

Bracklesham Bay Directional Waverider Buoy

Location

OS: 482207E 92091N

WGS84: Latitude: 50° 43.358' N Longitude: 00° 50.204' W

Water Depth

~10 m CD

Instrument Type

Datawell Directional Waverider Mk III

Data Quality

Recovery rate (%)	Sample interval
96	30 minutes

Statistics - 2011

All times are GMT

Month	H _s (m)	T _p (s)	T _z (s)	Dir. (°)	SST (°C)	No. of days
January	0.77	8.8	4.2	201	5.9	30
February	1.03	12.1	5.0	207	6.5	27
March	0.45	8.1	3.8	196	7.3	30
April	0.44	9.4	4.3	206	11.3	29
May	0.70	6.1	3.6	213	13.9	30
June	0.73	6.0	3.7	211	15.4	29
July	0.56	6.4	3.6	213	17.4	30
August	0.58	5.8	3.5	214	18.2	30
September	0.92	6.9	4.0	210	17.1	29
October	0.87	7.0	3.9	206	15.8	30
November	0.91	9.4	4.3	198	13.3	29
December	1.31	8.1	4.5	212	9.7	30

Storm Analysis

Date/Time	H _s (m)	T _p (s)	T _z (s)	Dir. (°)	Water level elevation* (OD)	Tidal stage (hours re. HW)	Tidal range (m)	Tidal surge* (m)	Max. surge* (m)
13-Dec-2011 00:00	3.64	8.3	6.3	208	2.25	HW	3.8	0.51	0.61
06-Sep-2011 16:00	3.35	9.1	6.2	203	0.58	HW -1	1.6	0.01	-0.36
08-Dec-2011 20:00	3.28	9.1	6.0	194	0.51	HW -2	2.3	-0.11	-0.63

* Tidal information is obtained from the nearest recording tide gauge (the National Network gauge at Portsmouth). The surge shown is the residual at the time of the highest H_s. The maximum tidal surge is the largest surge during the storm event.

Annual Statistics

Year	Annual H_s exceedance* (m)						Annual Maximum H_s	
	0.05%	0.5%	1%	2%	5%	10%	Date	A_{max} (m)
2008	-	2.83	2.51	2.25	1.90	1.56	09-Nov-2008 23:00	3.28
2009	3.60	2.97	2.70	2.37	1.96	1.58	23-Nov-2009 13:00	3.83
2010	3.15	2.56	2.23	1.85	1.47	1.17	31-Mar-2010 09:30	3.46
2011	3.32	2.59	2.39	2.13	1.76	1.50	13-Dec-2011 00:00	3.64

* i.e. 5 % of the H_s values measured in 2008 exceeded 1.90 m

Distribution plots

The distribution of wave parameters are shown in the accompanying graphs of:

