



## Herne Bay Step Gauge

Location			
OS	616895 E 169377 N		
WGS84	Latitude: 51° 22.919' N Longitude: 01° 06.934' E		
Instrument type			
Etrometa Step Gauge			
<b>Water depth</b>	N/A	Step gauge in situ on offshore dolphin. Photo courtesy of Fugro EMU Limited	Location of step gauge (Google mapping)

### Data Quality

Recovery rate (%)	Sample interval
44	30 minutes

### Monthly Averages - 2014

All times are GMT

Month	H <sub>s</sub> (m)	T <sub>p</sub> (s)	T <sub>z</sub> (s)	Dir. (°)	SST (°C)	No. of days
January	-	-	-	-	-	0
February	-	-	-	-	-	0
March	-	-	-	-	-	0
April	-	-	-	-	-	0
May	-	-	-	-	-	0
June	-	-	-	-	-	0
July	0.10	3.2	2.8	-	-	16
August	0.08	3.0	2.7	-	-	31
September	0.09	3.2	2.8	-	-	30
October	0.07	3.4	2.8	-	-	23
November	0.08	3.8	2.9	-	-	30
December	0.14	3.2	2.8	-	-	31

### Storm Analysis

Date/Time	H <sub>s</sub> (m)	T <sub>p</sub> (s)	T <sub>z</sub> (s)	Dir. (°)	Water level elevation* (OD)	Tidal stage (hours re. HW)	Tidal range (m)	Tidal surge* (m)	Max. surge* (m)
27-Dec-2014 05:30	0.96	5.6	5.0	-	1.50	HW +2	3.9	0.3	0.8

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

## Annual Statistics

Year	Annual $H_s$ exceedance* (m)						Annual Maximum $H_s$	
	0.05%	0.5%	1%	2%	5%	10%	Date	$A_{max}$ (m)
1996	1.66	1.42	1.33	1.19	0.93	0.72	23-Dec-1996 10:20	1.73
1997	1.50	1.15	1.04	0.88	0.69	0.54	01-Jan-1997 20:00	1.75
1998	1.64	1.17	1.00	0.87	0.71	0.54	08-Oct-1998 11:20	1.74
1999	1.56	1.28	1.16	1.01	0.79	0.62	11-Nov-1999 19:40	1.83
2000	1.61	1.19	1.05	0.92	0.67	0.50	04-Apr-2000 22:20	1.78
2001	1.74	1.30	1.14	0.98	0.77	0.59	08-Nov-2001 15:00	2.12
2002	1.44	1.17	1.05	0.90	0.72	0.54	14-Feb-2002 01:00	1.54
2003	1.60	1.25	1.13	0.96	0.73	0.55	29-Jan-2003 09:40	1.78
2004	1.51	1.25	1.11	0.94	0.70	0.52	07-Jul-2004 14:40	1.71
2005	1.71	1.36	1.21	1.04	0.81	0.61	14-Feb-2005 04:20	1.94
2006	1.50	1.26	1.11	0.93	0.71	0.53	20-Feb-2006 03:20	1.60
2007	1.45	1.23	1.11	0.98	0.76	0.60	20-Mar-2007 14:20	1.58
2008	1.54	1.06	0.92	0.78	0.58	0.44	22-Nov-2008 10:00	1.74
2009	1.43	1.08	0.94	0.77	0.57	0.43	23-Jan-2009 11:40	1.88
2010	1.53	1.12	1.01	0.86	0.67	0.52	07-Jan-2010 05:40	1.89
2011	1.49	0.93	0.81	0.70	0.52	0.38	02-Mar-2011 21:40	1.90
2012	0.88	0.56	0.47	0.38	0.27	0.20	27-Oct-2012 08:30	1.06
2013	-	-	-	-	-	-	12-Mar-2013 00:00	1.43
2014	-	-	-	-	-	-	27-Dec-2014 05:30	0.96

