





Planned for week of 16 - 18 Dec 2025

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The CyberBoat Challenge brings together students, government, industry, and the security community to learn about marine cybersecurity vulnerabilities and ways to help secure them. The 1st CyberBoat Challenge ran at Michigan Tech in Houghton, MI in 2022. The 2nd CyberBoat Challenge ran at USCB in Beaumont, SC in 2024; the 3rd Challenge is planned for Greater Wilmington, NC in December of 2025.

Security companies, researchers, and government organizations (state and federal) joined to help teach the students, give them access to equipment and tools, and help them form connections in the marine industry.

The Cyber Challenges are a family of nonprofits each concentrating on cybersecurity in different domains. The first sibling event was held in 2012 with the second Cyber Challenge established in 2017. Since then four additional Challenges have joined the family with the same mission and focus on being proactive supporters of each community creating trust with integrity.

Vision & Mission

Mission 1: to excite and educate the next generation workforce about the technologically interesting and socially meaningful career opportunities in the marine cybersecurity domain and help connect them to willing mentors in industry, government, and the research community.

Mission 2: to help forge and/or foster a community of interest amongst the professionals to help find common ground in addressing cybersecurity concerns and helping them align on current topics.





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Why Sponsor?



Work with, and evaluate, motivated, talented students for potential employment in your organization



Work alongside cybersecurity researchers to understand methods and techniques as well as better understand your threat exposure



Technical interactions with industry engineering peers to foster a community of interest (COI) and harmonize industry approach to cybersecurity



Work alongside government engineers to build rapport

with their asset and the use of their name. The mission is to foster a



community of interest for all parties.

Everyone participating in the CyberBoat Challenge signs an event NDA; this is non-negotiable. The trust of our sponsors and participants is crucial to the long standing success of the family of Cyber Challenge events. Sponsors control the release of any photo



Sponsor Packages due by Sentember 200

Pledges due by September 1, 2025

Silver \$10,000

- Small sponsor logos will be included prominently on the CyberBoat Challenge sponsor boards
- Sponsor's logo will also be on the slide for public outreach and promotion
- Eligible to bring a component to the event for student assessment & training
- Can bring up to 2 engineers to participate in the event

Gold \$20,000

- Dedicated vendor table space will be available for the sponsor
- Medium sponsor logos on the CyberBoat Challenge sponsor board
- Sponsor's logo will be on the slide for public outreach and promotion
- Eligible to bring a boar or a simulator system to the event for student assessment
- Can bring up to four (4) people * to participate in the event
- Cited as a breakfast sponsor

Platinum \$30,000

- Dedicated vendor table space
- Large sponsor logos on sponsor boards
- Sponsor's logo on slides for public outreach & promotion
- Large sponsor logos printed on banners, & other promotional material
- One meal attributed to the sponsor
- Sponsor can schedule a short speaking slot to address participants
- Sponsor may bring an asset to the event
- Sponsor may send up to six (6) attendees plus an HR representative on Mon/Tuesday.
- Individual LinkedIn announcement

Premier Ask

- All benefits of Platinum PLUS:
- Logo and/or name will be included in the year's event t-shirts as well as briefing material
- Challenge coin issued with your logo on obverse
- Reasonable number of attendee slots
- Receive a copy of the student attendee list and a list of all sponsoring entities (except those who sponsor on the precondition of anonymity).
- LinkedIn media announcement written in collaboration with our team

Contact us

For more information.





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