

Ship Observations Team

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



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JCOMM VOS Website

SOT-V

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Outline

- Menu structure & content.
- Updates since SOT-IV.
- Future enhancements.

The screenshot shows the homepage of the JCOMM Voluntary Observing Ship Scheme website. At the top, there is a logo for VOS (Voluntary Observing Ship Scheme) featuring a ship's wheel and the text 'VOS Voluntary Observing Ship Scheme'. Below the logo is a navigation menu with links: Home, VOS Scheme, Port Meteorological Officers, Supplementary Programmes, Resources, and Information & Links. The main heading is 'JCOMM Voluntary Observing Ship Scheme'. The content is organized into three main sections, each with a 'More information' link and a small blue triangle icon:

- VOS Scheme:** Describes the international programme of the WMO, coordinated by the JCOMM Technical Commission for Oceanography and Marine Meteorology (JCOMM). It is a core observing programme of the Ship Observations Team (SOT) in the Observations Programme Area of JCOMM.
- Port Meteorological Officers:** Describes their role in recruiting ships into the national Voluntary Observing Fleet (VOF) and servicing ships from other national VOSF that may call at their port.
- Supplementary Programs & Projects:** Describes ships participating in the VOS Scheme often participate in supplementary marine meteorological or oceanographic observing programmes or projects such as the VOS Climate Project (VOSClm).

On the right side, there are three boxes:

- Website Updates:** Last updated: 21 April 2009. Check the Log of Changes for the latest website updates and additions. Includes a 'Log of Changes' link.
- Coming Events:** 5th session of the Ship Observations Team, 15-22 May 2009, Geneva, Switzerland. Includes a 'Details & documents' link and a 'WMO Meetings' link.
- Join the VOS Scheme:** Contact your nearest PMO to enquire about joining the VOS Scheme.

At the bottom, there is a footer with the text: 'Contact the VOSF Chairperson - Contact the VOS Webmaster', 'Website hosted by the Australian Bureau of Meteorology', and 'Page last updated: Tuesday, 21st April 2009'.

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

(Online since 2001)

Menu Structure & Content



- VOS Scheme
 - » Introduction
 - » Rationale
 - » Existing System
 - » Data management
 - » Real-Time Quality Control
 - » Automation of Observations
 - » Relation to the GOOS
 - » Other Activities
 - » Coordination
- Port Meteorological Officers
 - » Introduction
 - » Location of the PMO
 - » Functions of the PMO
- Supplementary Programs
 - » VOSCLIM
 - » ASAP
 - » SOOP
 - » SAMOS

Menu Structure & Content (cont)



- Resources

- » Quick Reference Guides
- » Instructions
- » WMO No. 47
- » Electronic Logbook Software
- » Lodging Ship Weather Reports
- » Forms & Tools
- » VOS Monitoring
- » National Observing Practices
- » Contact Lists

- Information & Links

- » Presentations
- » Brochures & Pamphlets
- » Certificates & Awards
- » WMO Technical Documents
- » JCOMM Meeting Reports
- » Miscellaneous Documents
- » WMO No. 47 XML Schema
- » JCOMM & Related Websites
- » National VOS Websites
- » Ship Directories
- » Complementary Websites

Updates Since SOT-IV



- May 2007
 - » Complete re-design incorporating new VOS logo.
 - » Added **Latest News** to **Home** page.
 - » Added overview of **SAMOS** on **Supplemental Programs** page.
 - » Updated **Pub47 Metadata Format Version 03** for new global routes (Code Table 1802).
- July 2007
 - » Added **SOT-IV Final Report**.
- April 2008
 - » Added **Instructions for Implementing a MASK Scheme**.

Updates Since SOT-IV (cont)



- June 2008

- » Reorganised the **Resources & Information & Links** pages
- » Added a **Log of Website Changes** page.
- » Renamed the **Latest News** to **Website Updates** on **Home** page
- » Added **Coming Events** & button to **WMO Meetings** on **Home** page.
- » Added **... on this page** to **Information & Links** page.
- » Updated the **WMO No. 47 Metadata Format Version 03** for revised Code Table 1801 (2 character country code list).
- » Added the **Pub47 XML Generator (v2)**.
- » Added the **VOSP002 Form & Metadata Viewer (v1)**.
- » Updated the **SOT Recruitment Presentation**.
- » Updated National VOS **Barometer & Barograph** types & practices.
- » Updated the **VOS Framework Document**.

Updates Since SOT-IV (cont)



- November 2008
 - » Added link to [VOS Observations Counter](#) (Meteo France).
- February 2009
 - » Updated the [Pub47 XML Generator](#) (v2).
- April 2009
 - » Added link to [The Marine Observers' Log](#) on [Info & Links](#) page.
 - » Added the [SOT Certificate of Appreciation](#).
 - » Updated the [Pub47 XML Generator](#) (v2).
 - » Updated the [VOSP002 Metadata Viewer](#) (v1).
 - » Added [Find a PMO](#) (on Google Earth) page.

