

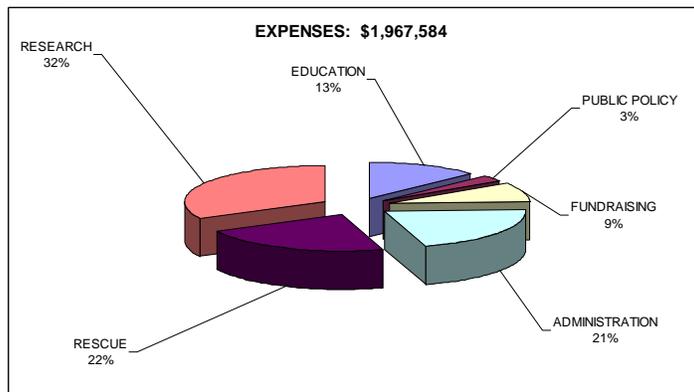
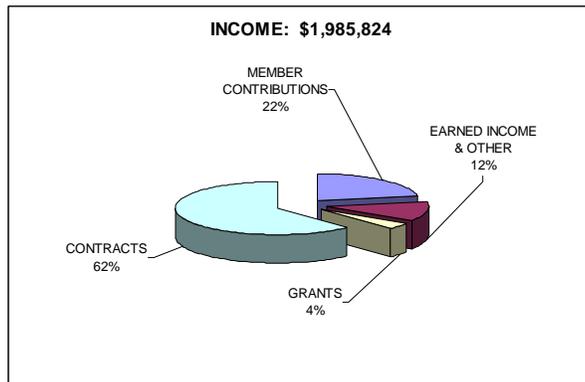
2005 ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Friends,

Fall 2006

A bruised economy meant belt-tightening in 2005 but despite the challenges, the Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies finished the year in the black and forged ahead with plans to expand facilities and programming.

We finished 2005 with revenues of \$1,985,824 and expenses of \$1,967,584. We increased our contracts by four percent and grant awards rose eleven percent, up slightly from 2004. The charts below show that applied research and whale rescue continue as the heart of our mission to study and protect the marine mammals of the western North Atlantic and the ecosystems that serve as their habitats.



The accounting firm of James F. Bogle of Yarmouth Port, MA, prepared our 2005 audit.
For a copy of the 2005 audit, contact PCCS at 508.487.3622 ext. 103.

In May, our commitment to marine education, another core element of our mission statement, continued with the launch of a new program, MassSail. MassSail is a joint venture between the Center and our friends at the Ocean Classroom Foundation, based in Watch Hill, Rhode Island, to raise awareness and promote stewardship of Massachusetts' marine ecosystems. Using the 125-foot schooner *Spirit of Massachusetts* as a platform, MassSail's inaugural season of at-sea, experiential education ran from May through September, with a total of 93 days at sea. Planning for 2006 was well underway even before the 2005 season ended.

Meanwhile, our growing research staff desperately needed more space. For over two decades, as our staff grew their workspace did not. In late 2005, we sold our beloved small Cape in the West End of Provincetown and worked out an arrangement with the town for the purchase of a 1960s-era surplus school building.

To fund the purchase of the 11,000-square-foot building and the necessary renovations, including “green” elements, the Center launched a \$3.5-million capital fund and endowment drive called the Coastal Campaign. As 2005 drew to a close we had raised over \$2 million. I will be happy to talk with you regarding a gift to the Coastal Campaign, which we hope to conclude by late June 2007.

For the whale rescue team it was a busy year. We received 97 reports of entangled marine animals from the Gulf of Maine to Florida. Twenty-two of these reports involved entangled baleen whales—11 right whales and 11 humpback whales, including four right whales reported in previous years that continued to survive with their entanglements.

In years to come, it is my hope that the Center will expand its whale rescue efforts internationally since the issue of disentanglement has become a global problem.

Our other cetacean-based programs had successful field seasons. In late January, the right whale aerial survey team observed the first critically-endangered right whales in Cape Cod Bay—three in the bay and nine others socializing just outside the bay. January also marked the start of the habitat program, in which the study of red tide factored into our work for the first time. In April, the sighting of the first humpback calf in Provincetown Harbor launched our local research season and our continued efforts to survey humpback whales in the Gulf of Maine.

In 2005 the Center welcomed back former intern Amy DeLorenzo, now Dr. Amy Costa, who received her Ph.D. from the University of Rhode Island’s School of Oceanography, and whose specialties include water quality analysis and eelgrass, which acts as a refuge and nursery for young marine life. Amy is the principal investigator of our new Cape Cod Bay Ocean Sanctuary and Monitoring Program.

I could go on, but clearly 2005 was a busy year. To support our work or learn more about PCCS, visit: www.coastalstudies.org.

Throughout 2006 and in the months to come, the Center has been celebrating its 30th Anniversary and we invite you to join us in our continuing mission to study and protect marine mammals and ecosystems through environmental education, applied science and conservation programs. Your support and friendship mean a great deal to us.

Sincerely,



Peter R. Borrelli
Executive Director