# **Lymington Step Gauge**

**Location** 

OS: 434874 E 93526 N

WGS84: Latitude: 50° 44' 25.18947" N Longitude: 01° 30' 25.60798"W

Water Depth Approx. 3m

Instrument Type

Etrometa Step Gauge

## **Data Quality**

C1 (%)	Sample interval		
94	20 minutes		

## Monthly Means

All times GMT

Month	Hs	Tz	Tp	Direction	SST	No. of
WICHTI	(m)	(s)	(s)	(°)	(°C)	days
January	0.23	3.1	3.0	-	-	29
February	0.16	2.9	3.0	-	-	29
March	0.17	3.1	3.0	-	-	28
April	0.15	2.9	3.0	-	-	30
May	0.12	2.6	2.9	-	-	29
June	0.13	2.6	2.9	-	-	29
July	0.15	2.5	2.9	i	-	31
August	0.21	2.7	2.8	-	-	25
September	0.15	2.7	2.9	-	-	28
October	0.16	3.0	3.0	-	-	31
November	0.14	3.0	3.0	-	-	26
December	0.13	3.1	3.0	-	-	30

Tables and plots of these values, together with the minimum and maximum values and the standard deviation are available on the website.

Highest storm events in 2008									
Date/Time	H <sub>s</sub>	Т <sub>р</sub>	Tz	Dir.	Water level elevation * (OD)	Tidal stage (hours re: HW)	Tidal range (m)	Tidal surge* (m)	Max. surge* (m)
10-Mar-2008 11:40	0.91	3.3	3.1	-	1.80	HW	2.6	~0.74	~1.05

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<sup>\*</sup> Tidal information is obtained from the nearest recording tide gauge (the step gauge also measures tidal elevation). The surge shown is the residual at the time of the highest H<sub>s.</sub> The maximum tidal surge is the largest positive surge during the storm event.

Year	Δ	nnual	H <sub>s</sub> exc	ceedar	nce* (n	Annual Maximum H <sub>s</sub> (m)		
i cai	0.05%	0.5%	1%	2%	5%	10%	Date	A <sub>max</sub>
2003	-	-	-	-	0.44	0.34	03-Nov-2003 04:00	0.81
2004	1.03	0.79	0.70	0.62	0.49	0.36	23-Jun-2004 12:00	1.11
2005	1.15	0.91	0.81	0.71	0.53	0.37	03-Nov-2005 06:00	1.43
2006	1.27	1.00	0.95	0.86	0.72	0.58	03-Dec-2006 05:00	1.31
2007	1.13	0.78	0.64	0.52	0.41	0.32	18-Jan-2007 08:00	1.44
2008	0.79	0.6	0.54	0.49	0.41	0.32	10-Mar-2008 11:40	0.91

<sup>\*</sup> i.e. 5 % of the H<sub>s</sub> values measured in 2003 exceeded 0.44m

### Distribution plots

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

- Percentage of occurrence of H<sub>s</sub>, T<sub>p</sub>, and T<sub>z</sub> for 2008
- Percentage wave height exceedance (all recorded years) note that the statistics for 2006 were based on measurements from July to December only
- Joint distribution of all parameters for 2008, given both as number of observations and as percentage of occurrence
- Cumulative joint distribution of parameters from start of records (percentage of occurrence only)
- Incidence of storms during 2008 and for all previous years. Storm events are defined using the Peaks-over-Threshold method. The highest H<sub>s</sub> of each storm event is shown.
- Annual time series of H<sub>s</sub> (red line is storm waves threshold)

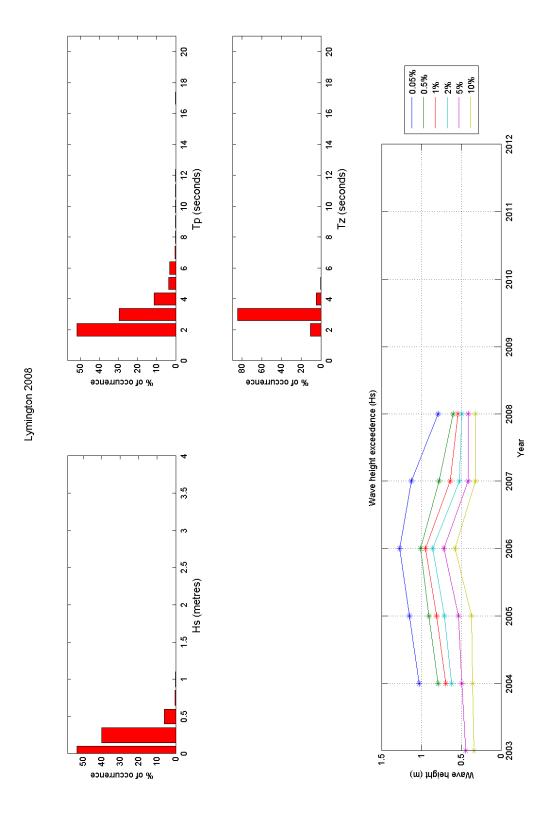
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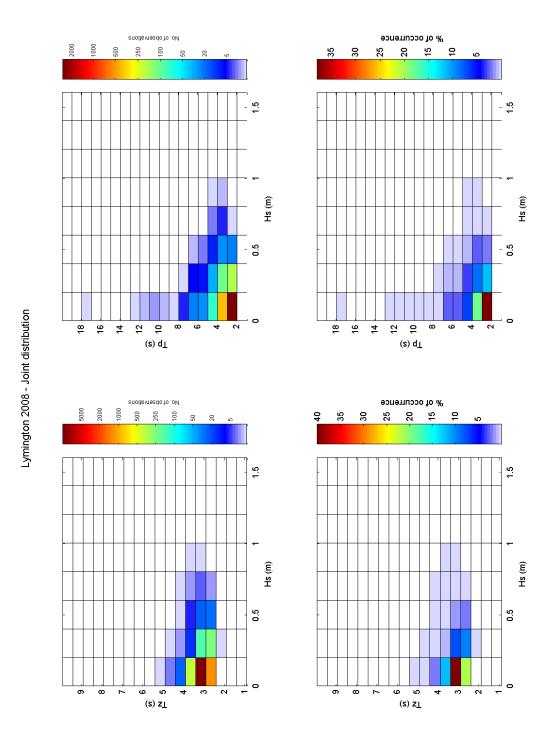
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Lymington 2003 to 2008 - Joint distribution (% of occurrence)

