

SECOORA's mission is to observe, understand, and increase awareness of our coastal ocean; promoting knowledge, economic and environmental health through strong regional partnerships.

SECOORA is the coastal ocean observing system for North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

A coastal observing system is a combination of many components - from humans to hardware - that is used to collect information. That data and information is then turned useful products that support safe and efficient marine operations, coastal economies, and a healthy, sustainable environment.



SECOORA collects environmental information that is vital for weather forecasts and hurricane warnings, safe boating, fishing and seafood. Measure once, use multiple times.

SECOORA is a small investment with a big impact.

SECOORA By the Numbers

SECOORA supports buoys and other technologies to collect information about the ocean. Our data helps keep you safe.



13 A Buoys









Supporting Florida



Coastal Hazards

In-situ stations are our real-time eyes on the water. To stay safe, mariners need to know the true location conditions before heading out to sea. SECOORA supports buoys and coastal stations off the coast of Florida.



These observing assets are managed by University of South Florida College of Marine Science. These buoys have been collecting data since 2005, providing an important decade-long record of ocean conditions.



Marine Operations

High frequency (HF) radar systems measure the speed and direction of ocean surface currents in near real-time. Ocean surface currents are fundamental for spill response and search and rescue operations. Studies



show that real-time surface current information can reduce the Coast Guard search area by 2/3rds over 72 hours. SECOORA supports 7 HF radar systems in Florida, operated by University of Miami and University of South Florida.



🖊 As a career naval officer and former head of NOAA, I know first hand the importance of timely, quality information about the coastal environment. SECOORA and IOOS are filling critical gaps and providing valuable information to those who need it.

> Vice Admiral Conrad C. Lautenbacher Jr. (Ret.) Former SECOORA Board Chair **GeoOptics**

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