



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

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.

Agenda

- 7:30 AM** **Registration opens**
- 8:00 AM** **Poster session begins**
- 9:00 AM** **Welcome and 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
 Coastal wetlands
 Oyster reef
- 12:10 PM** **Lunch (*on your own*)**
- 1:30 PM** **Showcase of Science Stories cont.**
 Water column
 Submerged aquatic vegetation
- 4:45 PM** **Closing Remarks**
- 5:00 PM** **Adjourn**

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Thursday, Dec. 4, 2025, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. EST | *Times may vary by excursion*

Science Stories from Your Community – 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:

- Tour of Mote Science Education Aquarium (SEA)

What: Tour of Mote Science Education Aquarium (SEA)

When: Thursday, Dec. 4, 2025 | 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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

- Tour of Mote Aquaculture Research Park (MAP), including the Florida Red Tide Mitigation and Technology Development Facility and the International Coral Gene Bank.

What: Tour of Mote Aquaculture Research Park (MAP)

When: Thursday, Dec. 4, 2025 | 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Where: Mote Aquaculture Research Park (MAP), 12300 Fruitville Rd, Sarasota, FL 34240.

Distance from Mote SEA: 12 miles

- Sarasota Bay Explorers guided boat tour

What: Sarasota Bay Explorers guided boat tour

When: Thursday, Dec. 4, 2025 | 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Where: Mote Marine Laboratory & Aquarium: Sarasota Bay Explorers, 1600 Ken Thompson Parkway, Sarasota, FL 34236.

Distance from Mote SEA: 14 miles