

*Current Tides* is a biennial oceanographic research magazine first published in 2013 at Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada. The associated blog (<http://currenttides.ocean.dal.ca/>) hosts an online version of the magazine, along with related news. The Department of Oceanography at Dalhousie produces world-renowned research in chemical, biological, physical and geological oceanography. The graduate (PhD) students in the department contribute especially to this score with an average of 4 publications in peer-reviewed scientific journals per thesis. While articles in these journals communicate scientific findings to a very informed audience, it is rare to find a platform that offers the whole breadth and depth of research in a way that prioritizes accessibility. *Current Tides* aims to bridge this gap and showcases graduate students' work to both the public and the scientific community, nationally and internationally.

*Current Tides* contains research articles with a broad scope highlighting some of the research in Oceanography at Dalhousie. Several PhD and MSc students contributed a summary of their work emphasizing significant findings. These articles were written in a comprehensive way supported by various illustrations and pictures in order to make the magazine attractive in a variety of ways and for all audiences. They cover all subdisciplines of oceanography from the necessary basics and convey the scope of research activities in our department.

The first Volume of *Current Tides* was financed, edited and published by the Oceanography Student Association. Developing this magazine allowed us to improve the way we communicate our scientific results to a broad and popular audience. It is a very valuable experience in bridging the gap between scientists and the public through proper use of media. Learning the ropes around financing, publishing and editing a polished magazine was a steep learning curve for everyone involved but we think the result is well worth it. The skills developed during the process will be useful in our future scientific careers since communicating your work to a variety of audiences is crucial to making an impact.

We hope that *Current Tides* is capable of making oceanographic research more accessible to a variety of readers ranging from high-school to graduate students and from the informed public to research scientists, and motivate them to dive deeper into the subject. By distributing *Current Tides* to a variety of oceanography-related universities and institutions world-wide, we also hope to promote the students along with Dalhousie as a world-class research university. The publicity and contacts obtained through the dissemination of the magazine can be invaluable. Who knows? It may even be a first step in the direction of securing a post-doctoral position for students planning an academic career in the field.

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