



BLACK IN MARINE SCIENCE HOSTS “LITTY HOUR” AT THE HISTORIC VIRGINIA KEY BEACH PARK TO HONOR THE LIBERATION OF OUR ANCESTORS ON JUNETEENTH.

Featuring exclusive documentary trailer premieres, shorts and a live panel discussion.

Miami, Florida. – Litty Hour celebrates storytelling and environmental justice in Black coastal communities. At the Historic Virginia Key Beach Park on June 19, Black In Marine Science (BIMS), Ocean Conservancy, Large-Scale CoPe: Strongs Coasts, and BlueGAP, will host an exclusive screening featuring documentaries, Harm in the Water and A Splash of Color, and shorts, including BIMS Bite, Mangroves in Belize. The event will bring together current and future leaders in ocean, coastal, and climate science research and individuals who incorporate storytelling into their science to raise awareness and promote community justice. Documentary filmmakers have collaborated with scientists and community leaders to share stories about the work of these champions in dynamic films funded by BlueGAP, a National Science Foundation Blue Economy Convergence Accelerator project. During the event, guests can eat, drink, and mingle while meeting with community leaders, scientists, and climate and environmental justice advocates. After the screening, there will be a Blue Table Talk panel discussion featuring filmmakers and special guests. Lastly, the evening will conclude with dancing and joy as we celebrate the liberation of our ancestors on Juneteenth.

Date: June 19th, 2024

Time: 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Location: The Historic Virginia Key Beach Park, Miami, FL

Tickets: FREE register at www.bims.org/events

Black In Marine Science (BIMS) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit aimed to celebrate Black marine scientists, spread environmental awareness, and inspire the next generation of scientific thought leaders. BIMS members worldwide have exclusive access to paid opportunities, a members-only network, professional development, mental wellness, and networking events. Additionally, the organization runs a thriving [BIMS TV Youtube channel](#), and creates outreach opportunities and internships for aspiring scientists. Join the BIMS wave now! www.bims.org

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