

Lymington Tide Gauge

Location

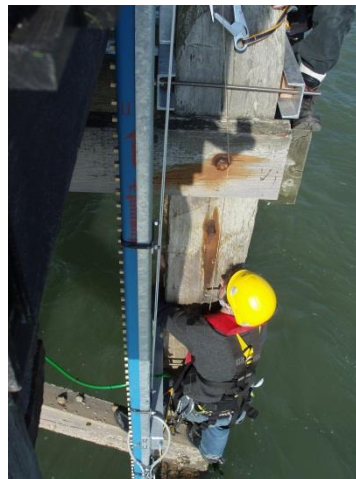
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WGS84:Latitude: 50° 44' 25.0638'' N Longitude: 01° 30' 25.6398'' W

On the Royal Lymington Yacht Club Starting Platform

Instrument Type

Etrometa Step Gauge



Benchmarks

Benchmark

TGBM = 3.919 m above Ordnance Datum Newlyn

TGZ = -2.217 m above Ordnance Datum Newlyn

TGZ = -0.240 m above Chart Datum

TGZ = 6.136 m below TGBM

Description

Top of step gauge frame

Datum

All data are to Ordnance Datum Newlyn. The height of Chart Datum relative to Ordnance Datum at Lymington is -1.98m (Admiralty Tide Tables, Supplementary Table III).

Survey information

The site was surveyed on 20 December 2007.

Site characteristics

The Royal Lymington Yacht Club Starting Platform is approx. 1.7 km offshore, in the Western Solent. Spring tidal range is 2.1m.

Data Quality

Recovery rate (%)	Sample interval
96	10 minutes

Service history

The step gauge became operational on 19 April 2007 and is serviced at 9-monthly intervals. The lower section of the gauge required replacement during the winter of 2015. No re-calibration of the instrument is required.

Measurements

Residuals and Elevations (OD and CD) for the whole year are shown in Figures 1 to 3 respectively. It should be noted that, given the small tidal range and double High Waters, tidal predictions are particularly difficult at this site, both for elevation and especially for timing. Accordingly, there may be instances of apparent tidal surge and/or a periodicity in the surge which are, in reality, an artefact of the predictions.

Statistics

All times GMT

Month	Extreme maxima		Extreme minima	
	Elevation (OD)	Date/Time	Elevation (OD)	Date/Time
January	1.58	09-Jan-2016 22:50	-1.46	24-Jan-2016 16:30
February	1.59	09-Feb-2016 11:00	-1.57	24-Feb-2016 17:30
March	1.76	28-Mar-2016 03:40	-2.09	10-Mar-2016 17:20
April	1.41	09-Apr-2016 11:30	-1.80	08-Apr-2016 16:50
May	1.41	08-May-2016 23:50	-1.62	08-May-2016 04:50
June	1.24	05-Jun-2016 22:40	-1.67	07-Jun-2016 05:30
July	1.17	04-Jul-2016 22:30	-1.57	06-Jul-2016 05:10
August	1.44	19-Aug-2016 23:20	-1.54	22-Aug-2016 06:30
September	1.36	18-Sep-2016 23:30	-1.73	18-Sep-2016 04:50
October	1.44	16-Oct-2016 10:00	-1.71	18-Oct-2016 17:30
November	1.53	17-Nov-2016 12:00	-1.71	14-Nov-2016 15:40
December	1.42	15-Dec-2016 11:00	-1.66	17-Dec-2016 18:40

Month	Surge maxima		Surge minima	
	Value (m)	Date/Time	Value (m)	Date/Time
January	0.62	07-Jan-2016 03:20	-0.26	16-Jan-2016 03:20
February	0.70	08-Feb-2016 15:50	-0.33	28-Feb-2016 18:50
March	1.03	28-Mar-2016 04:10	-0.42	14-Mar-2016 02:50
April	0.42	26-Apr-2016 00:00	-0.47	16-Apr-2016 12:50
May	0.33	08-May-2016 08:30	-0.26	02-May-2016 23:20
June	0.32	15-Jun-2016 14:20	-0.24	01-Jun-2016 11:30
July	0.22	01-Jul-2016 02:00	-0.33	15-Jul-2016 12:00
August	0.40	20-Aug-2016 05:10	-0.30	11-Aug-2016 09:00
September	0.35	30-Sep-2016 07:00	-0.34	27-Sep-2016 22:20
October	0.32	01-Oct-2016 07:30	-0.33	06-Oct-2016 05:50
November	0.47	21-Nov-2016 22:30	-0.45	28-Nov-2016 22:50
December	0.39	24-Dec-2016 14:30	-0.57	27-Dec-2016 22:30

