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Mid-Atlantic Coastal Ocean Observing Regional Association



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Dear Colleague -

On behalf of the membership of the Chesapeake Bay Observing System (CBOS), your attendance is requested at the CBOS User Forum, ***Ocean Observations to Improve Decision-Making***, on Tuesday, December 4, 2007 at the Half Moone Cruise and Celebration Center in Norfolk, Virginia. Please see the registration form below. The Mid-Atlantic Coastal Ocean Observing Regional Association and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration are sponsoring this event.

This CBOS forum will convene a diverse group of Chesapeake Bay stakeholders, CBOS data users and data providers representing industry, emergency management, citizen's groups and NGOs, research institutions, and state and federal agencies to discuss and take action toward further expansion of a sub-regional component of the national Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS) in the Chesapeake Bay. A thematic agenda is being developed which will highlight the extensive development of CBOS since 2004, new pilot projects, and encourage synergistic partnerships to accomplish CBOS user-driven goals. CBOS welcomes your participation in this process and recognizes the importance of engaging a broad user community in the expansion of the observing system.

Sincerely,

**Elizabeth Smith**, CBOS Executive Director

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### **CBOS Members and Partners**

Alliance for Coastal Technologies  
BoatU.S. Foundation  
Chesapeake Bay Program  
Chesapeake Research Consortium  
Maryland Department of Natural Resources  
Maryland Sea Grant  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA):  
NOAA Center for Operational Oceanographic Products and Services  
NOAA Chesapeake Bay Estuarine Research Reserve  
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Virginia Maritime Association  
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## A Chesapeake Bay Observing System User Forum

### REGISTRATION

**There is no cost to register for the Forum, however, attendance will be limited.**

**Lunch will be provided on-site for registered attendees.**

**Please register by November 26, 2007.**

Name	
Name for Badge	
Title	
Organization	
Mailing Address	
City, State Zip	
Phone	
Fax	
Email	

**Connect your organization to data and information users in the Chesapeake Bay by providing an exhibit or poster during this Forum. Would you like more information about being an exhibitor or providing a poster?**

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_\_\_ No

**Meals are included with your free registration, and we ask that you indicate if you will be joining us so that we can better plan for quantities:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Continental Breakfast (0800)

\_\_\_\_\_ Lunch

\_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian Meal?

**Please return your completed registration to Elizabeth Smith at [exsmith@odu.edu](mailto:exsmith@odu.edu) or by fax to 757-683-5550, or register on-line at: <http://cbos.org/cbos-user-forum/registration/>.**

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