

## Looe Bay Directional Waverider Buoy

### Location

OS: 228542E 51530N  
 WGS84: Latitude: 50° 20.319' N Longitude: 004° 24.649' W

### Water Depth

Approx. 10m CD

### Instrument Type

Datwell Directional Waverider Mk III

### Data Quality

C1 (%)	Sample interval
52	30 minutes

### Monthly Means

All times GMT

Month	H <sub>s</sub>	T <sub>p</sub>	T <sub>z</sub>	Direction	SST	No. of days
	(m)	(s)	(s)	(°)	(°C)	
January	-	-	-	-	-	-
February	-	-	-	-	-	-
March	-	-	-	-	-	-
April	-	-	-	-	-	-
May	-	-	-	-	-	-
June	0.55	6.5	4.2	182	15.9	9
July	0.92	6.6	4.2	213	15.4	30
August	0.72	6.2	4.0	213	15.9	29
September	0.43	7.5	4.1	177	15.3	27
October	0.85	7.9	4.4	202	15.2	31
November	1.87	8.9	5.3	209	13.4	29
December	1.20	10.3	5.1	202	10.4	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 <sub>s</sub>	T <sub>p</sub>	T <sub>z</sub>	Dir.	Water level elevation (OD)	Tidal stage (hours re. HW)	Tidal range (m)	Tidal surge* (m)	Max. surge* (m)
14-Nov-2009 04:00	5.25	11.8	7.8	215	2.38	HW	3.40	0.50	0.82
29-Nov-2009 03:30	4.92	10.5	7.5	218	2.08	HW	3.05	0.65	0.65

\* Tidal information is obtained from the nearest recording tide gauge (the National Network gauge at Devonport). 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	Annual $H_s$ exceedance* (m)						Annual Maximum $H_s$	
	0.05%	0.5%	1%	2%	5%	10%	Date	$A_{max}$ (m)
2009	-	4.16	3.34	3.00	2.43	1.96	14-Nov-2009 04:00	5.25

\* i.e. 5 % of the  $H_s$  values measured in 2009 exceeded 2.43m

### 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
- Percentage wave height exceedance
- Joint distribution of all parameters for 2009, given both as number of observations and as percentage of occurrence
- Incidence of storms during 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)

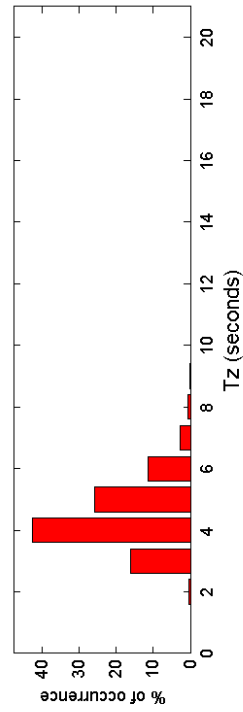
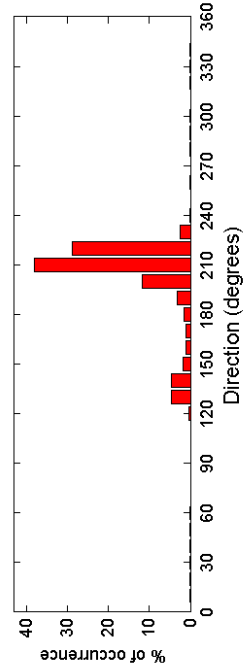
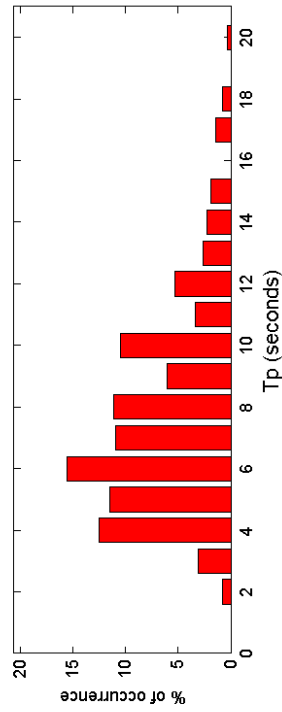
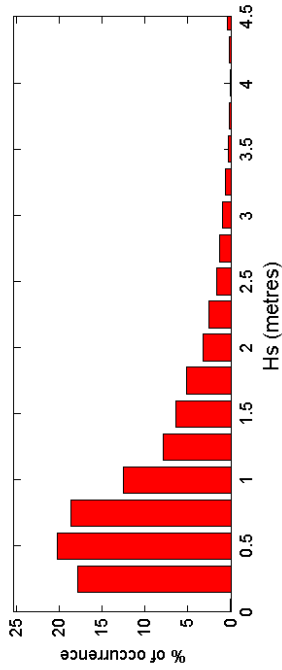
### General

The buoy, owned by the Environment Agency (Southwest Region), was deployed on 22 June 2009.

