

GRAY'S REEF OCEAN FILM FESTIVAL – January 16 – 17, 2015



The 12th annual Gray's Reef Ocean Film Festival – Emerging Filmmakers Competition calls for student film submissions – accepting entries through December 7!

Are you interested in filmmaking? Would you like to raise public awareness for conservation of our oceans?

Gray's Reef Ocean Film festival invites your film submissions!

Our film festival theme this year is "connectivity." In what ways are we all connected to the ocean? In what ways does the ocean connect us all as cultures around the world?

Through our student film competition, we hope to provide an opportunity for students to use their knowledge and skills to address important issues regarding our ocean. Specifically, we are looking for short films that communicate how we are connected to the ocean, and how the ocean connects diverse cultures around the world.

Filmmakers and filmmaking teams are encouraged to demonstrate their creativity and filmmaking skills for a panel of judges, including professional filmmakers, ocean conservationists, and educators. Selected films will be shown on the big screen at our 12th annual Gray's Reef Ocean Film Festival in January 2015.

Films will be selected on the basis of creativity, skill, and the ability of the filmmakers to tell a story, to inform an audience, and to move an audience to take action. A scoring rubric will be used for judging student films and is available here for reference.

Awards will be given to first, second, and third place winners of the Emerging Filmmakers Competition!

- Film submissions must be 15 minutes or less (including credits)
- All audio/video/graphic content must be original, copyright free or have written permission, and be properly documented
- Video creation tools will be allowed for production, with documented use of such tools
- All of the production must be the work of a student or student teams (capture, edit, produce)
- Final submissions should be in .mov format and must include a completed student film submission form



Winning teams of 2013 Emerging Filmmakers Competition



Enthusiastic volunteers at the 2013 Gray's Reef Ocean Film Festival

The deadline to submit films is December 7th, 2014.

For more information visit <http://graysreef.noaa.gov/> or contact Gray's Reef Communications and Outreach Coordinator Amy Rath at amy.rath@noaa.gov.

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