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## 1. INTRODUCTION

In 1985, the Commission for Basic Systems (CBS) agreed that there was a need for GDPS / Global NWP centres to monitor the quality of observations available on the GTS and to exchange monthly lists of stations providing seemingly erroneous data. In 1988 three lead centres were nominated which would have a co-ordinating role of producing, at six-monthly intervals, consolidated lists of suspect stations for given data types together with information on the nature of the error. NCEP was given responsibility for aircraft and satellite data and ECMWF, that for upper-air data. The Met Office was allocated the role as lead centre for marine surface observations which encompass observations from ships, drifting buoys, moored buoys and other fixed marine platforms. This is report number 48 and covers the period July to December 2012. For each observing platform identified as suspect, values are supplied for the number of observations received at the Met Office, the number of these observations with gross errors, the observations' mean differences from the background values used by the global numerical data assimilation system and the standard deviations of these differences.

Following the CBS recommendations, by the end of the 1980s there were four centres active in the monthly exchange of monitoring information: The Met Office, ECMWF, RSMC Tokyo and NCEP. Since then, a number of other centres have also begun to exchange this information and these reports have included data provided by Météo-France as of report number 23. Initially, the only monitoring information exchanged on marine surface observations related to pressure, and the first two WMO reports addressed that parameter alone. Since then, these reports have contained monitoring statistics for wind observations, now being exchanged between centres on a consistent monthly basis. In addition, the report contains monitoring results for sea-surface temperature (SST). Due to changes in the observation processing system and database structure, there was no monitoring of SST data at the Met Office from May 1998 to September 2000. The SST information presented in reports 20 to 23 was therefore compiled, with permission, from the monthly NCEP monitoring data and so is not directly comparable with that presented in other reports. SST monitoring was reinstated at the Met Office from October 2000.

## 2. MONITORING METHODS

Errors in observations may arise from a number of sources: the instrument may be malfunctioning, figures may be mistaken while being transferred manually, or there may be corruption of data during transmission. Errors can also arise in the pressure report if the adjustment to sea level is made incorrectly or not at all, and a poorly sighted anemometer can result in errors in the observations of wind. For SST observations, the depth at which the observation is made can be crucial. 'Surface' observations from buoys are usually made at a depth of around 0.5m, whereas ships may take a measurement between a depth of 10m and the surface, depending on the method used. At present, there is no indication given within the report of the observation's depth, so it is not possible to determine the significance of this factor. (By contrast, satellites measure the temperature of the ocean's 'skin' which is generally slightly cooler than the temperature immediately beneath, by several tenths of a °C, as a result of evaporative cooling and other surface processes.)

Some errors can be detected by applying checks on the code format and the internal consistency of the report (for example: are the position and pressure consistent with a report 6 hours earlier?). Checks on spatial consistency are possible where there are other observations nearby. However, such quality checks are unable to identify errors on all occasions and it is recognised that numerical data assimilation systems can provide global reference values applicable in observation monitoring. The short-term forecast from the previous numerical analysis, commonly known as the first-guess or background field, provides the most useful information on observation quality, as it represents an accurate and spatially consistent estimate of the observed value which is independent of the observation itself. Observation-minus-background (hereafter referred to as O-B) differences are at the core of all monitoring work by GDPS centres. Due to the thermal-inertia of the oceans and the slowly varying nature of SST, the background SST is in fact the previous analysis (daily analyses are produced at the Met Office from an assimilation of both surface and satellite observations).

Taking all marine surface observations together, the values of O-B have distinct characteristics. The vast majority of the observations show quite small departures from background and the distribution of O-B is nearly Gaussian, with little or no bias. These O-B differences are generally made up from random errors in the background fields and/or the observations, which are statistically of similar magnitude. However, there is a smaller group of observations that depart much more from the background, for which observation error is the only reasonable explanation for the large values of O-B. Studies of the distribution and variation of O-B at different points around the globe enable reasonably accurate estimation of background error, and this provides the basis for the monitoring methods described here. Those marine observing platforms for which, in a sufficiently large sample, the observed values differ from the background by an amount significantly in excess of the estimate of background error, may be labelled as 'suspect' with a high degree of confidence. The limits used here to identify suspect observing platforms have been set appropriately to preclude much likelihood of the background, rather than the observations, being in error.

Each monitoring centre produces a monthly list of the identifiers of marine observing platforms considered suspect according to their departures from the model background values. All observations are used, both synoptic and asynoptic, and the background fields are interpolated to the observation time.

Given that the number of observations made during the month is at least 20, then the condition used by all centres for obtaining platforms for the suspect lists is that at least one of the following criteria are satisfied:

#### Pressure

1. | mean of O-B |  $\geq 4.0$  hPa
2. standard deviation of O-B  $\geq 6.0$  hPa
3. percentage of gross errors  $\geq 25$

#### Wind

1. | mean of O-B |  $\geq 5.0\text{ms}^{-1}$  (Speed)  
 $\geq 30^\circ$  (Direction)
2. standard deviation of O-B  $\geq 80^\circ$  (Direction)
3. percentage of gross errors  $\geq 25$

#### Criteria used for monthly monitoring

Gross errors are defined as observations that depart from the background by more than 15hPa (pressure) or  $25\text{ms}^{-1}$  (vector wind). The mean and standard deviation of the samples are evaluated excluding gross errors, so that occasional extreme values resulting from, for example, corruption during transmission, do not influence the sample characteristics. Direction statistics are also calculated excluding values in light winds, where either the observed or background speeds are less than  $5\text{ms}^{-1}$ .

The monthly results for pressure from all five monitoring centres show considerable agreement, both on the observing platforms listed as suspect and the values of the mean and rms difference from each centre's background. Differences between the monthly suspect lists are usually due to the different numbers of observations available at each centre, due to different cut-off times. There are also some unexplained variations in the data receipt between the centres, which may be due to problems on the GTS or in the local procedures for handling the data. Monitoring results for wind speed also show reasonable agreement on the mean and standard deviation from each centre's background.

This report draws together all the monthly monitoring results exchanged on marine surface data and identifies a list of observing platforms that have provided observations of poor quality over the 6-month period. In drawing up this list, there have been a number of guiding principles:

1. As with the monthly lists, accuracy is assessed relative to background values.
2. Observing platforms are listed only where there is a reasonable degree of confidence that the observations rather than the background values are in error.
3. At least 40 reports are required over the period in which the observations are considered suspect.
4. The perceived accuracy over the last part of the six-month period is of greatest importance; observing platforms are not listed if there has been recent improvement and their reports are at present without major error.
5. Given that the number of observations made during the period is greater than or equal to 40, then the condition for listing a platform as suspect in this report is that at least one of the following criteria are satisfied:



### Pressure

1. | mean of O-B |  $\geq 3.5$  hPa
2. standard deviation of O-B  $\geq 5.0$  hPa
3. percentage of gross errors  $\geq 25$

### Wind

1. | mean of O-B |  $\geq 5.0\text{ms}^{-1}$  (Speed)  
 $\geq 30^\circ$  (Direction)
2. standard deviation of O-B  $\geq 6.0\text{ms}^{-1}$  (Speed)  
 $\geq 60^\circ$  (Direction)
3. percentage of gross errors  $\geq 25$

### SST

1. | mean of O-B |  $\geq 3.0$  °C
2. standard deviation of O-B  $\geq 5.0$  °C
3. percentage of gross errors  $\geq 25$

#### Criteria used for biannual monitoring

Those observations having gross errors are excluded from the calculation of the mean and standard deviation of O-B. The same gross error limits apply in these reports as in the monthly lists. (The Met Office now sets a limit of 10°C for SST but this was 5°C pre-2000 and NCEP use 15°C.)

The limits on the bias and standard deviation of O-B are slightly more stringent than those for the monthly lists because the sample sizes are larger. If there has been a recent change in quality, they are only applied at the end of the period. Identifiers can be listed in this report without appearing on any of the monthly lists. This is due to a representative sample only being obtained over several months or deterioration occurring at the end of the period for platforms reporting very frequently. The 6-month list is longer than most of the monthly lists because many ships cease reporting for variable periods of time, in many cases while they are in port or out of service. Only over a relatively long period, probably more than 6 months, is a representative sample obtained from all those ships providing observations.

### 3. MONITORING RESULTS

The monitoring results presented in this report relate only to data exchanged over the GTS. Observations from marine platforms are transmitted in one of two formats: the SHIP code, used for most observations from ships, moored buoys and other fixed platforms, and the BUOY code, used mostly for observations from drifting buoys. In this report, the term "ship observations" refers to those received in the SHIP code and the "drifting buoy observations" to those received in BUOY code. The SHIP code indicates whether the observation was made manually or by an automatic system and accordingly the sub-divisions "manual ship" and "automatic ship" will be defined.

#### 3.1 *Pressure*

In the six-month period, July to December 2012, 4723130 observations of pressure were monitored at Exeter from 2504 manual ships, 860 drifting buoys, and 640 automatic ships. The number of reports received from individual ships varies greatly as Table 1 demonstrates: apparently a large percentage of ships continue to report only once, which may be due to erroneous call signs, caused by errors in the part of the message giving the ship identifier. A comparison with the corresponding table in report number 47 shows little change. Since most marine observations are located in the northern hemisphere, there is inevitably some seasonal variation in the number of vessels reporting, especially in the case of buoys, since new or replacement buoys are generally deployed in better weather conditions..

Table 2 and Figure 1 show the number of observations of pressure that have been received over the GTS at the Met Office and processed, over past 6-month periods. It can be seen that the total number of observations remained fairly steady with only minor fluctuations until report number 11 (January-June 1994). Since that time however, there has been a steady increase in the total up to 2008, with the number of observations of pressure nearly doubling between reports 11 and 16 (1994-1996) and doubling again between reports 33 and 38 (2005-2007). The first increase was largely due to the increase in number of drifting buoy reports, due to the larger number of reports from each drifting buoy. The second increase was due to increased numbers of both drifting buoys and automatic ships, with the number of reports from manual ships remaining fairly constant over recent years, despite the slow reduction in the number of manual ships reporting pressure. The number of reports from drifting buoys seems to have peaked in the second half of 2008 and remained generally constant since then. Reports from drifting buoys now account for 50% of the total, while those from manual ships make up just 10% of the total, and those from automatic ships account for the remaining 40%. The sudden increase seen in the number of automatic ships in report number 19 (January-June 1998) was due to observation processing changes at the Met Office, whereby all reports from 'automatic ships' began to be processed, rather than only one report per 6-hour assimilation period, as previously. Since then there has been a fairly steady increase in the total number of pressure reports from automatic ships.

A histogram of O-B differences for all ship pressure reports in the period July to December 2012 is shown in Figure 2a, together with the Gaussian distribution with the same mean and standard deviation. Although almost all values fall within the range +5 to -5 hPa, a small number of much larger values, presumably resulting from erroneous observations, contribute to the large standard deviation of the population. The distribution for all those observations which fail the automatic quality-control checks is broad (Figure 2b). The remaining 94% of the observations, that pass the quality checks, show a distribution of O-B which is very close to Gaussian (Figure 2c) with mean 0.0 hPa and standard deviation 1.0 hPa. The principal contribution to the standard deviation is assumed to be from background and representativeness errors.

A global estimate of the background error, such as that provided above, can conceal large spatial variations. Background values will be more accurate in data-rich areas (e.g. in the North Sea or Mediterranean) or where the meteorological variability is low (e.g. the tropics). Figures 3 and 4 show the geographical distributions of the mean and standard deviation of the values of O-B from ship observations that passed the quality control checks, calculated for 10-degree latitude-longitude boxes. In most areas, the magnitude of the mean is less than 0.5 hPa, the exceptions being generally where the sample size is small. The standard deviation is generally in the range 0.5 to 1.5 hPa, being less than 1.0 hPa in some areas of the north Atlantic, the north-west Pacific and the tropics. The number of ship pressure reports that passed the quality control checks are shown in Figure 5.

Table 3 contains a list of those ships and drifting buoys considered to have produced suspect observations of pressure in the period July to December 2012. Values over the six-month period are given for the number of observations of pressure available for Met Office global model runs, the number of observations differing from the model background value by more than 15 hPa (gross errors), and the mean and standard deviation of the model O-B. The number of times the identifier has appeared on the monthly suspect lists from the five monitoring centres is also given. In order to give a detailed picture of the frequency of reporting and any changes in the observation accuracy, 6-month time-series of O-B differences are given at the end of the report for each of the identifiers listed.

An interesting characteristic of the errors identified here, which soon becomes obvious on inspection of the time-series charts at the end of this report, is that most can be attributed to a bias in the observed pressure. In many cases, the bias is constant over the whole monitoring period; although some values depart greatly from the sample mean, presumably due to some gross error in the observation, these are generally isolated instances. In only a few cases are there regular large random departures from background. Those observing platforms listed in Table 3 which appeared in report number 47 (January to June 2012) have been indicated with an asterisk. A comparison of the statistics given here with those in report number 46 (July to December 2011), shows that the bias in the pressure observations from a few ships has hardly changed for more than a year.

