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## From the Editor

Paula Rychtar

Paula here and I have the "conn".

Welcome to my first issue of the Mariners Weather Log. I have some great ideas for our magazine and I do encourage input from all of you. First, I would like to give a loud and enthusiastic welcome aboard to our new Port Meteorological Officer, David Jones. Dave will be the new PMO for the New Orleans/Gulf Coast area; you can read his bio on Page 8. Dave will begin his responsibilities in March.

In this issue, we need to say farewell to one of our dear friends and a strong advocate of the U.S. VOS program, Dr. Bill Burnett. Dr. Bill Burnett has been selected as the new Technical Director of Commander, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command (CNMOC). This is a tremendous and welldeserved accomplishment for Bill, and I know that we are all very proud of him and happy for him. Bill's departure is a loss to NDBC, VOS as well as the Joint Technical Commission for Oceanography and Marine Meteorology (JCOMM). It will be very difficult to replace him. You can read his farewell story on page 8.

I hope you enjoy our featured cover story, Observer-based Whale Shark Research in the Northern Gulf of Mexico. This project holds a special place for me as I have volunteered to participate in this project, twice. The excitement of the pending sighting and swimming with one of these magnificent creatures is just incredible. Sad to say, both times, after the long drive to South Louisiana to muster for the very early morning boat trip, it was cancelled...due to what else...weather!

VOS is an international program as most of you know. With that, I would like to introduce you to Julie Fletcher, the Manager of Marine Observations for the Meteorological Service of New Zealand. Julie provided us with a great article giving notice to a project and the accomplishments for one of her finest ships, the MV VOLENDAM. I hope you enjoy her article and if this article sparks an interest in participating in the drifting buoy program, her contact and website for further information is included.

Congratulations to all of our VOS Annual Award Winners for 2011...as well as the 5 year and 10 year pennant recipients. The full list of award winners is included in this issue. BRAVO ZULU!

In conclusion, this edition will be the last in print. The cost of printing the MWL has become a costly event and one that I cannot justify with the budget constraints and concerns so looming throughout our agency. So after this issue, you will be sent a notification that a beautiful digital high resolution edition of the Mariners Weather Log is awaiting you. This digital format will give you all the opportunity to print at your own leisure, if you so desire. It also provides a platform for more lengthy articles that I have had to turn down due to printing cost limitations. You will find the digital form of the MWL located: http://www.vos.noaa.gov/mwl.shtml

~ Paula

## ON THE COVER:

Whale Shark

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# Observer-based whale shark research in the northern Gulf of Mexico

By Jennifer McKinney of the Center for Fisheries Research and Development, University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast Research Laboratory in Ocean Springs, MS

Whale shark research in the northern Gulf of Mexico has greatly expanded over the last decade, spearheaded in 2003 by the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast Research Laboratory's (GCRL) Whale Shark Sighting Survey (WSSS). Researchers at GCRL have used a variety of media (website, forum postings, Facebook, and news) in a vast effort to inform the public of the survey and data collection needs. Past participants have included recreational fishers and divers, charter fishing and diving operators, and members of the offshore petroleum industry.

Whale sharks have been documented in the northern GOM since 1939 when Dr. Eugene Gudger reported on anecdotal information collected from commercial mariners who encountered these animals while they were en route between the Florida Strait and Texas port cities (Gudger, 1939). Since the 1930's, whale shark data has consisted primarily of isolated anecdotal reports or observations documented as an aside from field studies targeting other species such as marine mammals and sea turtles (Burks et. al. 2006) and seabirds (Hoffman et. al. 1981). After a chance encounter with whale sharks while on a research cruise, Jim Franks and Dr. Eric Hoffmayer initiated the GCRL WSSS in order to catalogue opportunistic sightings provided by anglers, mariners, divers and offshore industry personnel (Hoffmayer et al., 2005). Through the online survey, submitters provide information on their encounter, including date, time, location (preferably GPS coordinates), number of individuals, estimated length, observed behavior, associated species, and photographs. When underwater

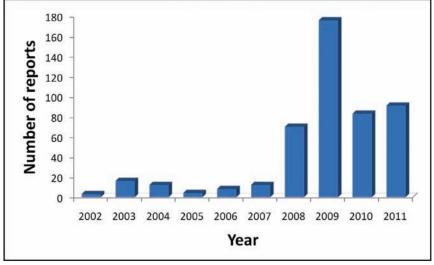


Figure 1. Annual reports submitted to the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast Research Laboratory Whale Shark Sighting Survey (WSSS) from 2002 – 2011. Survey can be found online at www.usm.edu/gcrl/whaleshark.

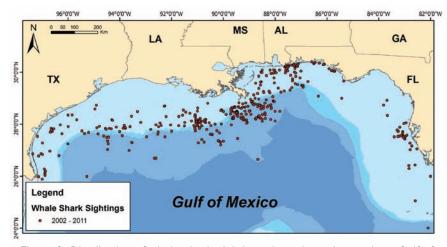


Figure 2. Distribution of whale shark sightings throughout the northern Gulf of Mexico from 2002 – 2011, submitted to the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast Research Laboratory Whale Shark Sighting Survey (WSSS).

photographs of the left side of the shark are submitted (specifically the region behind the gills), they are entered into the Ecocean photo-identification global database which analyzes the spot pattern, much like a fingerprint, to determine if this shark has been previously sighted elsewhere in the world (www.whaleshark.org).

Between the years of 2002 – 2011, over 475 whale shark sightings have

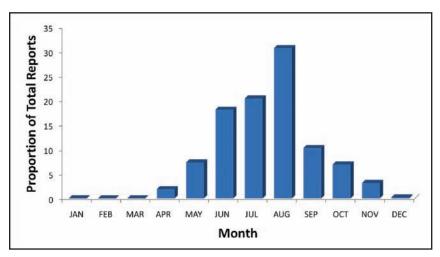


Figure 3. Whale shark sightings by month reported to the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast Research Laboratory Whale Shark Sighting Survey (WSSS) from 2002 – 2011.

been reported to the GCRL WSSS. About a third of the reports were of multiple animals; 5 or more animals were reported a total of 63 times. The number of annual reports received has increased drastically since the onset of the survey (Figure 1), and present coverage spans from Brownsville, Texas to southern Florida (Figure 2). Reports are predominantly received during the summer months, with 70% of sightings occurring from June through August (Figure 3).

Whale sharks can reach lengths up to 50' and are easily distinguishable by their large size, broad head and unique spot pattern. They are often found feeding at the surface by swimming along with their large mouth open, consuming their small prey. Whale sharks feed primarily on plankton, but will also feed on schools of small fish, squid, or fish eggs. Whale sharks are solitary animals, but large groups (called aggregations) of these sharks



Figure 4. Large aggregations of whale sharks have been documented in the northern Gulf of Mexico feeding at the surface on dense concentrations of fish eggs. Over 90 sharks can be counted in this photo.

Photo credit: Jennifer McKinney.

may occur in highly productive areas. In the northern Gulf of Mexico, aggregations of over 100 individuals have been reported (Figure 4). One of the most interesting interactions of whale sharks is the association with big game fish, such as yellowfin, bluefin and skipjack tunas, tripletail, dolphin, and cobia, which appear to be feeding on the same food source (e.g. small baitfish).

Studying whale sharks can be a difficult endeavor due to their pelagic habitat and highly migratory nature; the opportunities for scientific encounters are unpredictable, expensive, and weather dependent. Many of the sightings reported come from individuals outside of the scientific community. These individuals, who frequent areas where whale sharks occur, are a valuable resource to understanding the biology and ecology of this species in the northern Gulf of Mexico. In the fall of 2011, a series of whale shark reports off the coast of Louisiana prompted researchers at GCRL, NOAA and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to mobilize a collaborative tagging expedition and successfully deployed 10 satellite tags on whale sharks (Figure 5). This is the largest number of whale sharks tagged at one time in the northern Gulf of Mexico to-date. Satellite tags provide the opportunity to learn a great deal more about these animals than just survey data alone, such as temperature and depth preferences, and estimated movement patterns for up to 12 months at a time. Often locating these animals is the greatest challenge to tagging expeditions, but with the help of timely reports, scientists can effectively focus their efforts.

If you encounter a whale shark in the northern Gulf of Mexico, please participate in the **ONLINE WHALE SHARK SIGHTINGS SURVEY.** You can help biologists learn more about the occurrence and distribution of whale sharks in the region.  $\mathring{\Phi}$ 

Gulf Coast Research Laboratory biologists are extremely grateful for the sighting information provided thus far, and hope that the website will encourage submissions in the future!

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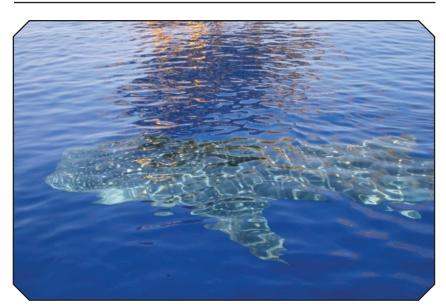
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Figure 5. A satellite tag trails behind a whale shark tagged in the northern Gulf of Mexico in 2011. This type of tag can send real-time locations when the animal surfaces. Photo Credit: Jesse Cancelmo.



