WPBT EMMY AWARDS
NATAS Suncoast Chapter
National Association of Television Arts & Sciences
2005 – New Florida # 4026
2005 – KidVision’s “Being Brave”
2006 – State of the Arts # 101
2006 – Leyendas: The Legends of Cuban Music
2006 – Anatomy of a Hurricane
2007 – Wild Florida
2008 – La Cuba Eterna con Enrique Chia
2008 – Colombia: Musica de mi Tierra
2008 – South Florida War Stories
2010 – Changing Seas “Sentinels of the Sea”

GEORGE FOSTER PEABODY AWARD
Merit of Service
1970 – POLITITHON ’70

TELLY AWARDS & COMMUNICATOR AWARDS throughout WPBT’s 60 year history

WXEL SPECIAL OLYMPICS AWARDS
2002-2003 – Media recognition
2004 – WXEL
2005 – WXEL/South Florida Today

WXEL EMMY AWARDS
NATAS Suncoast Chapter
2004 – South Florida Today
2015 – Murder of a Small Town
2015 – Unseen Everglades/WXEL

WXEL TELLY AWARDS
SOUTH FLORIDA TODAY
2000 – Tattoo Artists
2002 – Halloween Horror
2003 – Costume World
2003 – Airbrush Tanning
2003 – Bronze Sculptor
2004 – Piano Man
2004 – Sky Dive/South Florida Today
2006 – The Hurricane Center
2006 – Vanderbuilt House
2006 – South Florida Today
2017 EMMY AWARDS

NATAS Suncoast Chapter
National Association of Television Arts & Sciences

2017: Recipient  Arts/Entertainment
Art Loft “SunGhosts”

2017: Recipient  Environment/Program
Changing Seas “Toxic Algae: Complex Sources and Solutions”

2017: Recipient  Health Science/Program
Changing Seas “The Fate of Carbon”

2017: Recipient  Politics/Government/Program
Voter Voices

2017: Nominee  Environment Program
Changing Seas “Majestic Mantas”

2017: Nominee  Environment Program
Changing Seas “The Future of Seafood”

2017: Nominee  Documentary Cultural
Ivy League Rumba

2017: Nominee  Documentary Historical
Major League Cuban

2017: Nominee  Magazine Program
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2017: Nominee  Graphic Arts
Norman Silva

2017: Nominee  Photographer/Non-News
Changing Seas “Majestic Mantas”

CHANGING SEAS
San Francisco
International Ocean Film Festival
2017: “Maug’s Caldera: A Natural Laboratory”
Official selection of the festival.

Reef Renaissance Film Festival
U.S. Virgin Islands
2017: “Beneath the Bridge”
Best in Show

“Maug’s Caldera: A Natural Laboratory”
Third place

2018 EMMY AWARDS

NATAS Suncoast Chapter
National Association of Television Arts & Sciences

2018: Recipient  Children’s Programs
Kid Stew # 101

2018: Recipient  Children’s Programs
Kid Stew # 102

2018: Recipient  Children’s Programs
Kid Stew # 103

2018: Recipient  Children’s Programs
Kid Stew # 104

2018: Recipient  Talent
Kid Stew’s “Armando”

2018: Recipient  Arts/Entertainment
Film-maker “Art Vessel”

2018: Recipient  Documentary Historical
A Call to Remember

2018: Nominee  Arts/Entertainment/Program
Film-maker “Changes”

2018: Nominee  Environment Program
Battleground Everglades “Algae Explosion”

2018: Nominee  Environment Program
Burning Storm: Special Edition

2018: Nominee  Health/Science Program

2018: Nominee  Magazine Program
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2018: Nominee  Public/Current/Community Affairs
Parkland: The Way Forward

2018: Nominee  Director Non-Live
Kid Stew Frank Costantini

2018: Nominee  Graphic Arts/Animation
South Florida PBS Animation

2018: Nominee  Talent
Kid Stew’s “Caroline”

2018: Nominee  Photographer/Non-News
Changing Seas “Cryptic Critters”

2018: Nominee  Documentary Cultural
A Journey to the Soul of Guna Yala
CHANGING SEAS AWARDS & RECOGNITION

2011 Communication Awards
National Academies
October 2011
Each year, the National Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Engineering, and Institute of Medicine recognize excellence in reporting and communicating science, engineering, and medicine to the general public by awarding four awards in the following categories: online, magazine/newspaper, book, and film/radio/TV. The Changing Seas episode “Sentinels of the Seas” won the 2011 film/radio/TV category.

Suncoast Regional Emmy Awards, NATAS
2018: Nominee, Health/Science - Program
2017: Recipient, Health/Science – Program
Changing Seas: “The Fate of Carbon”
2017: Recipient, Environment – Program
Changing Seas: “Toxic Algae: Complex Sources and Solutions”
2017: Nominee, Environment – Program
Changing Seas: “The Future of Seafood”
2017: Nominee, Environment – Program
Changing Seas: “Majestic Mantas”
2016: Recipient, Environment – Program
Changing Seas: “Maug’s Caldera: A Natural Laboratory”
2016: Recipient, Environment – Program
Changing Seas: “Beneath the Bridge”
2016: Nominee, Health/Science – Program
Changing Seas: “Sponges: Oldest Creatures in the Sea?”
2016: Recipient, Environment – Program
Changing Seas: “Manatees: Conserving a Marine Mammal”
2015: Recipient, Health/Science/Environment - Program
Changing Seas: “The Secret Sex Life of Fish”
2014: Recipient, Health/Science/Environment - Program
Changing Seas: “Living Fossils”
2014: Nominee, Health/Science/Environment - Program
Changing Seas: “Biggest Fish in the Sea”
2014: Nominee, Health/Science/Environment - Program
Changing Seas: “Saving Sawfish”
2013: Nominee, Health/Science/Environment - Program
Changing Seas: “Creatures of the Deep”
2012: Nominee, Health/Science/Environment - Program
Changing Seas: “Tracking Tigers”
2011: Recipient, Health/Science/Environment - Program
Changing Seas “Alien Invaders”
2010: Recipient, Health/Science/Environment - Program
Changing Seas “Sentinels of the Seas”
2009: Nominee, Health/Science/Environment - Program
Changing Seas Series
Deering Estate’s 2015 Community Partner of the Year
The Deering Estate Foundation selected WPBT2 as its 2015 Community Partner of the Year for “its outstanding support of the Speaking Sustainably Series” featuring Changing Seas episodes and topic experts. The annual partnership began in the fall of 2014.