Month	Mean Level	
	No. of days	Elevation (OD)
January	29	0.279
February	29	0.177
March	29	0.048
April	30	0.120
May	30	0.134
June	30	0.132
July	30	0.115
August	31	0.129
September	30	0.172
October	30	0.123
November	30	0.161
December	30	0.100

Highest values in 2016			
Extreme		Surge	
Elevation (OD) (Surge component)	Date/Time	Value (m)	Date/Time
1.76 (0.94)	28-Mar-2016 03:40	1.03	28-Mar-2016 04:10
1.59 (0.46)	09-Feb-2016 11:00	0.70	08-Feb-2016 15:50
1.58 (0.61)	09-Jan-2016 22:50	0.68	06-Feb-2016 21:00
1.56 (0.44)	11-Jan-2016 11:20	0.64	09-Mar-2016 04:40
1.55 (0.39)	10-Feb-2016 11:30	0.64	06-Feb-2016 16:30
1.53 (0.31)	17-Nov-2016 12:00	0.62	07-Jan-2016 03:20
1.53 (0.48)	08-Feb-2016 10:40	0.61	09-Jan-2016 22:50
1.52 (0.44)	12-Feb-2016 13:00	0.60	07-Jan-2016 03:00
1.52 (0.38)	11-Feb-2016 12:10	0.60	09-Jan-2016 16:30
1.48 (0.46)	27-Jan-2016 12:40	0.59	01-Jan-2016 22:50

Year	Annual extreme maxima		Annual surge maxima		Z ₀ (OD)	Annual recovery rate
	Elevation (OD) (Surge)	Date/Time	Value (m)	Date/Time		
2006*	1.58 (-)	05-Dec-2006 10:00	-	-	-	-
2007*	1.64 (-)	06-Mar-2007 01:40	-	-	-	-
2008	2.01 (0.91)	10-Mar-2008 12:10	1.14	10-Mar-2008 06:20	-	95%
2009	1.68 (0.67)	14-Nov-2009 08:20	0.85	14-Nov-2009 13:00	-	89%
2010	1.61 (0.49)	30-Mar-2010 22:40	0.68	12-Nov-2010 17:00	-	99%
2011	1.57 (0.29)	27-Oct-2011 10:10	0.65	12-Dec-2011 23:20	-	98%
2012	1.78 (0.53)	17-Oct-2012 11:10	0.71	26-Apr-2012 01:20	-	89%
2013	1.88 (0.67)	06-Dec-2013 02:50	0.87	28-Oct-2013 05:10	-	92%
2014	1.66 (0.49)	05-Feb-2014 03:30	0.93	14-Feb-2014 20:40	-	72%
2015	1.52 (0.37)	25-Dec-2015 10:00	0.65	17-Nov-2015 01:10	-	76%
2016	1.76 (0.94)	28-Mar-2016 03:40	1.03	28-Mar-2016 04:10		96%

* Note that tidal elevations prior to August 2007 were derived using a different instrument; the elevations are thought to be reasonably reliable but timing issues prevented production of residuals.

Tidal levels		
Observation period	August 2008 to December 2012	
Tide Level	Elevation (OD)	Elevation (CD)
HAT	1.34	3.32
MHWS	1.19	3.17
MHWN	0.69	2.67
MSL	0.12	2.10
MLWN	-0.46	1.52
MLWS	-0.95	1.03
LAT	-1.99	-0.01

General

The time series of 10 minute tidal elevations for one year is quality-checked in accordance with ESEAS guidelines, flagged and archived. The archived time series is continuous and monotonic, with missing data given as 9999. The missing data shown are days where the entire 24 hours of data are missing.