## **To Report a Sighting:**

Please complete the survey at http://www.usm.edu/gcrl/whaleshark or email: whalesharksurvey@gmail.com
Include:

Time and duration of encounter
Location (GPS coordinates)
Approximate size and number of individuals
Observed behavior
Associated species
If possible, photographs of the spot pattern behind left gills

Also, "Like" us on Facebook www.facebook.com/whalesharkresearch

Figure 6. Whale sharks are often seen in close proximity to petroleum platforms in the northern Gulf of Mexico, as seen in the water reflection. This animal was spotted by fisherman about 80 miles off the Texas Coast, who reported their encounter to the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast Research Laboratory Whale Shark Sighting Survey. Photo Credit: Andy Sykes.

# PMO Corner: Automated Weather Observations on the Great Lakes

By.. PMO Ron Williams

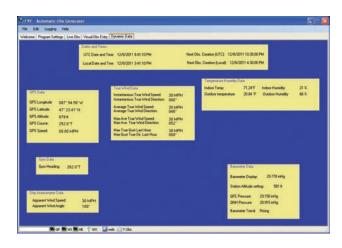
On a recent trip across Lake Superior aboard the Central Marine Logistics Joseph L. Block , I was able to witness the workings of the FYF "For Your Forecast", an automated weather observation program that was written by Captain Mike Grzesiek.

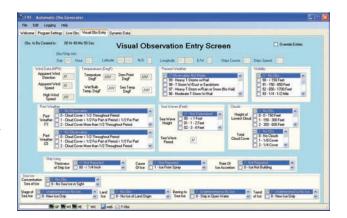
Over the past few years, after seeing many errors in coding manual observations, Captain Grzesiek decided to make a change in the way they would send in VOS weather observations. As he had prior experience as a computer programmer, he decided he would be able to write a computer program to capture all the necessary weather elements needed to transmit a successful automated observation.

First off, he had to teach himself the computer code needed to tie into the ships navigation system from the ships computer. This was needed as he would pull the true wind data from the onboard R.M Young anemometer. After many hours and weeks of staying up late with endless coffee, he finally came up with a program to do the job. He purchased an inexpensive Honeywell weather system, and was then able to utilize the barometer, temperature, and dewpoint from the system to connect to his program and the onboard navigation display.

Due to the Great Lakes being on different heights for each of the Lakes, one of the largest hurdles the Captain ran into was how to calculate MSLP, as the ship transited each Lake. After three weeks of endless coding issues and much loss of sleep, he finally was able to have the program make the necessary height corrections as the ship would change elevation from each Lake. From here, Captain Grzesiek continued the tweak the program to the current version utilized today, which runs almost effortlessly aboard the Wilfred Sykes and Joseph L. Block.

While the system does a few bugs to work out, in regards to pressure readings and temperature, the system has been a large asset to National Weather Service Offices around the Great Lakes. With most months having a total of 700 plus observations, it provides us a "moving buoy" as the boats transit each of the Lakes, giving our forecasters the much needed weather data utilized to publish a marine weather forecast.  $\mathring{\Phi}$ 







# US VOS Welcomes aboard its newest PMO to New Orleans, David Jones

Dave is currently with the U.S. Navy at the Naval Oceanographic Office, Fleet Survey Team at Stennis Space Center, Mississippi. He is a military hydrographer and leads a team to monitor marine instrumentation worldwide. As the Fleet Technical Liaison/Program Manager at the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center in San Diego, he led the management of meteorological and oceanographic sensors across the globe. On the USS John F. Kennedy, Dave managed a division of 17 meteorologists and oceanographers in weather forecast and observation duties. He also supervised maintenance activities for ship environmental equipment. Dave was the training and IT systems manager while stationed in Europe providing weather observation and IT training to staff. He was the Automated Surface Observing System (ASOS) and Remote

Automated Weather Stations (RAWS) manager providing maintenance and Quality Control.

Dave has extensive marine forecast ability and a decade of decision support experience. He is certified in Disaster Preparedness, a Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer, Cisco Certified Network Associate, Advanced Open Water Diver, and a Bachelors of Marine Science Degree from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Dave is a native Floridian and is an avid scuba diver and sport fisherman. He learned to dive while living in Hawaii, and has enjoyed diving all over the world in the course of his travels. His most memorable dives have been on sunken Navy ships, notably the USS Spiegel Grove in Key Largo and USS Oriskany in Pensacola. Dave also enjoys



camping in his spare time with his wife and daughter. He has several pets, including four parrots and two dogs.

Welcome aboard!

## Farewell to Bill Burnett

We must bid farewell and offer congratulations to Dr. Bill Burnett in this issue of the MWL. Bill has been such a strong advocate for the U.S. VOS program and it is with a heavy heart that we see him go off to his next adventure. Bill has accepted the challenging position of Deputy/Technical Director with the U.S. Navy's Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command. Bills position as NDBC Branch Chief for Data Management and Communications concluded on January 13, 2012. As Branch Chief, Bill provided support, guidance and expertise for all who had the pleasure of working with him. Bill was the Chair of the Task Team for Table Driven Codes (TT-TDC); Co-Chair of the Task Team for Instrument Best Practices (TT-IBP), International Tsunameter Panel (ITP), OceanSITES Data Management Team and the JCOMM Data Buoy Cooperation Panel (DBCP) Science and Technical Workshop.

Fair Seas and following Winds, Bill....



## 2011 Award Recipients

Adventure Of The Seas Alaska Mariner Alaskan Explorer American Century Amsterdam Antwerpen APL China APL Korea APL Pearl Arthur M. Anderson Atlantic Frontier Atlantic Grace Aurora Axel Spirit Berge Nantong Bernardo Quintana A. Carnival Destiny Celebrity Century Celebrity Constellation Celebrity Eclipse Celebrity Equinox Celebrity Infinity Celebrity Millennium Celebrity Silhouette Celebrity Solstice Celebrity Summit Charleston Express Discoverer Clear Leader Disney Magic Disney Wonder El Yungue Ever Refine Front Katherine George N Grandeur Of The Seas Grreen Dale Gretchen H **GSF** Grand Banks Ha Sklenar 729 Henry Goodrich Horizon Anchorage Horizon Navigator Horizon Producer Horizon Reliance Horizon Spirit Horizon Trader Independence Ii Integrity Jean Anne

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## **5 YEAR PENANT RECIPIENTS**

Disney Magic GSF Grand Banks Maersk Wyoming Norwegian Sun Oriental Queen St Louis Express Tustumena

Discoverer Deep Seas

## 10 YEAR PENANT RECIPIENTS

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Paul Gauguin

Polar Endeavour

Polar Resolution

Posidana

Redoubt

Roger Blough

Philadelphia Express

Horizon Producer

## **COMPANY AWARDS**

Crowley Maritime Corp. Tropical Shipping

Bravo Zulu to All!!!!

## Shipwreck: Dunav, Holmside, Prins Alexander

By Skip Gillam Vinland, Ontario, Canada



Dunav

On any given day, there likely is a ship in trouble somewhere in the world. Despite all the modern navigational aids, up-to-date weather forecasts and improved safety standards, accidents still occur. I found it quite unusual that, on December 28, 1980, three ships, in three different parts of the world, all with Great Lakes/St. Lawrence Seaway connections, were all lost.

The PRINS ALEXANDER was the oldest of the three former Seaway traders in trouble that day. It had served the Oranje Lijn of Holland from 1947 to 1969. The ship had been built at Hardinxveld, Netherlands, and launched on December 12, 1946. It was completed on March 25, 1947,

and soon began trading from Europe to the St. Lawrence and Saguenay River ports in Canada. At 352 feet, 5 inches in length, this vessel was too large to enter the Great Lakes until the St. Lawrence Seaway opened on April 25, 1959. PRINS ALEXANDER is shown down bound on Lake Huron off Port Huron, MI in a photo by Paul Michaels.

There were some problems in the early years with the rudder being lost on December 27, 1948, while about 105 miles south of Cape Race, Newfoundland. The tug GRENADIER brought the ship to Halifax under tow. Then, on June 9, 1963, there was a collision with the newly built laker SILVER ISLE in the St. Lawrence

River near Prescott, ON and PRINS ALEXANDER received repairs at Kingston.

After close to 40 trips to the Great Lakes, PRINS ALEXANDER was sold in 1969 moving to Greek registry as PROSPERITY. It was resold and renamed IOANNIS in 1970, IOANNIS B. in 1974, APOSTOLOS B. in 1977 and POLIAGOS in 1980. At 33 years of age, its days were numbered and the hull was reported as sold for scrap. The vessel was en route from Piraeus, Greece, to Giza, United Arab Republic, with a cargo of cement when it struck a reef off Shadwan Island on December 28, 1980, and sank in the Red Sea.

To the west, the CABINDA, a Portuguese freighter, hit a jetty while inbound at Casablanca, Morocco, and foundered in the outer harbor. This was originally a British cargo carrier named HOLMSIDE. It had been launched at Aberdeen, Scotland, on May 21, 1959, and joined the Burnett Steamship Company for service between ports in the United Kingdom and those in Canada. The 396 foot long freighter made close to 40 visits through the St. Lawrence Seaway before it was sold in 1969.

It was damaged in a collision 60 miles east of Montreal on August 19, 1960, that sank BELLE ISLE II. Then, in December 1964, HOLMSIDE was damaged by ice in the Gulf of St. Lawrence and had some hull cracks when it arrived at Halifax on Christmas day. This vessel is shown in the Welland Canal in a photo by Ted Jones, courtesy of Barry Andersen.

Renamed CABINDA when sold to Portuguese interests in 1969, it operated on local routes around Western Europe. It was inbound, in ballast, from Lisbon, when it got caught by bad weather at Casablanca and nine members of the crew were lost.