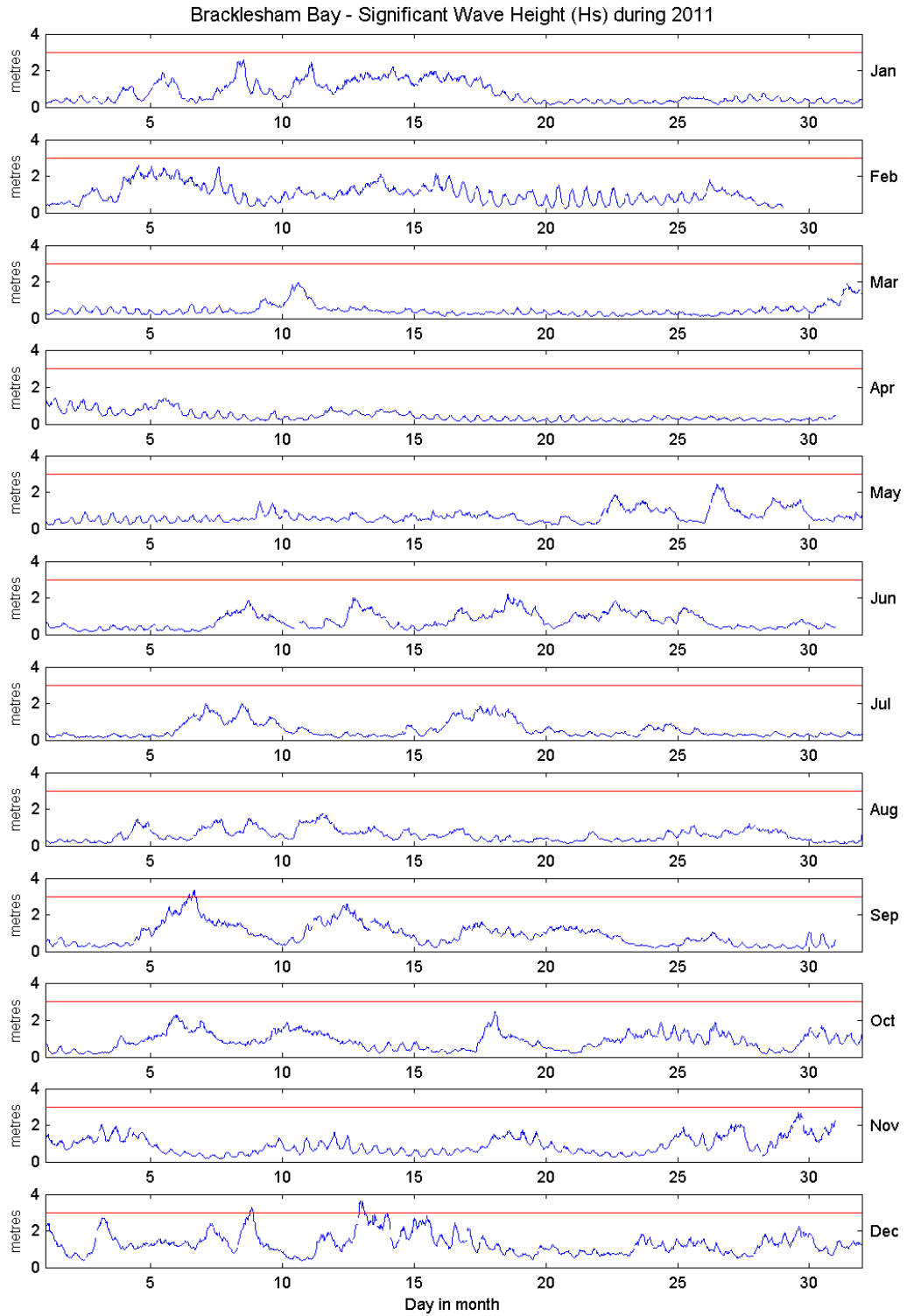
- Annual time series of H_s (red line is 3.0 m storm threshold)
- Wave roses (Direction vs. H_s and vs. T_p) for all measured data
- Percentage of occurrence of H_s , T_p , T_z and Direction for 2011
- Incidence of storm waves for 2011. Storm events are defined using the Peaks-over-Threshold method. The highest H_s of each storm event is shown
- Joint distribution of all parameters for all measured data, given as percentage of occurrence

