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RWU's stature as a national leader in the field of ocean and coastal law was confirmed at The Coastal Society's 23rd biennial conference in Miami, Florida. Recent graduate and Florida native, Kristen Bonjour '12, attended and presented *Municipal Responses to a Changing Climate in the Coastal Zone of the Northeast and Bay of Fundy*. Kristen conducted her research as a Rhode Island Sea Grant Law Fellow, a signature part of our [Marine Affairs Institute](#) that matches law student researchers with government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and industry groups who have a marine law question. Kristen's project is one example of how the Law Fellow Program provides students hands-on training, from researching and writing up a research memo to presenting the results in a professional setting.



Marine Affairs' Staff Attorney Julia Wyman served as the conference's Program Chair and was awarded the Society's Robert W. Knecht Award for Professional Promise, presented to a rising star in the field of coastal and ocean management. According to the TCS President, "the TCS Board of Directors was impressed with Julia's broad range of national, state and regional

experience” and “took note of Julia’s role leading the Rhode Island Sea Grant Law Fellow Program Her work is a reflection of the TCS mission dedicated to actively addressing emerging coastal issues by fostering dialogue, forging partnerships and promoting communications and education.” Congratulations, Julia!



Finally, Marine Affairs Director Susan Farady presented her work on the National Ocean Policy and National Marine Sanctuaries at the Conference. Susan, also presented at Capitol Hill Oceans Week, a premiere annual gathering of ocean decision-makers and policy professionals.



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