Statistics for those marine observing platforms listed in report number 47 and which do not appear in Table 3b, are given in Table 4 along with comments on the quality of their pressure observations. Time-series of the pressure observations from these platforms are not given. Less than 40 reports were received in the 6-month period for 5 of these platforms, but the other 18 platforms on the list have shown some improvement in the quality of their observations.

## 3.2 Wind

Monitoring observations of wind is more problematical than pressure. On most observing platforms, wind is measured using anemometers; the reported speed depends upon the averaging period and instrument height above sea level, which varies a great deal between platforms. Since large structures distort wind flow, the anemometer position relative to the wind bearing and platform structure does affect the measurement. (These factors do not apply to those ship observations where wind speed is based on visual estimates of the sea state e.g. the UK VOS fleet.)

In these monitoring results, the background winds are valid at a height of 10 metres above mean sea level; rather lower than the average height of ship anemometers. Where anemometer height is much different from 10 metres, a significant O-B speed bias may be evident. Examples of this are (i) observations from oil rigs or tankers with anemometer heights of 50m or more, although the speeds reported by most rigs are now adjusted on board to be nominal 10m values, and (ii) buoys, where the anemometer can be as low as 2m.

In the period July to December 2012, 2406437 wind observations were available for monitoring at the UK Met Office, from 2540 manual ships, 48 drifting buoys, and 634 automatic ships (more detail is given in Table 1). The number of reported manual ship identifiers shows the same trends as for pressure, but with slightly more identifiers reporting wind.

Histograms of O-B differences for ship observations of wind speed are presented in Figures 2d, 2e and 2f and of wind direction in Figures 2g, 2h and 2i. As with observations of pressure, those wind observations that fail the quality-control checks differ most from the background, some by as much as  $50 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ , and they make a large contribution to the variance of O-B. The distributions of O-B wind speed and direction for the remaining 93% of the observations are nearly Gaussian, with a speed bias of  $0.3 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  relative to the background and a direction bias of just  $-0.6^\circ$ .

Figures 6 and 7 show the geographical distributions over the six-month period of the mean and standard deviation of O-B for ship observations of wind speed that pass the quality-control checks. The numbers of wind reports used to generate these statistics are presented in Figure 8. The standard deviation of O-B wind speed is typically about  $2 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  in middle latitudes and around  $1.5 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  in the tropics. The |bias| is generally less than  $1 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ , but exceeds  $2 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  in a few places. Similar distributions of the mean and standard deviation of O-B wind direction are shown in Figures 9 and 10. Only reports where both the observed and background wind speeds are greater than  $5 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  were used to obtain these values. The magnitude of the bias is less than 5 degrees in most places, but is up to 15 degrees in a few data sparse areas. The standard deviation is generally between 15 and 30 degrees globally, but in some data-sparse areas and near some coasts it is greater 40 degrees. The numbers of reports of wind direction used to generate these statistics are presented in Figure 11.

Figures 6-11 provide reference values against which to compare the O-B characteristics for different marine observing platforms. Table 5 contains a list of those ships and drifting buoys considered to have produced suspect observations of wind speed in the period July to December 2012, and in Table 7 a similar list is provided for wind direction. Values are given for the number of observations of wind received at the Met Office, the number of observations having a vector difference from background of more than  $25 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  (gross errors), and the mean and standard deviation of O-B. Time-series of O-B are given at the end of the report for each listed identifier. In the majority of the cases of suspect speed observations, a constant bias is clearly evident. Errors in observations of direction are more random in nature. Tables 6 and 8 contain statistics for platforms reporting in ship code which are not included in Tables 5 and 7 but that were listed in the previous report, for wind speed and direction respectively. Time-series for these identifiers are not included in this report.

### 3.3 *Sea-surface temperature*

In the 6-month period July to December 2012, a total of 7104620 observations of SST were monitored at the Met Office, from 2116 manual ships, 1687 drifting buoys and 613 automatic ships. Of the total, 5% were from manual ships, 70% from drifting buoys and 25% from automatic ships. (More detail is given in Table 1.) For the same reasons as stated for pressure observations, it appears that many ship identifiers report only once during the 6-month period. There are similar numbers of manual ships reporting SST as there are drifting buoys and automatic ships combined, but manual ships account for only about 5% of the total number of observations. This is due to the greater frequency of automatic ship and buoy observations, hourly in many cases, with manual ships tending to report only at the main synoptic hours.

Histograms of O-B differences for all ship SST reports are shown in Figures 2j, 2k and 2l. As with observations of pressure and wind, those SST observations that fail the quality-control checks differ most from background and make a large contribution to the variance of O-B. The distribution of O-B SST for the remaining 87% of the observations is nearly Gaussian, with a bias of just  $0.1^\circ\text{C}$  relative to the background and a standard deviation of  $1.2^\circ\text{C}$ .

Figures 12 and 13 show the geographical distributions over the 6-month period of the mean and standard deviation of O-B for ship observations that passed the quality control checks. The numbers of reports used to generate these statistics are presented in Figure 14. The bias is generally less than  $0.5^\circ\text{C}$  and the standard deviation is around  $1^\circ\text{C}$ .

Table 9 contains a list of the ships and drifting buoys considered to have produced suspect observations over the 6-month period. The comments given in each case provide an indication of the main reason for the station to be listed as suspect; time-series charts have also been plotted for SST and are included at the end of the report. The majority of the identifiers appearing on the list do so because of bias. Table 10 gives details of the performance over the latest 6-month period of ships which were considered suspect in the previous period but which do not appear in Table 9.

#### 4. SUMMARY

There are 53 marine observing platforms listed as producing suspect observations of pressure over the period July to December 2012, 90 as producing suspect wind observations and 74 as producing suspect SST observations. The first report issued by RSMC Bracknell, for the period January to June 1989, listed 150 marine platforms producing suspect observations of pressure. With the selection criteria remaining unchanged, an initial reduction in the number of platforms listed as suspect was followed by a series of reports listing similar numbers of suspects, around 80. There was an increase in suspect numbers during 1999 and 2000, then the numbers fluctuated around an average of 130 through to the end of 2008; they dropped slightly during 2009 and have averaged about 70 since then. Considering the fluctuations in numbers of platforms reporting and observations monitored, there seems to be little overall trend in observation quality, as measured by the percentage of suspect platforms.

For wind observations, over the years up to 2002 there was a tendency for a small increase in the number of wind observing platforms listed as suspect, then the numbers fluctuated between about 100 and 150 until 2008. There was a slight decrease in the number of suspect wind platforms up to 2010 and since then the number has averaged about 75.

The number of SST observing platforms listed as being suspect has been fairly constant since 2007, averaging about 65, following a decrease in numbers from a high value of 225 in 2005.

The most common characteristic in the case of identifiers listed as producing suspect pressure observations is bias in the reported pressure, sometimes remaining constant for many months. In the case of wind suspects, the most common reason for listing a platform is either a bias in the reported wind speed or a large standard deviation in wind direction, with fewer having a bias in wind direction. For sea-surface temperature observations, bias is again the most common cause of error.

The selection criteria have been set appropriately to ensure that the platforms listed are only those for which there is a high degree of confidence in their reports having errors. There are many others, not listed here, for which there must be considerable doubt over the quality of the observations. A wider range of monitoring results is available from the Met Office on request.

**TABLE 1: FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION OF THE NUMBER OF REPORTS OF PRESSURE, WIND AND SEA SURFACE TEMPERATURE FROM INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFIERS AVAILABLE FOR MONITORING AT EXETER, JULY TO DECEMBER 2012.**

Number of reports	Number of manual ships reporting			Number of drifting buoys reporting			Number of automatic ships reporting		
	Press.	Wind	SST	Press.	Wind	SST	Press.	Wind	SST*
1	258	269	211	4	4	4	33	35	29
2-10	281	294	263	3	0	8	25	30	26
11-20	141	145	133	4	1	9	8	6	11
21-40	227	221	229	3	1	9	8	7	7
41-100	498	507	435	17	2	30	15	17	14
101-200	532	531	408	24	1	32	10	9	9
201-500	422	429	329	50	6	95	29	32	28
501-1000	64	69	51	56	10	128	26	34	37
1001-1500	22	22	15	80	4	146	39	41	45
1500+	59	53	42	619	19	1226	447	423	407
<b>Total</b>	2504	2540	2116	860	48	1687	640	634	613
(Report 47)	(2619)	(2656)	(2198)	(922)	(31)	(1685)	(627)	(622)	(601)

\* numbers are for fixed buoys only

**TABLE 2: NUMBER OF OBSERVATIONS OF PRESSURE RECEIVED AT EXETER ON THE GTS FOR EACH OF THE 6-MONTH PERIODS COVERING THESE WMO REPORTS**



Period	WMO report number	Number of Observations			
		Manual ships	Drifting buoys	Automatic ships	Total
Jan - Jun 1989	1	424087	174971	40082	639140
Jul - Dec 1989	2	421315	151972	58016	631303
Jan - Jun 1990	3	424335	177927	63847	666109
Jul - Dec 1990	4	412430	205488	71146	689064
Jan - Jun 1991	5	364760	177069	64401	606230
Jul - Dec 1991	6	348710	148604	68456	565770
Jan - Jun 1992	7	332443	216872	73893	623208
Jul - Dec 1992	8	336958	247873	80862	665693
Jan - Jun 1993	9	340293	288208	77317	705818
Jul - Dec 1993	10	348082	316261	88650	752993
Jan - Jun 1994	11	334134	279963	111928	726025
Jul - Dec 1994	12	383760	305618	142468	831846
Jan - Jun 1995	13	369781	407111	124537	901429
Jul - Dec 1995	14	394016	528938	138653	1061607
Jan - Jun 1996	15	430162	566035	122909	1119106
Jul - Dec 1996	16	477928	621869	133221	1233018
Jan - Jun 1997	17	446530	623835	122178	1192543
Jul - Dec 1997	18	453399	684292	140227	1277918
Jan - Jun 1998	19	426622	700743	423217	1550582
Jul - Dec 1998	20	443548	700239	497313	1641100
Jan - Jun 1999	21	432506	697983	466311	1596800
Jul - Dec 1999	22	448996	771624	500070	1720690
Jan - Jun 2000	23	443023	772510	455799	1671332
Jul - Dec 2000	24	477828	829588	512338	1819754
Jan - Jun 2001	25	458345	784686	465887	1708918
Jul - Dec 2001	26	473887	914744	554002	1942633
Jan - Jun 2002	27	443876	1111699	517200	2072775
Jul - Dec 2002	28	544433	952313	595959	2092705
Jan - Jun 2003	29	432672	994877	506185	1933734
Jul - Dec 2003	30	473591	1128039	605241	2206871
Jan - Jun 2004	31	435824	1092461	596495	2124780
Jul - Dec 2004	32	434160	1113527	724014	2271701
Jan - Jun 2005	33	471113	1221528	717207	2409848
Jul - Dec 2005	34	472565	1523938	837397	2833900
Jan - Jun 2006	35	456847	1758276	792765	3007888
Jul - Dec 2006	36	447474	1833376	975555	3256405
Jan - Jun 2007	37	410076	1947986	998474	3356536
Jul - Dec 2007	38	454512	2265115	1116750	3836377
Jan - Jun 2008	39	444253	2397246	1156968	3998467
Jul - Dec 2008	40	481513	2605728	1315696	4402937
Jan - Jun 2009	41	466628	2551270	1201762	4219660
Jul - Dec 2009	42	452548	2473739	1381174	4307461
Jan - Jun 2010	43	442069	2606292	1325666	4374027
Jul - Dec 2010	44	534594	2730518	1563232	4828344
Jan - Jun 2011	45	470337	2631956	1608822	4711115
Jul - Dec 2011	46	545536	2651020	1889732	5086288
Jan - Jun 2012	47	515154	2242441	1687722	4445317
Jul - Dec 2012	48	491700	2331570	1899860	4723130

**TABLE 3: LIST OF MARINE OBSERVING PLATFORMS REPORTING SUSPECT PRESSURE OBSERVATIONS OVER THE PERIOD JULY TO DECEMBER 2012.**

Column	1	Call sign or identifier.
Column	2	Number of pressure observations available for monitoring over the 6-month period, excluding duplicates, but including any observations with gross errors.
Column	3	Number of pressure observations differing by more than 15 hPa from background (gross error).
Column	4	Standard deviation of observation-minus-background differences excluding cases of gross error.
Column	5	Mean of observation-minus-background differences (bias) excluding cases of gross error.
Columns	6-10	Number of times observing platform has appeared on suspect lists. B=Exeter, E=ECMWF, F=MétéoFrance, T=Tokyo, W=Washington.
Column	11	Comments on quality of pressure observations.