\* i.e. 5 % of the  $H_s$  values measured in 1996 exceeded 0.93 m

## Distribution plots

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

- Annual time series of  $H_s$  (red line is 1.5 m storm threshold)
- Percentage of occurrence of  $H_s$ ,  $T_p$  and  $T_z$  for 2014
- Incidence of storm waves for 2014. Storm events are defined using the Peaks-over-Threshold method. The highest  $H_s$  of each storm event is shown
- Joint distribution of all parameters for all measured data, given as percentage of occurrence

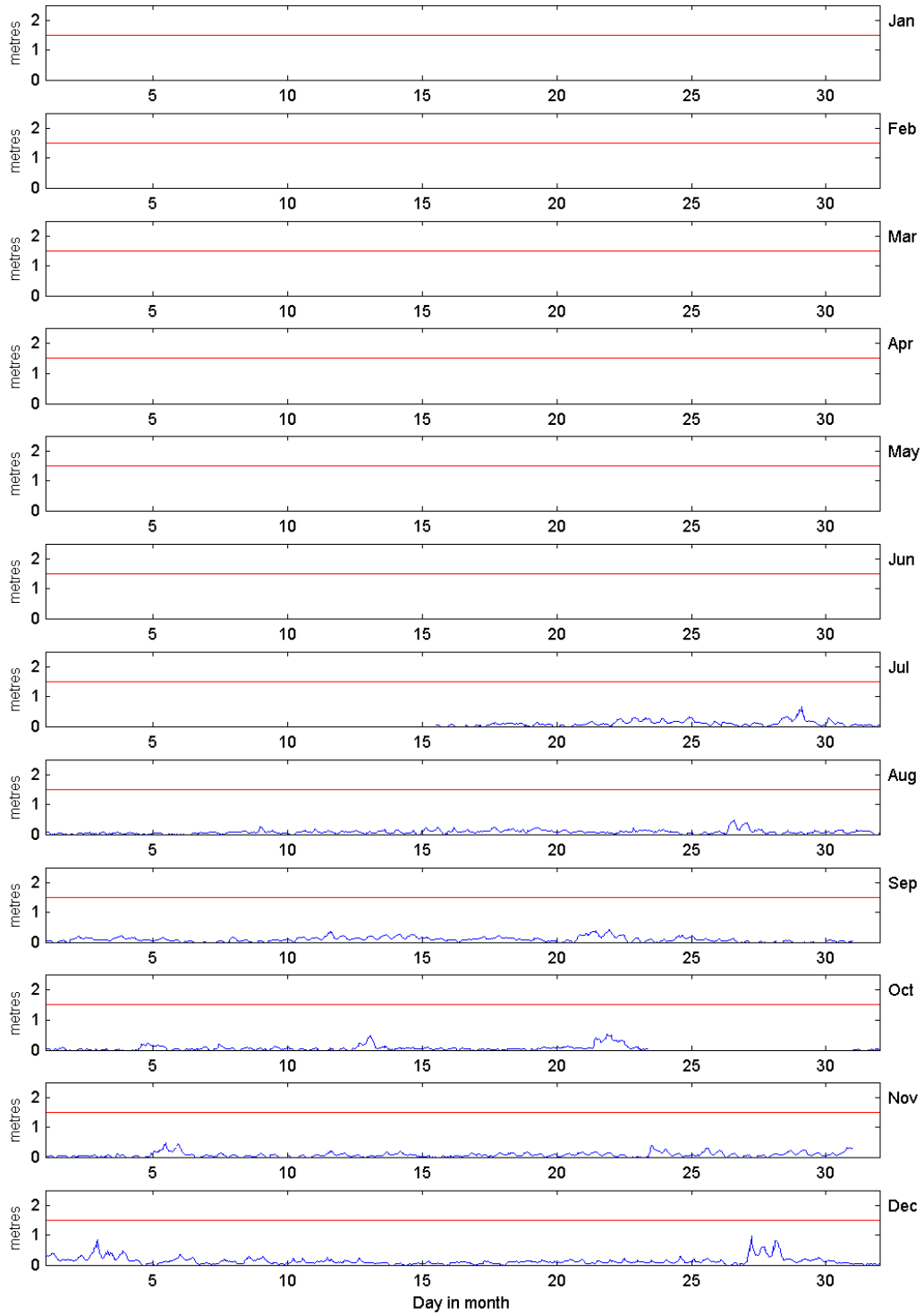