Monthly **extreme maxima/minima** are the maximum and minimum water levels from all measured data for that month. Monthly **surge maxima/minima** (residuals) are calculated in a similar manner from the time series of residuals. Residuals are derived as the measured tidal elevation minus the predicted tidal elevation.

The monthly Mean Level is calculated as the average of all readings for the given month. The annual Z_0 is the value of Mean Sea Level derived by the harmonic analysis of the year's data. These values should not be used for any purpose without consideration of the recovery rate.

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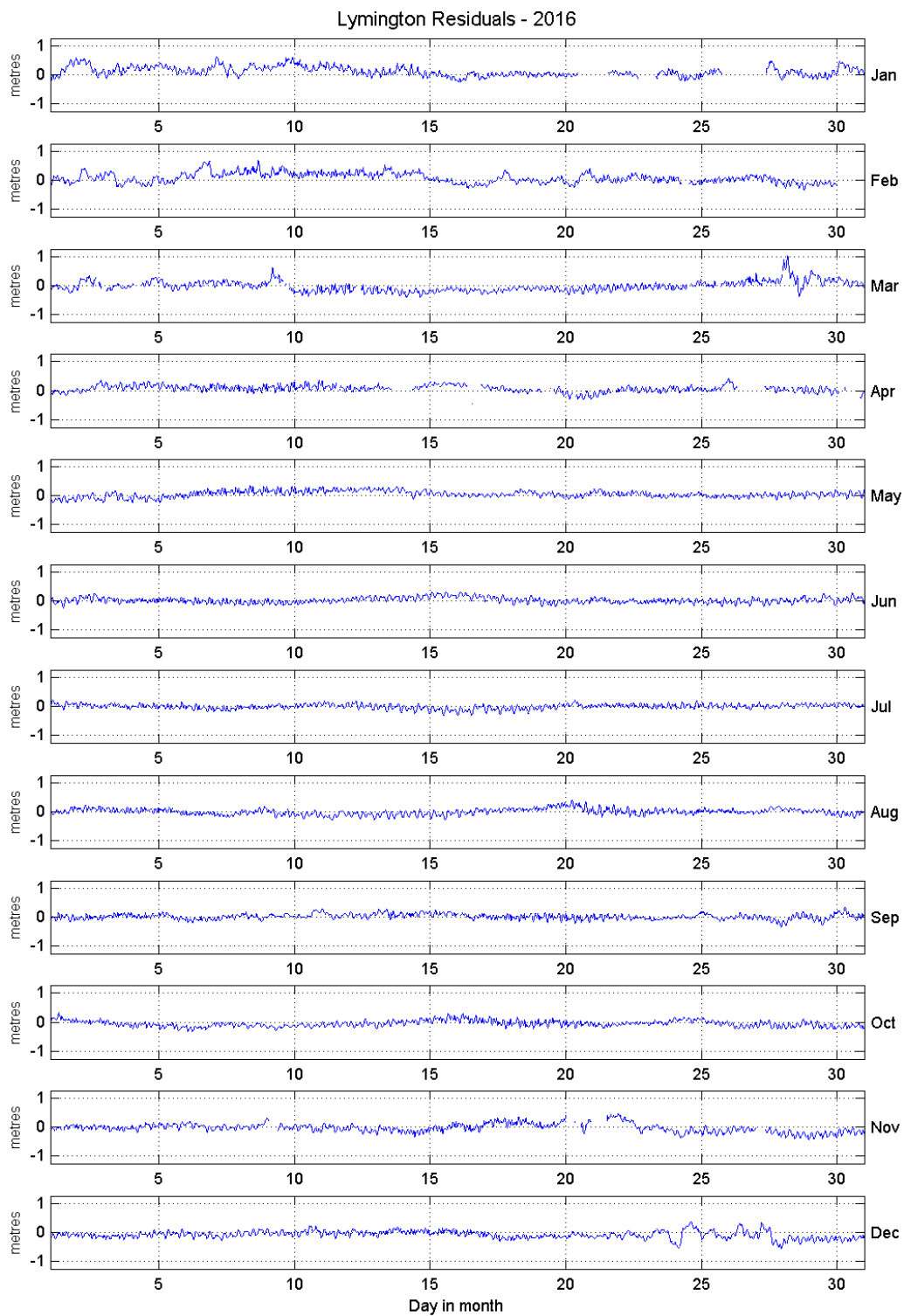