- Notes:*
1. Units are hPa.
  2. Observing platforms marked with an asterisk were listed in the previous report (January to June 2012)

**Table 3a: Platforms reporting in BUOY code**

*i): Platforms **non-operational** at the end of the reporting period*

Identifier	N Obs.	NGE	SD	Bias	B	E	F	T	W	Comments
15671	139	93	0.6	14.1	1	0	1	1	1	Bias
17513	362	0	1.4	-5.2	2	0	2	2	2	Bias
17662	946	946	---	---	2	1	2	0	2	GE
17929	1046	111	5.6	0.0	1	1	1	1	1	SD
21578	1111	333	0.3	-0.3	1	1	1	1	1	GE
21896	63	16	0.8	13.9	1	0	1	1	1	Bias
23708	386	386	---	---	1	1	1	0	1	GE
31764	600	15	5.3	-2.9	0	0	0	0	0	SD
33534	138	1	6.0	-1.8	1	1	0	1	0	SD
33553	81	5	6.9	-0.3	0	0	0	0	0	SD
33557	139	43	7.6	0.8	1	1	1	1	1	SD
33651	284	23	8.5	0.1	1	1	1	1	1	SD
33672	117	0	4.6	-3.5	0	1	0	1	0	SD
41938	65	2	0.2	-5.3	1	1	1	0	1	Bias
42554	1643	747	0.7	0.6	1	2	1	1	1	GE
46538	187	187	---	---	1	2	1	0	1	GE
47544	202	52	6.5	-6.4	1	1	1	1	1	Bias
47550	2111	729	6.6	-1.2	2	1	2	3	3	Bias
47551	1171	1171	---	---	1	0	1	0	1	GE
48509	2660	825	4.8	-3.1	2	2	2	2	2	Bias
48536	7565	0	5.0	0.1	1	0	1	1	1	Bias
48543	99	0	1.1	-7.8	1	0	1	0	1	Bias
48545	1772	616	1.6	0.3	1	1	1	1	1	GE
48546	1305	459	1.8	0.9	1	1	1	1	1	GE
48553	785	302	3.0	-0.4	1	1	1	1	1	GE
48698	1118	22	5.5	-3.3	1	0	1	1	1	SD
56610	104	104	---	---	1	2	1	0	1	GE
56922	102	102	---	---	1	2	1	0	1	GE
71634	136	111	3.7	-8.6	1	1	1	1	1	GE
72828	286	78	6.8	1.7	2	3	1	1	2	SD
72830	265	241	5.4	3.6	2	3	2	1	2	GE
72833	289	202	1.5	11.7	2	1	2	1	2	Bias

*ii): Platforms operational at the end of the reporting period*

Identifier	N Obs.	NGE	SD	Bias	B	E	F	T	W	Comments
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Table 3b: Platforms reporting in SHIP code

Identifier	N Obs.	NGE	SD	Bias	B	E	F	T	W	Comments
42362	1652	0	5.1	5.2	1	0	1	0	1	Bias
9MGF7	72	0	3.5	3.8	2	0	2	0	2	Bias
9V8640	169	2	4.4	-0.4	1	0	1	0	1	Bias
AUFH	132	1	6.4	-2.7	2	2	2	0	2	SD
AUYR *	141	17	7.6	-3.6	3	0	2	0	3	SD
C6SE3	188	0	5.6	-2.5	4	0	4	0	4	Bias
FTCO	44	7	6.0	10.1	0	0	0	0	0	Bias
UAHF	73	29	5.2	-4.0	2	0	2	0	2	SD
UCUQ	162	7	5.4	-3.2	2	0	2	0	2	Bias
UFJN	75	5	3.2	-3.5	1	0	1	0	0	Bias
UICO	58	0	5.3	-0.6	0	0	0	0	0	SD
V7RP7	52	0	7.9	-0.2	0	0	0	0	0	SD
VCTV *	64	57	3.4	-6.4	2	0	1	0	2	GE
VDFP	58	4	3.2	-4.1	1	0	0	0	2	Bias
VDWC *	41	29	2.4	-6.3	0	0	0	0	0	GE
VGJD *	147	36	10.0	1.1	3	0	2	0	3	SD
VGPY	67	7	2.2	-3.5	0	0	0	0	3	Bias
VRBR5	71	1	7.9	-2.1	1	0	1	0	1	Bias
VRCY7	128	1	6.7	2.4	3	0	3	0	3	SD
VRKC2	177	1	5.1	2.3	1	0	1	0	2	Bias
WDB9951	235	20	5.4	-0.2	2	0	2	0	4	SD

**TABLE 4: LIST OF PLATFORMS REPORTING IN SHIP CODE NOT APPEARING IN TABLE 3 BUT LISTED AS SUSPECT OVER THE PERIOD JANUARY TO JUNE 2012.**

Column 1 Call sign or identifier.  
 Column 2 Number of pressure observations available for monitoring over the 6-month period, excluding duplicates, but including any observations with gross errors.  
 Column 3 Number of pressure observations differing by more than 15 hPa from background (gross error).  
 Column 4 Standard deviation of observation-minus-background differences excluding cases of gross error.  
 Column 5 Mean of observation-minus-background differences (bias) excluding cases of gross error.  
 Column 6 Comments on quality of pressure observations.

Notes: 1. Units are hPa

Identifier	N Obs.	NGE	SD	Bias	Comments
9V9128	280	2	1.8	0.2	Reduced bias
9VDD3	220	3	2.5	-0.5	Reduced SD
9VKY2	74	0	3.3	1.7	Reduced bias
A8JJ8	35	0	4.8	-4.6	Less than 40 reports
A8SI9	183	1	4.1	-1.0	Reduced bias
A8WG9	197	0	2.7	1.1	Reduced bias
A8ZV8	246	0	3.3	2.0	Reduced bias
AUYN	86	28	5.1	2.2	Reduced bias
CG2522	1143	281	0.7	-0.2	Reduced bias
CG2992	578	68	0.6	0.1	Reduced bias
HQTEST	2555	0	3.9	-1.7	Reduced bias
KQXZ	73	0	1.7	1.2	Reduced bias
KS089	16	13	10.1	1.6	Less than 40 reports
OZDB2	83	0	1.2	-0.7	Reduced SD
UAKA	66	1	3.2	-0.3	Reduced bias
UCJX	120	6	4.2	3.2	Reduced SD
UIAC	74	4	5.4	-0.9	Reduced bias
VCYP	32	2	2.6	-4.6	Less than 40 reports
VRXO6	20	2	4.9	-3.8	Less than 40 reports
VYNG	160	1	4.7	-0.1	Fewer GE
WDF7174	10	0	2.0	0.5	Less than 40 reports
WMLF	55	0	3.7	-1.6	Reduced bias
WTER	1287	0	0.9	0.0	Reduced bias

**TABLE 5: LIST OF MARINE OBSERVING PLATFORMS REPORTING SUSPECT WIND SPEED OBSERVATIONS OVER THE PERIOD JULY TO DECEMBER 2012.**

- Column 1 Call sign or identifier.  
 Column 2 Number of wind speed observations available for monitoring over the 6-month period, excluding duplicates, but including any observations with gross errors.  
 Column 3 Number of wind observations with vector difference from background of more than  $25\text{ms}^{-1}$  (gross error).  
 Column 4 Standard deviation of observation-minus-background differences excluding cases of gross error.  
 Column 5 Mean of observation-minus-background differences (bias) excluding cases of gross error.  
 Column 6-10 Number of times observing platform has appeared on suspect lists. B=Exeter, E=ECMWF, F=MétéoFrance, T=Tokyo, W=Washington.  
 Column 11 Comments on quality of wind speed observations.
- Notes: 1. Units are  $\text{ms}^{-1}$   
 2. Observing platforms marked with an asterisk were listed in the previous report (January to June 2012)

**Table 5a: Platforms reporting in BUOY code**

*i): Platforms non-operational at the end of the reporting period*

Identifier	N Obs.	NGE	SD	Bias	B	E	F	T	W	Comments
42516	83	76	0.6	-10.4	1	1	1	0	1	GE
42538	846	8	5.3	5.5	1	2	1	0	1	Bias
42557	751	40	5.8	8.2	3	2	3	0	3	Bias
43524	458	371	5.4	17.2	1	1	1	0	1	GE
43534	552	522	6.2	15.4	1	1	1	0	1	GE

*ii): Platforms operational at the end of the reporting period*

Identifier	N Obs.	NGE	SD	Bias	B	E	F	T	W	Comments
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**Table 5b: Platforms reporting in SHIP code**

Identifier	N Obs.	NGE	SD	Bias	B	E	F	T	W	Comments
9MGF7	70	1	5.2	5.8	2	0	2	0	2	Bias
AVBD	52	17	5.5	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	GE
BAREU51	2435	15	3.4	6.6	5	0	5	0	5	Bias
ULUN	83	0	3.4	6.1	1	0	1	0	1	Bias
VRCG8	45	0	4.6	5.7	0	0	0	0	0	Bias

**TABLE 6: LIST OF PLATFORMS REPORTING IN SHIP CODE NOT APPEARING IN TABLE 5 BUT LISTED AS SUSPECT OVER THE PERIOD JANUARY TO JUNE 2012.**

- Column 1 Call sign or identifier.  
 Column 2 Number of wind speed observations available for monitoring over the 6-month period, excluding duplicates, but including any observations with gross errors.  
 Column 3 Number of wind observations with vector difference from background of more than  $25\text{ms}^{-1}$  (gross error).  
 Column 4 Standard deviation of observation-minus-background differences excluding cases of gross error.  
 Column 5 Mean of observation-minus-background differences (bias) excluding cases of gross error.  
 Column 6 Comments on quality of wind speed observations.

*Notes:* 1. Units are  $\text{ms}^{-1}$

Identifier	N Obs.	NGE	SD	Bias	Comments
62087	1926	112	3.8	-2.0	Bias reduced

**TABLE 7: LIST OF MARINE OBSERVING PLATFORMS PRODUCING SUSPECT WIND DIRECTION OBSERVATIONS OVER THE PERIOD JULY TO DECEMBER 2012 .**

Column 1	Call sign or identifier.
Column 2	Number of wind direction observations available for monitoring over the 6-month period, excluding duplicates, but including any observations with gross errors.
Column 3	Number of wind observations with vector difference from background of more than 25ms <sup>-1</sup> (gross error).
Column 4	Standard deviation of observation-minus-background differences excluding cases of gross error.
Column 5	Mean of observation-minus-background differences (bias) excluding cases of gross error.
Column 6-10	Number of times observing platform has appeared on suspect lists. B=Exeter, E=ECMWF, F=MétéoFrance, T=Tokyo, W=Washington.
Column 11	Comments on quality of wind direction observations.

- Notes:*
1. Units are degrees (°).
  2. Observing platforms marked § had a significant speed bias at some time within the period and the statistics and their plots refer to direction reports associated with background wind speeds greater than 5 ms<sup>-1</sup>. If no significant speed bias was present, the statistics and plots refer to direction reports with an observed speed greater than 5 ms<sup>-1</sup>.
  3. Observing platforms marked with an asterisk were listed in the previous report (January to June 2012)

**Table 7a: Platforms reporting in BUOY code**

*i): Platforms non-operational at the end of the reporting period*

31983		2094	1	31.4	29.9	1	2	2	1	1	Bias
42516	§	77	76	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	GE
43524	§	458	314	34.3	-24.4	0	0	0	0	0	GE
43534	§	552	508	36.2	15.7	0	0	0	0	0	GE
47560		2315	12	50.6	47.8	4	0	0	0	3	Bias + SD
48521		1196	0	98.8	6.0	1	0	0	0	2	SD
48737		908	0	27.0	64.3	2	0	0	0	3	Bias
64532		734	1	69.0	-102.2	3	0	0	0	4	Bias + SD

*ii): Platforms operational at the end of the reporting period*

Identifier	N Obs.	NGE	SD	Bias	B	E	F	T	W	Comments
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**Table 7b: Platforms reporting in SHIP code**



