

## **Maury Award**

The Maury Award, named after 19th Century scientist and author of *Physical Geography of the Sea* (1855), is given to recognize a published, peer-reviewed paper that has made a significant contribution to advancing coastal or marine geography during the award year. Papers will be judged based on their scientific, technical, and/or methodological merits. Other factors to be gauged by the award committee include quality of the journal, co-authorship and innovation.

The Maury Award is open to all papers on which a dues-paying member of the COMA specialty group is the sole or first author and which has been published in the peer-reviewed literature (not including books or non-peer reviewed book chapters) during a calendar year (e.g., the Maury award given at the 2019 AAG meeting is presented for a paper published in 2018). Papers appearing in early-release online format are eligible. Papers sole or first-authored by current COMA officers are not eligible.

Nominations for a given year's award may be made by any dues-paying COMA member until the last day of February the following year, by submitting an email nomination to the Chair of the COMA specialty group. The nomination must include a copy or URL link to the paper for evaluation.

The nominated author(s), if attending the AAG Meeting, will present a brief summary of their work at the COMA Business Meeting prior to receiving with the award.

The Vice-Chair and officers (excluding the Chair unless the voting is tied) shall vote on the award during the first week in March, or prior to the annual business meeting. The winner will be notified immediately thereafter. No more than one award shall be given per year (some years may have no winner).

The winner of the Maury Award will receive a commemorative plaque and letter of citation. Any co-authors will also receive a letter of citation. The paper and authors will be listed on the COMA web page and in the COMA newsletter.