WHAT IS IT?
The National Ocean Sciences Bowl (NOSB) is a national academic competition where teams of high school students compete for the regional and national title. The matches feature quiz-bowl style rounds and challenge questions that test a team’s ocean and Great Lakes knowledge.

The questions focus on ocean and Great Lakes biology, chemistry, geology, physics, technology, history, and economics.

Regional competitions are held throughout the nation in February and March, with the final national competition held in April.

WHO COMPETES?
Teams consisting of four students and one alternate are eligible. Teachers act as coaches.

The competition features a six-minute buzzer round, with two team challenge questions, followed by another six-minute buzzer round.

WHAT ARE THE PRIZES?
The Great Lakes Bowl will award cash, trophies, medals, and other prizes to top finishers.

The regional winning team receives a paid trip to compete in the National Ocean Sciences Bowl finals hosted in different locations each year.

This year the national competition will be held April 19–22, 2018, in Boulder, Colorado.

National prizes have included cruises on research vessels, visits to laboratories, computer hardware/software for the winning team’s school, lab equipment/supplies, scholarships and trophies.

HOW DO I COMPETE?
The Great Lakes Bowl is limited to 16 teams. The first 16 to register will compete.

Registration deadline: December 8, 2017

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