Identifier	N Obs.	NGE	SD	Bias	B	E	F	T	W	Comments	
21210	*	857	0	158.6	32.0	2	1	2	2	2	Bias + SD
23017	*	63	0	155.9	-30.4	1	0	1	0	1	SD
23492	*	576	0	96.8	54.4	1	0	2	1	1	Bias + SD
2ALE5		172	0	61.9	6.3	0	0	0	0	2	SD
31051	§	3830	267	77.6	34.7	6	6	6	6	6	Bias + SD
31053		2709	7	59.5	30.6	3	3	6	3	4	Bias + SD
31260	*	502	0	43.5	20.5	3	3	4	2	6	SD
31374		2612	205	89.1	-126.2	4	4	4	4	4	Bias + SD
3ETA7	*	117	0	63.0	-7.0	0	0	0	0	2	SD
44027		1771	0	31.5	-40.2	3	4	3	3	3	Bias
44067	*	2861	0	37.9	65.3	2	0	0	0	4	Bias
44174		2397	0	31.8	-57.8	4	8	4	4	4	Bias
45025	*	6398	0	48.8	-31.8	2	2	0	0	1	Bias
45138	*	3033	0	23.4	44.1	5	9	5	4	4	Bias
46111		4249	9	106.5	8.2	3	7	5	4	6	SD
46112		3282	0	28.8	63.3	2	5	5	2	5	Bias
4XFV		127	0	71.8	10.5	0	0	0	0	2	SD
53040		366	4	34.2	-58.9	2	1	2	0	2	Bias
53056		227	1	85.1	-0.3	2	0	2	0	3	SD
5BPA3	*	65	0	70.5	10.8	0	0	0	0	0	SD
62087	*§	1673	112	73.8	-4.9	1	1	2	1	3	SD
9V9373		105	0	64.7	3.9	1	0	0	0	0	SD
9V9746		223	0	68.6	-8.7	0	0	0	0	1	SD
A8AD7	*	88	0	61.2	9.2	0	0	0	0	1	SD
A8GJ5		73	0	67.1	-25.6	0	0	0	0	0	SD
A8IJ4		105	0	66.3	11.7	0	0	0	0	1	SD
A8IP9		105	0	62.5	-0.1	0	0	0	0	0	SD
A8PQ8		152	1	72.9	1.7	0	0	0	0	1	SD
A8QM9		163	0	67.0	-7.3	0	0	0	0	1	SD
A8QY2	*	294	0	63.7	-1.4	0	0	0	0	2	SD
A8SO7		91	0	66.3	10.1	0	0	0	0	1	SD
BAREU51		2435	15	98.9	5.0	5	0	5	0	5	SD
BAREU6:	*	1448	0	59.0	12.4	0	0	4	0	6	SD
BAREU6:	§	2574	18	86.0	42.6	5	0	5	0	5	SD + Bias
C6SD9		338	1	61.6	-19.4	0	0	1	0	0	SD
C6SI3		113	1	66.8	-16.7	0	0	0	0	1	SD
DDIG2	*	166	0	58.5	2.6	0	0	0	0	1	SD
DGOS		147	0	71.2	-26.7	2	0	1	0	2	SD
H9UY	*§	126	7	103.1	-36.2	0	0	2	0	3	SD + Bias
HO7723	*	65	0	70.1	-28.9	0	0	0	0	0	SD

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Identifier	N Obs.	NGE	SD	Bias	B	E	F	T	W	Comments
J8NW *§	203	5	88.0	-21.2	0	0	2	0	4	SD
KNJK	200	0	68.2	1.3	0	0	0	0	1	SD
KS093 *	165	0	100.3	5.8	1	0	1	0	0	SD
MCUV3 *	241	1	67.0	-9.7	0	0	0	0	3	SD
MDGV9	223	0	64.9	4.8	0	0	0	0	0	SD
MGGK4	84	0	61.6	21.3	0	0	0	0	0	SD
MGRX2	120	1	44.0	-39.5	1	0	2	0	1	Bias
MRGU3	101	3	68.6	8.6	1	0	1	0	0	SD
S6NK4 *	50	0	74.5	16.3	0	0	0	0	1	SD
SLJT	182	3	67.9	-8.2	0	0	0	0	1	SD
TBWAA1 *	167	7	91.9	-46.9	2	0	3	0	0	Bias & SD
UCKD	65	0	68.2	1.4	0	0	0	0	1	SD
UCUQ	150	0	63.0	-15.4	0	0	0	0	0	SD
UELS	76	0	73.4	-27.8	0	0	0	0	1	SD
UFMK	163	1	64.1	-10.0	0	0	0	0	2	SD
V7DY3	123	0	89.1	0.9	1	0	1	0	2	SD
V7EE5	88	0	57.4	-38.3	0	0	0	0	1	Bias
V7HC6	792	1	80.5	-0.9	3	0	3	0	5	SD
V7HP3	143	0	66.5	-15.3	0	0	0	0	1	SD
VC6750 *	2200	0	71.1	63.4	4	0	4	0	4	SD + Bias
VRKF5	155	0	63.0	-8.1	0	0	0	0	1	SD
VRXK4	96	0	63.3	-12.1	1	0	1	0	1	SD
VRZZ2	66	0	62.5	-25.8	0	0	0	0	1	SD
WBM5091	149	2	76.8	-10.6	1	0	1	0	1	SD
WBN3015	111	0	44.3	-36.2	0	0	0	0	0	Bias
WBN4113	255	0	69.5	-5.7	1	0	1	0	3	SD
WBP3210	1448	29	118.9	26.7	5	0	5	0	5	SD
WCX744: *	3204	21	94.3	-21.6	3	0	4	0	4	SD
WCX910: *	199	0	53.3	-36.1	1	0	0	0	4	Bias
WDB3834	127	0	77.6	13.8	1	0	0	0	1	SD
WDB7815	147	0	68.8	11.9	0	0	0	0	0	SD
WDD7327	328	1	69.3	1.6	0	0	1	0	2	SD
WTEK	689	0	100.7	7.6	3	0	3	0	3	SD
YJYY2	96	0	63.1	17.5	0	0	0	0	0	SD
ZCDN9 *	227	0	43.4	1.7	0	0	0	0	1	SD
ZCEG5 *	164	0	56.8	-0.4	0	0	0	0	1	SD

**TABLE 8: LIST OF PLATFORMS REPORTING IN SHIP CODE NOT APPEARING IN TABLE 7 BUT LISTED AS SUSPECT OVER THE PERIOD JANUARY TO JUNE 2012.**

Column	1	Call sign or identifier.
Column	2	Number of wind direction observations available for monitoring over the 6-month period, excluding duplicates, but including any observations with gross errors.
Column	3	Number of wind observations with vector difference from background of more than $25\text{ms}^{-1}$ (gross error).
Column	4	Standard deviation of observation-minus-background differences excluding cases of gross error.
Column	5	Mean of observation-minus-background differences (bias) excluding cases of gross error.
Column	6	Comments on quality of wind direction observations.
<i>Notes:</i>	1.	Units are degrees (°)

22108	2876	5	46.0	5.8	Reduced SD
23003	419	0	34.6	1.6	Reduced SD
23009	2	0	3.5	23.8	Less than 40 reports
3EDA4	346	1	50.4	-0.3	Reduced SD
45162	968	0	28.7	-7.8	Reduced Bias
53057	139	0	97.0	125.1	SD + Bias
A8PQ6	68	0	41.7	-28.5	Reduced SD
A8PX5	158	0	48.4	3.9	Reduced SD
C6TF8	5	0	0.0	9.7	Less than 40 reports
DQVJ	41	0	44.4	5.3	Reduced SD
ELWZ5	69	0	34.3	3.8	Reduced SD
J8NX	62	0	55.6	-9.4	Reduced SD
KS088	351	0	41.1	-13.8	Reduced Bias
KS089	183	0	27.3	-3.2	Reduced Bias
MGRL8	135	0	41.3	-1.4	Reduced SD
MGSM5	392	0	40.0	-15.2	Reduced SD
MNDC9	99	0	49.1	11.0	Reduced SD
MRWF2	77	0	37.7	-6.6	Reduced SD
NWS0003	2421	0	35.0	-0.5	Reduced SD & Bias
ONAR	33	0	46.5	-18.2	Less than 40 reports
OXVA2	164	6	58.6	-7.8	Reduced SD
OYYL2	207	0	54.7	-22.1	Reduced SD
TBWUK14	372	0	53.3	-8.9	Reduced SD
UCAD	146	2	55.4	12.8	Reduced SD
UGSI	225	0	37.7	-5.1	Reduced SD
UICO	58	0	55.5	-14.9	Reduced SD
V7OX3	13	0	9.1	18.0	Less than 40 reports
VQKZ5	27	0	73.2	-10.8	Less than 40 reports
VRGA6	88	0	37.8	8.5	Reduced SD
WXY6216	3572	0	35.6	8.7	Reduced SD
ZCBD3	59	0	47.1	-3.9	Reduced SD
ZCDY2	618	1	61.4	-11.4	SD

**TABLE 9: LIST OF MARINE OBSERVING PLATFORMS REPORTING SUSPECT SEA SURFACE TEMPERATURE OBSERVATIONS OVER THE PERIOD JULY TO DECEMBER 2012.**

Column	1	Call sign or identifier.
Column	2	Number of sea-surface temperature observations available for monitoring over the six-month period, excluding duplicates, but including any observations with gross errors.
Column	3	Number of sea surface temperature observations differing by more than 10 °C from background (gross error).
Column	4	Standard deviation of observation-minus-background differences excluding cases of gross error.
Column	5	Mean of observation-minus-background differences excluding cases of gross error.
Columns	6-10	Number of times observing platform has appeared on suspect lists. B=Exeter, E=ECMWF, F=MétéoFrance, T=Tokyo, W=Washington.
Column	11	Comments on quality of sea surface temperature observations.
<i>Notes:</i>	1.	Units are °C
	2.	Observing platforms marked with an asterisk were listed in the previous report (January to June 2012)

**Table 9a: Platforms reporting in BUOY code**

*i): Platforms **non-operational** at the end of the reporting period*

Identifier	N Obs.	NGE	SD	Bias	B	E	F	T	W	Comments
13558	358	3	1.7	-6.2	1	-	0	-	1	Bias
21936	250	64	2.8	-2.7	1	-	1	-	1	GE
22535	46	46	---	---	1	-	1	-	1	GE
23708	390	390	---	---	1	-	0	-	1	GE
23751	1335	520	0.7	-0.1	1	-	0	-	1	GE
25634	3722	60	3.8	-0.6	4	-	0	-	3	Bias
31516	377	0	0.8	-3.3	1	-	0	-	0	Bias
31915	61	58	2.5	5.9	1	-	0	-	1	GE
33535	318	316	0.0	2.6	3	-	3	-	3	GE
33593	86	0	0.5	-4.3	1	-	1	-	0	Bias
41591	142	141	0.0	-6.3	1	-	1	-	1	GE
41594	133	132	0.0	6.4	1	-	1	-	1	GE
41975	467	122	2.4	0.3	1	-	1	-	1	Bias + GE
42554	24635	247	1.7	-8.6	2	-	2	-	2	Bias
43922	177	0	1.1	-3.1	1	-	0	-	0	Bias
46567	115	84	0.3	0.0	2	-	1	-	2	GE
48659	363	111	1.3	-0.5	1	-	1	-	1	GE
48726	299	299	---	---	1	-	0	-	1	GE
48728	363	363	---	---	1	-	0	-	1	GE
52812	41	41	---	---	1	-	0	-	1	GE
54954	238	1	3.1	-6.0	2	-	2	-	2	Bias
54955	627	254	1.7	0.1	2	-	2	-	2	Bias + GE
55564	560	405	3.6	-3.8	1	-	1	-	2	Bias
55931	340	95	0.2	0.0	1	-	0	-	1	GE
56554	872	459	4.4	2.1	3	-	2	-	3	Bias + GE
56910	384	104	0.6	-0.3	1	-	0	-	1	GE
61689	95	95	---	---	1	-	0	-	1	GE
64722	987	465	1.7	0.2	1	-	0	-	1	GE
71572	140	128	2.9	4.8	1	-	1	-	1	GE
72829	2238	1385	1.4	-7.9	4	-	0	-	4	Bias

ii): Platforms *operational* at the end of the reporting period

Identifier	N Obs.	NGE	SD	Bias	B	E	F	T	W	Comments
16551	4340	2513	0.5	-0.1	4	-	4	-	4	GE
51616	53	5	2.6	3.8	1	-	1	-	1	Bias