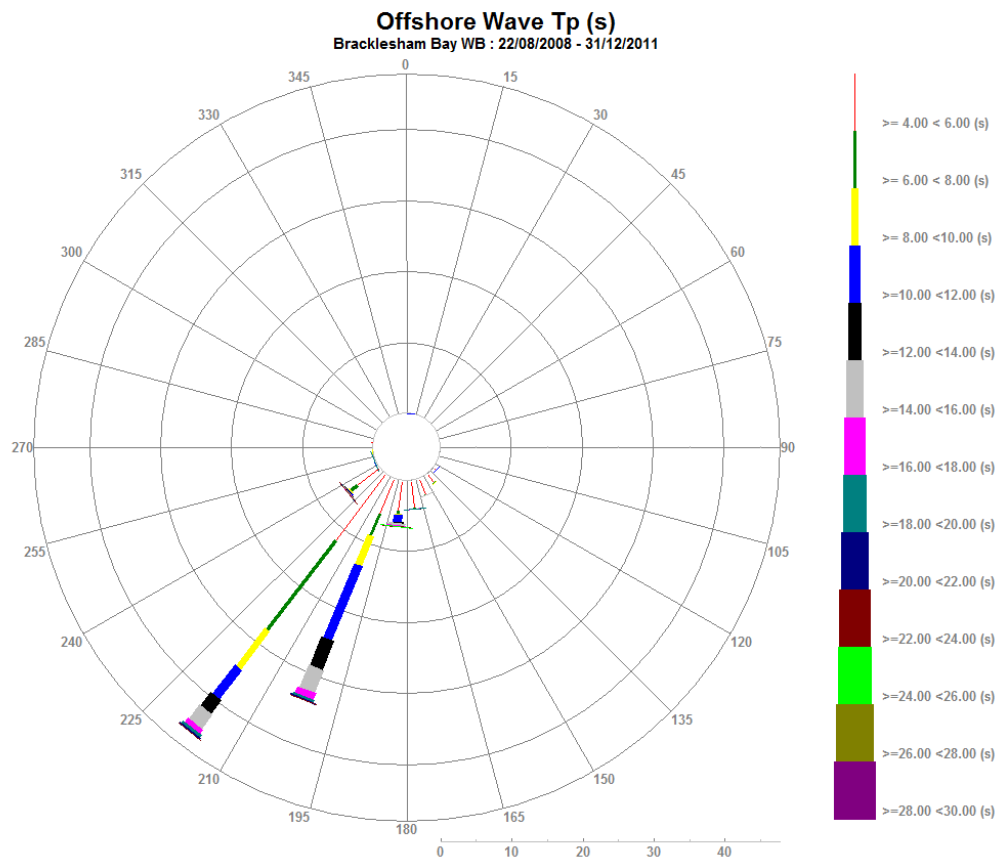
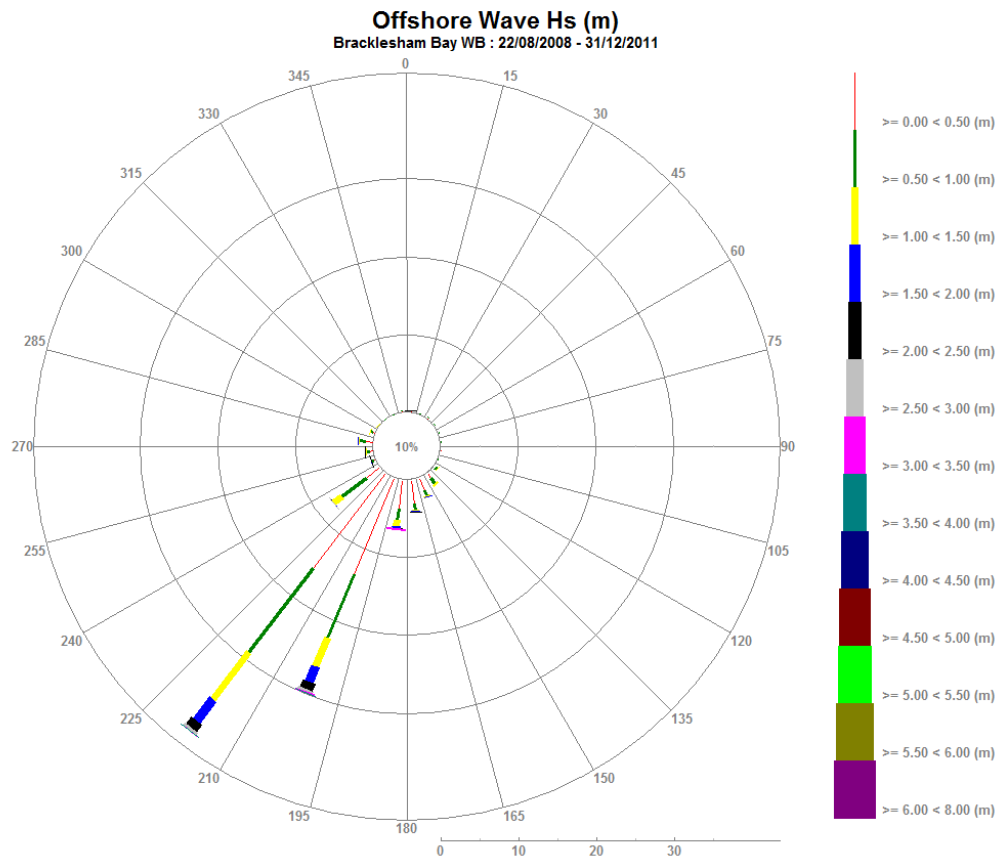
General

The buoy, owned by Environment Agency (Southern Region), was first deployed on 22 August 2008.

