

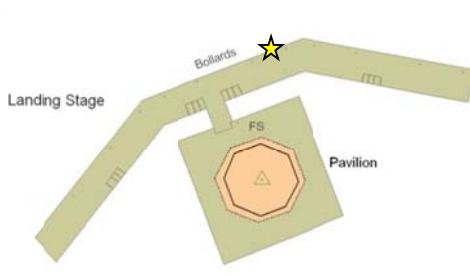
## Herne Bay Tide Gauge

### Location

OS: 616895E 169377N  
 WGS84: Latitude: 51° 22.919196' N Longitude: 01° 6.9335907' E

### Instrument Type

Etrometa Step Gauge



### Benchmarks

Benchmark	Description
TGBM = 5.524m above Ordnance Datum Newlyn	616894.912E 169376.689N Steel pin
TGZ = -3.510m above Ordnance Datum Newlyn	
TGZ = -0.790m above Chart Datum	
TGZ = 9.034m below TGBM	

### Datum

All data are to Ordnance Datum Newlyn. The height of Chart Datum relative to Ordnance Datum at Herne Bay is -2.72m (Admiralty Tide Tables, Supplementary Table III).

### Survey information

The site was last surveyed on 26 November 2004. All data prior to this date were re-adjusted to the new level.

### Site characteristics

The old pier head is now detached from the shore. Some wave reflection from the dolphin legs can occur. The frontage is along the outer Thames estuary. Spring tidal range is 4.9m.

### Data Quality

Recovery rate (%)	Sample interval
98	10 minutes

### Service history

The step gauge became operational on 24 April 1996. No re-calibration of the gauge is necessary. It was last serviced in November 2012.

## Measurements

Prior to 01 May 2008, the step gauge measuring burst was 10 minutes at 2.56Hz, every 10 minutes, with the time stamp for the 10 minute average at the centre of the burst. From 00:00Z 01 May 2008, the measuring burst is 1 minute at 2.56Hz, every 10 minutes, time stamped at the start of the burst.

Residuals and Elevations (OD and CD) for the whole year are shown in Figures 1 to 3 respectively.

## Statistics

*All times GMT*

Month	Extreme maxima		Extreme minima	
	Elevation (OD)	Date/Time	Elevation (OD)	Date/Time
January	2.93	05-Jan-2012 21:20	-2.78	26-Jan-2012 08:40
February	2.71	25-Feb-2012 02:10	-2.73	10-Feb-2012 08:10
March	2.72	07-Mar-2012 23:40	-2.75	09-Mar-2012 07:00
April	2.80	07-Apr-2012 12:20	-2.57	08-Apr-2012 07:20
May	2.75	07-May-2012 00:30	-2.47	08-May-2012 07:30
June	2.78	03-Jun-2012 23:10	-2.62	08-Jun-2012 21:50
July	2.75	06-Jul-2012 01:40	-2.40	22-Jul-2012 20:40
August	2.90	30-Aug-2012 23:40	-2.33	03-Aug-2012 19:40
September	2.89	19-Sep-2012 01:50	-2.52	30-Sep-2012 18:50
October	3.03	17-Oct-2012 00:40	-2.38	16-Oct-2012 19:00
November	2.84	15-Nov-2012 12:50	-2.20	13-Nov-2012 17:40
December	2.99	16-Dec-2012 14:10	-2.65	15-Dec-2012 07:40

Month	Surge maxima		Surge minima	
	Value (m)	Date/Time	Value (m)	Date/Time
January	1.59	05-Jan-2012 18:50	-0.80	03-Jan-2012 09:30
February	0.76	14-Feb-2012 00:00	-0.80	05-Feb-2012 06:10
March	0.80	07-Mar-2012 19:50	-0.91	07-Mar-2012 11:10
April	0.64	28-Apr-2012 23:20	-0.68	17-Apr-2012 16:50
May	0.52	15-May-2012 16:20	-0.46	13-May-2012 02:40
June	0.68	04-Jun-2012 05:50	-0.65	08-Jun-2012 11:10
July	0.46	19-Jul-2012 20:50	-0.32	16-Jul-2012 19:20
August	0.89	30-Aug-2012 19:20	-0.47	28-Aug-2012 05:00
September	1.01	14-Sep-2012 19:20	-0.40	30-Sep-2012 19:50
October	1.18	27-Oct-2012 06:30	-0.46	16-Oct-2012 08:20
November	0.64	28-Nov-2012 20:10	-0.87	23-Nov-2012 02:20
December	0.82	05-Dec-2012 23:30	-0.90	28-Dec-2012 20:50

