

## **SHEPARD SMITH-Bio**



Shepard Smith serves as the Chief Technology Officer for XOCEAN, which designs, builds, and operates the world's largest commercial fleet of Uncrewed Survey Vessels. He retired from a 28 year career at NOAA as a Rear Admiral in 2021, where he served 10 years at sea, and directed the hydrographic survey and nautical charting program at the Office of Coast Survey. During his federal career, he was appointed by the President to serve on the Mississippi River Commission, and was elected by the member states of the International Hydrographic Organization to serve as the chair of the Executive Council. He was recently elected to serve as the president of The Hydrographic Society of America for the 2026-27 term.