The third ship, with Great Lakes connections, to be lost on December 28, 1980, was the Yugoslavian freighter DUNAV. The 585 foot, 5 inch long bulk carrier had been built at La Spezia, Italy, and launched on February 21, 1973. The hull was strengthened for the transportation of ore. It visited the Great Lakes, beginning in 1974, and is shown in the Welland Canal on September 20, 1977, from a photo by Tom Graham, courtesy of Barry Andersen.

DUNAV was en route from Hamilton, Ontario, to Tsingtao, China, via Los Angeles, when it ran into heavy weather on the Pacific. The Captain reported his ship was taking water in heavy seas off Central Japan, but that was the last report. DUNAV failed to arrive and apparently foundered, with all hands, soon after the last call. All 31 sailors on board were lost.

Three saltwater ships, all with Great Lakes connections, all lost the same day, and 40 sailors perished.  $\mathring{\Phi}$ 



Holmside



Prins Alexander

# Mean Circulation Highlights and Climate Anomalies

September through December 2011

By Anthony Artusa, Meteorologist, Climate Operations Branch, Climate Prediction Center NCEP/NWS/NOAA

All anomalies reflect departures from the 1981-2010 base period.

## September-October 2011

The 500-hPa circulation pattern over the Northern Hemisphere during September featured a zonal wave-4 anomaly pattern, with above average heights over the western North Pacific Ocean, westcentral Canada, Europe, and western Siberia. Below average heights were observed over the Gulf of Alaska, the eastern contiguous U.S., the far northern Atlantic, and southwestern Russia Figure 1. Over the Atlantic Ocean, the circulation reflected a strong positive phase (+1.8) of the East Atlantic (EA) teleconnection pattern. The sea-level pressure (SLP) pattern resembled the mid-tropospheric pattern, and highlights unusually strong Aleutian and Icelandic Lows Figure 2.

The mid-tropospheric circulation pattern during October 2011 again featured a zonal wave-4 anomaly pattern, with above average heights over the central North Pacific, east-central Canada (centered over Hudson Bay), Europe, and central Russia. Below average heights were observed over eastern Siberia, the Gulf of Alaska, and the eastern contiguous U.S., and the high latitudes of the North Atlantic Figure 3. The SLP map again largely mirrored the mid-tropospheric pattern, with the larger anomalies pole ward of 50N latitude Figure 4.

## The Tropics

La Nina conditions strengthened during September and October 2011 as sea surface temperature (SST) anomalies were below -0.5C across much of the eastern and central equatorial Pacific Ocean. The latest monthly SST indices for the Nino 3.4 region were -0.7C (September) and -1.0C (October). The oceanic thermocline, measured by the depth of the 20C isotherm, was shallower than average across this same area, with subsurface temperatures reaching 1-3C below average in September, and 1-5C below average in October. Atmospheric convection was enhanced over the western equatorial Pacific, and suppressed near the Date Line and south of the Equator in September. In October, convection remained suppressed near the Date Line but was near average over Indonesia, which reflected the effect of the intraseasonal oscillation. Equatorial low level easterly trade wind anomalies and upper level westerly wind anomalies remained stronger than average over the central Pacific (September) and western Pacific (October). Collectively, the atmospheric and oceanic anomalies reflect a strengthening of La Nina conditions that developed during August.

The 2011 Atlantic hurricane season continued to be active, with Tropical Storm Lee making landfall along the Louisiana coast on September 4th. Lee then moved along a frontal boundary into the Ohio

Valley and eventually into the Northeast. The storm brought much needed precipitation to the drought stricken Gulf Coast (as much as 25-38 cm over a large area), and produced a second area of extremely heavy rainfall (25-50 cm) along the Mid-Atlantic and southern New England coasts (Reference 1). The rain over the Mid-Atlantic States fell over areas that had experienced a wet summer, including significant rains from Hurricane Irene less than two weeks before. This led to major flooding along the Susquehanna River, which in some areas broke high

water records that were set nearly 40 years earlier in the aftermath of Hurricane Agnes (1972).

### November-December 2011

The 500hPa circulation pattern during November 2011 featured above average heights over the central North Pacific, the northeastern CONUS, Europe, and eastern Asia. Below average heights were observed from eastern Siberia and Alaska to western Canada, the far northern Atlantic, and southwestern and central Russia (Figure 5). The sea level pressure and anomaly map (Figure 6) displays a similar pattern to that of the 500hPa circulation.

The month of December was characterized by above average heights over the temperate latitudes of the Northern Hemisphere, and below average heights over the North Polar Region (Figure 7). The SLP and anomaly field (Figure 8) largely mirrored the mid tropospheric circulation pattern.

An unusually strong autumn storm affected western Alaska on November 9-10 (Reference 2). After developing southeast of Japan on November 7th, it intensified as it moved across the northern Pacific towards the Bering Sea and western Alaska. The storm's central pressure dropped close to 50hPa in 24 hours, reaching a minimum pressure of 944hPa. Waves to 10.7 meters and wind of 87 kts were recorded offshore as the storm approached. Hurricane force winds and blizzard conditions affected coastal Alaska. Storm surges of up to 3 m affected communities along Alaska's west coast causing flooding, some structural damage and property loss. An ice zone connected to land had not yet developed to reduce the impact of large waves buffeting the coast.

## The Tropics

La Nina conditions continued during November and December, as SST anomalies were well below -0.5C across the eastern and central equatorial Pacific. The latest monthly Nino 3.4 indices were -1.1C (November) and -1.0C (December). The oceanic thermocline remained shallower than average across the east-central equatorial Pacific, and corresponding sub-surface temperatures ranged from 1-5C below-average. Deep cloudiness and thunderstorm activity near the equator was enhanced over Indonesia and northern Australia, and was suppressed near the Date Line. Equatorial low-level easterly trade winds remained stronger than average over the western and central Pacific. Collectively, these atmospheric and oceanic anomalies reflect a continuation of La Nina conditions. 🕹

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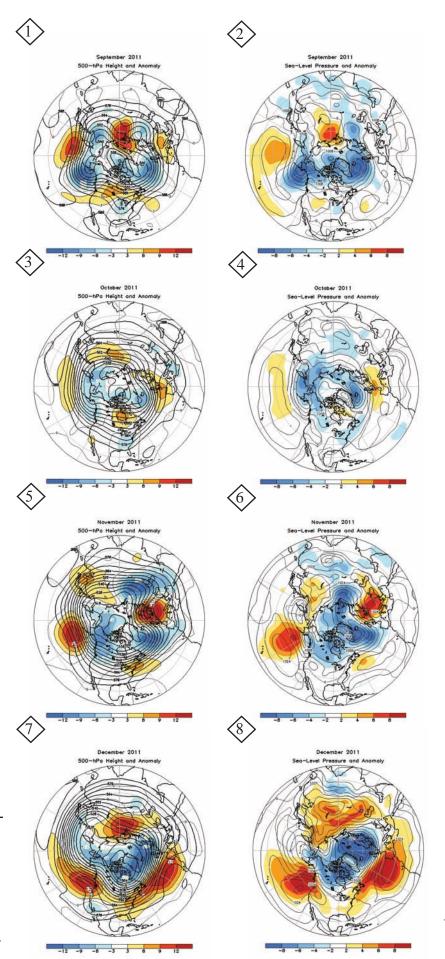
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Much of the information used in this article originates from the Climate Diagnostics Bulletin archive: (http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/CDB/CDB\_Archive\_html/CDB archive.shtml)

Figures 1,3,5,7
Northern Hemisphere mean and anomalous 500-hPa geopotential height (CDAS/Reanalysis). Mean heights are denoted by solid contours drawn at an interval of 6 dam. Anomaly contour interval is indicated by shading. Anomalies are calculated as departures from the 1981-2010 base period monthly means.

Figures 2,4,6,8

Northern Hemisphere mean and anomalous sea level pressure (CDAS/Reanalysis). Mean values are denoted by solid contours drawn at an interval of 4 hPa. Anomaly contour interval is indicated by shading. Anomalies are calculated as departures from the 1981-2010 base period monthly means.





#### NORTH AMERICAN ICE SERVICE ICEBERG INFORMATION AND SERVICES

The North American Ice Service (NAIS), a partnership comprised of the International Ice Patrol (IIP), the Canadian Ice Service (CIS), and the U.S. National Ice Center (NIC), provides year-round maritime safety information on iceberg and sea ice conditions in the vicinity of the Grand Banks of Newfoundland and the east coast of Labrador, Canada. The daily NAIS Iceberg Limit, valid at 0000Z, along with the daily Sea Ice Limit, valid for 100 EST the previous day, will be distributed as a NAVAREA IV warning in the format of a text Iceberg Bulletin and as a graphic Iceberg Chart in accordance with Table 1.

The purpose of the NAIS Iceberg Bulletin and Chart is to advise mariners of the estimated iceberg extent within the region. On the Chart, numbers within each grid sector inside the Iceberg Limit are intended to provide mariners an awareness of the relative density of icebergs. For more information on the Iceberg Bulletin and Iceberg Chart visit http:// www.navcen.uscg.gov/iipCharts. NAIS reconnaissance is focused near the Grand Banks of Newfoundland and the east coast of Labrador, ice conditions south of Greenland are not monitored by NAIS. (For iceberg conditions south of Greenland visit the Danish Meteorological Institute's website at http://www.dmi.dk/dmi/en/gronland/iskort. htm.) While NAIS strives to be as accurate as possible in reporting the presence of icebergs to mariners, it is not possible to ensure that all icebergs are detected and reported. There is no substitute for due vigilance and prudent seamanship, especially when operating near sea ice and icebergs.

