

## Technical Conference Frequently Asked Questions

*Welcome to the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual OCEAN Technical Conference!*

**You are Registered and Confirmed for the OCEAN Technical Conference.**

The date is **Monday July 16<sup>th</sup>**      **Print and bring this information and revised Session Grid.**

**Registration Check-in** begins at **7:00AM**

**Class sessions** start at **8:00AM**

**Location: The Hyatt Regency Hotel – 17900 Jamboree Blvd, Irvine 92614**

(cross streets are Jamboree and Main next to the 405 freeway just south of John Wayne Airport)

<http://irvine.hyatt.com/property/index.jhtml> For reservations, call direct (949)975-1234 and ask for the OCEAN Conference Rate. A limited number of rooms were available at a discounted rate of \$149. After they are reserved, the Room rate will be \$225.

### Parking

Hotel self-parking is complimentary when you mention to the attendant that you are there for the **OCEAN Conference**.

If you are flying in to John Wayne Airport, there is free Hotel Shuttle service **(949)975-1234**

**Attire:** Business Casual / comfortable (anticipate air conditioning could be cooler than expected).

### Registration Check-in 7:00AM on

Come to the Conference Registration station located in the International Foyer from 7:00AM and pick up your Conference Badge, Lunch/raffle ticket, and Tote bag with all session materials for all classes. **Registration is by Last Name** and there will be two stations, **A-L** and **M –Z**. If you are **bringing your payment to the Conference**, you should go to the Third Station “**Late Registration**” and pay with check, or cash.

At Registration, you will receive your Tote Bag with class materials, Your Lunch Ticket and Badge. You must display your badge at all times to access classroom sessions and the Luncheon.

**Complimentary Continental Breakfast** will be available in Salon C (Vendor Expo Ballroom) from 7:00AM to 9:00AM. Note: You must wear your badge.

### Luncheon

The hotel will be serving a Chicken dish and a Vegetarian main course. If you did not select either, you will automatically order Chicken. If you need a vegetarian choice, we should be able to accommodate you. Let us know during the 9:15-9:45 break.

Your conference seminar badge allows you to attend any sessions you desire. Handouts are included in your tote bag. One exception is the Al Barsa – System Values – distributed in the classroom only.

### Session Evaluations

You will be given session evaluation forms upon entering any session. Please complete your rating of the session and turn them in to a Volunteer upon leaving the session. You will receive a raffle ticket for each evaluation you turn in (one per session) and be eligible for drawing for Starbucks gift certificates. The winners will be posted throughout the day inside the Vendor Expo room.

### [Session Volunteers - We need your help! Easy task – great rewards.](#)

Let us know if you are interested in volunteering to be a Session Monitor. This means **you still go to your planned session**, but you pass out and collect session evaluations at the beginning and the end of a session. **Check in with Margaret Matthews at the Registration Desk between 7:00AM – 7:45 AM** to see what sessions you could help out in. You will be appreciated! We have some great rewards for those who volunteer.

### [Cell Phones:](#)

Please turn your cell phone to [Silent](#) for the day. **[Silent!](#)**

### [Lost Items](#)

Neither the OCEAN User Group or the Hyatt Regency Hotel are responsible for lost items. Please check that you take all of your materials or personal items when you move from one room to another.

[Session Schedules](#) will be included in your Conference Welcome package (in your tote bag) and large displays will be placed outside each room plus in the Registration area. I suggest that you review the conference abstracts that are posted on the OCEAN Website at [www.ocean400.org](http://www.ocean400.org). Go to the **Tech Conference page** and scroll down to the link for **Session Abstracts**.

### [Technical Bookstore](#)

[MCPressOnline](#) will be selling a wide variety of technical books at the conference. You can see the books, order them at a discount and they will be shipped to you within days. Some books will be available to take home that day. They will accept checks or credit cards for book purchases.

### [Passport to Prizes and the Vendor Solutions Expo](#)

We want to encourage you to visit the various exhibitors who indirectly help us keep our conference price at a bargain. In your Tote bag you will see a blue Passport to Prizes card. When you visit the exhibitor, present your Passport and they will stamp it with a variety of ocean theme stamps. When you have 15 stamps, you can then turn in your Passport for a Special Raffle Ticket/drawing sponsored by OCEAN.

**Passports** can be turned in at the OCEAN Registration Table in the International Foyer after 4:15PM. Or as late at 5:30PM .

### *[Drawing for prizes at 6:00PM in the Vendor Expo room.](#)*

At 6:00PM there will be a drawing for the Passport to Prizes for door prizes like an IPOD, digital camera, a digital photo printer, HBO-DVD of “TBA” and lots more.

The participating vendors will also announce their raffle winners as well. (It pays to stay late!)

Turn in your **Conference Evaluation form at 5:55PM and get a \$5 In-N-Out Burgers Gift Certificate**. We really want to know what we did right and where we can improve.

We should be done by 6:30PM. I highly recommend having a hamburger in the coffee shop with a friend and beat the traffic. This is one of the best burgers in Orange County!

*Thanks for participating in our conference.*

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