

Mike Carron



Dr. Mike Carron graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1968 with a B.S. in Oceanography and subsequently earned both a M.A. and Ph.D. in Marine Science from the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA, and a M.A. in National Security and Strategic Studies at the Naval War College, Newport RI.

He began his career at the US Naval Oceanographic Office (NAVOCEANO) in the Mathematical Modeling Group working on the development of ocean climatologies and the analysis of both geophysical and oceanographic data. During the late 1980s he was head of NAVOCEANO's Physical Oceanography Branch and was responsible for oceanographic surveys ranging from the Arctic Ocean to the Southern Ocean. His final position at NAVOCEANO was as Chief Scientist, in charge of the overall scientific program of the Office.

From 2001 until 2006 he was a Senior Scientist at the NATO Undersea Research Centre (NURC) in La Spezia, Italy. The focus of his research for NATO was to understand the effects of man-made noises, especially military SONARs, on marine mammals. Dr. Carron lead an international team who worked together to better understand both the behavioral characteristics of whales and dolphins threatened by man-made noises in the Mediterranean Sea.

Dr. Carron is presently the Chief Scientist at the Northern Gulf Institute, a consortium of Mississippi State University, Louisiana State University, Florida State University, University of Southern Miss and the Dauphin Island Sea Lab. Dr. Carron lives in Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi where he and his wife, Susan, are avid sailors.