

It's A Wrap!

The 2010 Gray's Reef Ocean Film Festival was a remarkable success!

More than 40 films were viewed by more than 4,000 people.

More than 300 students attended a special Saturday morning program honoring the marine science program at Thunderbolt Elementary Marine Science Academy.

More than a dozen filmmakers & speakers attended.

Dozens of wonderful volunteers made it work

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Join us in letting our partners know how much we all appreciate their support of the 2010 Gray's Reef Ocean Film Festival and their commitment to raising awareness about the importance of ocean stewardship.

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For a complete schedule of films visit <http://graysreef.noaa.gov> and look for Ocean Film Festival Savannah on Facebook.

And the Winners Are. . .

- Satva Leung for “Students Saving the Ocean” winner of Judges Best Pick and Call to Action Categories
- Kathy Sloan for “Witness to Hiroshima” winner of Short Film Category
- Rick Morris for “Cold As Ice” and “What’s Down There” winner of the Ocean Exploration and Discovery Category
- Geert Droppers for “Gimme A Hug” winner of the Public Service Category

And the Winners Are...

- Joseph Zarzynski & Pete Pepe for “Wooden Bones: The Sunken Fleet of 1758” and NOAA Media Center for “Lost on a Reef” co winner of the Maritime Heritage Category (tie score)
- Jordan Plotsky for “Home for Hawksbill” winner of the Coastal/Island Culture Category



And the Student Filmmakers Levitt Award Winners Are...

- Landon Lott and Tim Arnold for “Skimming the Surface” winner of the Ocean Gold Levitt Award
- Megan Gruver, Alicia May & Lori Snow for “Big Cat Rescue” winner of the Ocean Silver Levitt Award
- Chris Hannant for “Before Too Long” winner of the Ocean Bronze Levitt Award



About The Dr. Robert O. Levitt Award for Student Filmmakers. . .

- Dr. Robert O. Levitt, a Savannah area internist, loved scuba diving.
- He was a pioneer in dive medicine, writing professional articles in the 1970s to help other physicians understand the rigors of recreational scuba diving. He taught scuba for years and wrote the first diving instruction text books used by the YMCA's diving instructors.
- He was inspired by undersea explorer and filmmaker Jacques Cousteau and by Lloyd Bridges' early television show, "Sea Hunt" to carry on his own diving adventures in the West Indies and Mexico. He dove with the Cousteau family.
- While practicing medicine in Chicago, Dr. Levitt became involved with the Shed Aquarium. He was a founder of "Our World Underwater," a consumer oriented dive show with a film component. The "Our World Underwater Scholarship Society" enables students to spend one year working side by side with leaders in underwater fields.

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- As president of the Coastal Georgia Archaeological Society, Dr. Levitt brought the International Society for Historical Archaeology's Conference for Historical and Underwater Archaeology to Savannah. At that meeting, Savannah's residents were the first to see Dr. Bob Ballard's original underwater footage of the ship *Titanic*.
- His widow, Kathryn Levitt carries on his interest in and concern for the ocean with her support of the Gray's Reef Ocean Film Festival. Her support allows the Gray's Reef Ocean Film Festival to offer first, second and third place prizes designed to help Savannah College of Art and Design student filmmakers further their underwater filmmaking careers.

It took Filmmakers, Volunteers, Sponsors and Staff to Make the 2010 Gray's Reef Ocean Film Festival a Hit . . .



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