

Bracklesham Bay Directional Waverider Buoy

Location

OS: 482034E 92139N

WGS84: Latitude: 50° 43.38' N Longitude: 000° 50.35' W

Water Depth

Approx. 10m CD

Instrument Type

Datawell Directional Waverider Buoy Mk III

Data Quality

C1 (%)	Sample interval
100	30 minutes

Monthly Means

All times GMT

Month	H _s	T _p	T _z	Direction	SST	No. of days
	(m)	(s)	(s)	(°)	(°C)	
January	1.04	11.0	4.9	201	5.5	31
February	0.57	10.7	4.5	207	5.4	28
March	0.68	8.5	4.1	211	7.6	31
April	0.49	8.7	4.4	207	10.8	30
May	0.70	7.2	3.9	204	13.2	31
June	0.40	6.5	3.5	206	16.6	30
July	0.81	6.3	3.8	218	18.3	31
August	0.62	5.9	3.5	218	18.8	31
September	0.51	5.9	3.4	197	17.0	30
October	0.67	7.7	4.0	208	14.9	31
November	1.68	8.3	5.0	209	12.2	30
December	0.93	8.5	4.3	209	8.2	31

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 2009									
Date/Time	H _s	T _p	T _z	Dir.	Water level elevation (OD)	Tidal stage (hours re. HW)	Tidal range (m)	Tidal surge* (m)	Max. surge* (m)
23-Nov-2009 13:00	3.83	10.5	6.7	203	0.82	HW -2	2.2	0.32	0.40
14-Nov-2009 19:30	3.70	13.3	7.4	204	1.27	HW -2	3.3	0.05	0.45
29-Nov-2009 18:00	3.49	10.0	6.8	198	0.32	HW -3	2.5	0.45	0.63
18-Nov-2009 12:00	3.27	9.1	6.0	208	1.92	HW	3.7	0.00	0.35

* 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 positive surge during the storm event.

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

* i.e. 5 % of the H_s values measured in 2008 exceeded 1.9m

Distribution plots

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

- Percentage of occurrence of H_s , T_p , T_z and Direction for 2009
- Joint distribution of all parameters for 2009, given both as number of observations and as percentage of occurrence
- Cumulative joint distribution of parameters from start of records (percentage of occurrence only)
- Wave roses for H_s and T_p (all data)
- Incidence of storm waves for 2009 and for all previous years. Storm events are defined using the Peaks-over-Threshold method. The highest H_s of each storm event is shown.
- Annual time series of H_s (red line is storm threshold)