Table9b: Platforms reporting in SHIP code

Identifier	N Obs.	NGE	SD	Bias	B	E	F	T	W	Comments
3FAV5	153	0	0.9	-5.9	3	-	3	-	3	Bias
44137	3668	116	1.7	4.3	6	-	6	-	3	Bias
9MCY6	82	26	2.4	-3.8	2	-	1	-	1	Bias + GE
A8IX8	* 170	0	0.8	-3.6	2	-	2	-	1	Bias
A8MW6	80	0	1.6	3.2	1	-	1	-	1	Bias
A8PK9	* 109	0	1.1	3.1	1	-	1	-	1	Bias
A8VG7	176	6	2.5	-3.1	3	-	3	-	3	Bias
A8WC8	* 191	3	1.7	-4.2	2	-	2	-	2	Bias
BSH05	1573	0	1.3	5.6	3	-	3	-	3	Bias
C6CN4	* 125	4	2.4	-4.7	3	-	2	-	3	Bias
C6SD9	329	2	2.9	-3.7	4	-	4	-	1	Bias
C6YT4	* 196	0	1.7	2.2	0	-	0	-	0	Bias
DGTX	220	0	1.5	3.2	4	-	4	-	1	Bias
HO7723	62	61	0.0	-1.2	0	-	0	-	0	GE
IBQQ	49	1	3.2	-3.4	1	-	1	-	1	Bias
ICSW	330	4	2.9	-4.2	5	-	5	-	2	Bias
J8AZ2	362	14	1.6	-6.1	6	-	6	-	6	Bias
KIRH	* 509	2	1.8	-2.0	2	-	1	-	0	Bias
MCLJ8	58	0	2.1	-3.1	0	-	0	-	0	Bias
PBHZ	* 59	0	1.8	3.2	0	-	0	-	0	Bias
ROSS	646	101	2.9	2.9	1	-	1	-	2	Bias
S6TB	67	1	3.4	-3.0	1	-	0	-	1	Bias
UASX	59	3	0.8	-6.5	1	-	1	-	1	Bias
UCDM	45	0	1.7	-3.1	1	-	1	-	1	Bias
UCDN	53	0	2.5	3.3	0	-	1	-	0	Bias
UCJX	128	1	1.6	-4.8	2	-	2	-	2	Bias
UIAC	73	0	1.2	-3.5	2	-	0	-	0	Bias
V7QK3	250	0	1.9	3.2	2	-	2	-	1	Bias
V7SY6	* 143	5	2.9	-3.4	2	-	2	-	1	Bias
V7VQ3	72	13	3.5	-4.0	1	-	1	-	1	Bias
VQKZ6	120	0	1.4	-3.3	1	-	1	-	0	Bias
VRDT5	82	0	1.9	-3.1	1	-	0	-	0	Bias
VRKJ7	275	1	2.1	3.3	3	-	3	-	0	Bias
VRKX8	119	0	2.3	-3.3	1	-	1	-	0	Bias
WDC6923	135	7	2.8	-3.6	2	-	2	-	2	Bias
WDE9193	67	29	1.3	-0.6	0	-	0	-	1	GE
WE4879	* 48	1	1.9	1.0	0	-	0	-	0	Reduced bias
WFLG	* 446	1	0.7	-3.3	6	-	1	-	0	Bias
WSLH	* 137	0	1.7	-3.7	4	-	2	-	1	Bias
WXU3434	73	44	1.4	-0.4	2	-	0	-	2	GE
WZJD	* 460	2	0.8	-4.6	6	-	6	-	6	Bias
ZDNC5	281	0	1.2	-3.6	4	-	3	-	0	Bias

**TABLE 10: LIST OF PLATFORMS REPORTING IN SHIP CODE NOT APPEARING IN TABLE 9 BUT LISTED AS SUSPECT OVER THE PERIOD JANUARY TO JUNE 2012.**

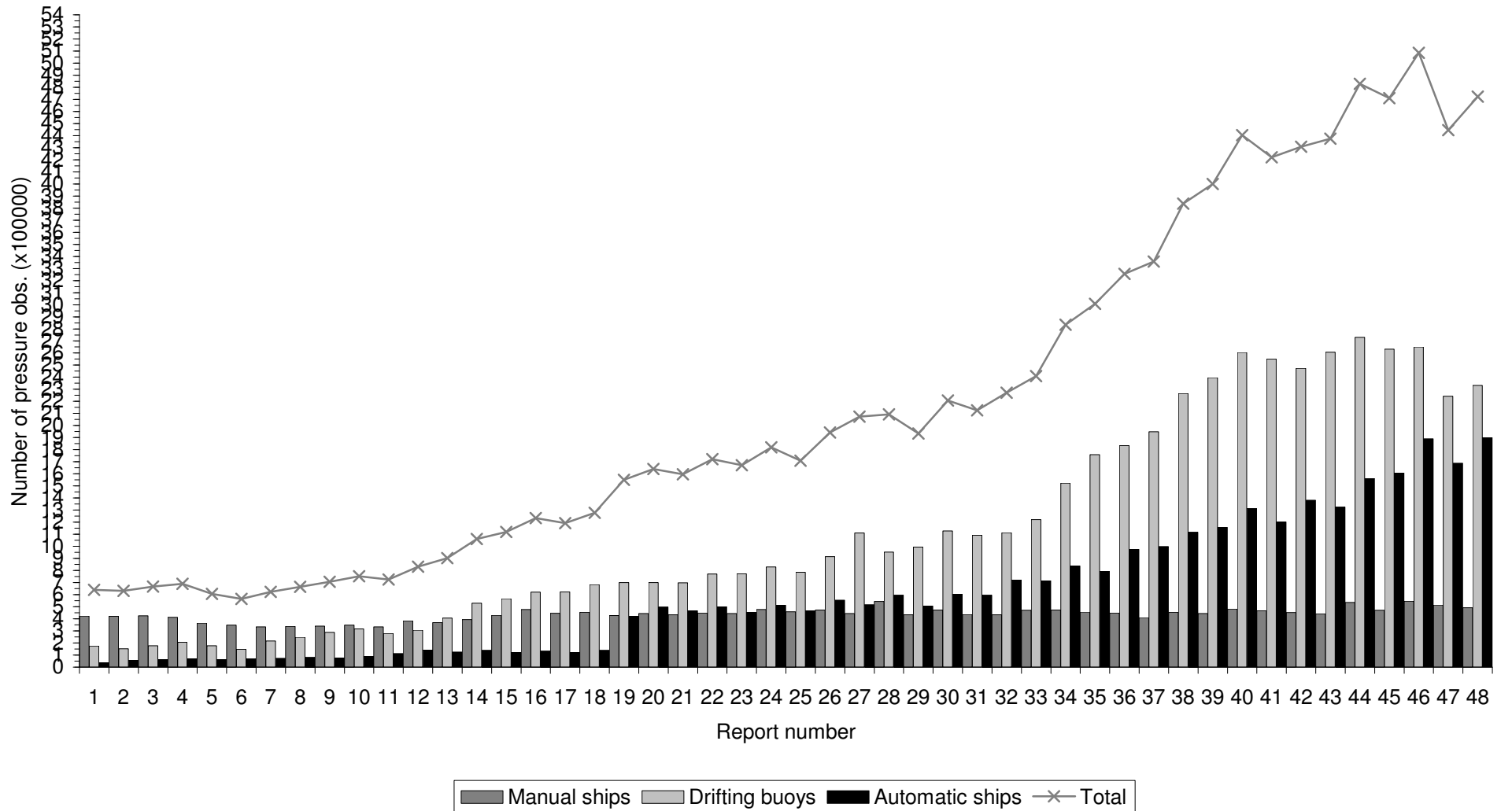
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Notes: 1. Units are °C

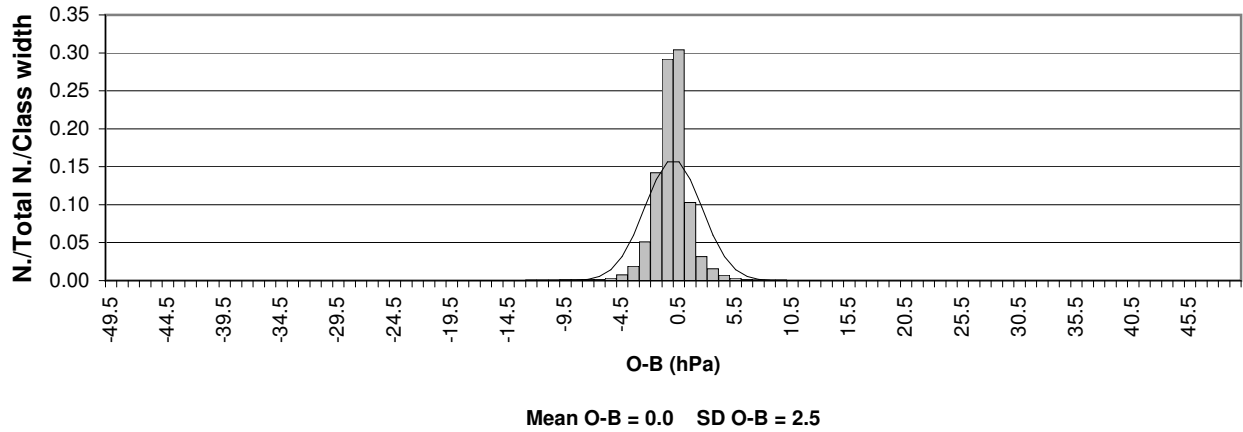
A8CI8	154	0	1.5	0.1	Reduced Bias
A8IN8	288	0	2.0	2.5	Reduced bias
A8TH7	17	0	2.0	-1.9	Less than 40 reports
CGDR	1771	0	1.3	2.2	Reduced bias
DNDD	65	0	2.3	1.0	Reduced bias
ELVB3	7	0	1.1	2.9	Less than 40 reports
ELWZ5	56	0	2.1	2.7	Reduced bias
IBLC	11	0	3.2	-2.1	Less than 40 reports
KHRC	9	0	0.8	-3.6	Less than 40 reports
MGRX9	102	0	1.5	-2.7	Reduced bias
S6NK4	51	2	3.0	-2.3	Reduced bias
V7DZ8	15	0	2.6	-5.1	Less than 40 reports
V7QN8	95	2	3.4	-2.9	Reduced bias
VRCV5	17	0	2.1	-2.1	Less than 40 reports
VRXO6	20	20	---	---	Less than 40 reports
VRZT9	33	0	2.1	-1.0	Less than 40 reports
WADN	20	0	2.1	3.8	Less than 40 reports
WCX8884	128	17	3.0	-1.6	Reduced bias



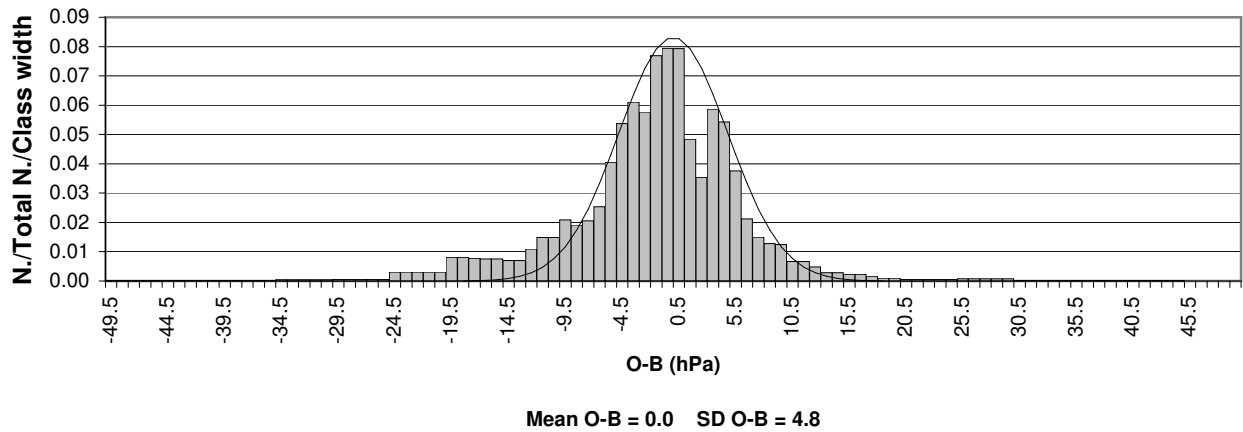
**Figure 1: Number of observations of pressure received at Exeter on the GTS for each of the six-month periods covered by the WMO reports on the quality of marine surface observations**



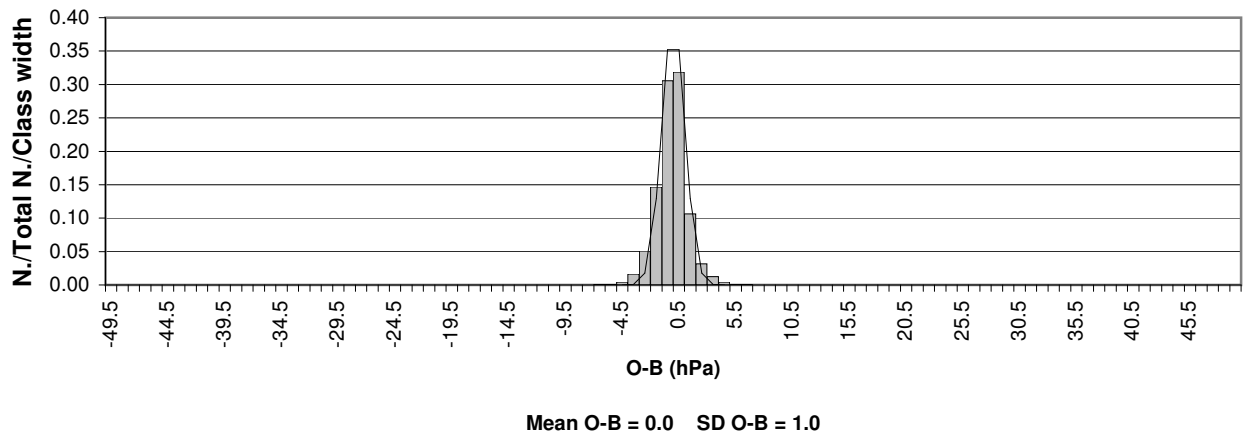
**Figure 2a: Distribution of ship O-B pressure (hPa)**  
Period of data: JUL-DEC 2012 Data used: All observations



