



MATE ROV Competition World Championship

June 19-21, 2025

(Check-in and safety inspections June 17-18)

Shipping information

If You Are Shipping Your ROV:

Your ROV must arrive at the [Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center](#) no later than Tuesday, June 17, 2025. Deliveries are only accepted between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM EST. If your ROV does not arrive by this deadline, it is your responsibility to contact your shipping carrier to track and locate your shipment.

Ship to:

Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center
c/o MATE ROV 2025 World Championship
500 W. Fletcher Street
Alpena, MI 49707
RE: Team Vehicle for MATE ROV World Championship

From:

Your school/team's name
On-site point of contact name (18+ years of age)
Your address
On-site point of contact's cell phone number

IMPORTANT:

Email your **tracking information** to: tawni.gott@mtsociety.org
Use the subject line: **"2025 MATE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP ROV TRACKING"**
Include any **special handling instructions** for your ROV in the body of the email.

Your shipments will be stored in the Heritage Center building loading dock. Team Workstations will be located outdoors under a large tent and will not be accessible until after Opening Ceremonies on Thursday, June 20, 2025. Forklifts will not be available to move your ROVs to Team Workstations, so plan accordingly when packing your shipment.

NOTE: Closed-toed shoes are required on the pool deck; closed-toed shoes *and* safety glasses are required when working on your vehicle. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Tips on shipping:

Please make sure that your vehicle and any associated equipment and tools are NEATLY and SECURELY packed in crates or sturdy cardboard boxes with clearly printed shipping labels. The MATE ROV Competition and Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary (TBNMS) are not responsible for any damaged or missing vehicles.

If you are transporting your ROV via checked (or carry-on) luggage or car/van:

A map of the TBNMS Heritage Center property and instructions for off-loading will be posted on the [MATE ROV World Championship Resources](#) webpage and distributed to your team during team check-in. You are responsible for offloading your ROV and having it ready for your scheduled Team Check-In and Safety Inspection. Sign-up information will be shared via Sign-Up Genius closer to the event date on the MATE ROV Competition website.

Air Travel Note: If you are transporting your ROV via checked (or carry-on) luggage, it is recommended that you make personal contact with a TSA representative ASAP. There is no guarantee, but it may be possible to arrange a special screening at the airport on the day of your travel to (hopefully) avoid delays (or worse, wires being snipped). Regardless, be sure to label EVERYTHING and have a list of parts on hand and within the luggage that contains your ROV. Do NOT pack batteries, fluids, or other potentially hazardous materials.

Please also see the "Letter for Customs" located on the [World Championship Resources webpage](#). It is addressed to the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) agents.

Other key information:

*****Each team will need to cover its own shipping costs. *****

Shipping your ROV back to your home institution after the competition:

Please make sure that your vehicle is NEATLY AND SECURELY packed up and ready to be shipped back to your home institution by the end of the competition on Saturday, June 21st, 2025. You must then transport your ROV back to the Heritage Center loading dock until it is picked up by your preferred carrier.

Bring your preferred carrier's shipping/billing form and any other necessary paperwork with you. Make sure to discuss which forms you will need with your shipper prior to the competition so that you will have these forms with you. Make sure that you **COMPLETELY** fill out the form. Make sure that you complete the billing information section or bring your billing information with you (i.e., a credit card or account number). Attach this form to your ROV's shipping container.

YOU are responsible for scheduling a pick-up with your designated carrier. Again, your shipping carrier can offload your shipment from the facility loading dock.

The pick-up time must be scheduled for Monday, June 23rd or Tuesday, June 24th, 2025, between the hours of 9:00am-5:00pm EST. Your ROV will be shipped at the rate that you indicate on your shipping/billing form.

Note from the facility: If event participants do not remove their property or cause their property to be removed from the facility by the time stated above, the facility shall have the right to remove and store, or dispose of such property, goods, and effects at the event participant's sole expense. The event participant assumes all risk of damage and/or loss, by theft or otherwise, to the property, goods, and effects of the event participant, incurred during the removal and storage, or disposal by the facility.