



## Ocean Exchange Names Winners of 2023 Awards

Two winners from the US and one from Switzerland claimed \$100,000 prizes.

Fort Lauderdale, FL - October 30, 2023 - The [Ocean Exchange](#), a leader in supporting the acceleration of innovative solutions for healthy oceans and the sustainable blue economy, announces the winners of its prestigious Neptune, Wallenius Wilhelmsen Orcelle®, and Transportation/Logistics Hub Awards. The winners were selected from an international list of 22 finalists at the Ocean Exchange 2023 event, held October 22-24 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

“Now in our 12th year, this award competition was again the largest and most competitive in our organization’s history, breaking the highs set in 2022. With a record number of applications and impressive global reach, it was fitting that the competing finalists came from 10 countries, reflecting the international scope of an event that is tackling critical worldwide issues,” said Millicent Pitts, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director of Ocean Exchange.

“Wallenius Wilhelmsen regards decarbonization as an opportunity to grasp rather than a challenge to endure. We are determined, but we are humble; we don’t have all the answers and can’t make the transition toward net zero emissions alone. Innovation and partnership are central to reaching our decarbonization targets, which is exactly why we value our long-term relationship with The Ocean Exchange so highly,” noted Roger Strevens, Vice President, Regulatory and Environmental Affairs at Wallenius Wilhelmsen.



Winners of the 2023 Ocean Exchange Awards (Left to Right): Wallenius Wilhelmsen Orcelle®, Helix Power Corporation Kevin Blackman, Co-Founder; Transportation/Logistics Hub Award, Swiss Ocean Tech, Thomas Frizlen, Founder; and Neptune Award, REMORA Technical, Matt Newberry, President and Chief Engineer.



The 2023 award recipients are:

Wallenius Wilhelmsen Orcelle®, Helix Power, represented by Kevin Blackman, Co-Founder from the United States, Massachusetts. Helix Power produces kinetic batteries for zero-emission port operations through the elimination of diesel-powered cranes, generators, and other greenhouse gas-emitting equipment from seaport operations. These kinetic batteries are designed to moderate short-cycle peaks in energy demand inherent to port operations. The solution addresses surges by recycling the recovered energy.

The Transportation/Logistics Hub Award, went to Swiss Ocean Tech, represented by their Co-Founders, Thomas Frizlen and Suzy Chisholm from Zurich, Switzerland.

AnchorGuardian by Swiss Ocean Tech is a cutting-edge and patented technology that offers a complete range of intelligent data throughout the anchoring procedure that immediately recognizes anchor drag, thus minimizing the risk of groundings, collisions, and environmental damage.

The 2023 Neptune Award went to REMORA Technical, Matt Newberry, President and Chief Engineer, and Brooke Flammang, Lead Scientist, from the United States, New Jersey. Using biomimicry to replicate the remora's lamellae, this solution is a non-invasive long-term method to track migratory marine species. This method solves issues for device attachment so that data can be collected for longer periods of time. The apparatuses can be deployed, collected, and reused.

### **About Ocean Exchange**

Ocean Exchange is a global ecosystem whose mission is to accelerate the adoption of innovative solutions for healthy oceans and the sustainable blue economy. A 501(c)(3), Ocean Exchange fulfills this mission through a rigorous, multi-level program that includes annual monetary awards, promoting registered Solutions Inspiring Action across multiple communication channels, and facilitating access to the global network comprising its Board of Directors, Delegates, Solutions Review Team, Executive Team and other experts from around the world. Ocean Exchange's mission is funded by private donations including those from Wallenius Wilhelmsen, Royal Caribbean, Schmidt Marine Technology Partners, Oceankind, Marine Research Hub of South Florida, Oceaneering, Angus Littlejohn, Jr. Family, and others who share the passion for healthy oceans. To learn more, visit [Oceanexchange.org](https://oceanexchange.org).

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