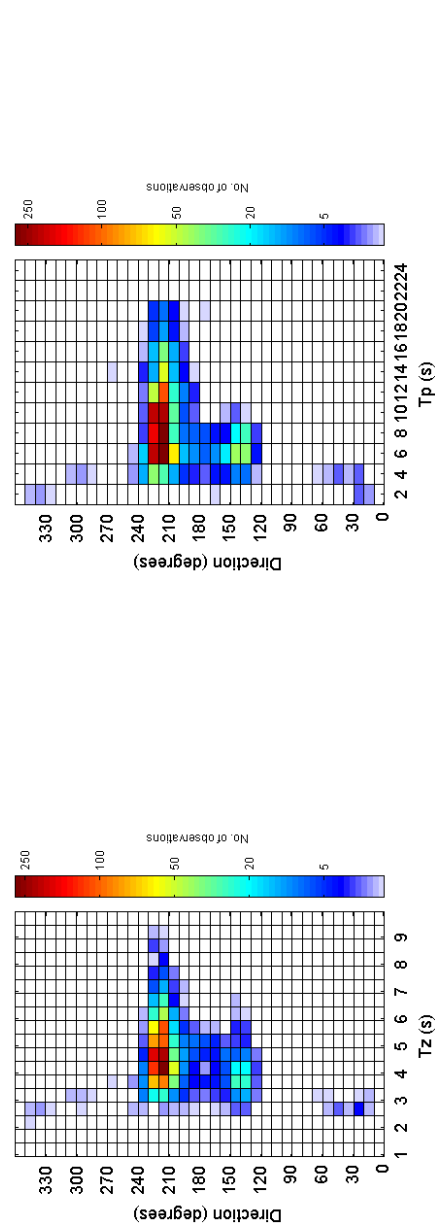
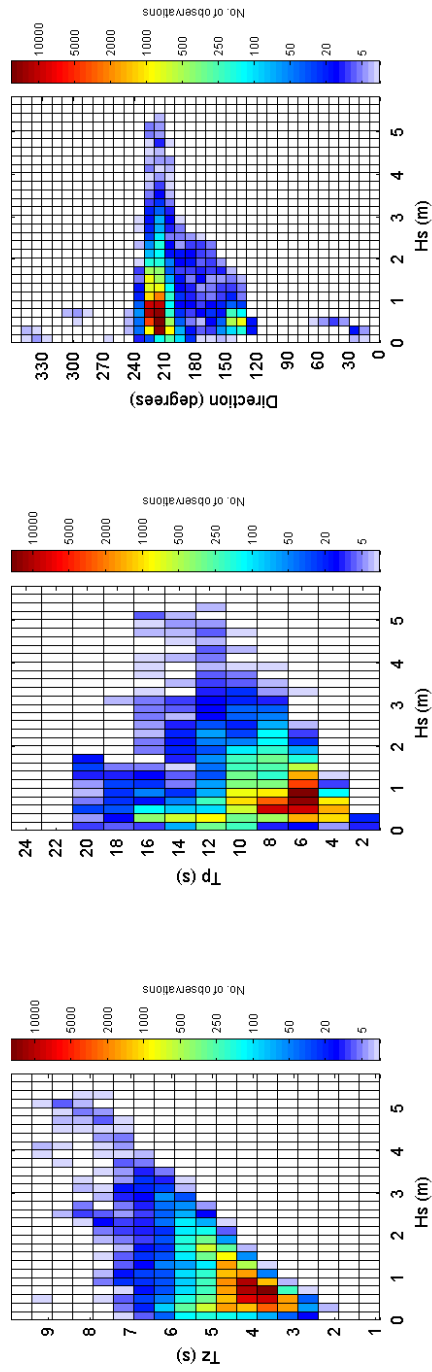
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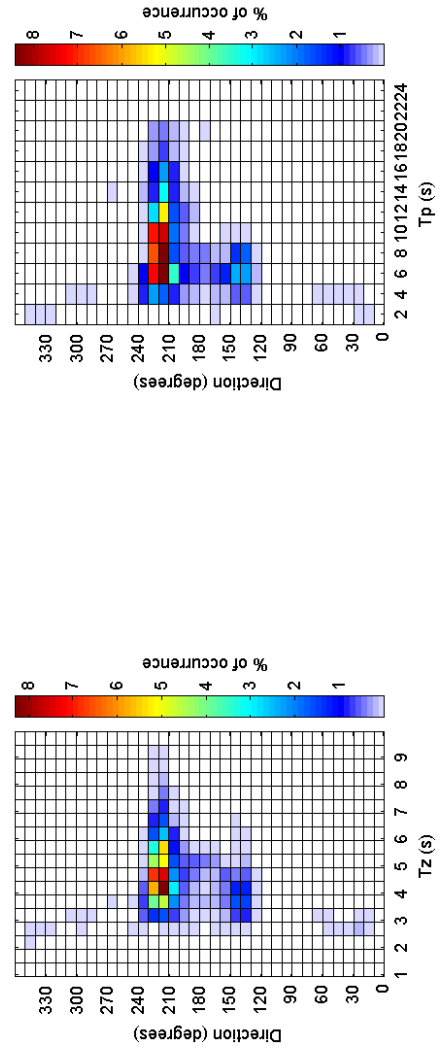
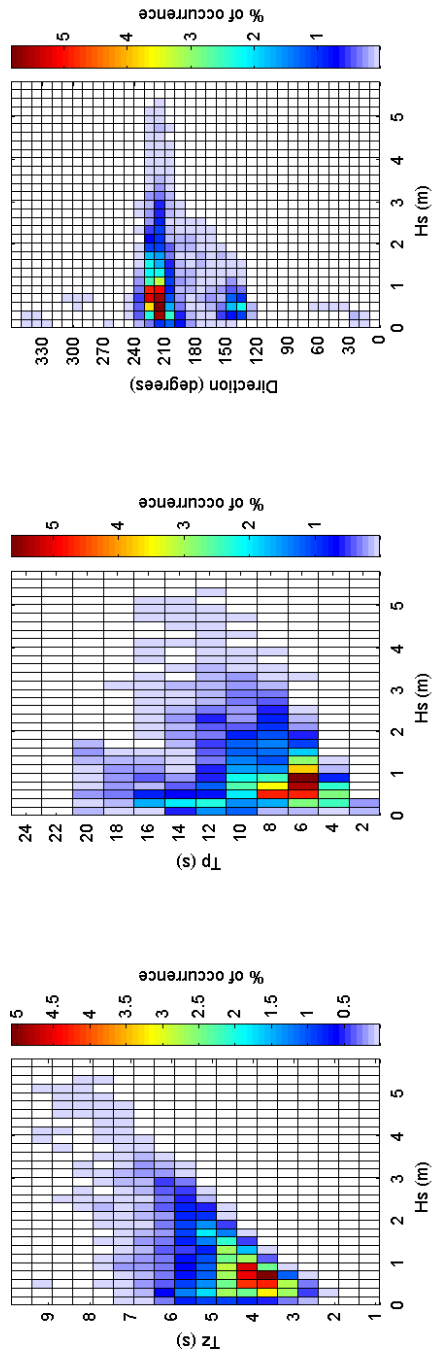
