

Message From the *MTS Journal* Editor

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It is my pleasure to present this General Issue to the MTS community. This issue features technical manuscripts on a variety of topics of interest to the MTS community including the hydrodynamic analysis of floating offshore wind turbines (Elkafas et al.), dynamic behavior analysis of an engineering ship with mooring line failure (Wu et al.), generalized energy-based leader selection in a bio-inspired leader-follower autonomous underwater vehicle network (Shakeera et al.), numerical analysis of the hydrodynamics of a propulsor for high efficiency (Srivastava et al.), design optimization of a KCS ship form considering wave action (Sun & Zhang), modeling and predictive control of an automatic launch and recycling system for an unmanned surface vehicle based a nonlinear autoregressive neural network (Liu et al.), power characteristics assessment of a tidal energy converter (Wang et al.), and methodologies for reliability and a functional safety assessment of offshore systems (Folleau & Vedachalam).

Upcoming issues of the *MTS Journal* will include manuscripts on the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development, technologies advancing polar science, best of OCEANS 2021, and buoy technology. As always, the *MTS Journal* Editorial Board welcomes suggestions for future themed issues of the Journal.

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