

Improving US/International Coordination

Recommendations US VOS

Open or reopen lines of communications between International and US PMOs through:

- Improving the IVOS database and populating it with accurate and more robust metadata.
- Commit to a more aggressive use of the QC tools and databases introduced at this meeting.
- Pursue the best possible E-Logbook for ease of use for both PMO and ship users.
- Encourage open emailing and communication between PMOs internationally

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Recommendations cont

- Bring a more international “flavour” to the Mariners Weather Log by encouraging more participation/articles from countries other than the US. Possibly use as an “advertising” avenue for recruiting possible ships of opportunity for deploying drifting buoys etc.
- Stay engaged with “new buddies” and ensure they are supported to the extent allowed.
- Commitment to problem solving. Find answers and not let questions, problems, issues, obstacles go unanswered until PMO V!

Conclusion

- I know that I speak for all the PMOs that this meeting has been “eye-opening” and very informative for all of us. We look forward to moving forward and building on our new-found relationships to move towards higher quality observations to support quality forecast products.