Search

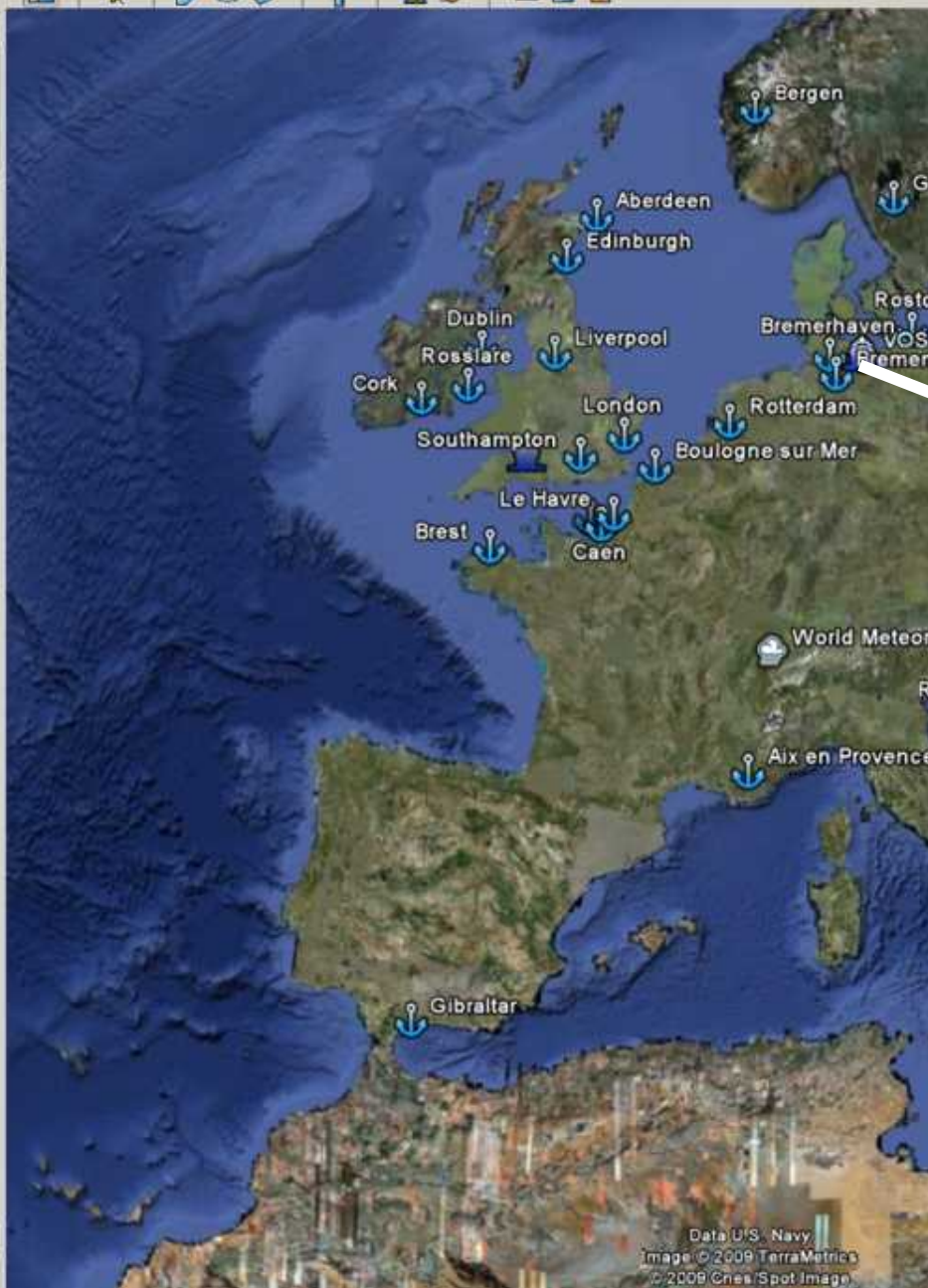
Fly To Find Businesses Directions

Fly to e.g.: 37.407228, -122.507162

Places

Add Content

- Temporary Places
- Port Meteorological Officers Supporting the global JCOMM Voluntary Observing Ship (VOS) Scheme.
 - Argentina
 - Servicio Meteorológico Nacional
 - [Buenos Aires](#)
 - Australia
 - Bureau of Meteorology
 - [VOS Headquarters \(Australia\)](#)
 - [Fremantle](#)
 - [Melbourne](#)
 - [Sydney](#)
 - Canada
 - Meteorological Service of Canada
 - [Edmonton](#)
 - [Halifax](#)
 - [Hamilton](#)
 - [Montreal](#)
 - [Vancouver](#)
 - Croatia
 - The Meteorological Office
 - [Split](#)
 - [Rijeka](#)
 - Ecuador
 - Instituto Nacional de Meteorología e Hidrología
 - [Guayaquil](#)
 - Falklands/Malvinas
 - Fishery Protection Office
 - [Port Stanley](#)
 - France
 - Météo France



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Directions: [To here](#) - [From here](#)

Future Enhancements



- Content must remain fresh, relevant & be regularly updated to encourage repeat visits.
- Update text on the VOS Scheme page to reflect changes to the VOS Framework Document.
- Add links to additional national VOS & PMO websites as provided by VOSP members.
- Request from the Republic of Korea to show results from research using VOS data to present to ship owners.

