

Rick Driscoll

Biography

Frederick "Rick" R. Driscoll is a Senior Engineer on the Offshore Wind and Ocean Power Systems Team at NREL. Rick leads several Marine Hydrokinetic project areas, including instrumentation systems, testing protocols, and software tool development. He is also the U.S. administrator for the International Electrotechnical Commission - Ocean Energy Systems technical standards development efforts (IEC TC 114) and serves as a technical expert in mooring standards. He also participates in offshore wind instrumentation and field measurement projects and mooring code development. Before joining NREL, Rick was an Associate Professor of Ocean and Mechanical at Florida Atlantic University where he focused on ocean energy and navy projects for over 10 years. While at FAU, he established and led the Center for Ocean Energy Technology, now the Southeast National Marine Energy Center and served on the Florida Energy Commission. Prior to joining FAU, Rick was president and CEO of Deep Sea Technologies Ltd which specialized in the design and operation of remotely operated vehicle systems, buoys, and heavy lift systems. He has also worked at Mobil Oil, Gulf Canada Resources, and the Canadian National Energy Board. He received his Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering with a business management option from the University of Victoria in 1994, and a Ph.D. in the areas of Mechanical Engineering and Physical Oceanography from the University of Victoria in 1999. His publications include more than 30 journal and conference papers and he has two patents issued.