Month	Mean Level	
	No. of days	Elevation (OD)
January	30	0.184
February	29	-0.022
March	29	0.033
April	28	0.131
May	30	0.126
June	30	0.092
July	30	0.137
August	31	0.169
September	30	0.208
October	30	0.258
November	30	0.223
December	30	0.118

Highest values in 2012			
Extreme		Surge	
Elevation (OD) <i>(Surge component)</i>	Date/Time	Value (m)	Date/Time
3.03 (0.35)	17-Oct-2012 00:40	1.59	05-Jan-2012 18:50
2.99 (0.31)	16-Dec-2012 14:10	1.33	05-Jan-2012 16:00
2.93 (1.25)	05-Jan-2012 21:20	1.25	06-Jan-2012 05:20
2.91 (0.09)	18-Oct-2012 13:50	1.18	27-Oct-2012 06:30
2.90 (0.40)	30-Aug-2012 23:40	1.16	27-Oct-2012 05:40
2.90 (0.18)	17-Oct-2012 13:00	1.01	14-Sep-2012 19:20
2.90 (0.36)	14-Oct-2012 23:20	1.01	14-Sep-2012 19:10
2.89 (0.25)	19-Sep-2012 01:50	0.96	04-Jan-2012 07:30
2.85 (0.15)	18-Sep-2012 13:30	0.91	12-Jan-2012 17:40
2.85 (0.21)	16-Dec-2012 01:40	0.89	30-Aug-2012 19:20

Year	Annual extreme maxima		Annual surge maxima		$Z_0$ (OD)	Annual recovery rate
	Elevation (OD) (Surge)	Date/Time	Value (m)	Date/Time		
1996	3.11 (0.54)	13-Nov-1996 00:50	1.29	12-Sep-1996 20:30	-	60%
1997	3.16 (0.66)	11-Apr-1997 15:00	1.23	18-Feb-1997 17:40	-	88%
1998	3.35 (0.52)	08-Oct-1998 13:40	1.39	11-Mar-1998 18:40	-	90%
1999	3.15 (0.55)	27-Nov-1999 14:50	1.87	05-Feb-1999 11:00	-	76%
2000	3.20 (0.51)	22-Jan-2000 12:50	1.78	30-Jan-2000 03:40	-	84%
2001	3.28 (0.65)	08-Feb-2001 12:00	1.71	08-Nov-2001 14:30	-	91%
2002	3.14 (0.39)	07-Nov-2002 01:10	1.68	27-Oct-2002 22:10	0.141	99%
2003	3.09 (0.61)	08-Oct-2003 23:30	1.61	30-Jan-2003 18:00	0.172	100%
2004	3.35 (0.77)	13-Nov-2004 00:20	1.81	08-Feb-2004 21:10	-	96%
2005	3.35 (1.19)	16-Dec-2005 12:40	1.78	25-Nov-2005 01:10	0.148	84%
2006	3.18 (0.40)	07-Oct-2006 11:40	1.95	31-Oct-2006 22:20	0.141	87%
2007	3.35 (0.76)	25-Nov-2007 11:50	2.52	09-Nov-2007 06:50	0.168	97%
2008	3.14 (0.70)	21-Mar-2008 11:50	1.43	21-Nov-2008 12:30	-	70%
2009	2.99 (0.57)	04-Oct-2009 11:50	1.96	31-Mar-2009 09:10	0.140	98%
2010	2.97 (0.51)	23-Dec-2010 13:50	1.22	16-Dec-2010 15:50	0.172	93%
2011	3.28 (0.88)	28-Nov-2011 01:20	1.77	27-Nov-2011 21:30	0.141	95%
2012	3.03 (0.35)	17-Oct-2012 00:40	1.59	05-Jan-2012 18:50	0.133	98%

Tidal levels		
Observation period	March 2007 to December 2012	
Tide Level	Elevation (OD)	Elevation (CD)
HAT	3.02	5.75
MHWS	2.49	5.21
MHWN	1.45	4.17
MSL	0.15	2.87
MLWN	-1.16	1.57
MLWS	-2.19	0.53
LAT	-2.72	-0.00