Reports of icebergs in the North Atlantic originate from various sources, including passing ships, reconnaissance flights, and spaceborne reconnaissance. Once position, time, size, and shape of icebergs sighted are received, the data is entered into a computer model that predicts iceberg drift and deterioration. As the time after sighting increases, so does the uncertainty in estimated positions. This uncertainty is taken into account when the Iceberg Limit is determined.

If an iceberg or radar target is detected and reported outside the published NAIS Iceberg Limit, a Notice to Shipping (NOTSHIP) will be sent by the Canadian Coast Guard Marine Communications and

TABLE 1: NAIS BROADCASTS

Product Type	Transmission Means	Broadcast Station	Broadcast Time (UTC)	Frequencies (kHz) or Location	
			1000, 2200		
z	SafetyNET Broadcasts as NAVAREA IV messages	AOR-W Satellite	Urgent Broadcasts of targets outside limit sent upon receipt	SafetyNET	
BULLETI	NAVTEX	Canadian CG Marine Communications	1820 (Winter) 2220 (Summer) (Changes with DST)		
NAIS NAVARBA IV ICEBERG BULLETIN	NAVTEX Broadcast	Communications and Traffic Service St. John's/VON	Urgent Broadcasts of targets outside limit sent upon receipt	518 F1B	
REA	SITOR/NBDP	USCG Communication	0140-0230	6314, 8416.5, 12579 FIB	
NA.	Broadcast	Station Boston/NMF	1630-1720	08416.5, 12579, 16806.5 FIB	
NAIS N		International Ice Patrol Website		http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/IIP	
	Internet	Automated Email	updated daily by 2200	https://radioaid.rdc.uscg.gov/mailman/listi nfo/iceberg_bulletin	
		National Geospatial- Intelligence Agency Website	By 2200	http://msi.nga.mil/NGAPortal/MSI.portal	
	Radio Facsimile Broadcast	USCG Communication	0438, 1039	4235, 6340.5, 9110 F3C	
			Station Boston/NMF	1600, 2239	6340.5, 9110, 12750 F3C
н		Offenbach, Germany via Pinneberg/DDK	0930, 2100	3855, 7880, 13882.5 FlC	
NAIS ICEBERG CHART		Canadian CG Marine Communications and Traffic Service Sydney/VCO	1741	6915.10 J3C	
N.		International Ice Patrol Website		http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/IIP	
		Automated Email		https://radioaid.rdc.uscg.gov/mailman/listi nfo/iceberg_chart	
	Internet	National Weather Service Website	Updated daily by 2200	http://weather.noaa.gov/pub/fax/PIEA88.gif	
		Email On Demand*		ftpmail@ftpmail.nws.noaa.gov	
FICHIO	Radio	Canadian CG Marine Communications and Traffic	0107, 0907, 1907 & as required	2589 J3E	
	Telephone	Service St. Anthony/VCM	continuous	VHF Channel 21B & 83B	
To prompt email on demand send an e-mail to ftpmail@ftpmail.nws.noaa.gov with any subject line. The body of					

e-mail server will then automatically send a GIF or TIF formatted image of the facsimile back to the der's e-mail address.

Traffic Service (MCTS) and an urgent NAVAREA IV message will be distributed on SafetyNET via the U.S. National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) as the NAVAREA IV Coordinator. These warnings will remain in effect for 24 hours. Iceberg products will be revised shortly after notification between 1200Z and 0000Z or by 1400Z if reported between 0000Z and 1200Z.

Ships are encouraged to immediately report sightings of icebergs or stationary radar targets that may likely be icebergs to the nearest Canadian Coast Guard MCIS Station or through INMARSAT using Service Code 42, as there is no charge when using this code. See Table 2 for MCIS contact information. Vessels participating in a Voluntary Observing Ship (VOS) program should continue to report weather and sea surface temperature (STT) to their respective programs. Vessels interested in providing weather and SST reports to U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's VOS program can contact vos@noaa.gov or visit www.vos.noaa.gov for guidance.

When making iceberg reports, please include SHIP NAME and CALL SIGN, ZULU TIME, SHIP POSITION (latitude, longitude), (Specify either the geographic coordinates or range/bearing from ship's position), ZULU TIME OF SIGHTING, METHOD OF DETECTION (Visual, Radar, or Both), LENGTH (in meters), SHAPE OF ICEBERG (See Table 3), and VESSEL CONTACT INFORMATION.

#### International Ice Patrol in New London, CT



(860) 271-2626 Phone: Toll free: (877) 423-7287 Fax: (860) 271-2773 Email: iipcomms@uscg.mil Web: http://www.navcen.uscq.gov/IIP

Office hours: 1200Z - 0000Z



Canadian Ice Service in Ottawa, ON Phone: (877) 789-7733 (560) 451-6010 Email: cis-scg.client@ec.gc.ca Web: http//www.ice-glaces.ec.gc.ca Office Hours: 0730 - 1730 EST

#### TABLE 2: REPORT RECEIVING STATIONS

The following Canadian Coast Guard Marine Communications & Traffic Service (MCTS) Centers (Receiving Stations) monitor and transmit on VHF 16 & HF 2182 J3E:

Bold indicates the Coast Guard Radio call name

St. Johns NL (VON)	St. Anthony NL (VCM)
Email: ECAREGSNF@INNAV.GC.CA	Email: ECASNY@INNAV.GC.CA
Phone: 709-772-2106	Phone: 709-454-3852
Labrador NL (VOK)	Placentia NL (VCP)
Email: ECAGOY@INNAV.GC.CA	Email: ECAPLA@INNAV.GC.CA
Phone: 709-896-2252	Phone: 709-227-2181
Port aux Basques NL (VOJ)	Sydney NS (VCO)
Email: PAXTFC@INNAV.GC.CA	Email: CCGOPS@ELSMAIL.NET
Phone: 709-695-2167	Phone: 902-564-7751
Dartmouth/Halifax NS (VCS)	Saint John/Fundy NB (VAR)
Email: CCGOPS@ELSMAIL.NET	Email: CCGOPS@ELSMAIL.NET
Phone: 902-426-9750	Phone: 506-636-4696

Visit http://www.vos.noaa.gov/vos\_resource.shtml for on sending INMARSAT 2-digit access code reports. For reports use access code 42. For all iceberg

#### TABLE 3: ICEBERG SHAPES



Non-Tabular: This general shape category includes blocky, pinnacle, dry dock, wedged, dome, or any iceberg that does not meet characteristics of a tabular iceberg.



Tabular: Flat-topped, most show horizontal banding.

## NHC Offshore Marine Zone Changes:

Offshore Marine Zone Configurations Effective April 3, 2012

By Chris Fakes, Houston PMO For more information on service change notice, please go to the NWS National Hurricane Center http://www.weather.gov/os/notif.htm

## Background

In an ongoing effort to improve marine forecast services, the National Hurricane Center/Tropical Analysis and Forecast Branch (NHC/TAFB) in Miami, Florida will make changes to the Offshore Marine Zones. These changes will affect the Offshore Waters Forecasts (MIAOFFNT3 and MIAOFFNT4), as well as the NAVTEX and High Frequency Voice Broadcast (VOBRA) forecasts. Effective April 3, 2012, all offshore marine forecasts warnings will be based on the new zone configuration.

## Impact on the Offshore Waters Forecasts

#### **Current Zones**

Four times per day, NHC/TAFB marine forecasters issue Offshore Waters marine forecasts for nine large zones covering the Gulf of Mexico, the Caribbean Sea, and portions of the Western Atlantic Ocean south 31° North. The configuration of the Offshore Waters Marine Zones is shown on the map below (Offshore Water Marine Zones are shown in blue, and Coastal Waters Marine Zones are shown in light tan).

There are usually several distinct weather regimes present in a marine zone. However, the large sizes of these zones occasionally make it difficult to describe the various nuances in the forecast without leading to lengthy and complex wording. Furthermore, the large zone size complicates how marine warnings are depicted on websites such as weather. gov. Marine warnings are currently displayed over the entire marine zone. This usually results in a graphical warning area on the web site that is much larger than what is intended and conflicts with how the warning is described in the forecast text. Smaller marine zones would alleviate this problem to an extent. Eventually, marine warnings will be depicted more precisely as polygons.

## **Proposed Zones**

In an effort to improve how marine forecasts are communicated, marine forecasters at the NHC/TAFB have been gathering input from the marine community to reconfigure the Offshore Waters Marine Zones. The intent has been to design smaller marine zones that take into account local marine weather effects, as well as geographic features

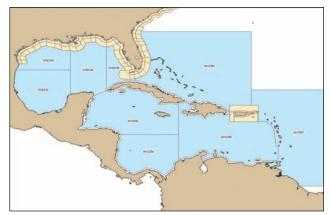


Figure 1. Existing Offshore Zone Configuration.

