

Ship Observations Team

~ integrating & coordinating international ship-based observing programmes for JCOMM ~



VOS Website

PMO-IV and Support to Global Ocean Observations using Ship Logistics
8-10 December 2010, Orlando, FL, USA

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JCOMM Voluntary Observing Ship Scheme

» VOS Scheme

The **Voluntary Observing Ship (VOS)** Scheme is an international programme comprising member countries of the [World Meteorological Organization \(WMO\)](#) that recruit ships to take, record and transmit weather observations whilst at sea.

Since 1999, the marine activities of WMO as well as those of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO, have been coordinated by the Joint [WMO/IOC Technical Commission for Oceanography and Marine Meteorology \(JCOMM\)](#). The **VOS Scheme** is a core observing programme of the **Ship Observations Team (SOT)** in the Observations Programme Area of [JCOMM](#).



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» Port Meteorological Officers

Port Meteorological Officers are a vital component of the **VOS Scheme**. They are responsible for recruiting ships into, and maintaining the national Voluntary Observing Fleet (VOF), as well as servicing ships from other national VOF that may call at their port. They are also becoming increasingly involved in supporting complementary and supplementary national, regional or global marine meteorological or oceanographic programmes.

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» Supplementary Programs & Projects

Ships participating in the **VOS Scheme** often participate in supplementary marine meteorological or oceanographic observing programmes or projects such as the [VOS Climate Project \(VOSCLIM\)](#).

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Website Updates

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Coming Events

PMO-IV, 8-10 December 2010, Orlando, USA.

SOT-VI, 11-15 April 2011, Hobart, Australia.

[WMO Meetings](#)

Join the VOS Scheme

Contact your nearest [PMO](#) to enquire about joining the [VOS Scheme](#).

<http://www.bom.gov.au/jcomm/vos/>