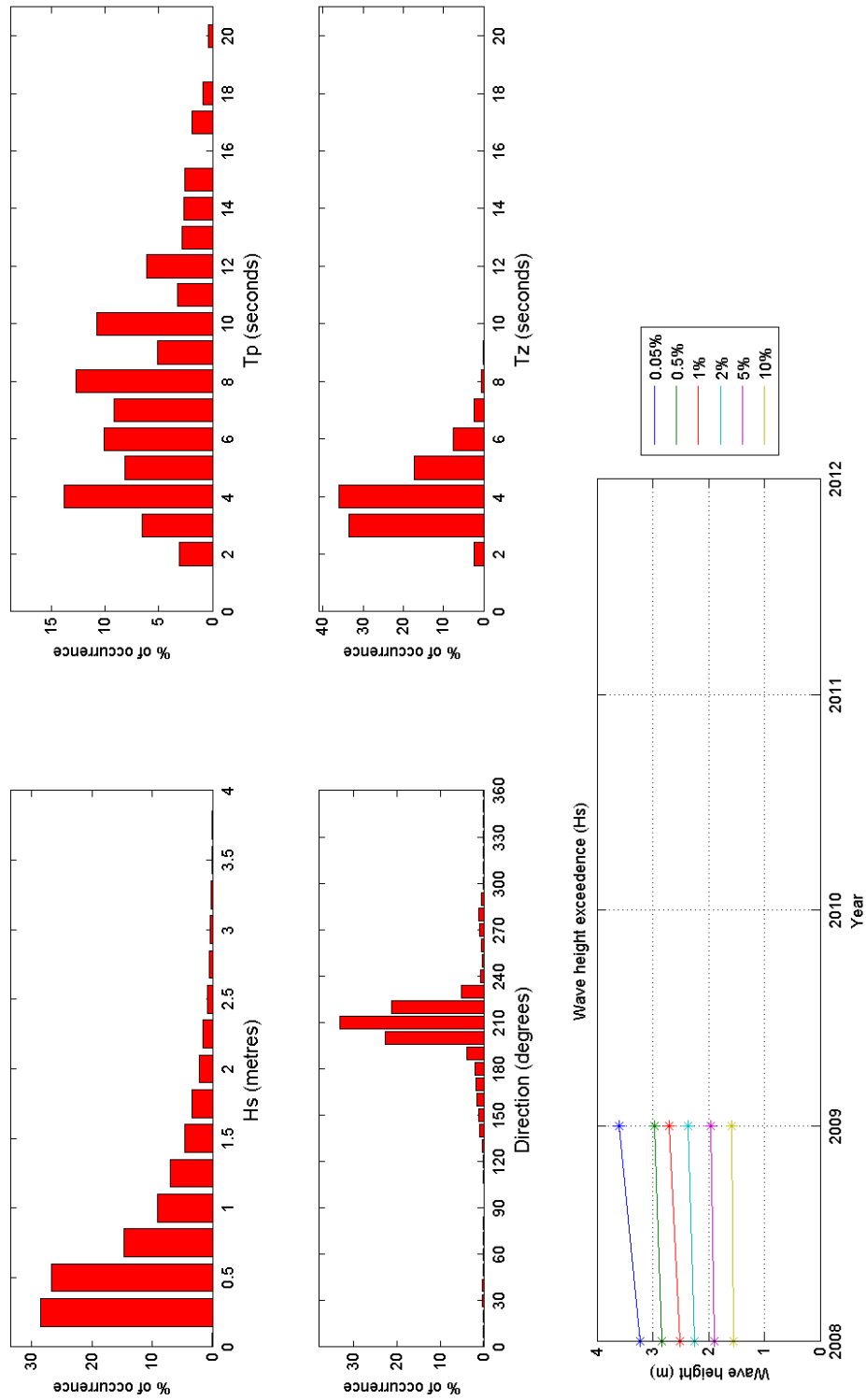
General

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

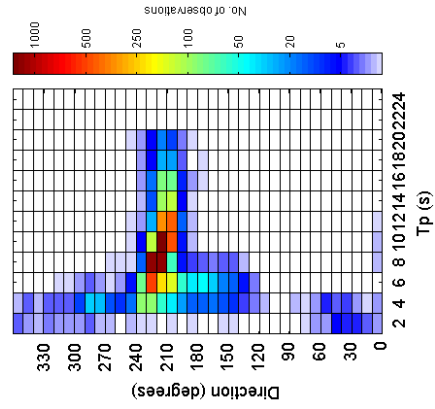
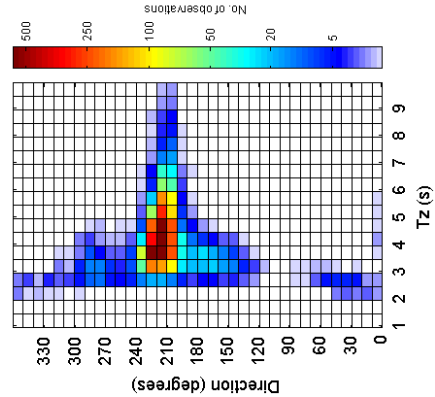
