



### **Bill Lingsch, Following Seas, LLC**

Bill Lingsch's 43-year career in the ocean sciences has included 31 years with Naval Oceanography supporting fleet and special operations with ocean products, 8 years in the private sector supporting both R&D and operations for Navy, and 4 years as a private consultant, under his one member LLC - Following Seas, supporting NOAA IOOS.

Bill is Past Chair of the Gulf of Mexico Coastal Ocean Observing System (GCOOS) (2016-2017) and has been a GCOOS board member for 9 years. During this time, he was the lead in coordinating development of the current GCOOS Strategic Plan.

From February 2020-September 2023 Bill (Following Seas, LLC) served as the U.S. Glider User Group Coordinator, a joint position of GCOOS and the U.S. IOOS Program Office. This has included reestablishing the glider community by standing up a Steering Group, establishing four focus area sub-groups with leads, and regular webinars addressing technical and operational challenges for glider operations. Since September 2023 this has transitioned to supporting IOOS by collaborating with Navy for the hurricane glider project and being a co-lead for UxS training for NOAA/Navy Commercial Engagement Through Ocean Technology Act of 2018 legislation.

From February 2013 to January 2020 he was the Director of Ocean Science and Technology for Perspecta (formerly Vencore, Inc.) at Stennis Space Center, MS. These responsibilities included serving as Program Manager for approximately \$9-10M/Yr in contracts and 50 personnel who provide subject-matter expertise in the ocean sciences, software engineering, software development, database development, process improvement, web applications and documentation. Customers included the Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command (CNMOC) and subordinate commands, Naval Research Labs, (NRL) and NASA. Lingsch has served in this position since February 2013.

Before joining Vencore, Lingsch worked for Liquid Robotics as Director of Business Development for Information Dominance for a year, pursuing and developing business opportunities for the wave glider, a revolutionary persistent, long-dwell unmanned surface vessel using wave energy for propulsion and solar power for payloads.

During his 31-year government career with Navy Lingsch served as:

- Assistant Chief of Staff (ACOS) N2 Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command (CNMOC) Admiral coordinating and managing programs for meteorology and oceanography (METOC) related with the intelligence community;
- Director, Littoral and Riverine Department managing and providing leadership to approximately 100 government employees, contractors and military providing

environmental intelligence of the riverine and littoral battle space to Expeditionary and Special Operation Forces in support of worldwide combat and Humanitarian Aid/Disaster Recovery operations;

- Mine Warfare (MIW) Program Manager providing oversight for METOC program sponsored by the Chief of Naval Operations, Expeditionary Warfare, N75;
- Supervisor, Digital Bathymetric Database Branch responsible for developing the high resolution Digital Bathymetric Databases (DBDB) in support of submarine navigation and underwater surveillance systems;
- Oceanographer/Physical, participating in more than 24 deep-ocean and hydrographic surveys.

During his career with the Navy Bill was awarded the Meritorious Civil Service Award and Superior Civil Service Award.