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Reporters/editors: The media is welcome to attend this event.

DURHAM, N.H. - Teams of high school students from Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont will face off at the Nor'easter Bowl, the regional competition of the National Ocean Sciences Bowl (NOSB) at the University of New Hampshire on Saturday, Feb. 9, 2008. The event is open to the public, and high school teams that would like to compete are encouraged to join in.

With questions about ocean science ranging from chemistry to geology to technology and biology, this annual competition is far from being the usual trivia game show. Students will test their marine science smarts at the event. The winning team will earn a trip to the NOSB, which will be held in Seward, Alaska, in April. Last year's NOSB winner was ConVal High School from Peterborough, and team members were awarded a trip to Hawaii and scholarships as a result of their hard work and efforts.

"This event is part of a larger effort to promote ocean literacy in schools and in the public," says Mark Wiley, this year's Nor'easter Bowl regional coordinator and NH Sea Grant extension specialist for marine education. "It's neat to see young adults who are well-educated in the various subjects about ocean sciences."

It doesn't cost money to compete, Wiley adds, and there are still a few spots available for interested teams. The competition will begin at 8 a.m. in Kingsbury and Spaulding Halls and is sponsored by the Consortium for Ocean Leadership.

For more information, please contact Mark Wiley (mark.wiley@unh.edu; 603.749.1565) or visit the websites www.unh.edu/marine-education/ and www.nosb.org.

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Caption: ConVal High School's team in 2005, with coach John Manly, won the Nor'easter Bowl. Manly also coached ConVal's 2007 team that won the National Ocean Sciences Bowl.

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