

## **MTS Meeting Announcement and Invitation**

**To: MTS Florida Section Members and Prospective Members**

**The first Marine Technology Society (MTS) Florida Section meeting for the new year will be held at the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution (HBOI) located just north of Fort Pierce, FL on Saturday, February 15, 2003. This will be an opportunity for current and prospective members to get together for an update on the Society while hearing about and touring one of the world's foremost oceanographic research institutions.**

**As you can see a great program has been planned for the day.**

<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Sign in at the HBOI J. Seward Johnson Marine Education and Conference Center</b>
<b>10:15 AM</b>	<b>Welcoming Remarks</b>
<b>10:20 AM</b>	<b>Florida Section meeting and an update on MTS</b>
<b>10:35 AM</b>	<b>Presentation by HBOI on their science and research</b>
<b>11:15 AM</b>	<b>Tour of HBOI and including a tour of a HBOI vessel currently in port</b>
<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Lunch at the HBOI</b>
<b>2:00 PM</b>	<b>Program concludes</b>

**This is a real opportunity to see and experience what Harbor Branch does. With it's campus like setting, their unique manned submersibles, and their cutting edge research, it is clear why they have long been an MTS Institutional Member.**

**We look forward to seeing you on the 15<sup>th</sup>. In addition we would like to extend a special welcome to those Florida colleges and universities that have recently expressed an interest in starting new MTS Student Sections.**

**Please look over the Harbor Branch web site ([www.hboi.edu](http://www.hboi.edu)) for an overview, driving directions, etc. Again, we look forward to seeing you there.**

**Sincerely,**

**Douglas A. Briggs, Chairman  
MTS Florida Section**