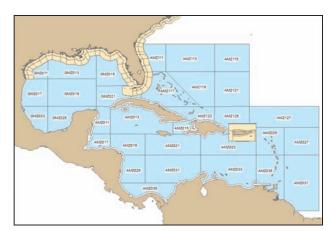


Figure 2. Proposed Offshore Zone configuration.

such as national boundaries or major latitude/longitude lines. An initial proposal of the configuration was presented in late 2009 and through 2010. The marine community not only overwhelmingly supported breaking the existing zones into smaller areas, but offered very insightful suggestions for modifying the boundaries of the proposed marine zones. This feedback has been incorporated into the present zone configuration proposal as shown in Figure 2.  $\mathring{\Phi}$ 

## Marine Zone Names and Universal Geographic Codes (UGC's)

## **Current Offshore Marine Zones**

UGC	Offshore Marine Zone Name
AMZ080	SW N Atlantic S of 31N W of 65W including Bahamas
AMZ082	NW Caribbean N of 15N W of 75W
AMZ084	SW Caribbean S of 15N W of 75W
AMZ086	Caribbean E of 75W to the Windward and Leeward Islands
AMZ087	Tropical N Atlantic from 07N to 22N between 55W and 65W
GMZ080	NW Gulf N of 25N W of 90W including the Flower Garden Banks Marine Sanctuary
GMZ082	SW Gulf S of 25N W of 90W

## **Proposed Offshore Marine Zones**

UGC	Offshore Marine Zone Name
AMZ011	Tropical N Atlantic from 15N to 19N between 55W and 60W
AMZ013	Caribbean N of 18N between 76W and 85W including the Cayman Basin
AMZ015	Caribbean approaches to the Windward Passage>
AMZ017	Gulf of Honduras
AMZ019	Caribbean from 15N to 18N between 80W and 85W
AMZ021	Caribbean from 15N to 18N between 72W and 80W
AMZ023	Caribbean N of 15N between 64W and 72W
AMZ025	Offshore Waters Leeward Islands
AMZ027	Tropical Atlantic from 15N to 19N between 55W and 60W
AMZ029	W Central Caribbean from 11N to 15N W of 80W
AMZ031	Caribbean from 11N to 15N between 72W and 80W including Colombia Basin
AMZ033	Caribbean S of 15N between 64W and 72W including Venezuela Basin
AMZ035	Offshore waters Windward Islands including Trinidad and Tobago
AMZ037	Tropical Atlantic from 07N to 15N between 55W and 60W
AMZ039	Southwest Caribbean S of 11N including approaches to the Panama Canal
AMZ111	Atlantic from 27N to 31N W of 77W
AMZ113	Atlantic from 27N to 31N between 70W and 77W
AMZ115	Atlantic from 27N to 31N between 65W and 70W
AMZ117	Bahamas N of 22N including the Cay Sal Bank
AMZ119	Atlantic from 22N to 27N E of Bahamas to 70W
AMZ121	Atlantic from 22N to 27N between 65W and 70W
AMZ123	Atlantic S of 22N W of 70W including approaches to the Windward Passage

Although not technically marine zones, the Synopsis paragraphs also have assigned UGC's. Current and proposed names and codes are shown below:

## **Current Synopses**

UGC	Synopsis Name
AMZ089	Synopsis for the Caribbean and Tropical N Atlantic from 07N to 22N between 55W and 65W
AMZ088	Synopsis for the SW N Atlc including the Bahamas
GMZ089	Synopsis for the Gulf of Mexico

## **Proposed Synopses**

UGC	Synopsis Name
AMZ001	Synopsis for the Caribbean and Tropical N Atlantic from 07N to 19N between 55W and 65W
AMZ101	Synopsis for the SW N Atlantic including the Bahamas
GMZ001	Synopsis for the Gulf of Mexico

# MV VOLENDAM Deploys Buoys

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2/0 Rienus Hazelman and 2/0 Folkert Visser deploying a MetOcean buoy at 42° S 153° E on 4-Feb-2012

Holland America cruise ship MV VOLENDAM is a member of the US VOS. This ship maintains an excellent reporting programme often sending up to 500 observations (OBs) per month. In recent years the ship has spent the northern summers cruising in Canadian and Alaskan waters, and the southern summers in the South Pacific voyaging around Australia and New Zealand.

In addition to their regular OBs

programme which includes reports on the NZ coast, MV VOLENDAM has also assisted MetService NZ with the deployment of a number of meteorological drifting buoys in the Tasman Sea. Reports from buoys supplement the observations received from ships, and whilst ships quickly voyage through an area, buoys drift only slowly and continuously transmit hourly air pressure and sea surface temperature data via satellite. Data

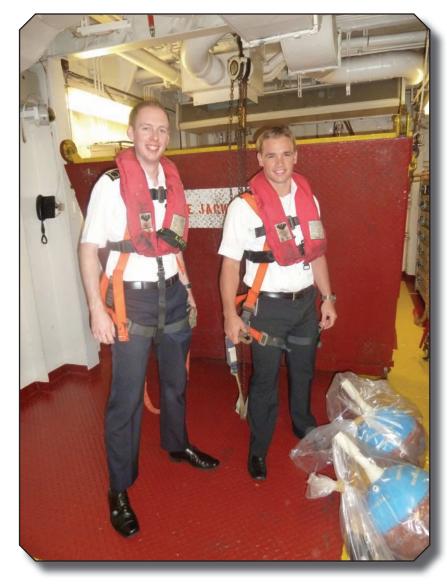
on ocean currents is derived from the drift of a buoy. MV VOLENDAM first deployed buoys in November 2008, and each subsequent summer the ship has offered the opportunity to deploy buoys on their Tasman Sea crossings. In early February 2012, the ship deployed 4 buoys on their voyage from Burnie (Tasmania) to Milford South (NZ).

In total, MV VOLENDAM has deployed eleven buoys in the Tasman

Sea over the last four summers. This ship has keenly supported the buoy programme and has actively sought buoys for deployment. The Masters, Captains Pieter Visser and Peter Bos, the officers and crew have all been helpful in loading and deploying these buoys. This is an extra job in an already busy work schedule, but the officers are keen to assist because they understand that buoy data and their met OBs helps forecasters to prepare more accurate forecasts for mariners.

Prior to arrival at the pre-arranged buoy deployment locations, the Master said that he made an announcement to advise the passengers that a buoy deployment was imminent. He also provided a brief explanation about the buoy programme and why deployments are necessary. This information demonstrates to the passengers that cruise ships are involved in scientific programmes.

Typically a buoy consists of a surface float and a drogue in one parcel weighing about 22kg. Before deployment the plastic wrapping is removed and the buoy is activated by removal of a magnet. The buoy is then deployed from the lowest stern deck. Sadly the cruise schedule for MV VOLENDAM is changing next year and this ship will not be returning to NZ waters. MetService is hopeful that the replacement ship will be willing to provide future deployment opportunities.  $\mathring{\Phi}$ 



3/0 Adam Wilson and cadet Charles Pagler getting ready to deploy a buoy on  $4 ext{-}\text{Feb-}2012$ 

For more information about the global buoy programme, visit: http://www.jcommops.org/dbcp/http://www.aoml.noaa.gov/phod/dac/index.php

## **Gust Factor during Tropical Cyclones**

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Abstract: In 2011 during Tropical Storm Lee, for the first time, we had 21 overwater stations measuring both sustained wind speed and gust. The anemometer height ranged from 5 m (16 ft) to 160 m (525 ft) and sustained wind speed from 25 to 51 knots. Analyses of these measurements show that the average gust factor (GF=gust/sustained wind speed) is 1.27. Since this value does not vary significantly with both height and sustained wind speed, it further supports the so-called 30 % overwater GF rule for operational applications.

#### 1. Introduction

According to Geer (1996), a gust is a sudden brief increase in the wind speed, typically of less than 20-second duration. The gust factor (GF) = gust/ sustained wind speed, for example, a 5 second gust within a 2 minute period. GF is important for search and rescue mission, wind energy assessment and wind loading on offshore structures. The purpose of this study is to provide the operational community with the answers to the following questions, particularly during tropical cyclones: What is the average value of overwater GF? Does GF vary with height and sustained wind speed? Does GF vary from one side of the storm track to the other? And, can we apply the GF knowledge gained onshore for offshore application? Due to insufficient data prior to Tropical Storm Lee in 2011, these questions could not be answered satisfactory.

### 2. Analyses and Results

During Tropical Storm Lee in 2011, we had 21 overwater stations measuring both sustained wind speed and gust as shown in Table 1 (see Brown, 2011 in www.nhc.noaa.gov). These stations

were located in the northern Gulf of Mexico on both sides of the storm track (see www.ndbc.noaa.gov). The anemometer height ranged from 5 m (16 ft) to 160 m (525 ft) and sustained wind speed from 25 to 51 knots. The variation of GF with height is provided in Fig.1, which illustrates that the GF does not change systematically with height as compare to that over land as shown in Fig. 2 (based on the datasets provided in Merceret, 2009). Variations of the GF with sustained wind speed for offshore and onshore are shown in Figs. 3 and 4, respectively, illustrating that the variation of GF on the sustained wind speed is rather weak for offshore than onshore. Some physical reasons are provided as follows:

According to Hsu and Blanchard (2004), for overwater turbulence intensity applications,

## GF = 1 + 5 U\*/U10 (1)

Where U\* is the friction velocity and U10 is the sustained wind speed at 10 m. Furthermore, according to Hsu (2004), under hurricane conditions,

U\*/U10 = 0.054 (2) Substituting Equation (2) into (1), we get GF = 1.270 (3)

This value is in excellent agreement with that of 1.273 as provided in Table 1. Note that, since the standard deviation (s.d.) for the GF is 0.11 and the coefficient of variation (cov =s.d./ mean) is 8.6% (which is within the 10% error margin for the field accuracy in wind speed measurements, see www. ndbc.noaa.gov), we can say that the overwater GF does not vary with height for operational use. Furthermore, based on Equation (3) and Table 1, GF is very close to the commonly referred 30% rule for offshore applications.

