using questions designed by marine scientists and educators, the contest tested students' knowledge of oceanography, geology, biology, maritime history and policy. Guided by their

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teacher coaches, students broadened their awareness and understanding of the oceans as they prepared for the competition. The Bowl provides a forum for students who excel in math and science to receive regional and national recognition for their diligence and talent. During Saturday's event, the competition started with a field of 16 teams, with four emerging as top contenders by late afternoon.

Competing teams included:

Bishop Sullivan Catholic High School – Team A, Virginia Beach
Bishop Sullivan Catholic High School – Team B, Virginia Beach
Broadwater Academy, Exmore
Chesapeake Bay Governor's School – Bowling Green Campus, Bowling Green
Chesapeake Bay Governor's School – Glens Campus, Glens
Chesapeake Bay Governor's School – Warsaw Campus, Warsaw
Churchland High School, Portsmouth
Fauquier High School, Warrenton
Governor's School for Science & Technology – Hampton
Grafton High School – Yorktown
Isle of Wight Academy – Team A, Isle of Wight
Isle of Wight Academy – Team B, Isle of Wight
Patrick Henry High School – Team A, Ashland
Patrick Henry High School – Team B, Ashland
Seton School –Team A, Manassas
Seton School –Team B, Manassas

During the Awards Ceremony, all teams were recognized with awards presented by **Dr. Roger Harvey**, Chair of ODU's Department of Ocean, Earth and Atmospheric Science, **Dr. Victoria Hill**, ODU's Coordinator for the Blue Crab Bowl, and **Dr. Carol Hopper Brill**, the Blue Crab Bowl Coordinator for the Virginia Institute of Marine Science. Dr. Harvey addressed the audience of close to 200, applauded the students' accomplishments and encouraged their continued studies in interdisciplinary marine sciences.

The winning team will represent Virginia in the national competition, facing 24 other regional champions at the **National Ocean Sciences Bowl (NOSB[®])**, April 19-22, in Baltimore, Maryland. NOSB is a program of the Consortium for Ocean Leadership in Washington, DC. NOSB seeks to interest students in ocean science as a college major and potential career. Through 25 regional competitions across the nation, NOSB also provides an educational forum intended to: generate student interest in the ocean sciences; improve awareness of our oceans, coasts and Great Lakes; and create an "ocean literate" society that can meet the ocean challenges of the future. During 2012, an expected 2,000 students from nearly 400 high schools from around the country will participate in this this fifteenth annual event.

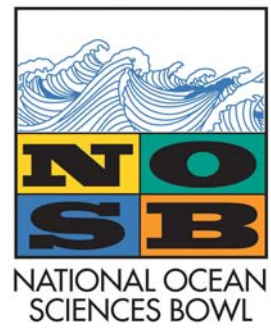
The Blue Crab Bowl wouldn't be possible without the generous support of national, regional and local sponsors. Among them are: ODU's Office of University Events; Webb University Center; ODU's Pretlow Planetarium; the Virginia Institute of Marine Science; Virginia Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program; Leave Only Bubbles/What If Scientific; Hampton Inn-Naval Base Norfolk; Nauticus; the Mid-Atlantic Marine Education Association; and the National Marine Educators Association.

For further information, please contact Dr. Carol Hopper Brill via phone at 804-684-7735, e-mail chopper@vims.edu. Information about the **Blue Crab Bowl** is also available at www.vims.edu/bcb. For information on other competitions around the country and the National Ocean Science Bowl, visit www.nosb.org/.

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BLUE CRAB BOWL 2012 WINNING TEAMS



1st Place:
Bishop Sullivan Catholic High –
Team A
Coach Bill Dunn

2nd Place:
Chesapeake Bay Governor's
School - Glenns
Coach Sara Chaves Beam

3rd Place:
Seton School – Team A
Coach Patricia von Reyn



4th Place:
Grafton High School
Coach Adrienne Richardson



Photo Captions:

First Place: Bishop Sullivan Catholic High School – Team A, Virginia Beach

For the fifth year in a row, students from **Bishop Sullivan Catholic High School's Team A** took **First Place in the 2012 Blue Crab Bowl**. The 15th Annual Virginia Regional competition of the National Ocean Sciences Bowl was held at Old Dominion University on Saturday, March 3. Coached by **science teachers William Dunn** (far left) and **Carol Stapanowich** (far right), team members include (from left to right): **Cameron Forren** (sophomore); **Josh Taylor** (junior); Team Captain **Walker Olsen** (senior); **Matt Foley** (senior); and **Will Harris** (sophomore). Photo by Janet Krenn, Virginia Sea Grant, VIMS.

Second Place: Chesapeake Bay Governor's School – Glens Campus

The Chesapeake Bay Governor's School - Glens team captured **Second Place** in the 2012 Blue Crab Bowl. The 15th Annual Virginia Regional competition of the National Ocean Sciences Bowl was held at Old Dominion University on Saturday, March 3. Science teacher **Coach Sara Chaves Beam** (far left), has a winning history at the Bowl. This year's team members include, left to right: **Grayson Johnson** (senior, Middlesex High School); **Alexys Gray** (junior, New Kent High); **Team Captain Emma Hepworth** (senior, Gloucester High); **Marissa Voight** (junior, King & Queen High); and **Hans Saunders** (junior, Mathews High). Photo by Janet Krenn, Virginia Sea Grant, VIMS.

Third Place: Seton School – Team A, Manassas

The **Seton School – Team A**, coached by **Patricia von Reyn** (far left) and **John von Reyn** (far right), took Third Place. Team members include, left to right: **Jennie Block** (junior,); **Team Co-Captains Mark LaVigne** (senior) and **Collette Marchesseault** (senior); and **Rachel Kellogg** (senior). Photo by Janet Krenn, Virginia Sea Grant, VIMS.

Fourth Place: Grafton High School, Yorktown

The team from **Grafton High School**, coached by **science teacher Adrienne Richardson** (far left) received **Fourth Place** honors. Grafton High has a history of wins at the Blue Crab Bowl. The 2012 team includes, left to right: **Elizabeth Bankston** (junior); **Team Captain Gillian Davis** (senior); **Taylor Gestwick** (junior); **Joanna Ely** (senior); and **Chris Haley** (senior). Photo by Janet Krenn, Virginia Sea Grant, VIMS.

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