

2008 MATE-BIRR Competition Milestones and Expectations Part III
www.marinetech.org/rov_competitions/index.php

Notification to all teams of modifications made to rules as stated in the MATE documents. See website for copies of these modifications.

1. All Student Participants, Teacher Advisor, Mentors: **YOU MUST SIGN UP on the MATE Alumni Web site.** This is **VITAL** if MATE ROV programs and competitions are offered, justified for current and future funding requests. Federal grant funding does support a good portion of the program. Further, you are in the MATE network and will be contacted via email of future events and possible opportunities (jobs, internships, scholarships...etc).

NOTE: Due to the importance of collecting data on MATE participants, you will not get your nametag (that allows access to the pool deck etc) until you have signed up on the Alumni website for this year's competition. I highly recommend getting this done in advance to allow for a faster Check-In process.

To register, go to:

- ↪ <http://marinetech.org/> select Alumni site
- ↪ <http://marinetech.org/alumni/> on left side (blue box), select submit alumni Info
- ↪ Fill out information and submit.

I will have a form available at the competition for each participant to fill out. To avoid check-in delays, fill out the Alumni web page. Thanks for your understanding.

2. Oops, I forgot to put this in the previous modifications: The well-rounded river rocks on the black smoker's are a gray-colored sodium feldspar granite with an estimated volume of 1-in³. Done by eye...not an exact science: size estimated to be about 1 to 1 ½ long. We are not using black Mexican pebbles due to non-availability and cost. If you need a sample of the rock, let me know and I will send you one. I got these from the garden section of Home Depot, packaged by Marble Haus and imported from the Philippines.
3. **Placement/Rounds:** Schedule times and rounds will be posted the week of the competition. Placement of props will hopefully be posted by April 7, 2008. Teams will be notified by email as well.



4. **Advisors** - If possible, please send me your **"Release of Claims"** form for yourself and all your students by Tuesday, April 22, 2008 so that it can be included as received on the roster for a speedier Check-In.



Send to:



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"Release of Claim" form is on websites marinetech.org and hilorobotics.org

To help fill in form:

Description of Activity:	MATE-BIRR ROV Competition
Name and Facility Address:	260 Kalanikoa, Hilo, HI 96720
Activity Date:	April 26, 2008 to April 26, 2008
Place of execution:	home address
Witness signature:	should be another adult
Phone number:	home or cell (contact number that day)

5. **Scoresheets for the Technical Report will be coming shortly.** MATE headquarters is still working on some of the scoresheets. As soon as I get them, I will forward to you as well as make an outline for you to help support your students in writing their report. In the meantime, use the outline from last year. Team reports are due to Cindy Fong in a .pdf format by 6PM HST on April 17, 2008: clfong@hawaii.edu If you are unable to convert to a .pdf format, contact Cindy Fong Asap with a test file for a conversion capability test. NOTE: MATE-BIRR competition has a maximum limit of 5 pages of text/diagrams plus 1 additional coverpage. Details forthcoming shortly. Anything beyond this will not be included in the judging. Font sizes and margins will also be specified.
6. **TEAMS/Advisors:** Have your students use the Team Name/Password for any questions on the [MATE Teams FAQ page](#). Do not send questions directly to the MATE coordinators, especially about international rules. Changes or clarifications must be posted here so all team can find out about any potential changes or clarifications! **If it is a specific MATE-BIRR question**, contact Cindy Fong for clarification. Each MATE regional does make modifications based on their regions needs and resources.

GOOD LUCK AND HAPPY ROVING!