## 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.

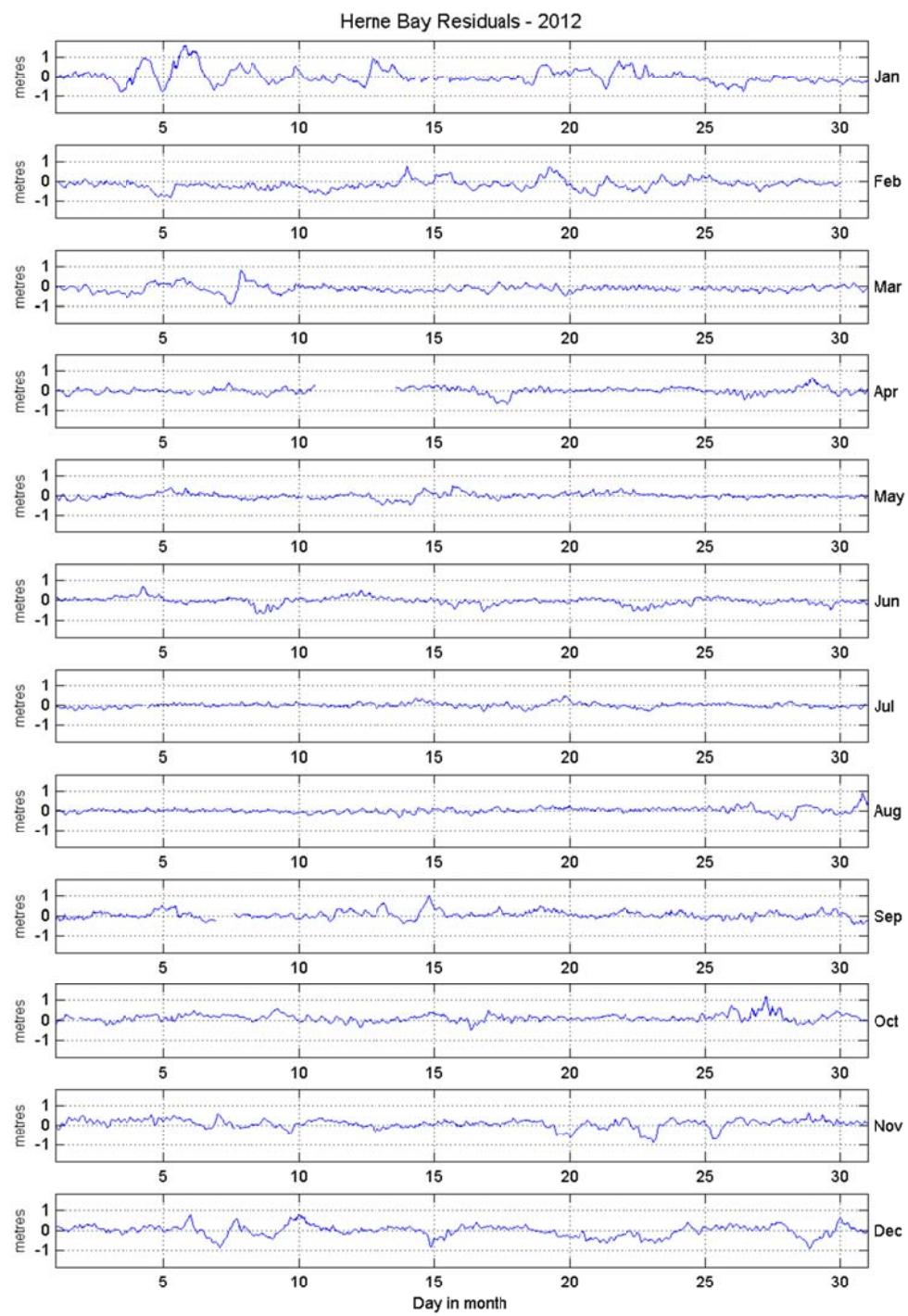
Monthly **extreme maxima/minima** are the maximum and minimum water levels from all measured data for that month. Monthly **surge maxima/minima** (residuals) are calculated in a similar manner from the

time series of residuals. Residuals are derived as the measured tidal elevation minus the predicted tidal elevation.