Figure 1: Lymington residuals for 2016

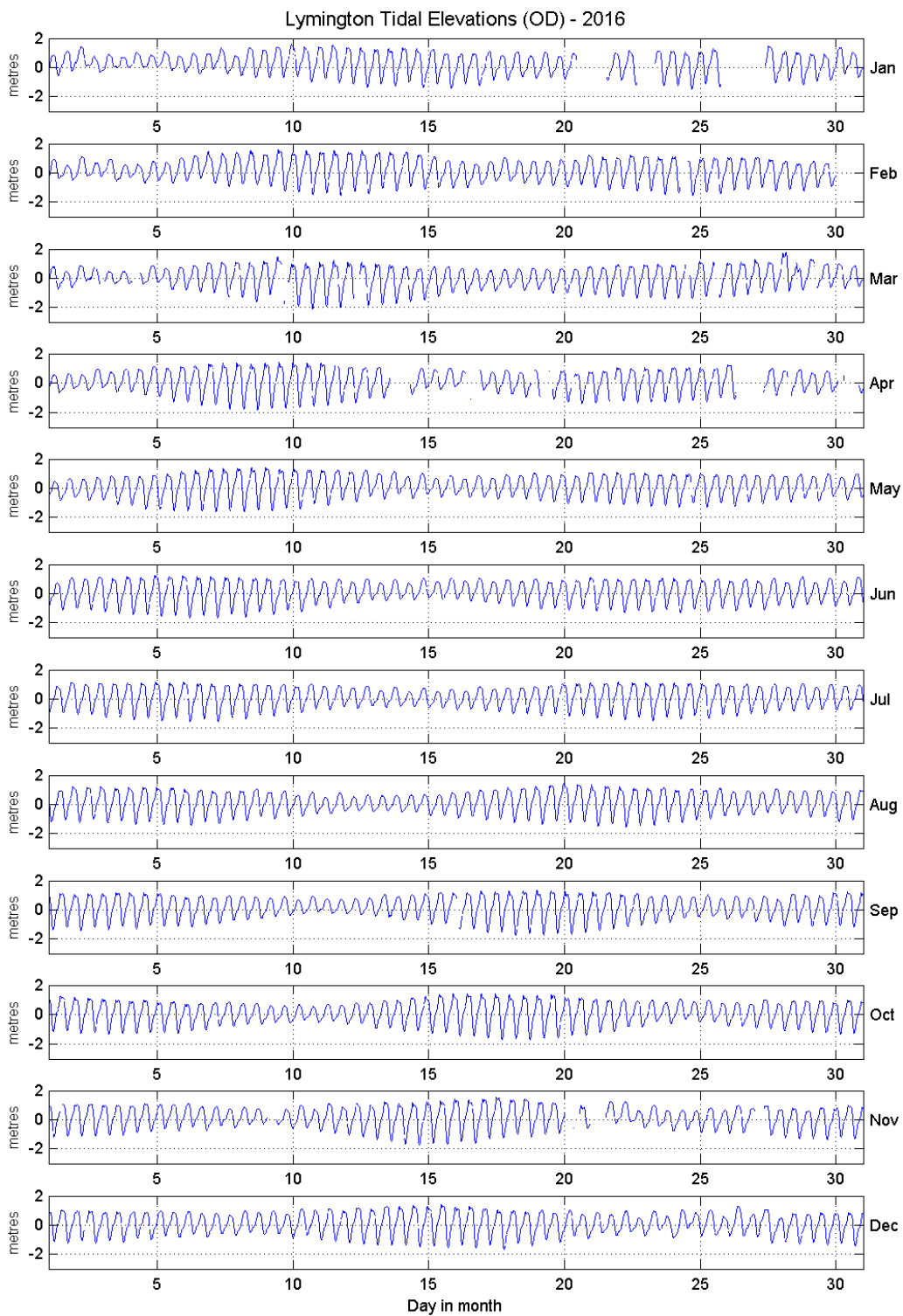


Figure 2: Lymington tidal elevations for 2016 relative