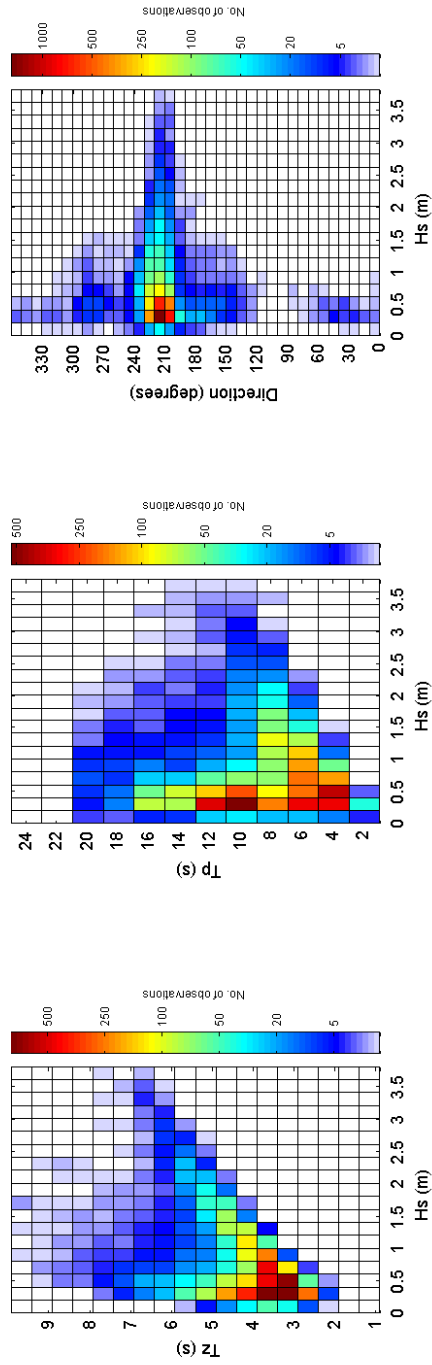
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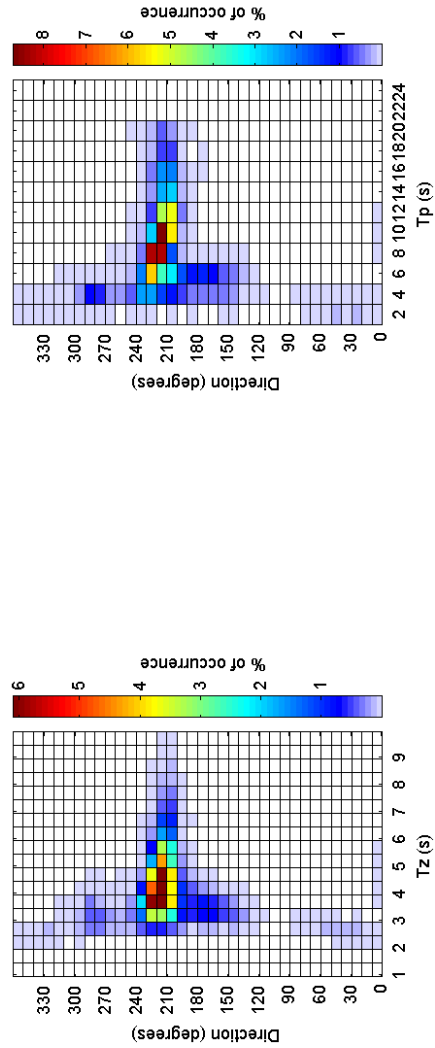
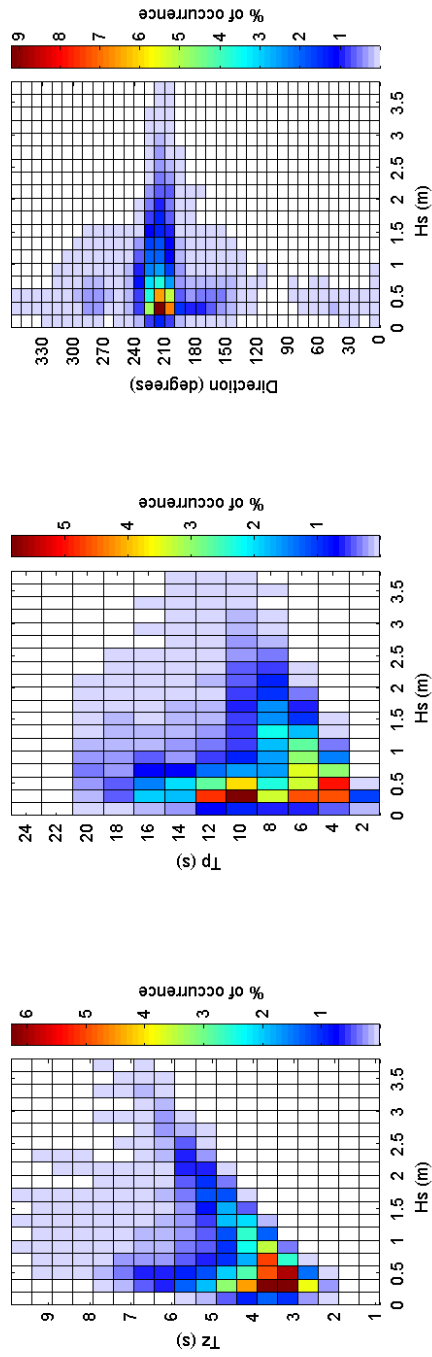