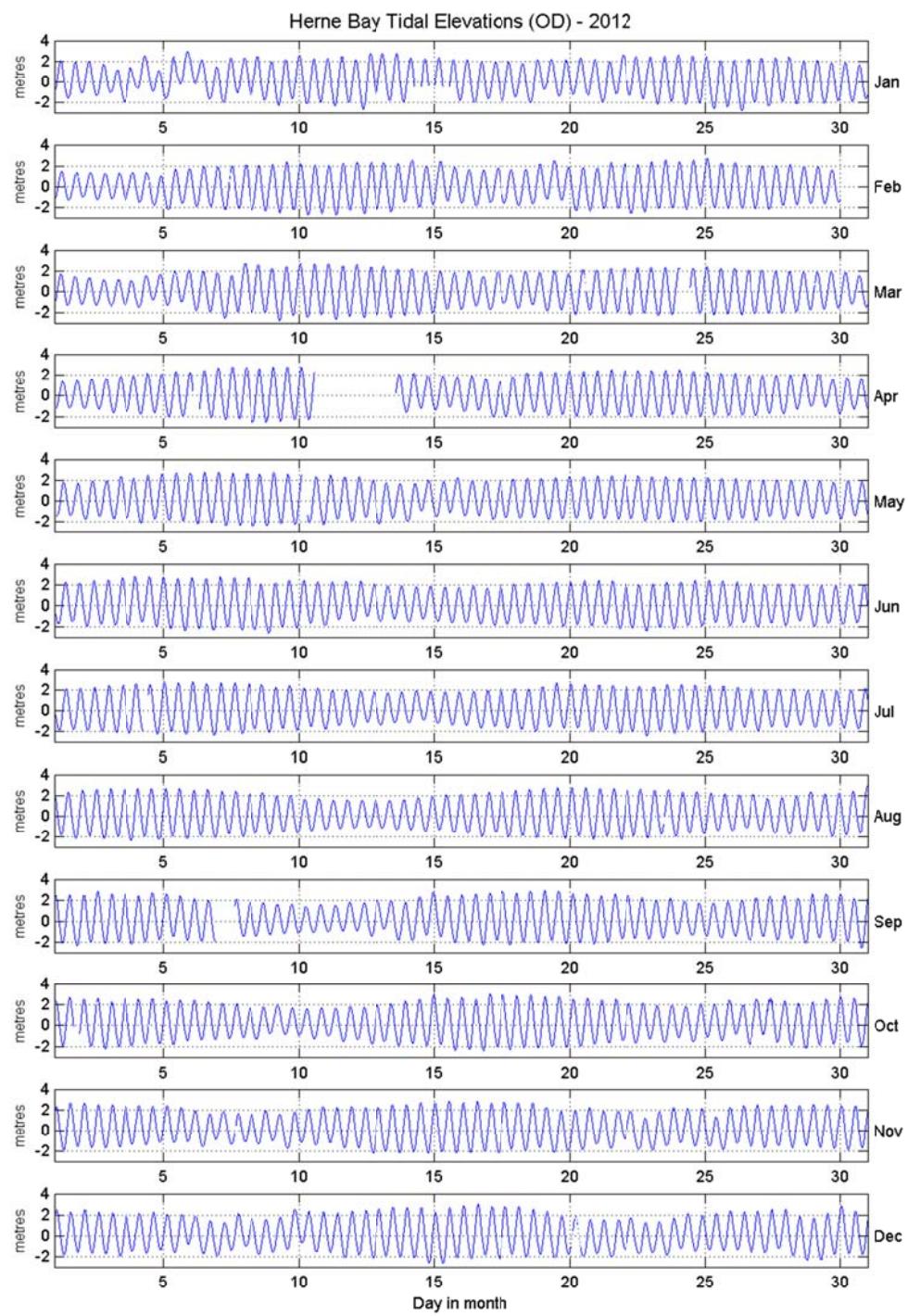
The monthly Mean Level is calculated as the average of all readings for the given month. The annual  $Z_0$  is the value of Mean Sea Level derived by the harmonic analysis of the year's data. These values should not be used for any purpose without consideration of the recovery rate.

