



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

The Caribbean Coastal Ocean Observing System, Inc. ("CARICOOS") is a not for profit corporation organized pursuant to the laws of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. CARICOOS, formerly the Caribbean Regional Association for Coastal Ocean Observing or CaRA, is one of eleven regional associations ("RAs") devoted to coastal ocean observing throughout the United States coastal oceans and the Great Lakes. CARICOOS activities and initiatives are carried out pursuant to the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009, as amended ("ICOOS Act"). CARICOOS, along with the other RAs constitute the regional component of the National Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observing System ("System").

CARICOOS offers different types of membership with different rights and characteristics, as defined in its Bylaws and summarized in **Exhibit I** hereto. Below please indicate the type of membership you are applying for:

Institutional Member **Individual Member** **Affiliate Member**

Name of Applicant: _____

Name of Organization (if applicable): _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Primary Contact: _____ Secondary Contact: _____

Phone: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Email: _____

Please indicate your area(s) of interest:

Marine Operations Education and Outreach

Coastal Hazards Resiliency CARICOOS Governance

Marine Spatial Planning CARICOOS Products

Climate Variability Data Management

Modeling Ecosystem Health

Other: _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Thank you for supporting CARICOOS. Please be advised that this application of membership of CARICOOS is subject to the approval of its Board of Directors. In addition, CARICOOS reserves the right to charge membership fees or dues in the future. All Members of CARICOOS agree to be bound to its Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Memorandum of Agreement and other Policies, all of the afore documents as amended or supplemented from time to time.

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EXHIBIT I TO MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

SUMMARY OF TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

Institutional Member. Reserved for “organizations” substantially engaged in the collection, delivery, or use of coastal and/or ocean observing data or information. For this purposes, “organization” means: (i) a business entity, firm, or corporation (other than sole proprietorship) which has been in business for a minimum of one (1) year; (ii) an academic institution; (iii) a federal, state, regional, or local government entity; (iv) a non-profit corporation or entity that has been in existence for a minimum of one (1) year; or (v) a legally-sanctioned association, council, or consortium that has been in existence for a minimum of one (1) year. Such “organizations” shall appoint and designate an individual to represent and act on its behalf on any and all matters related to CARICOOS.

- Full Membership Voting Rights.
- Eligibility for nomination and election to the Institutional and At-Large Board of Directors seats.

Individual Members. Any individual engaged in the collection, delivery or use of coastal and/or ocean observing data or information. Individual membership allows for CARICOOS participation by individuals operating as sole proprietorships and individuals who are unable to act on behalf of, or represent, their full “organization”.

- Full Membership Voting Rights.
- Eligibility for nomination and election to the At-Large Board of Directors seats.

Affiliate Member. Any “organization” that would otherwise qualify as an Institutional Member, but whose ability to officially join CARICOOS is constrained in some way.

- Do not have voting rights.
- May be eligible for nomination and election by the Board of Directors to serve as non-voting, ex-officio member.

All members of CARICOOS, including Affiliated Members, shall have the right to attend open meetings of CARICOOS and may contribute and participate in discussions relating to the activities, plans and organization of CARICOOS.