



Hosted at Mote Science Education Aquarium (SEA), 225 University Town Center Drive, Sarasota, FL 34243

Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2025, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Science Communication – Lessons Learned Workshop

This event is not open to the public. Limited registration, priority will be given to scientists who have attended the ABT training or are presenting at the Dec. 3 seminar.

This workshop is designed to reinforce science communication techniques learned through narrative training and build a science communication community of practice.

Agenda

- Check-in
- Introduction
- Narrative Structure – Matthew David, ABT Narrative Training Program co-instructor
- Successful Modes of Science Communication
- Lessons Learned
- Review Narratives for the *Science Stories From Your Community* Seminar

Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2025, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Science Stories from Your Community

This event is FREE and open to the public; however, pre-registration is required.

Learn about the science and management happening in your communities through compelling, story-driven narratives designed to help you connect with the environmental conditions in your backyard. Attendance is strongly encouraged.

Agenda

- Registration
- Meet the Scientists – Poster Session and Networking
- Introduction
- Keynote Speaker – Rob Modys, Master Captain, host of the *Catch You Outdoors* podcast, and former host of ESPN's *Reel Talk Radio*
- Showcase of Science Stories – The Intersections of Coastal Communities

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- Lunch break
- Showcase of Science Stories – The Intersections of Coastal Communities (continued).
- Closing Remarks

Evening Reception, 5-7 p.m.

Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Florida Aquatic Preserves Act. Learn more about the people and organizations that are protecting Aquatic Preserves through their research, education and stewardship activities.

Agenda

- Keynote Speaker
- A series of presentations and videos highlighting the value of the Aquatic Preserve Act.

Additional speakers to be announced.

Exhibit:

Clyde Butcher's Living Waters: Aquatic Preserves of Florida

This extraordinary collection of black-and-white photographs showcases the beauty of Florida's natural environment.

Thursday, Dec. 4, 2025, *Times may vary by excursion*

Guided Experiences

Open to participants who register for and attend the Dec. 3 seminar.

Continue to immerse yourself through a guided experience related to the themes covered during the Science Stories from Your Community seminar. You may choose to participate in one of the following excursions:

1. Tour of Mote Science Education Aquarium (SEA)
2. Tour of Mote Aquaculture Research Park (MAP), including the Florida Red Tide Mitigation and Technology Development Facility and the International Coral Gene Bank.
3. Sarasota Bay Explorers guided boat tour

Excursion details and timing to be confirmed. Availability may be limited.