## General

The Step Gauge was first deployed on 19 March 1996. Sections of the gauge were renewed during February and July 2007. The telemetry system was intermittently faulty for several weeks during the winter months of 2008 to 2011. The lower section of the gauge became damaged in 2013 and was out of action for several months of 2013 and 2014.

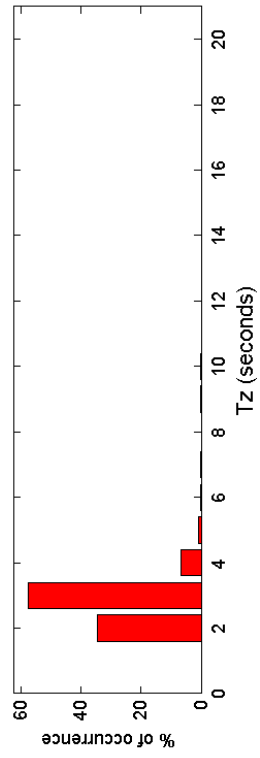
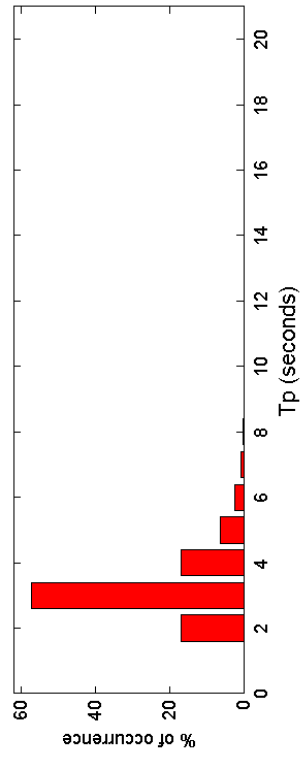
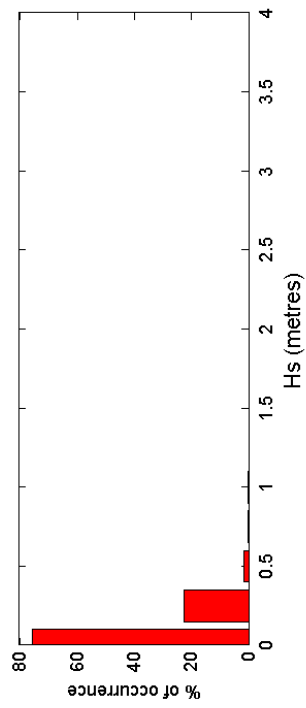
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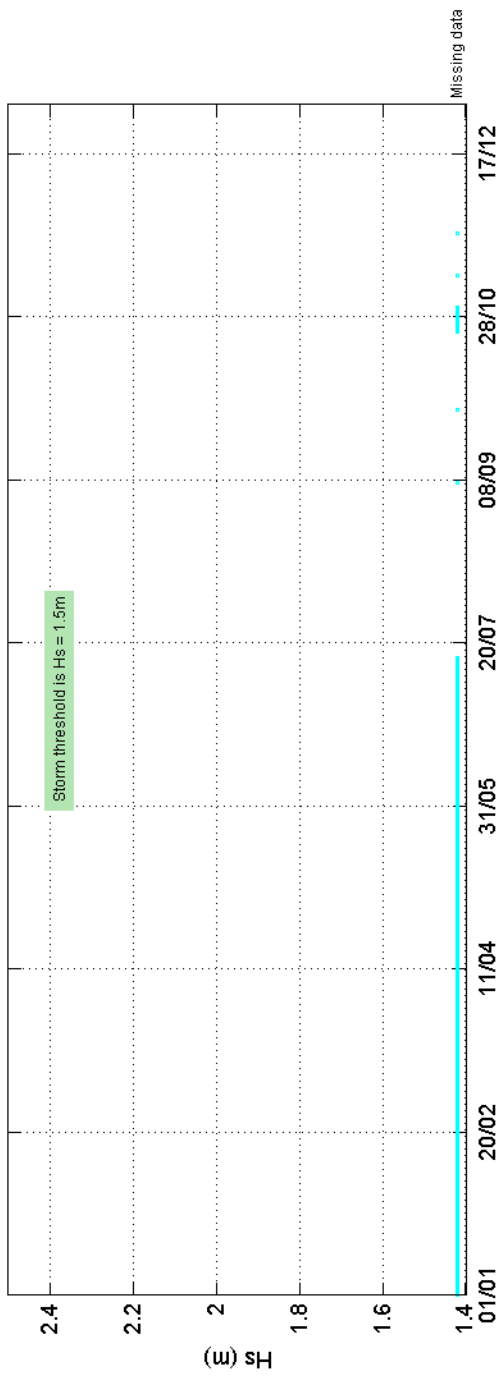
Herne Bay - Significant Wave Height (Hs) during 2014



