Your high school is invited to participate in the 21st Annual Blue Crab Bowl, one of 25 regional National Ocean Sciences Bowl (NOSB®) competitions held throughout the country. The Blue Crab Bowl is a round-robin, double-elimination academic tournament using questions about marine science and the world's oceans. Regional Bowl winners are invited to participate in the National Finals competition in Boulder, Colorado, April 19-22, 2018. A variety of prizes for students and coaches are awarded at both the regional and the national bowls.

When & Where?
- November 1: last day to Pre-Register (submit Intent Form)
- November 2: teams notified of acceptance
- December 18: accepted teams’ registration forms due
- Feb. 2 & 3: Blue Crab Bowl, ODU’s Higher Education Center, Virginia Beach, VA
- April 19-22, 2018: NOSB National Finals, Boulder, CO

Interested in competing?
- Submit the PRE-REGISTRATION form found in this brochure or online at www.vims.edu/bcb. This form must be received no later than NOVEMBER 1, 2017.
- From the pre-registration forms submitted, up to 16 teams will be selected to compete.
- Selected teams will be notified by NOVEMBER 2 and must submit a complete registration packet by DECEMBER 18, 2017.
- Remaining teams will be waitlisted in order of lottery drawing. If a competition space becomes available, waitlisted teams will be invited to participate based on lottery position. Existing registration deadlines will apply.
- Teams pay a registration fee to help support Bowl-day costs.

Patterned on the National Science Bowl®, the National Ocean Sciences Bowl provides a venue for students who excel in math and science. Participants receive regional and national recognition for their diligence and talent while broadening their awareness and understanding of the oceans.

The Blue Crab Bowl is for Virginia* high schools and secondary-level educational organizations. A competition team consists of five students and one adult coach. *See the BCB website for a list of exceptions.

The 2018 format for each round of regional and national competitions will be 6 minutes of buzzer questions (toss-up and bonus), two written team challenge questions, 2-minute break, followed by 6 minutes of buzzer questions. Buzzer questions are worth 4 or 6 points; team challenge questions are worth up to 20 points (partial credit possible). Find sample questions on the NOSB website at www.nosb.org.
Yes! PRE-REGISTRATION Form (Statement of Intent)

My school wants to participate in the 2018 Blue Crab Bowl! We understand that returning this Intent Form does not constitute registration and that only a limited number of teams will be selected to participate.

Coach Name:

High School:

Address:

e-mail:

Telephone & best time to call:

Fax:

This Year’s Field Trip
To be determined
Friday, February 2, 2018

__ Yes, my students and I can participate in the Friday field trip.

__ No, my students and I can’t participate in the Friday field trip.

Please return this form before November 1 to:

Dr. Carol Hopper Brill
VIMS Marine Advisory Program
P.O. Box 1346
Gloucester Point, VA 23062
or via e-mail to chopper@vims.edu

Visit the Blue Crab Bowl website for current information and the online Pre-Registration Form (Statement of Intent).

www.vims.edu/bcb

Blue Crab Bowl 2017 Champions
Bishop Sullivan Catholic High School