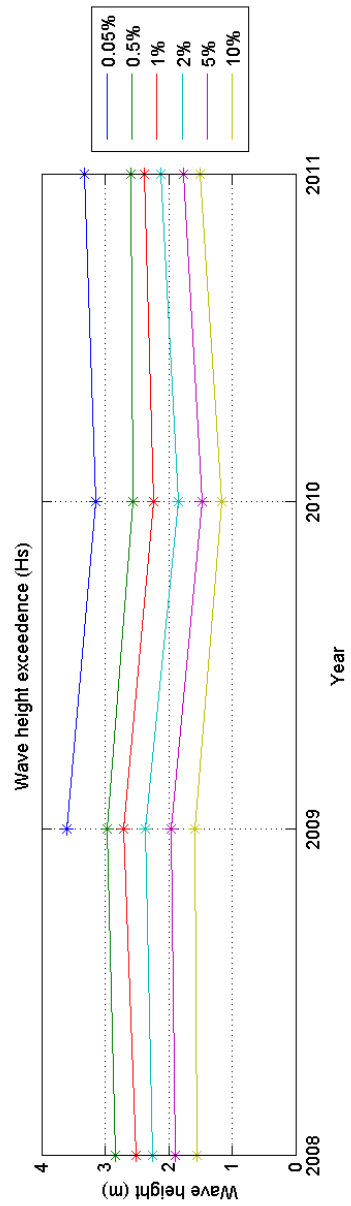
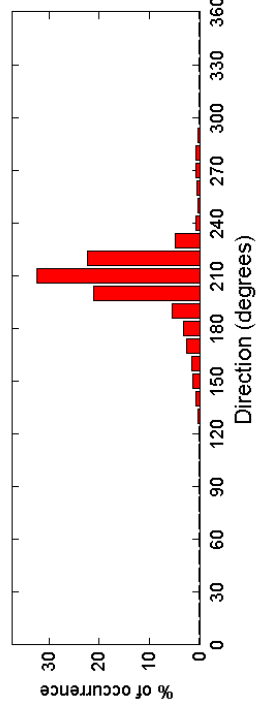
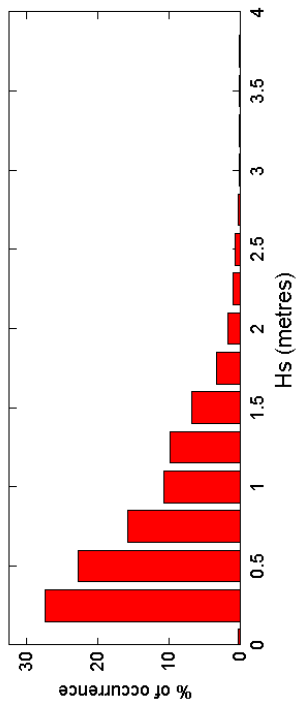
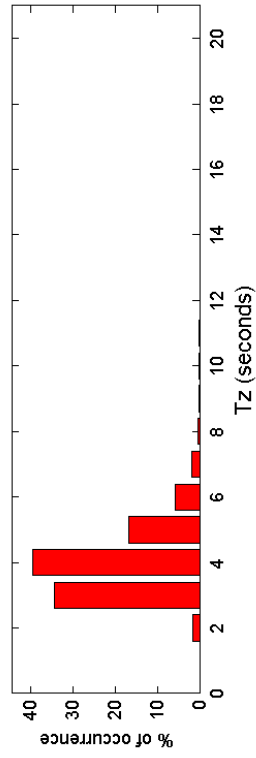
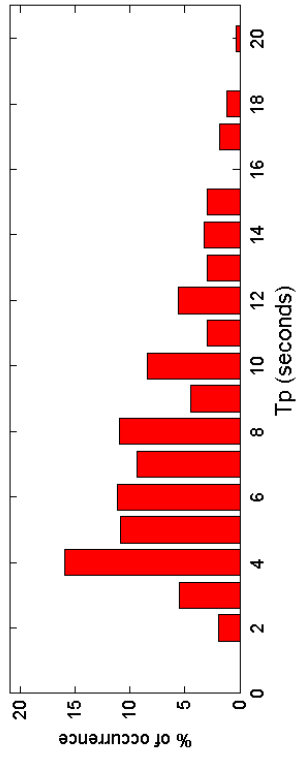