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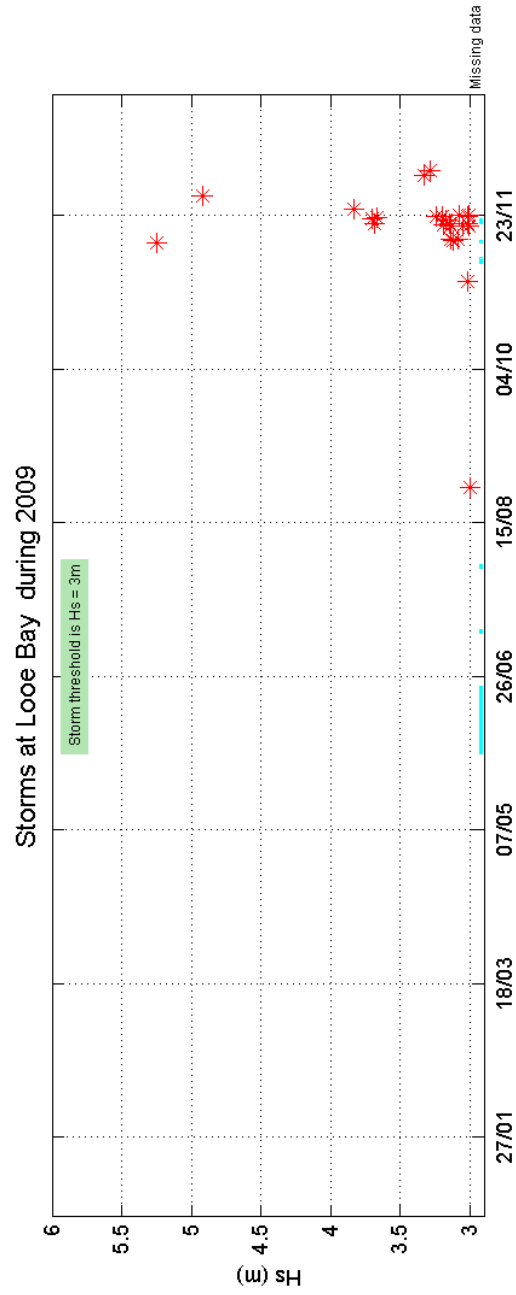


Looe Bay 2009 - Joint distribution



Looe Bay 2009 - Joint distribution (% of occurrence)





### Significant wave height, $H_s$ , at Looe Bay during 2009