## 3. Conclusions

On the basis of foregoing analyses, it can be concluded that the average overwater gust factor value is approximately 1.3 or the gust is about 30 % higher than the sustained wind speed. Since this value does not vary with height, sustained wind speed, and on both sides of the storm track, this 30 % rule for the overwater gust factor is recommended for operational use.  $\mathring{\Phi}$ 

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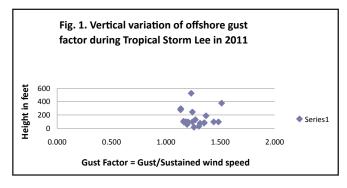
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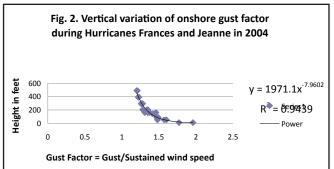
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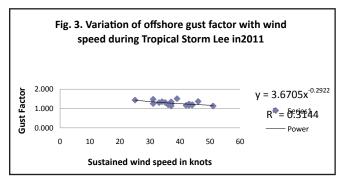
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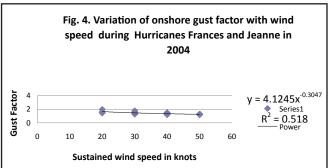
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Offshore	Anemometer	Max sustained	Gust, kts	Gust factor	Anemomete
Station	height, m	wind speed, kts			height, ft
Buoy 42067	5	31	39	1.258	16
Buoy 42040	10	33	43	1.303	33
KHQI	18	36	43	1.194	59
MRSL1	23	35	46	1.314	75
PSTL1	24	37	50	1.351	79
KVBS	26	44	52	1.182	85
KVNP	26	34	46	1.353	85
KEHC	29	42	49	1.167	95
KCMB	30	44	53	1.205	98
KSPR	30	31	46	1.484	98
KCRH	30	37	46	1.243	98
KXPY	30	25	36	1.440	98
BURL1	30.5	44	52	1.182	100
KMYT	32	43	50	1.163	105
SPLL1	40	37	47	1.270	131
LOPL1	58	46	63	1.370	190
KSPR	75	37	46	1.243	246
KMIS	85	37	42	1.135	279
KMDJ	90	51	58	1.137	295
KVKY	115	39	59	1.513	377
KVOA	160	43	53	1.233	525
			mean	1.273	
			S.D.	0.11	
			COV	8.6%	

## Tropical Atlantic and Tropical East Pacific Areas

September through December 2011

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The National Hurricane Center's (NHC) Tropical Analysis and Forecast Branch (TAFB) issued 20 non-tropical cyclone warnings in their Atlantic High Seas Area of Responsibility (AOR), which is the Atlantic west of 35W extending from 07N to 31N, including the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea, summarized in Table 1, and 16 warnings in their Pacific High Seas AOR, Table 2, during the period from 1 September to 31 December 2011. Weak to moderate La Nina conditions returned across the Tropical Pacific Ocean by August and September of 2011, and contributed to a slightly below normal East Pacific Hurricane Season, while the Atlantic Hurricane Season, in terms of number of named storms, was very active. La Nina conditions persisted through the end of December, and continued to influence weather patterns across both the Eastern Pacific and Atlantic Basins. For a summary of the 2011 seasonal tropical cyclone activity, see the NHC web site at: http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/ pastall.shtml

No non-tropical cyclone warnings were issued during September, with marine conditions during the month generally dominated by light to moderate tradewinds, tropical cyclones, and interactions between tropical and mid latitude systems, typical for this peak month of the Atlantic Hurricane Season. Tradewinds across much of the Caribbean freshened significantly during the second half of September as a monsoonal (cyclonic) circulation became well established across the far eastern tropical Pacific, central America, and the adjacent western Caribbean, while high pressure across the western Atlantic shifted south of 35N. September also proved to be a

relatively active month for tropical cyclone formation, with six (6) named systems affecting the basin during the month, requiring numerous tropical cyclone related warnings.

The first cold front of the season sank southward across the central and northeastern Gulf of Mexico on Sep 30. This front moved southeast across the southwest North Atlantic and southward across the Gulf of Mexico, and became stationary from the northern Yucatan Peninsula across north central Bahamas to just west of Bermuda by Oct 3, where it stalled. A reinforcing front moved off of the east coast of the U.S. and into the southwest North Atlantic on Oct 3 and 4, forcing the initial front southeastward through Bermuda. On Oct 5 and 6, high pressure building behind the reinforcing front combined with a slow northward drift of the frontal zone stretching across the Straits of Florida and Central Bahamas, to tighten the pressure gradient north of this boundary, (Figure 1), and produce a broad fetch of northeast winds 20-25 kts from near 70W into the Bahamas and the entire Florida coastline. Low level winds continued to veer more easterly on both sides of the frontal zone on Oct 6 and 7, with the old front transitioning to a shearline, while the pressure gradient north of this shearline increased further. Several vessels began to report gale force winds by the morning of Oct 6, in the numerous squalls occurring on both sides of the shearline. These included the cruise ships **Zuiderdam** (PBIG) approaching the Yucatan Channel from the southeast, the Celebrity Millennium (9HJF9) crossing through the Yucatan Channel, the Carnival Ecstasy (H3GR) just north of the shearline in the southeast Gulf of Mexico, and the tanker Iver Experience (PECF) transiting the Straits of Florida. A broad upper level trough spanning much of this region and the eastern U.S. sharpened to a narrow and more energetic trough by Oct 7, extending from the northeast Gulf of Mexico up the eastern seaboard, and acted to significantly intensify the numerous squalls and thunderstorms moving quickly westward along and north of the shearline. Gale force wind gusts in squalls and thunderstorms were reported on Oct 7, from the northern Bahamas and adjacent Atlantic waters, as reported by the Norwegian Sky (C6PZ8), to as far north as Satellite Beach, along the central Florida coast. The shearline continued to drift slowly northward on Oct 8 and 9, now with widespread gales and the first non-tropical cyclone warning of the September to December period, and expansive easterly fetch of 25-35 kts extending from near 65W to the Bahamas and Florida coast, across the Florida peninsula, and through the entire Gulf of Mexico north of 25N (Figure 2).

Cyclonic turning within this sharp upper trough worked downward into the middle and lower levels of the atmosphere on Oct 8 and 9, and interacted with the shearline and gales occurring to its north to generate a surface low pressure center across the northwest Bahamas waters that produced fresh gales and severe thunderstorms as it moved northwestward across the central Florida coast on Oct 9, and over interior north Florida on Oct 10. This event produced widespread impacts, with a very broad area of gales and high seas occurring across the southwest North Atlantic, where seas built to 18

## Atlantic Ocean including the Caribbean Sea and the Gulf of Mexico

Onset	Region	Peak Wind Speed	Duration	Forcing	
1200 UTC 08 Oct	SW N Atlantic	35 kts	48 hr	N of Frontal Trough	
0000 UTC 09 Oct	Gulf of Mexico	35 kts	18 hr	N of Frontal Trough	
0600 UTC 16 Oct	Gulf of Mexico	40 kts	54 hr	N of Low	
0000 UTC 19 Oct	SW N Atlantic	40 kts	30 hr	E of Cold Front	
0000 UTC 19 Oct	Gulf of Mexico	35 kts	12 hr	N of Cold Front	
1200 UTC 03 Nov	Gulf of Mexico	40 kts	18 hr	N of Cold Front	
1200 UTC 05 Nov	SW N Atlantic	45 kts	72 hr	NW of Cold Front	
0600 UTC 10 Nov	Gulf of Mexico	40 kts	36 hr	NW of Cold Front	
1200 UTC 21 Nov	Central Atlantic	40 kts	48 hr	NW of Low and E of Trough	
0000 UTC 27 Nov	Gulf of Mexico	45 kts	36 hr	W of Cold Front	
1200 UTC 30 Nov	Central Atlantic	40 kts	30 hr	NE and E of Low	
0600 UTC 05 Dec	SW N Atlantic	35 kts	12 hr	W of Trough	
1200 UTC 07 Dec	Gulf of Mexico	35 kts	12 hr	W of Cold Front	
0600 UTC 10 Dec	Central/SW N Atlantic	35 kts	60 hr	N of Trough	
0000 UTC 14 Dec	Central/SW N Atlantic	35 kts	48 hr	E of Cold Front	
1200 UTC 16 Dec	Central Atlantic	40 kts	42 hr	E of Trough	
0000 UTC 19 Dec	SW N Atlantic	35 kts	30 hr	W of Cold Front	
1200 UTC 21 Dec	Caribbean	35 kts	54 hr	Enhanced Pres Gradient	
0600 UTC 25 Dec	Gulf of Mexico	35 kts	18 hr	W of Cold Front	
0000 UTC 27 Dec	SW N Atlantic	40 kts	30 hr	Either Side of Cold Front	

Table 1. Non-tropical Cyclone Warnings issued for the Atlantic Basin between 01 Sept and 31 Dec 2011.

ft, and minimal gales across much of the northern Gulf of Mexico, where seas built to 15 ft. High surf and significant coastal erosion occurred along the entire east coast of Florida.

Prolonged strong onshore flow and high surf raised water levels along the Florida east coast, making for treacherous conditions for port entrances and departures. According to *Jacksonville PMO Rob Niemeyer*, at Port Canaveral on Oct 9, the cruise ship **Freedom of the Seas** (C6UZ7), departed in the afternoon. The ship reported 13 passengers injured with cuts, bruises, and scrapes and that conditions were worse than expected. Based on the conditions reported by the Pilot and

Ships Captain, the decision was made by the Pilot to suspend all other departures. Upon hearing of the reports, the cruise ships **Disney Dream** (C6YR6) and **Carnival Sensation** (C6FM8) decided to delay their departures until the conditions improved the following day. Rob also reported that the **Carnival Fascination** (C6FM9) was delayed in returning to Jacksonville on Oct 10 due to the elevated tides experienced and insufficient clearance to transit beneath the Dames Point Bridge.