2011 Miami Today Gold Medal Award
Received the Gold Medal Award for “Changing Seas: Sentinels of the Seas.”

San Francisco International Ocean Film Festival
March 2017
“Maug’s Caldera: A Natural Laboratory,” a co-production with Open Boat Films was an official selection of the festival.

March 2016
The “Grand Cayman’s Famous Stingrays” and “The Secret Sex Life of Fish” episodes were official selections of the festival. (Only 45 films were selected out of over 170+ submissions and each screened to audiences of more than 200 people.)

March 2014
The Changing Seas: “Alien Invaders” episode was selected to be screened at the 2014 festival.

Voices from the Water -International Traveling Film Festival on Water
December 2017
“Maug’s Caldera: A Natural Laboratory” was screened at festival.

Blue Ocean Film Festival
October 2016
Category Winner, “Sea Turtles: The Lost Years” episode – (Marine Sciences category)
Finalist, “Changing Seas Series” – (Broadcast Series category)
Finalist, “The Secret Sex Life of Fish” episode – (Marine Animal Behavior category)
Finalist, “Beneath the Bridge” episode – (Marine Animal Behavior category)
Finalist, “Living Fossils” episode – (Ocean Exploration and Adventure category)
Honorable Mention, “Maug’s Caldera: A Natural Laboratory”- a co-production with Open Boat Films (Marine Sciences category)

October 2014
Finalist, “Sunken Stories” episode (Cultural Connections, People and the Sea Category)
Finalist, “Tracking Tigers” episode (Marine Sciences Category)
Finalist, “Reefs of Rangiroa” episode – a co-production with the Khaled bin Sultan Living Oceans Foundation (Marine Sciences Category)
Honorable Mention, “Creatures of the Deep” episode (Marine Sciences Category)
Honorable Mention, “Grouper Moon” episode (Marine Sciences Category)
Honorable Mention, “Coastal Carnivores” episode – a co-production with Symbio Studios (Marine Life Category)
Blue Ocean Film Festival - Monaco
September 2015
Finalist, “Galapagos: Windows into the Future” episode – a co-production with the Khaled bin Sultan Living Oceans Foundation (Broadcast TV Program category)
Honorable Mention, “Galapagos: Windows into the Future” (Shorts category)

Wildlife Conservation Film Festival
October 2018
The “Lords of the Wetlands” episode was chosen to be screened at this festival in New York City. Festival organizers said only about 100 programs out of 850 submissions were selected for screening.

Reef Renaissance Film Festival
June 2017
“Beneath the Bridge” won “Best in Show” at the Reef Renaissance Film Festival in the U.S. Virgin Islands. The episode also received first place in the Documentary Category and the episode “Maug’s Caldera: A Natural Laboratory,” a co-production with Open Boat Films, won third place in the same category.

June 2016
The “Grand Cayman’s Famous Stingrays” episode won Best-in-Show and First Place in the Best Documentary Short category.

June 2015
The “Biggest Fish in the Sea” episode won the Black Coral Award and Best-in-Show for Documentary Over 20 Minutes. The “Saving Sawfish” episode won the Deep Blue Award for Documentary Over 20 Minutes, and the “Living Fossils” episode won the Aquamarine Award for Documentary Over 20 Minutes.

June 2014
The “Grouper Moon” episode won the Neptune Award for Best-in-Show as well as the Black Coral Award for 1st Place Documentary Short. The “Sunken Stories” episode won the Aquamarine Award for 3rd Place Documentary Short.

International Wildlife Film Festival
Thunderbay International Film Festival, Alpena, Michigan
In January 2018 Thunder Bay International Film Festival in Alpena, Michigan screened “Maug’s Caldera: A Natural Laboratory,” a co-production with Open Boat Films. In January 2017 the festival screened “Grand Cayman’s Famous Stingrays,” and the “Alien Invaders” episode screened in 2015. These screenings are part of the San Francisco International Ocean Film Festival’s Traveling Program. The festival is hosted by Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

40Fathoms Film Festival, Durban, South Africa
The “Alien Invaders” episode screened in June 2014.

Making Waves Film Festival in Boulder, Colorado
The “Alien Invaders” episode screened in September 2013. The festival was organized by the Colorado Ocean Coalition in partnership with the San Francisco International Ocean Film Festival.

Miami Underwater Festival, Patricia and Phillip Frost Museum of Science
June 2015
The “Grouper Moon” episode was projected against a wall during a cocktail reception on the rooftop at 1 Hotel on South Beach. The “Grouper Moon” and “Saving Sawfish” episodes were screened in the planetarium during the festival events at the museum. The team had an activities table set up with coloring pages and other handouts.

June 2014
The “Living Fossils” episode screened, followed by a Q&A with the production team.

December 2012
Two episodes were featured, “Reef Revival” and “Alien Invaders.” Each screening was followed by a Q&A with the film crew and experts featured in the show.