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M.S., Geological Sciences, May 2010

- Topic: *3-D Modeling of Nearshore Circulation using ROMS-SWAN: Model Upgrades and Evaluation*
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2. **Kumar, N.**, Suanda, S., and others (in prep for JPO). Internal Tide Generation, Propagation and Transformation north of Pt. Conception, CA: Observations and Model Simulations.
1. **Kumar, N.**, Voulgaris, G., Warner, J.C, and J.H. List (in prep for JGR). Modeling the dynamics of inner-shelf and surf zone region adjacent to a cusped foreland using coupled wave-current interaction model. (*manuscript available*)

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24. Suanda, S., **Kumar, N.**, and others, 2015. Modeling multi-scale interactions on the inner shelf. Gordon Research Seminar and Conference on Coastal Ocean Modeling, Maine (invited).
23. Gilroy, A., Giddings, S., and **N. Kumar**, 2015. Assessing the impact of wave forcing on small river plumes using the COAWST Modeling System. Gordon Research Seminar and Conference on Coastal Ocean Modeling, Maine.
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19. **Kumar, N.**, Feddersen, F., Omand, M., Uchiyama, Y., McWilliams, J.C. and O'Riley, W., 2014. Model-data comparison of surf zone and inner-shelf circulation during HB06. ASLO 2014, Ocean Sciences Meeting, Honolulu, Hawaii.
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6. Voulgaris, G., **Kumar, N.**, Warner, J.C, Haas, K.A., Uchiyama, Y., and J.C. McWilliams, 2010. Applications of Regional Ocean Modeling System (ROMS) for Surf Zone Environment. AGU 2010 Ocean Sciences Meeting, Abstract No PO13B-02, Portland, OR, USA.
5. **Kumar, N.**, Voulgaris, G. and J.C. Warner, 2010. Predicting Rip Currents Using a 3-D Numerical, Coupled Wave-Current Model. 1st International Rip Current Symposium, Florida International University, February 17-19, 2010, Miami FL.
4. Voulgaris, G. and **N. Kumar**, 2009. Surfzone hydrodynamic measurements and modeling: Towards a rip-current potential hazard prediction tool. Nortek User Symposium, May 13-15, 2009, St. Augustine, FL.
3. **Kumar, N.**, Voulgaris, G. and J.C. Warner, 2008. Impact of Synoptic Meteorological Variations on Nearshore Hydrodynamics. Eos Trans. AGU, 89 (53), Fall Meet. Suppl., Abstract OS13D-1206.
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PRIZES/HONORS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Best Poster</i> for Gordon Research Conference Coastal Ocean Modeling, Univ. of New Biddeford, Maine</li> <li>• <i>Best Oral Presentation</i> for Young Coastal Scientists and Engineers Conference, Univ. of Delaware</li> <li>• <i>Early career travel award</i> for Ocean Sciences, 2014, Scripps Institution of Oceanography</li> <li>• <i>Outstanding publication award</i> in the Marine Science Program, Univ. of South Carolina</li> <li>• Department and graduate school travel awards for attending and presenting in conferences</li> <li>• American Shore and Beach Preservation Association (ASBPA) <i>student educational award</i></li> <li>• Nominated for best M.S. thesis award in the Dept. of Earth and Ocean Sciences</li> <li>• Institute Silver Medal award for <i>best academic performance</i> in the Dept. of Ocean Engg. and Naval Architecture, IIT Kharagpur, India</li> </ul>	<p>June 2015</p> <p>July 2014</p> <p>Jan. 2014</p> <p>April 2013</p> <p>2008-2013</p> <p>Oct. 2010</p> <p>Oct. 2010</p> <p>Aug. 2007</p>
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