Another interaction between a tropical and mid latitude system occurred one week later and led to a second gale event across the Gulf of Mexico, which began on Oct 16 and lasted 54 hours. A broad cyclonic circulation associated with the eastern Pacific Monsoon became well established across portions of Central America and into the Yucatan Peninsula, roughly between 80W and 95W, the days immediately following the previous widespread gale event. A new cold front moved southeastward into the Gulf of Mexico on Oct 13 and became nearly stationary from the southwest Gulf of Mexico to southern Florida by the evening of Oct 14. Widespread showers and thunderstorms entrained in the broad monsoonal low encompassed most of southeastern

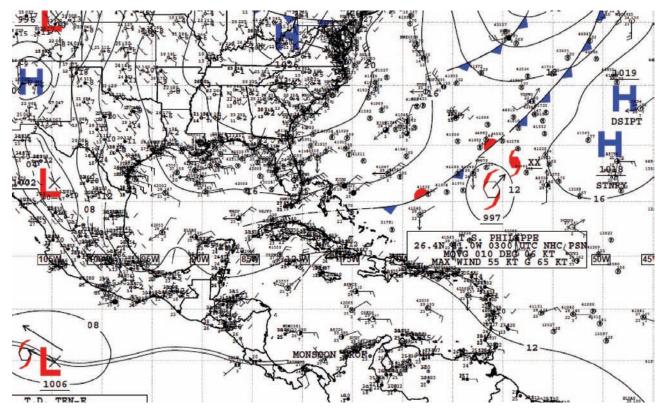
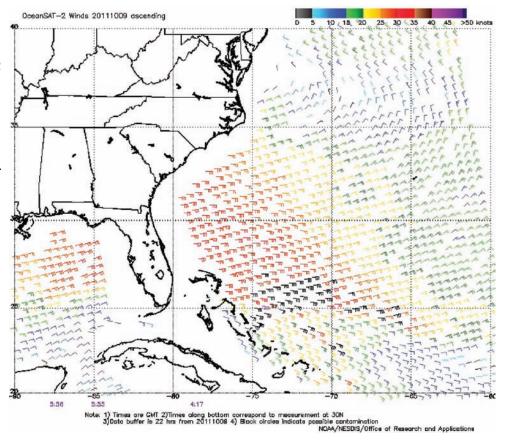


Figure 1. Unified surface analysis for 0000 UTC 06 Oct 2011.

Figure 2. NOAA image of W
Atlantic and eastern Gulf of
Mexico showing OceanSAT-2
wind vectors from 09
Oct 0417 and 0556 UTC
passes. Color coded wind
speed scale appears at
upper right. Black vectors
indicate thunderstorm
contamination.



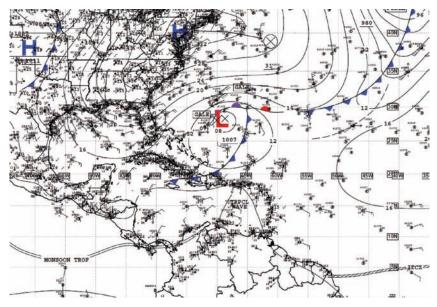


Figure 3. Unified surface analysis for 1200 UTC 06 Nov 2011.

Mexico and Central America on Oct 15, with a 1006 hPa surface low analyzed just offshore of the coast of Belize by 1800 UTC that day. Global weather models suggested the possibility that this low could drift northwest during the coming days and further organize into a tropical cyclone off of the north coast of the Yucatan Peninsula. However, tropical cyclone development did not occur, as the low remained too close to the Yucatan Peninsula. High pressure behind the cold front moved into the southeastern U.S. and aligned the weakening frontal zone more east to west on Oct 16. This positioning of the high and frontal zone combined with lowering pressure to 1004 hPa across the northern Yucatan Peninsula, to increase the pressure gradient and initiate gales across the southeast Gulf of Mexico, between the frontal zone and the tropical low center. Several vessels transiting this area reported gales on Oct 16, including the Celebrity Millennium (9HJF9) passing north of the Yucatan Channel through the Straits of Florida, the **Zuiderdam** (PBIG) while in the Yucatan Channel, as well as the Iver Experience (PECF) also

moving through the Straits of Florida. The low drifted northwestward along the northern fringes of the Yucatan Peninsula and allowed for interaction with the frontal zone, inducing a more elongated north to south cyclonic circulation by Oct 18, and an appearance in satellite imagery more typical of sub-tropical cyclones. This shifted the area of gales northward to 28N, before the whole system was forced off to the northeast late on Oct 18 and into Oct 19 by a new cold front shifting southeast into the Gulf. This new front was responsible for the next gale event, which commenced at 00 UTC Oct 19 and lasted only 12 hours. As the cold front moved into the northeastern Gulf of Mexico, southerly gales developed ahead of the front, occurring across the waters offshore of northeast Florida, and shifted eastward by Oct 20 as the front moved off the Florida coast and into the Atlantic.

The next significant gale event across the southwest North Atlantic did not occur until1200 UTC Nov 5, when low pressure deepened to 1001 hPa along a slow moving cold front that extended

from just northwest of Bermuda through the central Bahamas. The pressure gradient between high pressure well behind the front and this deep layered low center produced a zone of fresh northeasterly gales extending from well offshore of Cape Hatteras, NC into northwestern portions of the forecast area. The low drifted eastward to near 28N69W by Nov 6, became occluded, and began to separate from the front (Figure 3). This gale center remained relatively stationary for the next 36 hours, while showers and thunderstorms surrounding the system gradually became more symmetrical. By 0600 UTC Nov 8, the satellite signature of this low pressure center appeared as a classical sub-tropical cyclone, and the low was upgraded to sub-tropical storm Sean. Gale warnings were then replaced with tropical storm warnings. For a summary of the life cycle of Sean, see the NHC website at: http://www. nhc.noaa.gov/data/tcr/AL192011 Sean. pdf This event also generated very high seas across a large expanse of the SW N Atlantic, with peak seas to 22 ft, and generated large northeast swells that pounded the Bahamas and Florida coastlines. This was the longest lived non-tropical cyclone warning event for the period, lasting 72 hours before transitioning to tropical storm warnings.

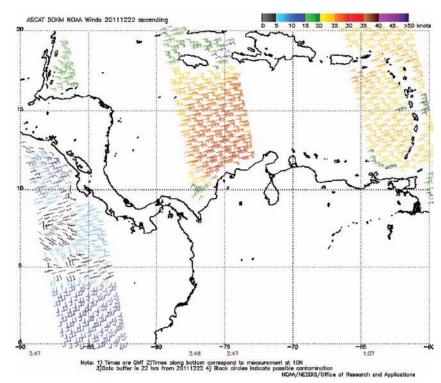
A middle level trough persisted across the central Atlantic throughout much of November and contributed to the formation of a gale center across the central Atlantic on 1200 UTC Nov 21. Gales prevailed across the northwest quadrant of this low as it merged with a cold frontal boundary to the north and shifted northeastward and out of the area within 48 hours. Days later, a gale center developed in similar fashion farther to the west, along about 60W, commencing at 1200 UTC Nov 30, and

lifted northward and out of the area within 30 hours.

Six warning events occurred across the southwest North Atlantic in December, all but one associated with cold fronts and frontal troughs. The lone event not associated with a frontal system was a long lived, 60 hour event commencing on 0600 UTC Dec 10. The persistent middle level trough lingering across the central Atlantic throughout much of December produced a broad surface trough along 55W by Dec 10. A cold front draped across top of this inverted trough produced easterly gales to the north of the inverted trough, as verified by the freighter **Buzzard Bay** (A8JH8). The inverted trough then drifted westward and amplified over the next 2 days, finally allowing the pressure gradient to relax by 1800 UTC Dec

## **Gulf of Mexico Warnings**

The five remaining non-tropical warnings issued across the Gulf of Mexico occurred during the months of November and December, all pressure gradient induced behind cold fronts. The strongest of these gale events, beginning Nov 27, produced strong northerly gales to 45 kts across SW portions of the Gulf of Mexico, through the central Bay of Campeche and Chivelas pass, and exited into the eastern Pacific across the Gulf of Tehuantepec, where storm force winds occurred. See Tropical Eastern Pacific section fro more details of the events effect in that region. The cruise ship Carnival Triumph (C6FN5) reported gales behind the front, across the northwestern Gulf of Mexico on Nov 27, while the **Norwegian Star** (C6FR3) also reported gales across the northwest Gulf on Nov 27, and then again across



**Figure 4.** NOAA image of Caribbean, showing ASCAT wind vectors from 22 Dec 0107 and 0247 UTC passes. Darkest red flags indicate 30-35 kts.

the southwestern Gulf on Nov 28.