to Ordnance Datum

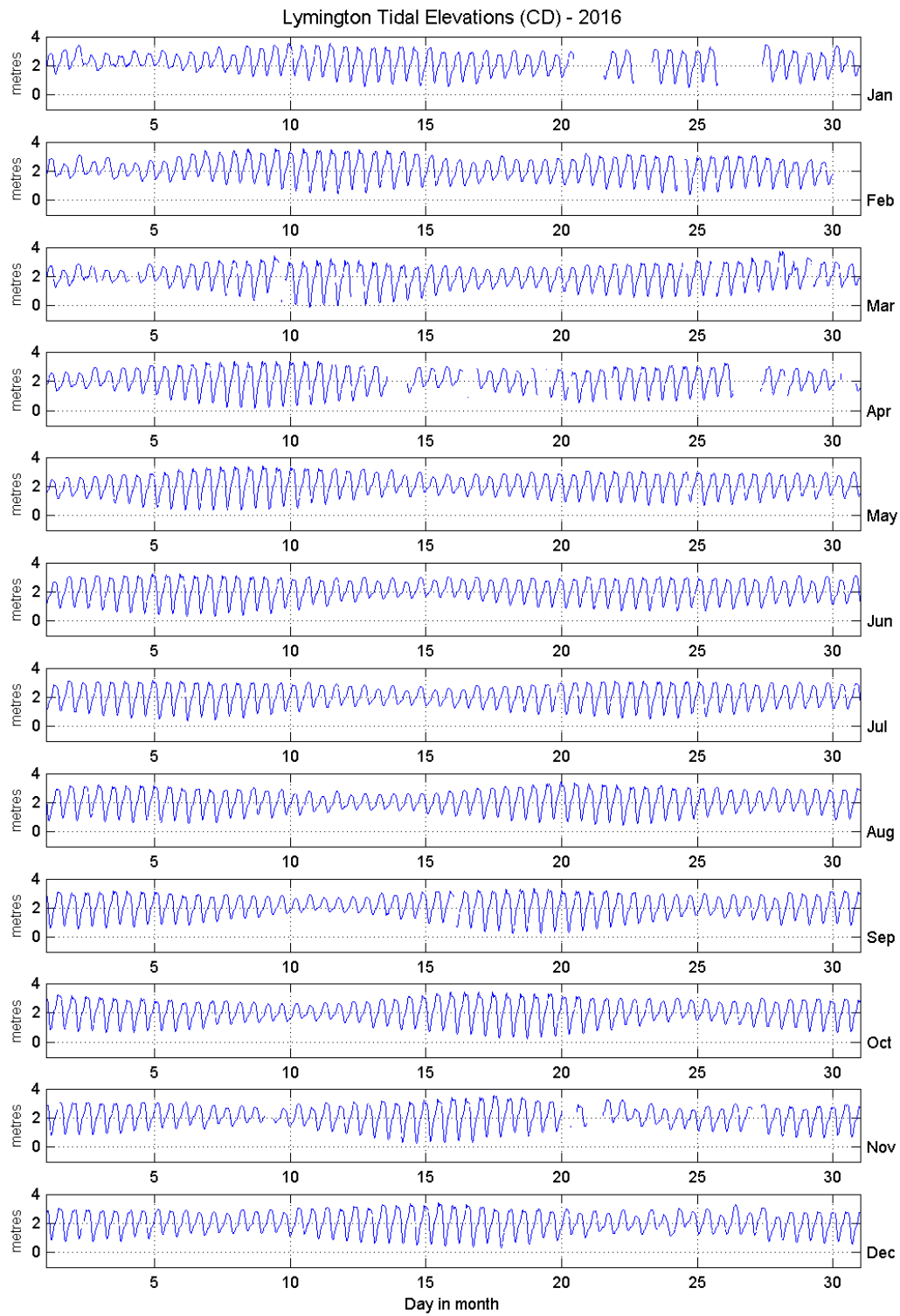


Figure 3: Lymington tidal elevations for 2016 relative to Chart Datum