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EDITORIAL: GULF OF MEXICO SCIENCE BACK ISSUES ARCHIVED

Gulf and Caribbean Research (GCR) is pleased to announce the incorporation of all back issues of Northeast Gulf Science (NEGS) and Gulf of Mexico Science (GOMS), published by the Marine Environmental Science Consortium (more commonly known as the Dauphin Island Sea Lab), onto our website. After much deliberation, the Dauphin Island Sea Lab decided to stop publishing GOMS in 2018, and contacted GCR about archiving all back issues of the journal. From 1977 to 2018, NEGS and GOMS published many papers that have substantially improved our understanding of the oceanography, biology, and ecology of the Gulf of Mexico. Additionally, GOMS published several well-received special issues, such as the two on coral reefs of the Flower Gardens (Volumes 16(2), 1998 and 23(1), 2005), an issue describing the marine labs of the Gulf of Mexico (Volume 28(1&2), 2010) and the recent special issue on Kemp's Ridley sea turtles (Volume 33(2), 2016). All archived NEGS and GOMS issues are freely available as open access under the "Gulf of Mexico Science Archived Issues" tab on the GCR website. With these additions, Gulf and Caribbean Research continues to provide an important outlet for peer—reviewed publications from the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea regions. Our readership from the region now has the ability to easily and at no cost access all GOMS articles, providing wider distribution to topics of interest to GCR readers.

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