



Help Sustain our Regional Ocean and Weather Observing System

NERACOOS is the trusted source of ocean and weather information from Long Island Sound to the Gulf of Maine. We are part of a national system, the Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS®). We are a network of observers, modelers, forecasters, data managers, tool developers, and interested organizations and individuals. The NERACOOS membership program is a diverse mix of those interested in obtaining, using, and sustaining the best ocean and weather information in the IOOS northeast region.

As a committed partner, we need your help to ensure that this information is sustained and gets to the people who need it. The federal funds we receive provide critical base support, but we need help to keep the system operating and improving. With your membership we will be able to:

- Maintain and repair infrastructure, ensuring observations and forecasts continue
- Develop tools to make it easier to access and understand the information
- Advocate for the national IOOS program to continue base support.

Becoming a member of NERACOOS gives you the opportunity to shape the direction of ocean observing in the region. As a NERACOOS member, you can:

- Participate in research and development of ocean information products: NERACOOS takes a “user-oriented” approach to the development of all our projects. Your participation as a member ensures that our products and tools are best suited to meet your individual or organization’s needs.
- Leverage and enhance existing monitoring/observation activities: No single institution can collect comprehensive arrays of data over space and time. By joining NERACOOS, your observation activities will be joined with others to generate a richness of information previously unobtainable.
- Easily deliver data and information to target audiences: With our capabilities for standardized and coordinated data management and communications, NERACOOS provides a portal for data access that is easy to use for data providers and data users. As a member, you can utilize NERACOOS to deliver your information in a user-friendly environment.
- Discover collaborative project opportunities and networking events: NERACOOS is built on a foundation of cooperative organizations and individuals and this network is continually growing. Membership provides unique opportunities to be a part of the regional, national and international observing and information exchange communities through projects, workshops, and other activities.

NERACOOS is a non-profit 501(c)(3) registered with the IRS so most of your membership dues are tax deductible. If you have any questions, please contact us at membership@neracoos.org.

Please note that NERACOOS members shall not be formal members within the meaning of the Maine Nonprofit Corporation Act and shall not have membership or voting rights under said Act. Other details can be found at www.neracoos.org/membership.



Membership Tier	Annual Dues	Member Benefits
Associate Members	\$50 to \$999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subscription to newsletter including details on upcoming events and opportunities • Preview and beta-test new products & participate in surveys • Acknowledgement on NERACOOS website • One complimentary registration to Annual Meeting
Supporting Members	\$1000 to \$2999	<p>Benefits afforded to Associate Members, plus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to submit announcements or news updates in the NERACOOS newsletter • Acknowledgement on NERACOOS website with your logo and website link • Invitation to networking events including Board reception before Annual Meeting. • One additional complimentary registration to Annual Meeting (two total).
Sustaining Members	\$3000 and higher	<p>Benefits afforded to Supporting Members, plus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultations with staff to discuss your organization's ocean and weather information needs • Participation in Sustaining Members Forum for engagement with NERACOOS leadership • New members are highlighted in NERACOOS newsletter and/or press release • Acknowledgement on NERACOOS website homepage with link and logo • One additional complimentary registration to Annual Meeting (three total), and opportunity to display at meeting
Affiliates	<i>Available for government agencies and others that are prohibited from paying membership dues. Contact NERACOOS to learn more.</i>	

What type of member should I be? It's up to you!

Typically, our members join at the following levels:

- Associate Members: individuals and smaller nonprofit companies with a love of the ocean.
- Supporting Members: smaller academic institutions, medium to large NGOs, and smaller corporations with annual revenue less than \$2 million that are dedicated to keeping ocean information flowing.
- Sustaining Members are larger academic and research institutions and larger corporations with annual revenue over \$2 million and are the heart of our organization that help to keep all systems operating.