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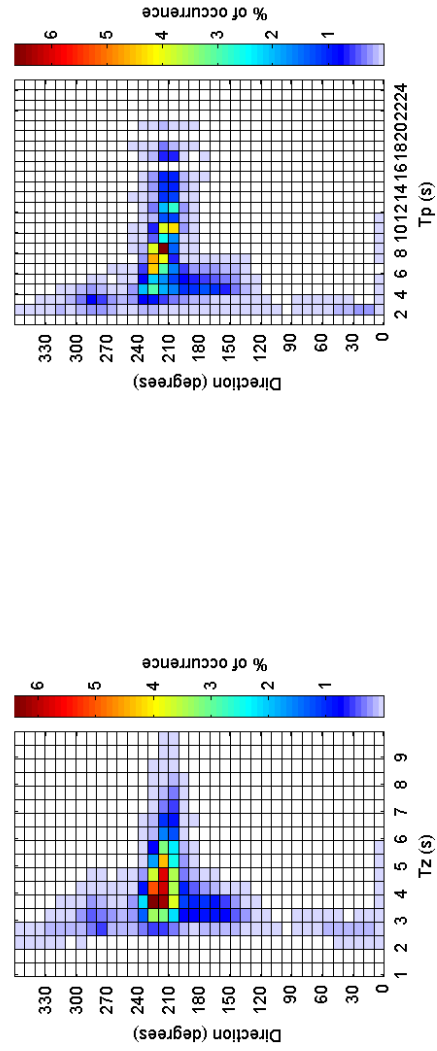
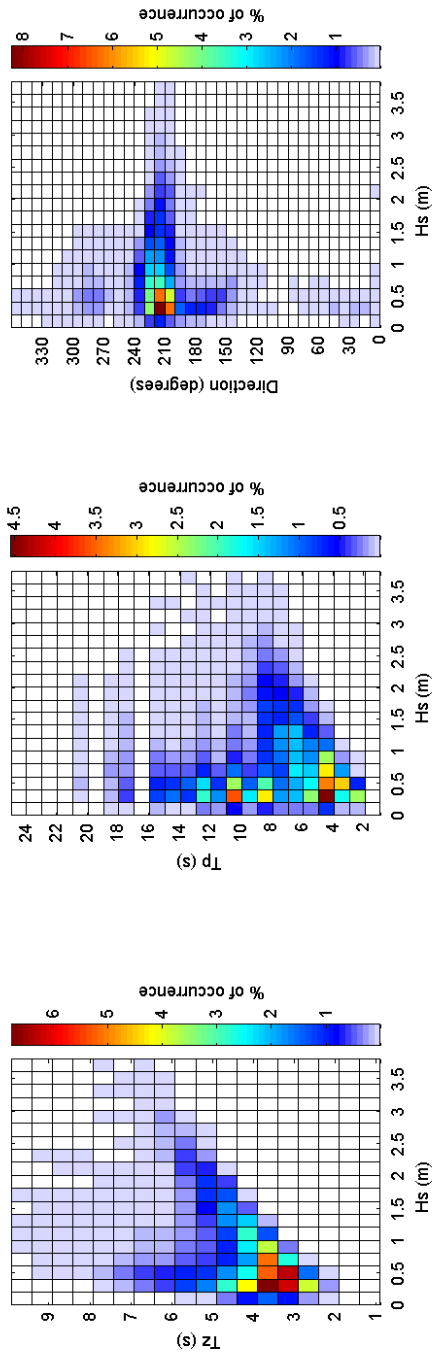
Bracklesham Bay 2009 - Joint distribution

