



## 18 YEARS OF STORIES FOR JOURNAL OF MARINE TECHNOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT – MORE MATURE, MORE DEDICATED

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**Abstract** :Journal of Marine Technology JMTE has come of age. This year, it's celebrating its 18th birthday! His journal has ISSN (Print): 1844-6116 ISSN (Online): 2501-8795 (from Volume 2/2016 to present). Number of articles published over the years: 2008, issue 1-14 articles; 2009-issue 1,15 articles; issue 2, 19 articles; 2010-issue 1,33 articles; issue 2-23 articles; 2011-issue 1,issue 2,17; 2012-issue 1,20; issue 2,13; 2013-issue 1,20; issue 2,16; 2014-issue 1,11; issue 2,13; 2015-issue 1,13; issue 2,13;l 2016-issue 1,11; issue 2,12; 2017-issue 1,11; issue 2,17; 2018-issue1,9; issue 2,6; 2020-issue 1,6; issue 2,8; 2021-issue 1,7; issue 2-11; 2022-issue 1, 12; issue 2, 10; 2023-issue 1,10; issue 2,14; 2024-issue 1,11; issue 2,9; 2025-issue 1,11; issue 2,9; 2025-issue 1,12; issue 2,11. From 2008 to 2015, the editor-in-chief was Associate Professor Feiza Memet, Ph.D., Eng., and from 2016 to the present, it has been Professor Mariana Panaitescu, Ph.D., Eng. Initially, the journal published a short abstract. Later, the full-length articles were published. Between 2013 and 2015, the journal was indexed in Copernicus (ICV 2013: 5.69; ICV 2015: 72.06). The Editorial team is currently working to index the journal in other internationally recognized databases. As of 2026, the journal is open access (Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International License).

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

It feels like it was just yesterday! A blank page, lots of enthusiasm, a carefully chosen name, and a burning desire to bring something new to the media landscape. Today, Journal of Marine Technology and Environment turns 18. We have reached the age of majority, a symbolic moment marking the transition from youthful exuberance to a mature, balanced, and, we hope, wise adulthood.

Eighteen years means over 450 issues, thousands of interviews, hundreds of field reports, and, most importantly, a relationship of trust built with you, our readers.

### 2. LOOKING BACK: A JOURNEY OF AUTHENTICITY

When we started in 2008 (for example), journalism looked different. We've weathered major technological shifts, economic crises, and times of social upheaval.

However Journal of Marine Technology and Environment (JMTE) has remained true to its core principle: "*The truth told responsibly.*" We've been there to keep you accurately informed, to analyse, to be the voice of the community, and to uphold the values we believe in.

We fondly remember Volume 2 of 2016, when the journal also launched its online edition—the moment we truly understood the impact the written word can have.

### 3. WHO ARE WE AT 18?

Today, we want to believe that we are no longer just "the academic newspaper on the breakfast table." We are a multimedia platform, available on tablets, phones, and in the hearts of our readers through the two issues we publish each calendar year. We have grown together. We have undergone design changes and adapted to the public's new demands, but we have always maintained editorial rigor.

These 18 years have been possible thanks to a dedicated team, from the reviewers who leave their mark



by verifying and promoting quality articles, to the technical and marketing teams that ensure continuity.

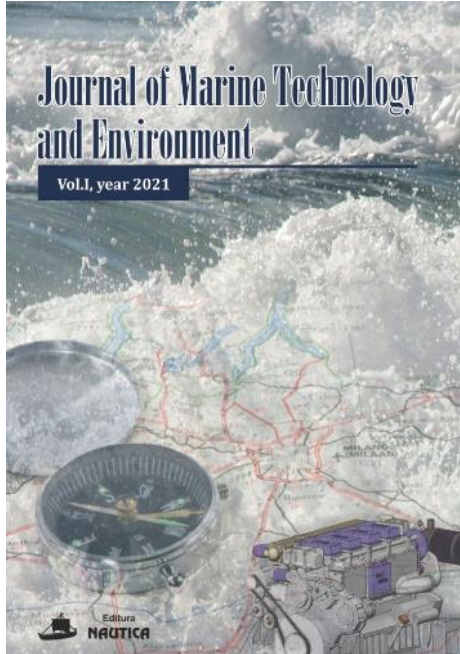


Figure 1 Journal of Marine Technology and Environment-Cover

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From 2008 to 2015, the Editor-in-chief was Associate Professor Feiza Memet, Ph.D., Eng., and from 2016 to the present, it has been Professor Mariana Panaitescu, Ph.D., Eng. The editorial team consists of internationally renowned experts who help enhance the journal's prestige and international visibility.

#### 4. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND THE FUTURE

This milestone isn't just about us—it's about you. Thank you for your loyalty, for your messages—whether praise or criticism—and for letting us be a part of your lives.

What's next? Coming of age means responsibility. We are committed to improving quality, investing in in-depth investigations, and remaining a trusted source in a world full of fast-paced but often superficial information.

JMTE is turning 18. We're all grown up. We're ready for the next phase.

*Happy birthday to us, happy birthday to you!*

