

# Ocean Mapping Honor

## John Hughes Clarke inducted into Hydrographer Hall of Fame

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John Hughes Clarke, professor of Earth sciences and ocean engineering in UNH's Center for [Coastal and Ocean Mapping/Joint Hydrographic Center](#), has been inducted into the Hydrographer Hall of Fame class of 2021. Hughes Clarke is one of four scientists who received this distinguished honor from The Hydrographic Society of America (THSOA).

Hydrography is the science that measures and describes the physical features of bodies of water. THSOA has bestowed this award on Hughes Clarke for his "tremendous history of innovation in ocean mapping," as well as the myriad technical papers he has authored and the numerous hydrographers he has taught over the years.

“This is a very well-deserved honor for John who has for years been at the forefront of the development of new tools and innovative approaches to hydrographic science,” says Larry Mayer, director for CCOM. “He has used his deep understanding of the complexities of ocean mapping to create pragmatic solutions, and his long legacy of training and teaching has inspired many others in the field.”

Hughes Clarke has spent the last three decades of his career focused primarily on ocean mapping and marine sediment transport in deep waters. His current research within CCOM multi-beam echosounder mapping research, which helps to support the goals of [NOAA’s Office of Coast Survey](#). In addition to his distinguished research career, Hughes Clarke also teaches ocean mapping classes at UNH.

The hall of fame was created by THSOA to honor hydrographers who have had distinguished careers, contributed to the advancement of hydrographic science and/or provided exemplary service to the society. Hughes Clarke joins Mayer and Andy Armstrong, NOAA co-director of CCOM/JHC in the hall of fame.

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