CTD data from the western Gulf of Maine collected on R/V Gulf Challenger (GC2002-4) from repeat visits to four locations from February to December 2002-2004 (REACH project)

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Abstract
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Coverage

Spatial Extent: **N**:43.034 **E**:-70.416 **S**:42.991 **W**:-70.58
Temporal Extent: 2002-04-24 - 2004-06-28

Dataset Description

Salinity, temperature and light data from repeat visits to the western Gulf of Maine.

Methods & Sampling

Samples are taken monthly along a cross-shelf transect in coastal waters offshore of New Hampshire (see locations below).
The CTD data served here are part of a full suite of data that were collected at each station.

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Data Files

File
ctd.csv(Comma Separated Values (.csv), 1.08 MB) MD5:d058583501b4b0bd46d704a1a6dea488 Primary data file for dataset ID 707014

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Parameters

Parameter	Description	Units
date_cruiseid	Date of visit to station; MMDDYY; doubled as cruiseid for a short time; local date	date format
station	where the data was collected	text
lat	latitude of station; North is positive	decimal degrees
lon	longitude of station; West is negative	decimal degrees
depth	depth of the observation	meters
temp	Temperature	degrees C
sal	Salinity	dimensionless(PSU)
cond	Conductivity	mSiemens/cm
light_tran	light transmission	percent
fluor	fluorescence from the CTD	micrograms per cubic meter
PAR	Photosynthetically Available Radiation	microEinsteins per square centimeter
sigma_t	density	kilograms per meter

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Instruments

Dataset-specific Instrument Name	CTD profiler
Generic Instrument Name	CTD - profiler
Generic Instrument Description	The Conductivity, Temperature, Depth (CTD) unit is an integrated instrument package designed to measure the conductivity, temperature, and pressure (depth) of the water column. The instrument is lowered via cable through the water column. It permits scientists to observe the physical properties in real-time via a conducting cable, which is typically connected to a CTD to a deck unit and computer on a ship. The CTD is often configured with additional optional sensors including fluorometers, transmissometers and/or radiometers. It is often combined with a Rosette of water sampling bottles (e.g. Niskin, GO-FLO) for collecting discrete water samples during the cast. This term applies to profiling CTDs. For fixed CTDs, see https://www.bco-dmo.org/instrument/869934.

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Deployments

GC2002-4

Website	https://www.bco-dmo.org/deployment/58067
Platform	R/V Gulf Challenger
Start Date	2002-05-24
End Date	2004-06-28
Description	This is one deployment designation for all the individual trips to the four stations of the REACH time series. The first visit was on 24 May 2002 and the last one on 28 June 2004. **Methods & Sampling** This is an accumulation of all the deployments that went out to visit these four sites during these three years.

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Project Information

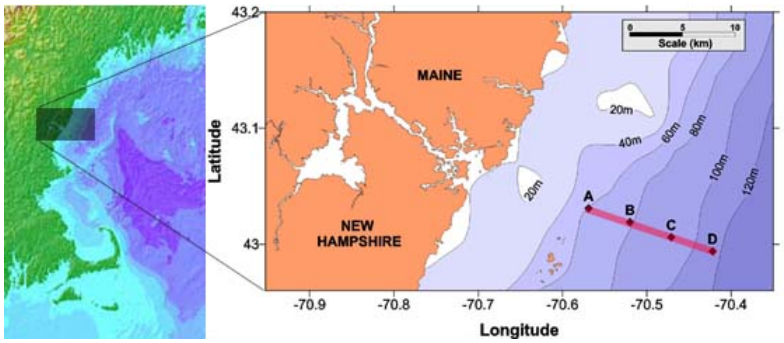
Regional Ecology And Coastal Hydrography (REACH)

Coverage: Western Gulf of Maine

From April 2002 through June 2004, the Regional Ecology and Coastal Hydrography (REACH) project conducted monthly field sampling in the western Gulf of Maine. REACH is one of five seed projects associated with the UNH center of excellence for Coastal Ocean Observing and Analysis (COOA).

The objective of REACH is to document and understand the functional inter-relationships among the major elements of the planktonic assemblage in the waters of western Gulf of Maine. The field program characterized the physical dynamics, nutrient availability, and phytoplankton and zooplankton assemblages. A long-term goal of this effort is to work toward a predictive index of harmful algal bloom (HAB) occurrences in near-shore waters of the western Gulf of Maine based on an integrated assessment of the planktonic community. The comprehensive nature of the study also enables this work to serve as a baseline for the western Gulf of Maine, against which future studies can be compared.

An innovative aspect of this project is the integrated analysis of the entire planktonic assemblage at the species level - including both phytoplankton and zooplankton species abundances in the same samples that are used to determine toxic dinoflagellate counts. In addition, we will ensure detailed examination and characterization of the physical oceanographic and meteorological setting from real-time data derived from satellites, remote sensors on buoys, and commercial fishing boats. (from project website)



The REACH transect runs from 10km to 22km offshore of the coast of Maine and New Hampshire, USA. Sampling stations are marked by letters A, B, C, and D.

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