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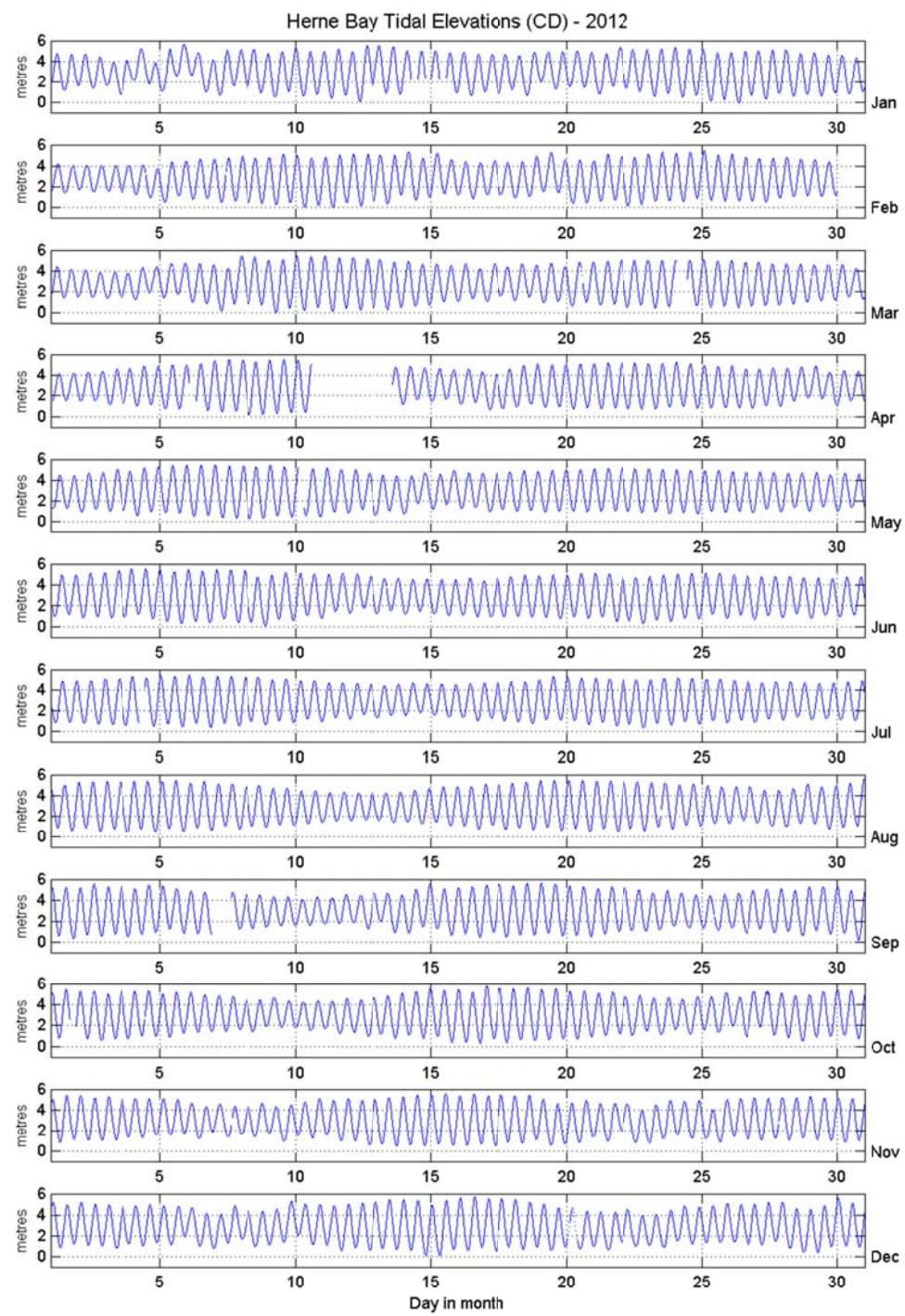
Tidal predictions were produced using the TASK2000 software, kindly provided by the Permanent Service for Mean Sea Level (PSMSL), Proudman Oceanographic Laboratory. Tide levels were produced by Fugro EMU Limited.



**Figure 1: Herne Bay residuals for 2012**



**Figure 2: Herne Bay tidal elevations for 2012 relative to Ordnance Datum**



**Figure 3: Herne Bay tidal elevations for 2012 relative to Chart Datum**