Your high school is invited to participate in the 24th Annual Blue Crab Bowl, one of 25 regional National Ocean Sciences Bowl (NOSB®) competitions held throughout the country. The Blue Crab Bowl is a virtual academic tournament using questions about marine science and the world’s oceans. Regional Bowl winners are invited to participate in the National Finals competition TBD May 2021. A variety of prizes for students and coaches are awarded at both the regional and the national bowls.

When & Where?
- November 4, 2020: last day to Pre-Register (submit Intent Form online)
- November 6: teams notified of acceptance
- December 16: accepted teams’ registration forms due
- February 26-27, 2021: Virtual Blue Crab Bowl
- May, 2021: National Finals Competition

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 2021 format will be virtual using the Zoom platform, and will be modeled after the 2020 NOSB finals. Due to the virtual nature of the competition, matches will be individual instead of head to head. Please visit the Blue Crab Bowl website for updates on virtual competition format, structure and virtual competition rules. Find sample questions on the NOSB website at www.nosb.org.

Interested in competing?
- Submit the PRE-REGISTRATION form found online at www.vims.edu/bcb. This form must be received no later than NOVEMBER 4, 2020.
- From the pre-registration forms submitted, up to 16 teams will be selected to compete.
- Selected teams will be notified by NOVEMBER 6 and must submit a complete registration packet by DECEMBER 16, 2020.
- 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.
Blue Crab Bowl 2021 Hosts

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

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