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## A Message from Executive Director Dr. Brian Roberts

Thank you for taking some time to read the first installment of our new newsletter. Whether you are a long-term supporter of LUMCON or you are just getting to know us, my hope is that our new endeavor to share information with you helps you get to know LUMCON better. If you think you know LUMCON, I am guessing there is still a lot you don't know. Using broad strokes here is who and what we are;

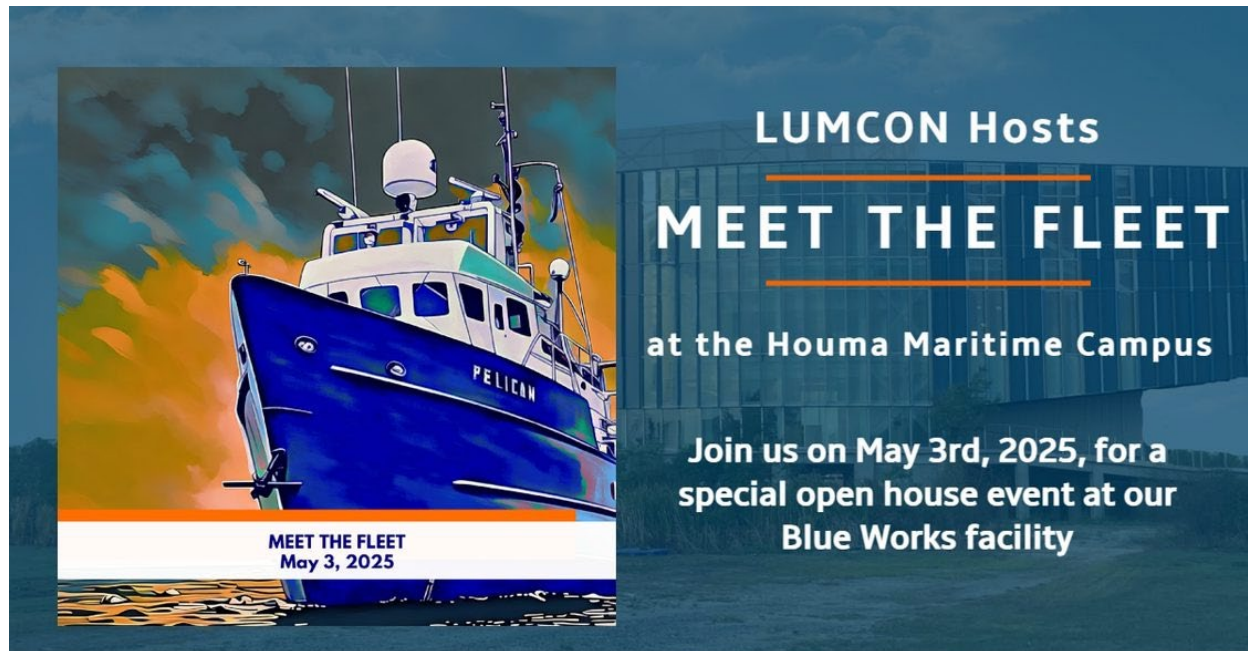
- **We are more than a physical location.** LUMCON is a consortium of members that includes all of Louisiana's 32 public and 10 private postsecondary institutions of higher learning.
- **What is good for LUMCON is good for the state of Louisiana.** Partnerships and collaboration are at the forefront of the work we do.
  - **Lead and partner in scientific innovations.** Our faculty members work collaboratively on research designed to stabilize and strengthen coastal and marine environments for the state and the nation.
  - **Invent and find new approaches to help redefine Louisiana's workforce.** Our education & outreach programs have a strong emphasis on workforce training and learner development to support and empower current and future marine scientists and ocean-literate citizens.
- **LUMCON is a community hub.** We facilitate collaborations that share expertise, resources, and capacity to make the state a leader in all aspects of coastal and marine study and life through its convening and collaboration capacity to address our most compelling questions and challenges.
- **Growth and expansion.** Continuation of an era of growth and expansion ensures that we can achieve our mission to serve the state of Louisiana.
  - Our recent improvements to the facilities and resources at the Marine Center in Cocodrie help to ensure that it will remain a premiere living

laboratory on the coast.

- Our new state-of-the-art facility, Blue Works, as the first of several new projects on the Houma Maritime Campus, is a testament to how we work with others to foster scientific innovation and education through industry partnerships.

Below are buttons to help you navigate from this newsletter to our website and our revised Strategic Plan Framework. Both are where you can learn more about LUMCON and our plans to continue being an invaluable resource for the state of Louisiana and the region.

Upcoming editions of this newsletter will be sent to you the first week of every month. In them, we will share our stories, successes, and continued and new initiatives that reflect how we're advancing science, investing in students, and building collaborations that make a difference right here in Louisiana and the Gulf Coast region.



**LUMCON Hosts**

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**at the Houma Maritime Campus**

**Join us on May 3rd, 2025, for a special open house event at our Blue Works facility**

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May 3, 2025



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