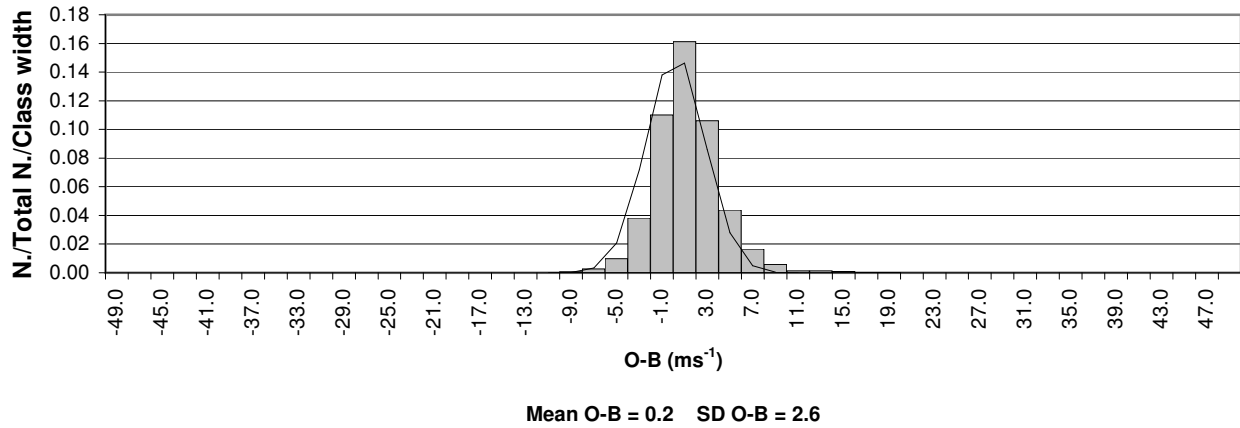
**Figure 2b: Distribution of ship O-B pressure (hPa)**  
Period of data: JUL-DEC 2012 Data used: Flagged observations



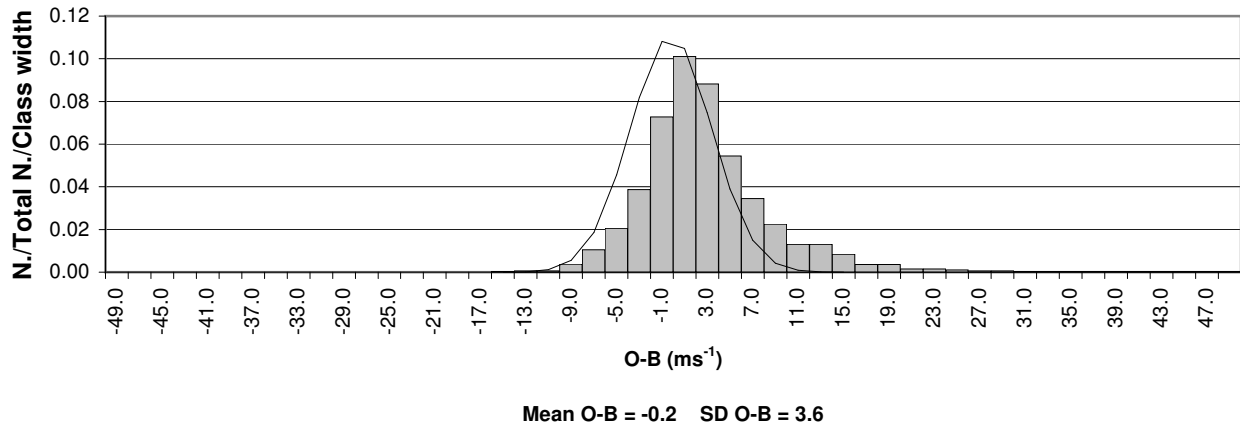
**Figure 2c: Distribution of ship O-B pressure (hPa)**  
Period of data: JUL-DEC 2012 Data used: Unflagged observations



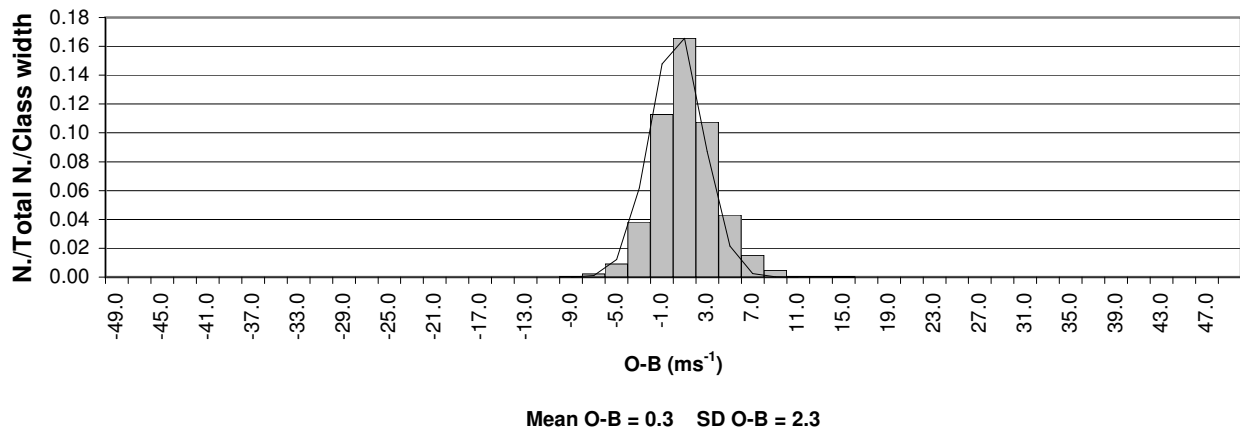
**Figure 2d: Distribution of ship O-B wind speed ( $\text{ms}^{-1}$ )**  
Period of data: JUL-DEC 2012 Data used: All observations



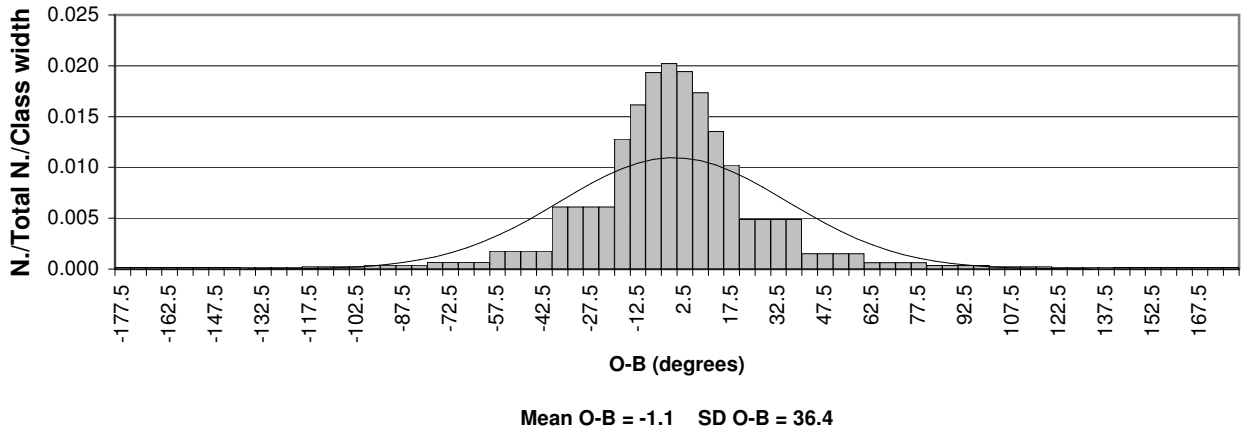
**Figure 2e: Distribution of ship O-B wind speed ( $\text{ms}^{-1}$ )**  
Period of data: JUL-DEC 2012 Data used: Flagged observations



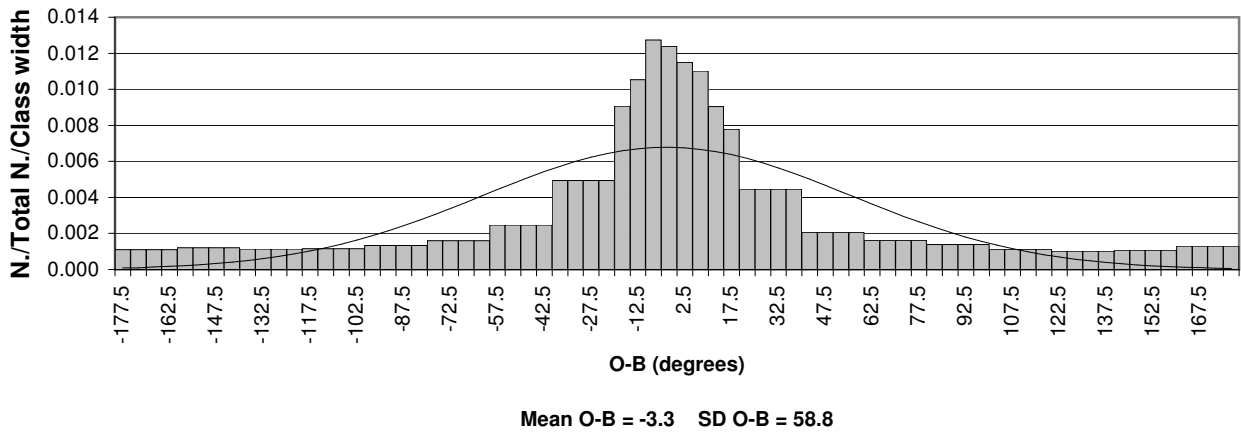
**Figure 2f: Distribution of ship O-B wind speed ( $\text{ms}^{-1}$ )**  
Period of data: JUL-DEC 2012 Data used: Unflagged observations



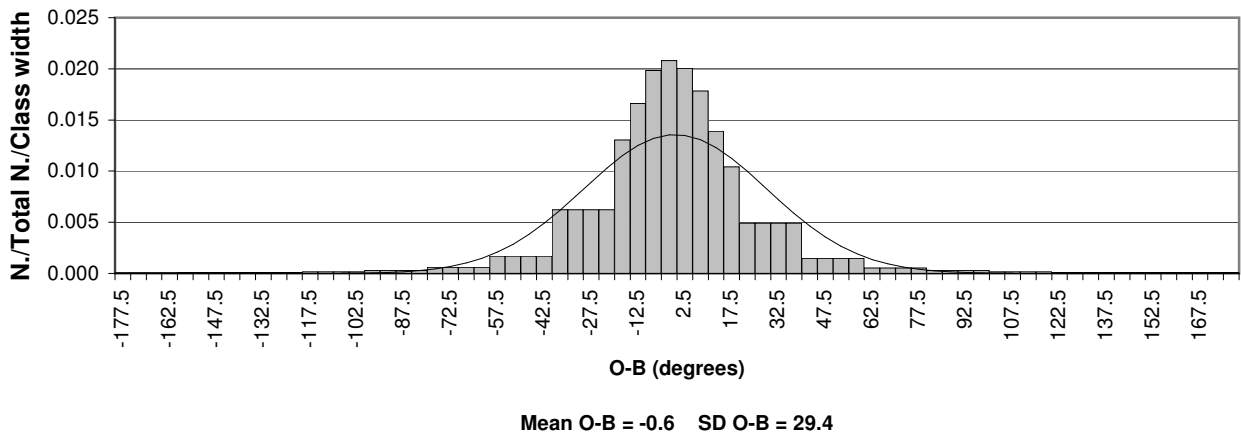
**Figure 2g: Distribution of ship O-B wind direction (degrees)**  
Period of data: JUL-DEC 2012 Data used: All observations



