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George A. Maul is Professor of Oceanography and former Head of the Department of Marine and Environmental Systems, in the College of Engineering, at the Florida Institute of Technology where for over 20 years he supervised 250 undergraduate and graduate students and 15 faculty in oceanography, environmental science, ocean engineering, earth remote sensing, and meteorology. Maul graduated from Brooklyn Technical High School in 1956; he earned a B.S. (with honors) in Marine Transportation from the State University of New York Maritime College at Fort Schuyler and was granted a U.S. Merchant Marine Officer's license in 1960; in 1974 he was awarded a Ph.D. in Physical Oceanography from the University of Miami's Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science, in Coral Gables, Florida. He served as Adjunct Professor of Meteorology and Physical Oceanography at RSMAS from 1977 to 1994, after which he assumed his current duties at Florida Tech.

From 1960 through 1969, he held ranks from Ensign through Lieutenant Commander in the commissioned officer corps of the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey; from 1969 to 1984 he was a Research Oceanographer and from 1984 to 1994 a Supervisory Oceanographer with the NOAA Atlantic Oceanographic and Meteorological Laboratory in Miami. He has been Chief Scientist on numerous oceanographic cruises, and has published over 100 journal articles and book chapters on oceanography and meteorology, many editorials, technical reports, refereed abstracts, and 7 books; he earned 5 Outstanding Performance Awards and 3 Distinguished Authorship Awards in NOAA. In 1999 he was elected a *Fellow* of the Marine Technology Society, and in 2003 was elected a *Fellow* of the American Meteorological Society. He is also a member of the American Geophysical Union, *Omicron Delta Kappa* (National Leadership Honor Society), *Sigma Xi* (Scientific Research Society), *Phi Kappa Phi* Honor Society, and the Florida Academy of Sciences. LCDR Maul became a *Shellback* at λ=44°00'W on January 12, 1968 while serving as Operations Officer aboard the USC&GS Ship *Discoverer*.

During 1989-1995 Maul served two terms as Vice Chairman of the Subcommission for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO. Dr. Maul was founding Chairman of the IOCARIBE Group of Experts on Ocean Processes and Climate, four times Co-Director of INSMAP – the International Symposia on Marine Positioning, a member of the IOC Group of Experts on GLOSS (the global sea level observing system), and founding Chairman of the IOCARIBE Tsunami Steering Group of Experts. He chaired the United Nations Environment Programme / Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission Joint Task Team on Climatic Changes in the Wider Caribbean Region, and has served on the editorial boards of *Marine Geodesy, Remote Sensing of Environment*, and the *Journal of Earth System Science Education*. In 1997 the Florida Tech Student Government named him College of Engineering *Teacher of the Year*, in 1998 he received the *Faculty Senate Excellence Award* for university teaching, the 2010 U.S. President's Volunteer Service Award, and in 2012 the College of Engineering Faculty Excellence Award for Service.

Maul is past chairman and an active member of the Florida Coastal Ocean Observing System Consortium (Florida COOS), a member of the Southeastern Universities Research Association (SURA) Coastal and Environmental Research Committee (CERC), served as president of the Southeastern Coastal Ocean Observing Regional Association (SECOORA), represents the Florida Institute of Technology to the Florida Ocean Alliance, and is on the Board of the Florida Institute of Oceanography; his community service and volunteering with the Boy Scouts of America has earned him the Vigil Honor in the Order of the Arrow, and the Silver Beaver Award. His current research interests include physical oceanography and marine meteorology, coastal climate and sea level change, and tsunami risk assessment and mitigation in the North Atlantic basin; he volunteers with the National Weather Service to create TsunamyReady® communities in east Florida, and is a WxCoder observer.

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