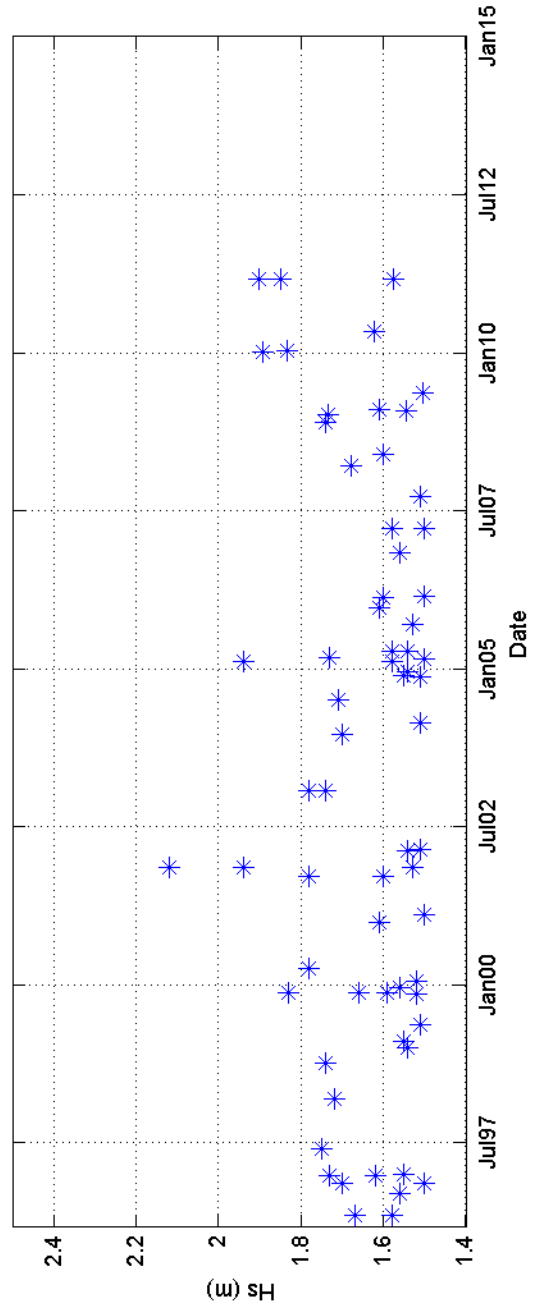
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Storms at Herne Bay during 2014



Storms at Herne Bay - all years



Herne Bay 1996 to 2014 - Joint distribution (% of occurrence)