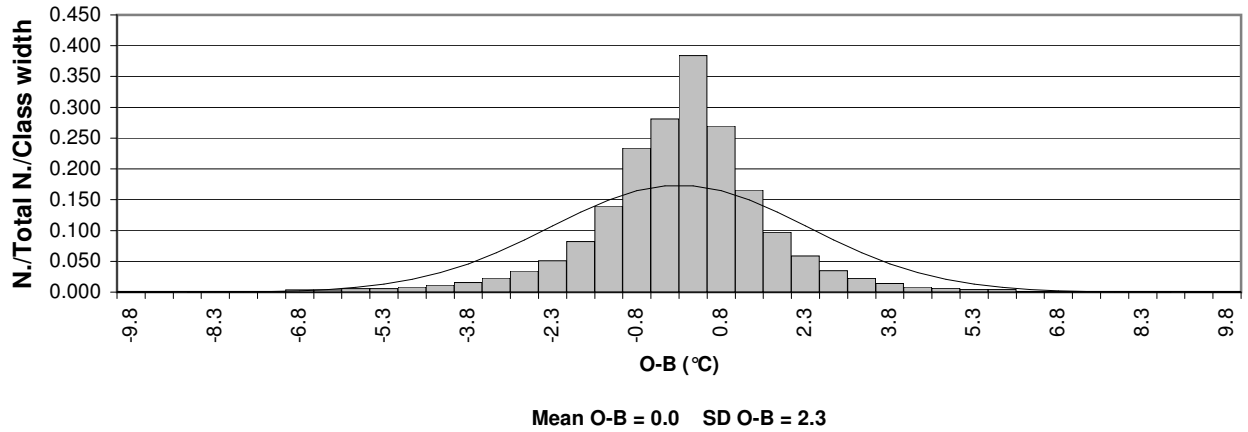
**Figure 2h: Distribution of ship O-B wind direction (degrees)**  
Period of data: JUL-DEC 2012 Data used: Flagged observations



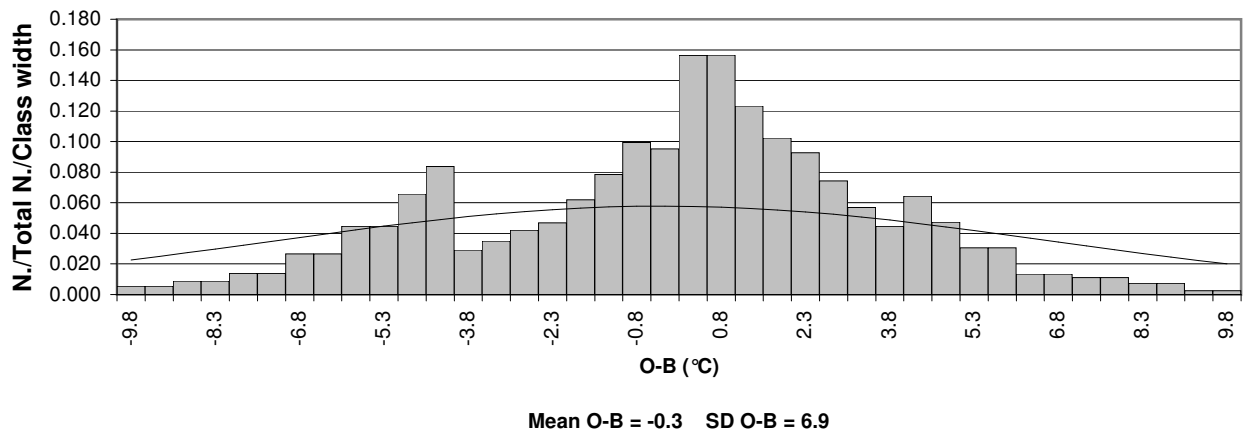
**Figure 2i: Distribution of ship O-B wind direction (degrees)**  
Period of data: JUL-DEC 2012 Data used: Unflagged observations



**Figure 2j: Distribution of ship O-B SST (°C)**  
Period of data: JUL-DEC 2012 Data used: All observations



**Figure 2k: Distribution of ship O-B SST (°C)**  
Period of data: JUL-DEC 2012 Data used: Flagged observations



**Figure 2l: Distribution of ship O-B SST (°C)**  
Period of data: JUL-DEC 2012 Data used: Unflagged observations

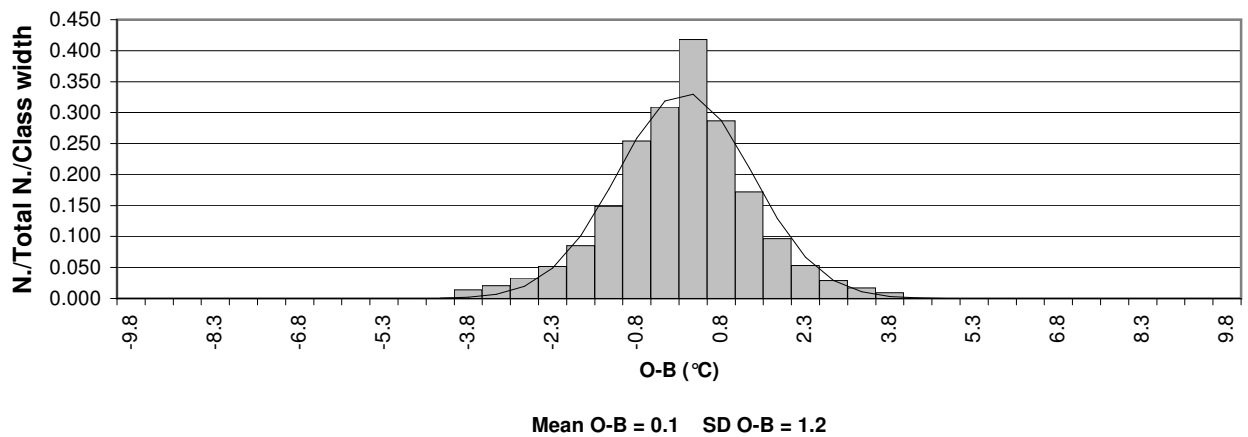




Figure 3: Bias of Ship O-B Pressure (hPa). Date:- July - December 2012  
Only observations passing quality control used in statistics  
Contours drawn to 10 degree boxes, if the number of observations is greater than 10  
Shaded areas have a bias of magnitude greater than 1.0 hPa

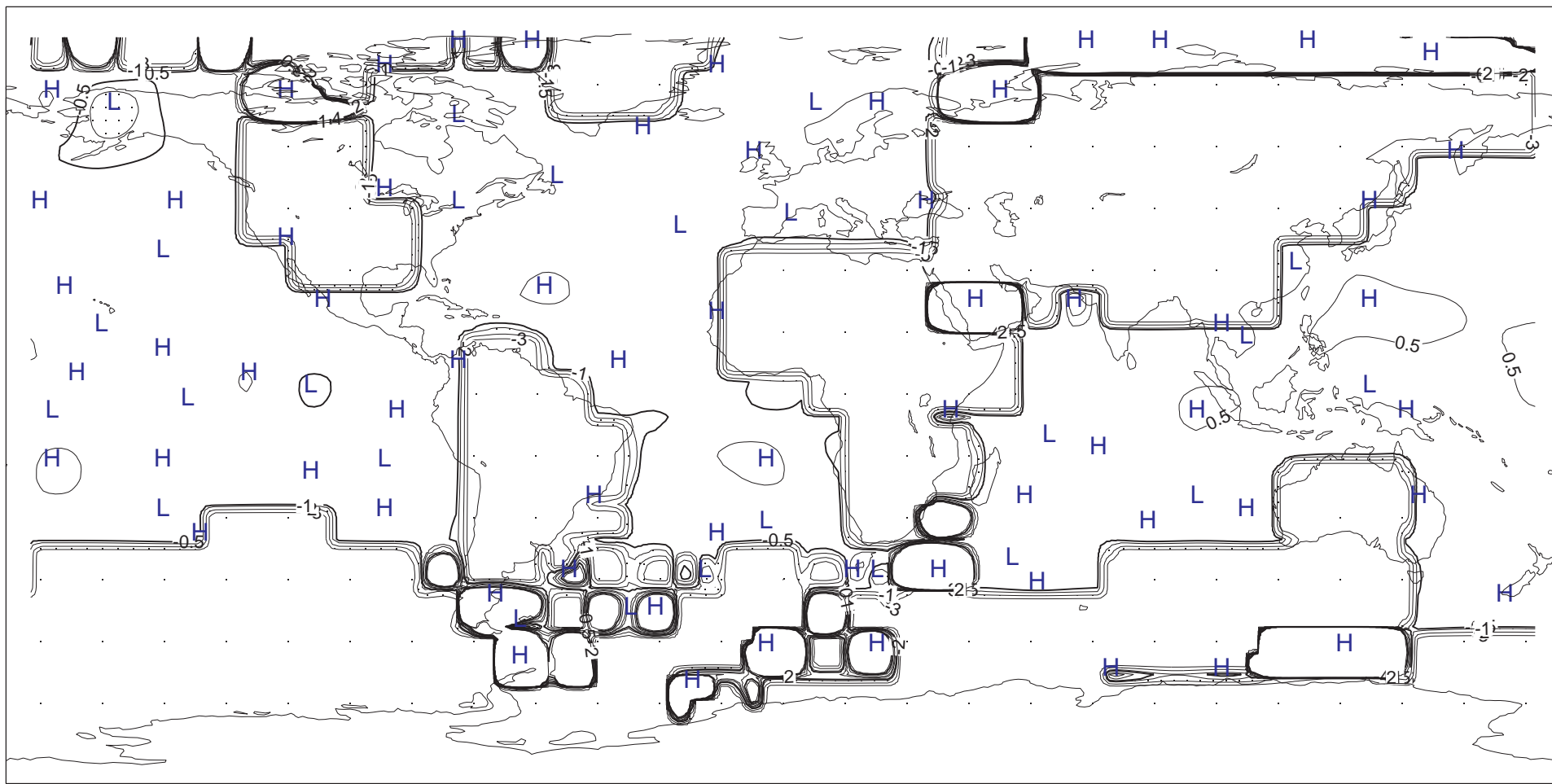


Figure 4: Standard Deviation of Ship O-B Pressure (hPa). Date:- July - December 2012  
Only Observations passing quality control used in statistics  
Contours drawn to 10 degree boxes, if the number of observations is greater than 10  
Shaded areas have a standard deviation of greater than 2.0 hPa

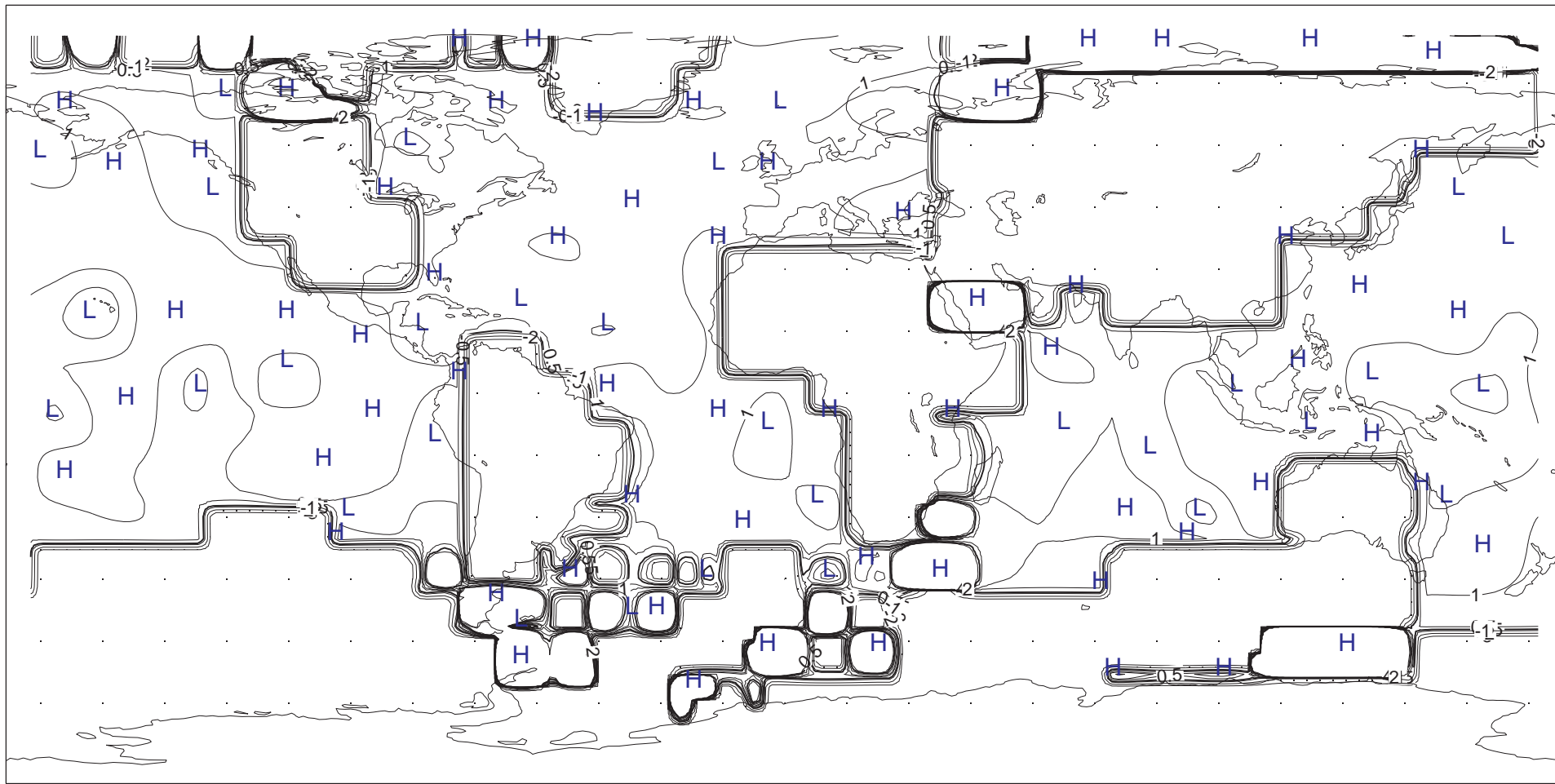






Figure 6: Bias of Ship O-B Wind Speed (ms-1). Date:- July - December 2012  
Only observations passing quality control used in statistics  
Contours drawn to 10 degree boxes, if the number of observations is greater than 10  
Shaded areas have a bias of magnitude greater than 2.0 ms-1