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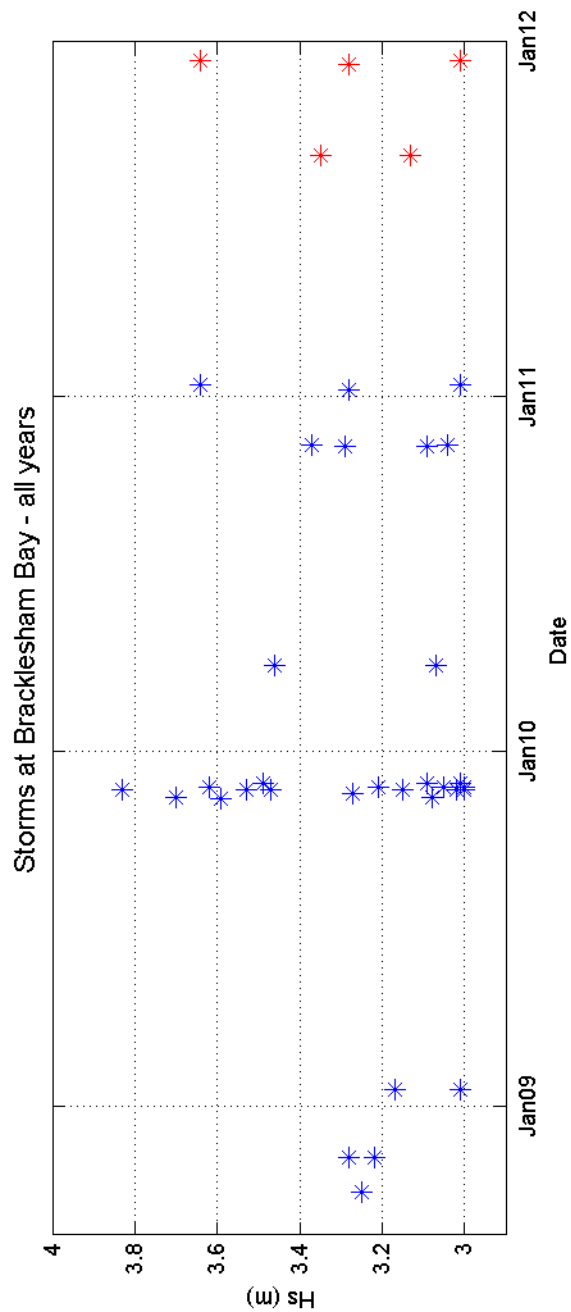
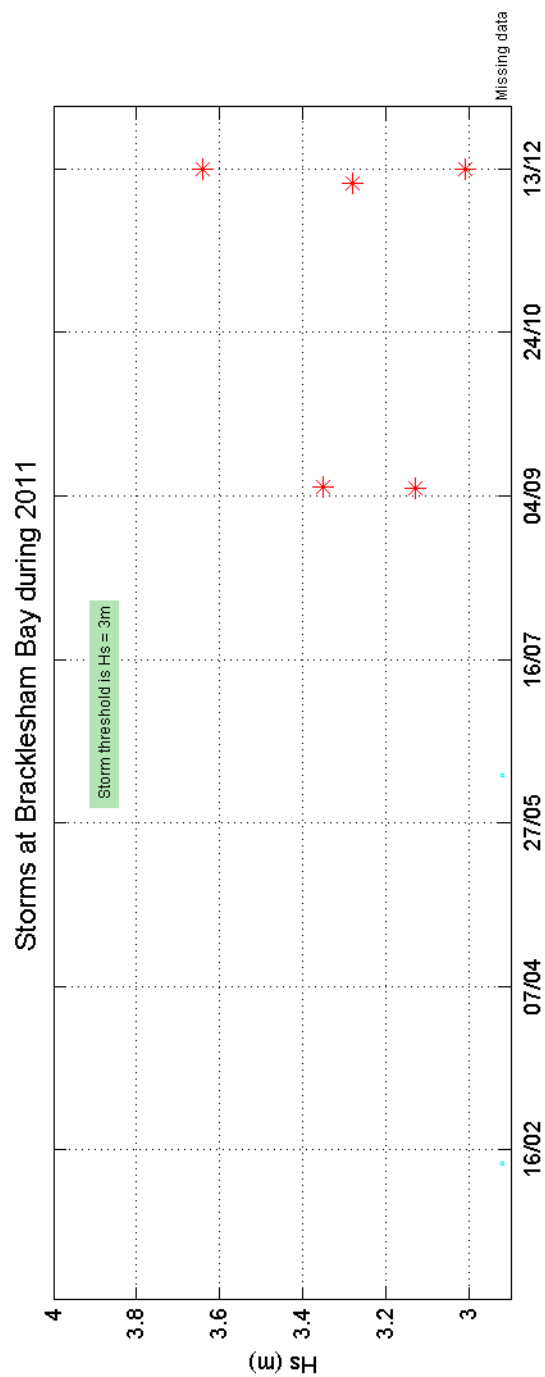
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Bracklesham Bay 2008 to 2011 - Joint distribution (% of occurrence)

