Welcome to the GCOOS Recreational Boaters Workshop
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Recreational Boaters Workshop on Integrated Ocean Observing

St. Petersburg, Fl 4, 5 February 2009
Welcome and thank-you for help us ensure that the Integrated Ocean Observing System in our Gulf of Mexico is designed to meet the needs of the recreational boater! Your regional association believes that the 21st Century Ocean Observing System must be developed to meet the needs of all of user communities whether it be academia, oil & gas, marine transportation - or the recreational boating community, etc.

Thank-you for joining us to ensure that it does”

From the GCOOS - RA Board of Directors
Welcome Packet - Agenda & other useful information  Today’s Events

Logistics:
  Heads
  Lunch
  Reception
  Tomorrow
0900  Learn about IOOS and GCOOS - Integrated Ocean Observing Systems and the Gulf of Mexico Coastal Ocean Observing System

0945  Review workshop objectives - Explain the breakout group discussion

1045  Keynote Speaker, Mr. Jeff Hoedt, Chief, Boating Safety Division USCG HQ

1145  Breakout Session Introductions

1200  Lunch  prepare breakout spaces

1300  Breakout Groups

1430  Guest Speaker - Andy Reich, Aquatic Toxins Program, Florida Department of Health Water Quality and Public Health

1830  Reception at the Aquarium
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Main Objective:

To identify and prioritize to the extent possible the ocean observations and derived products needed by the recreational boating community so that they may be appropriately addressed as the Gulf of Mexico Coastal Ocean Observing System is developed.

Deliverables:

• A prioritized description of existing ocean observations and derived products considered to be required by the various areas of the recreational boating community and the means of communication of those observations and products
  
  developed during the breakout sessions and integrated on the second day.

• A prioritized list of ocean observations and derived products that are not presently available but that are considered to be future requirements that have the greatest potential benefit to enhance the activity of the particular sectors of the recreational boating community and recommended primary and secondary methods of their delivery
  
  developed during the breakout sessions and integrated on the second day.

• A complete report of the workshop
  
  developed as the workshop's final deliverable.