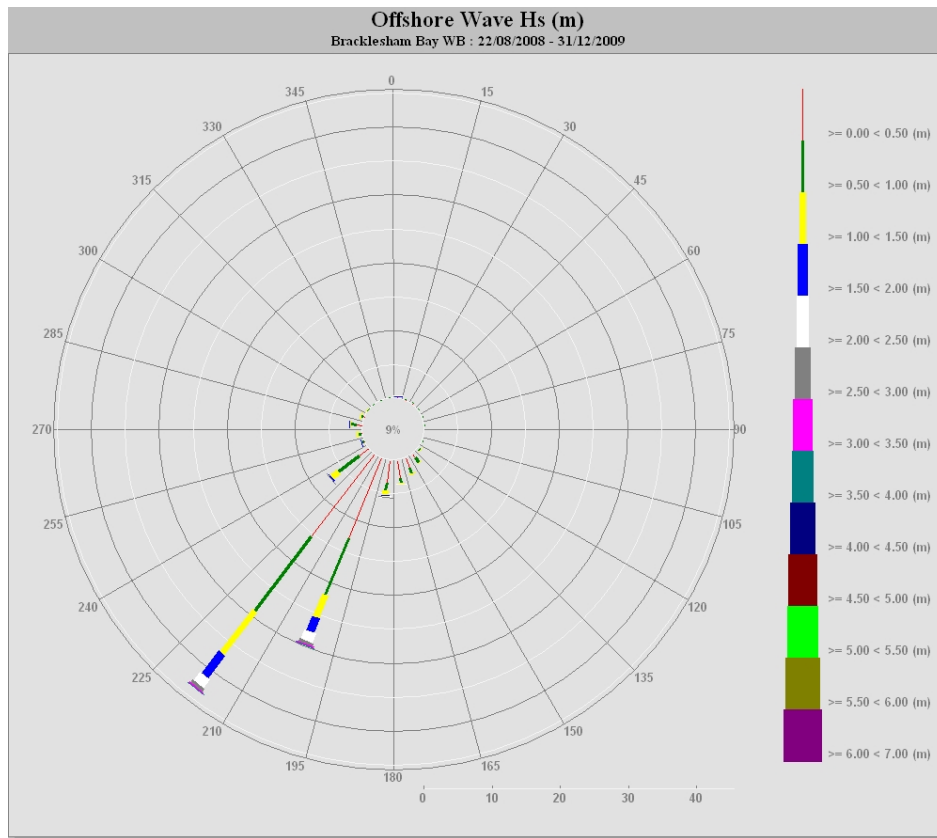


Bracklesham Bay 2009 - Joint distribution (% of occurrence)

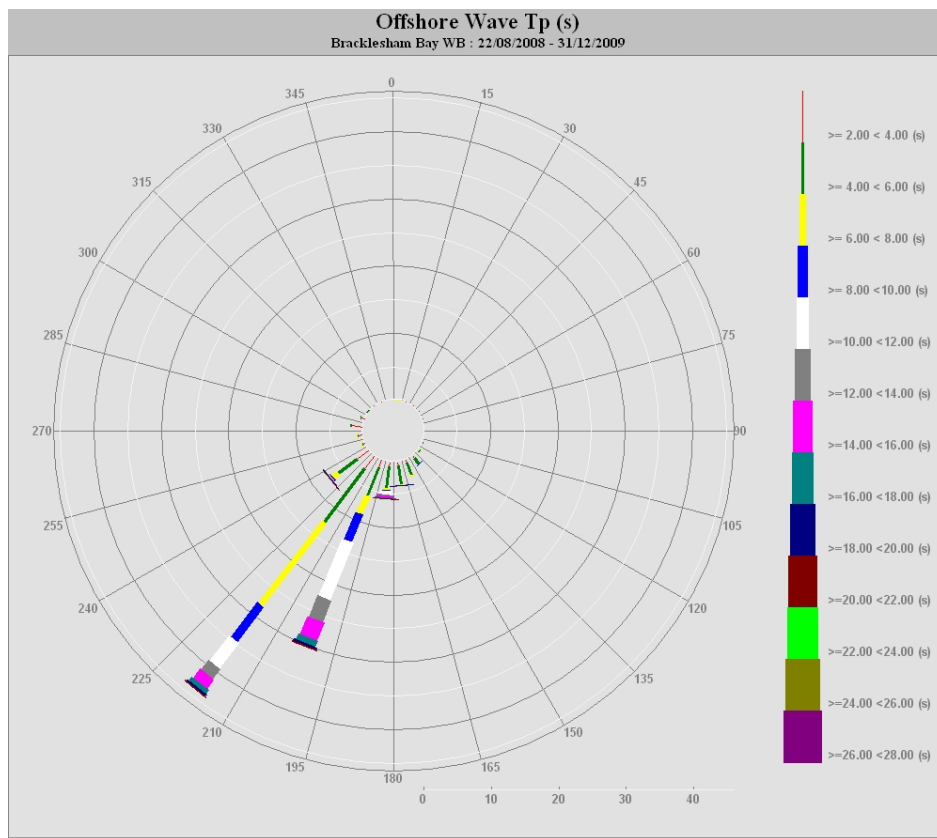


Bracklesham Bay 2008 to 2009 - Joint distribution (% of occurrence)





Wave Rose for H_s (all data)



Wave Rose for T_p (all data)