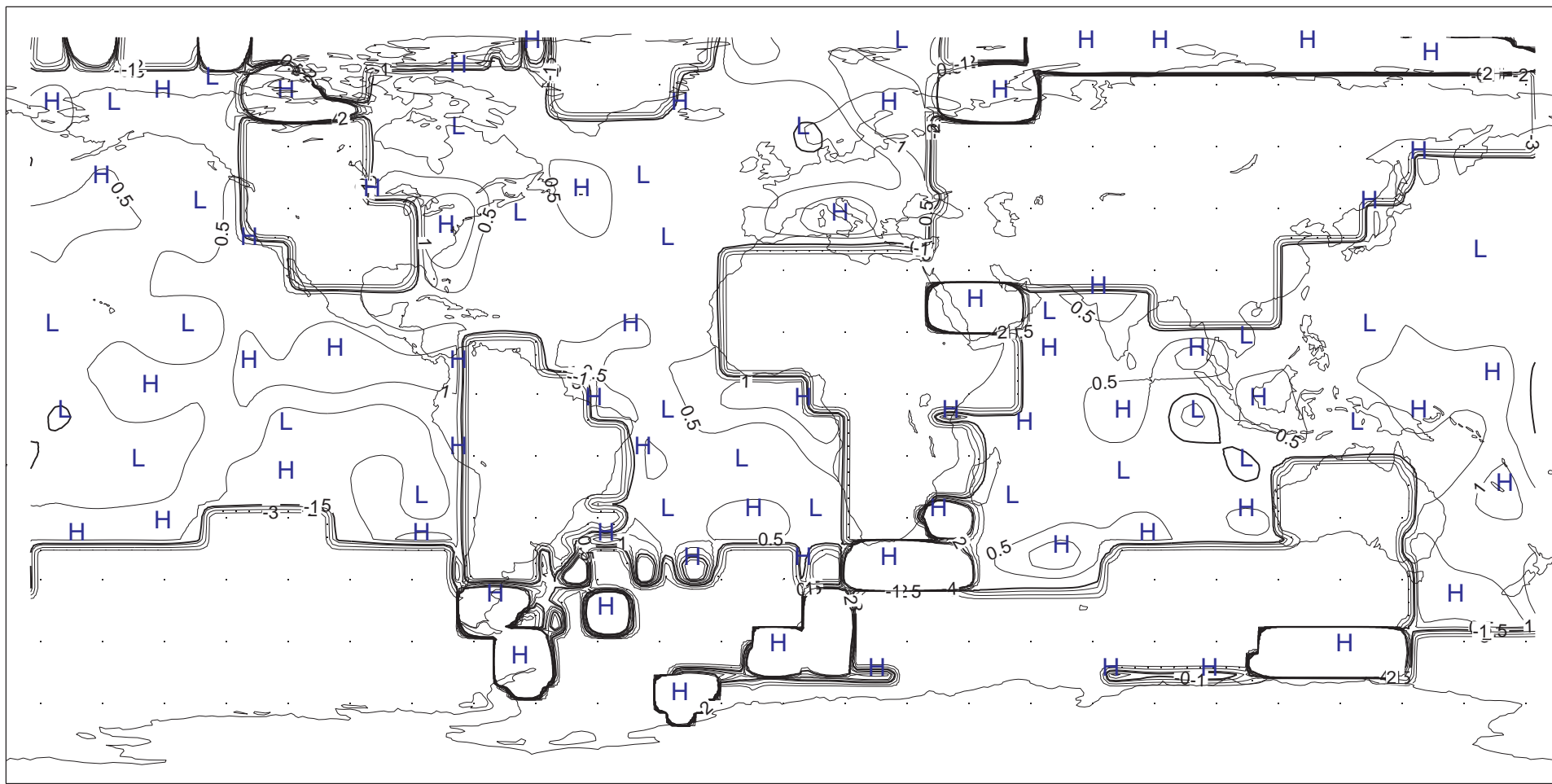


Figure 7: Standard Deviation of Ship O-B Wind Speed (ms-1). Date:- July - December 2012  
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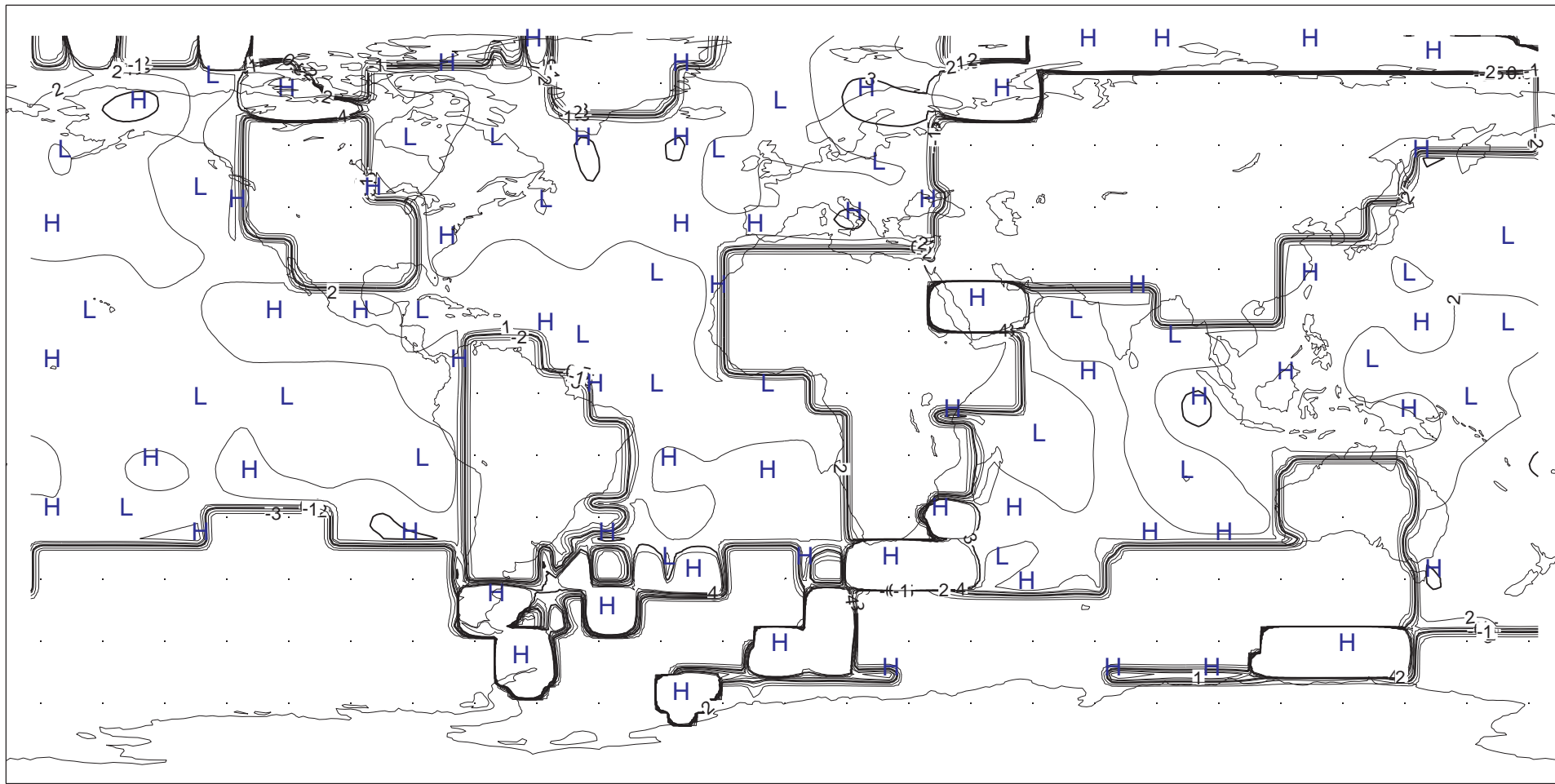










Figure 12: Bias of Ship O-B SST (degrees C). Date:- July - December 2012  
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Shaded areas have a bias of magnitude greater than 1.0 degree C

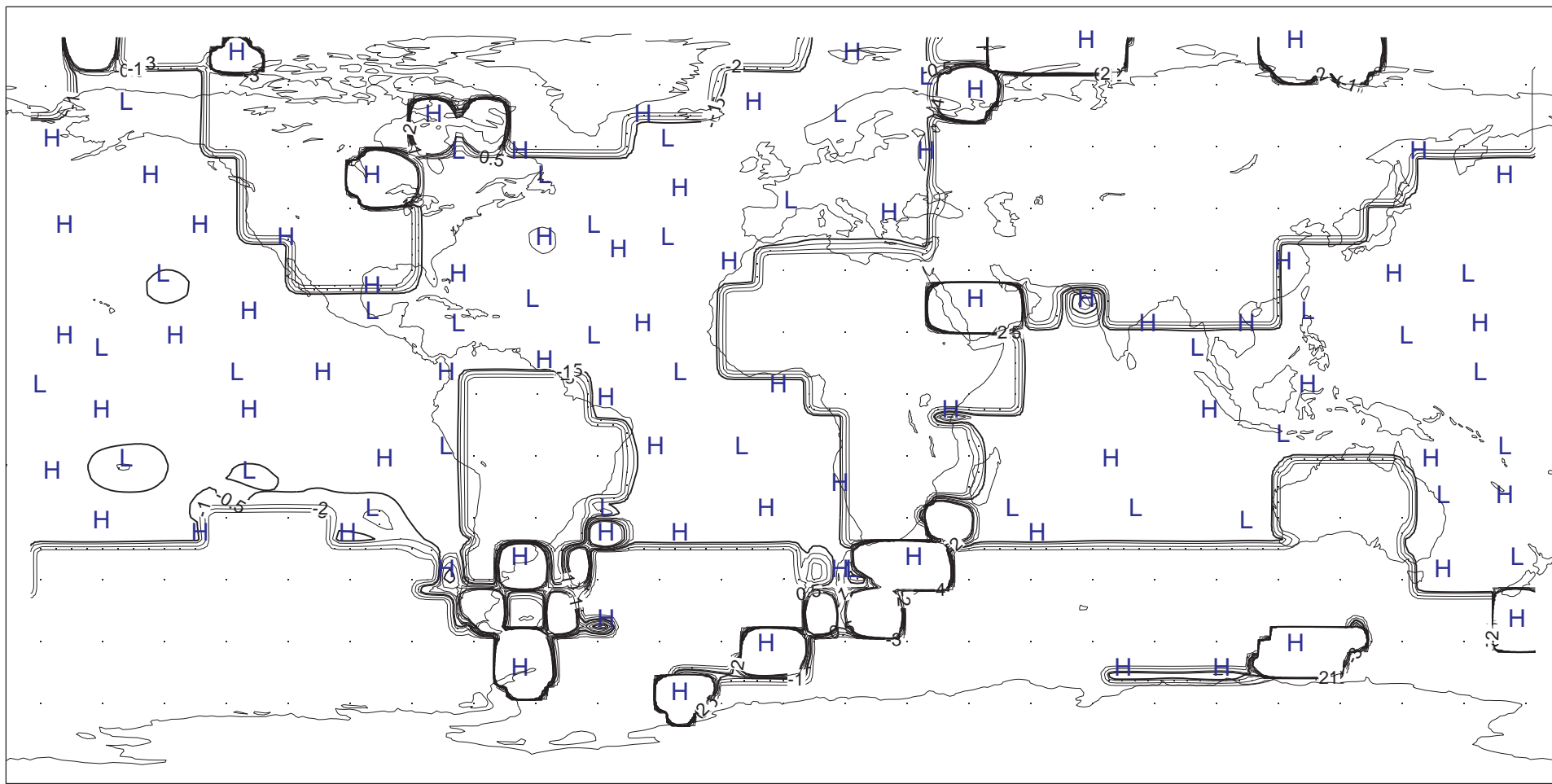




Figure 13: Standard Deviation of Ship O-B SST (degrees C). Date:- July - December 2012  
Only Observations passing quality control used in statistics  
Contours drawn to 10 degree boxes, if the number of observations is greater than 10  
Shaded areas have a standard deviation of greater than 2.0 degrees C