## Caribbean Warnings

There was only one non-tropical cyclone warning event across the Caribbean during this period, which commenced on 1200 UTC Dec 21, across the climatologically prevalent area of strongest tradewinds found south of 14N to the coasts of Colombia and northwestern Venezuela. As is typical of these events, strong tradewinds across this area were enhanced to gale force by a strong pressure gradient between semi-permanent low pressure across the Colombian Basin and strong high pressure building across the sub-tropics. In this case, a very strong Atlantic high pressure ridge centered just southeast of Bermuda induced a prolonged 54 hour period of gales. Figure 4 shows a NOAA image of ASCAT wind vectors from

o247 UTC Dec 22, where darkest red wind flags indicate gale force winds, generally south of 13N to just offshore of the coast of Colombia. Gales were reported during this time by the **Crown Princess** (ZCDM6) and the **Emerald Princess** (ZCDP8) across the southern Caribbean. Gales prevailed during this period from 11N to 15N, and also occurred during the afternoon and evening hours of Dec 21, where frequent squalls prevailed from 15N to 18N south of Hispaniola, associated with a dying frontal zone stretched across the central Caribbean.

## Eastern North Pacific Ocean South of 30N and East of 140W

The fall and winter months are an active time for gale and storm events in this portion of the Eastern Pacific. The majority of the events usually occur in the Gulf of Tehuantepec.

Onset	Region	Peak Wind Speed	GALE/STORM Duration
1800 UTC 19 Oct	Gulf of Tehuantepec	40 kts	48 hr
0600 UTC 25 Oct	Gulf of Tehuantepec	35 kts	12 hr
0600 UTC 29 Oct	Gulf of Tehuantepec	35 kts	90 hr
1200 UTC 02 Nov	Gulf of California	35 kts	12 hr
1200 UTC 10 Nov	Gulf of Tehuantepec	45 kts	42 hr
1800 UTC 12 Nov	Baja California	35 kts	12 hr
0000 UTC 18 Nov	Gulf of Tehuantepec	40 kts	12 hr
0600 UTC 24 Nov	Gulf of Tehuantepec	35 kts	18 hr
1800 UTC 27 Nov	Gulf of Tehuantepec	50 kts	102 hr / 12 hr
1200 UTC 07 Dec	Gulf of Tehuantepec	45 kts	42 hr
1200 UYTC 10 Dec	Gulf of Tehuantepec	40 kts	18 hr
0000 UTC 18 Dec	Gulf of Tehuantepec	45 kts	36 hr
0600 UTC 23 Dec	Gulf of California	35 kts	36 hr
0600 UTC 24 Dec	Gulf of Tehuantepec	35 kts	06 hr
0000 UTC 26 Dec	Gulf of Tehuantepec	40 kts	42 hr
0600 UTC 28 Dec	Gulf of Tehuantepec	35 kts	12 hr

Table 2. Non-tropical Cyclone Warnings issued for the Northeast Pacific Basin between 01 Sep and 31 Dec 2011.

Time/Date	Ship	Location	Wind Speed	Seas
1400 UTC 21 Oct	Coral Princess (ZCDF4)	15.6N 95.4W	38 kts	6 ft
0800 UTC 18 Nov	Coral Princess (ZCDF4)	15.3N 95.3W	40 kts	6 ft
0300 UTC 25 Nov	Cap Palmerston (A8MW6)	14.8N 95.0W	35 kts	9 ft
1200 UTC 07 Dec	Hansa Visby (ELWR5)	14.5N 95.2W	35 kts	6 ft
1300 UTC 24 Dec	Coral Princess (ZCDF4)	15.6N 95.4W	38 kts	6 ft

Table 3. Ship reports that verified gale events over the Gulf of Tehuantepec between 01 Sep 2011 and 31 Dec 2011.

The 2011 season produced 13 Gulf of Tehuantepec, 2 Gulf of California, and 1 Baja California gale force or greater wind events. *Table 2* provides additional details on these events.

Ship reports are a vital source of data in verifying gale and storm events. A few choice ship reports that directly verified some of this season's gales are enumerated in *Table 3*.

The Gulf of Tehuantepec gap wind events are usually driven by mid-

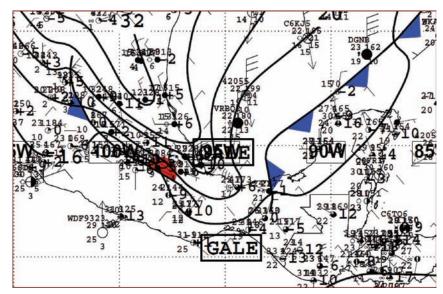
latitude cold frontal passages through the Chivela Pass, a narrow valley within the Isthmus of Tehuantepec. The post cold frontal northerly winds over the southwest Gulf of Mexico surge through the Chivela Pass and result in gap wind events through the pass delivering stronger winds into the Gulf of Tehuantepec. The events are of various duration with the longer events associated with reinforcing secondary cold fronts in the Gulf of Mexico.

A gale event in the Gulf of Mexico,

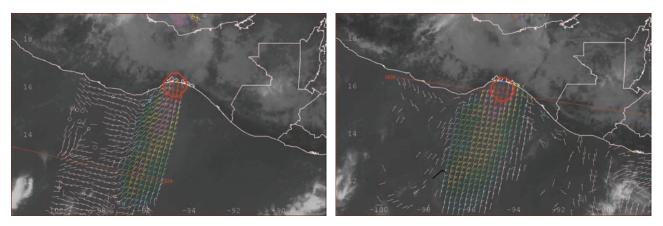
which occurred behind a cold front on Nov 10, 2011 produced, one of the strongest gale events in the Gulf of Tehuantepec for the September to December period (*Figure 5*). A European Advanced Scatterometer (ASCAT) and an Indian Oceansat-2 Scatterometer (OSCAT) pass captured the event. The passes were within two hours of each other with maximum winds of 35 kts retrieved (*Figure 6*). The OSCAT imagery was not operationally available to forecasters in the Tropical Analysis and Forecast Branch (TAFB)

on Nov 10, 2011. It was retrieved later to further verify the gale event. Since then, the OSCAT wind retrievals have undergone some calibration and imagery has been made routinely available to TAFB forecasters with a four and half hour retrieval delay. The swath is 1800 km wide and is displayed with a 25 km resolution. It is good to note that all scatterometer imagery in the Gulf of Tehuantepec depicting gales and storms have no heavy precipitation complications thus the wind vectors are very reliable.

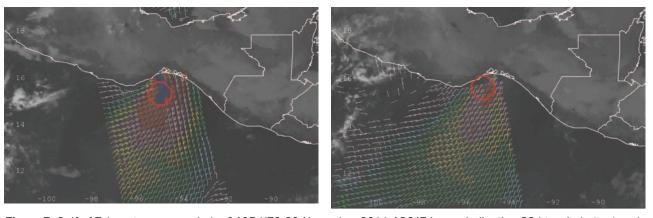
Another pair of ASCAT and OSCAT imagery is shown in *Figure 7* depicts the long duration gale/storm event that commenced on Nov 29, 2011. The scatterometer passes were two and a



**Figure 5.** National Weather Service Unified Surface Analysis (USA) map valid 1800 UTC 10 November 2011.



**Figure 6.** Gulf of Tehuantepec gap winds. 1629 UTC 10 November 2011 ASCAT images indicating 35 kts winds (top) and an 1809 UTC 10 November 2011 OSCAT image indicating 36 kts winds (bottom).



**Figure 7.** Gulf of Tehuantepec gap winds. 0405 UTC 29 November 2011 ASCAT image indicating 39 kts winds (top) and an 0641 UTC 29 November 2011 OSCAT image indicating 39 kts winds (bottom).

half hours apart. The passes retrieved maximum winds of 39 kts and were direct hits, covering significant areas of the northeast Pacific Ocean south of the Gulf of Tehuantepec.

Two Gulf of California gale events occurred during the September to December 2011 time frame. The second event commenced on Dec 23, 2011. A tight surface pressure gradient over the Gulf of California produced gale force northerly winds over the entire gulf (*Figure 8*). An ASCAT pass at 1638 UTC 23 December 2011 captured an area of northwesterly winds of 30 to 35 kts over the Gulf of California (*Figure 9*).

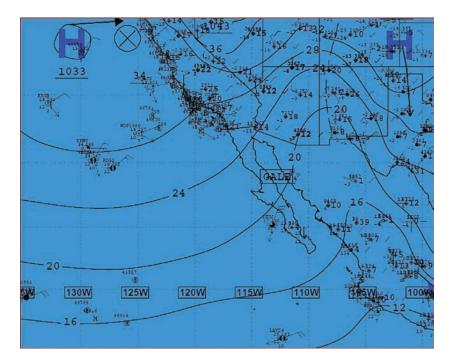
A gale event just off the west coast of Baja California occurred on Nov 12, 2011. An extra tropical gale center moved into the area from the northwest and drifted off Baja California near 30N120W (*Figure 10*). An earlier 0500 UTC ASCAT pass indicated an area of northwest winds of 30 to 35 kts within the southern semicircle of the gale center (*Figure 11*).  $\mathring{\Phi}$ 

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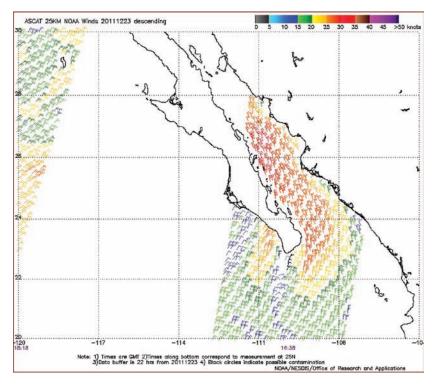
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**Figure 8.** National Weather Service USA map valid 0600 UTC 23 December 2011.



**Figure 9.** 25 km ASCAT scatterometer pass valid 1638 UTC 23 December 2011. The pass depicted a substantial area of 30 to 35 kt winds in the west-central portion of the Gulf of California.

Figure 10.
National Weather
Service USA map
valid 1800 UTC
12 November
2011.

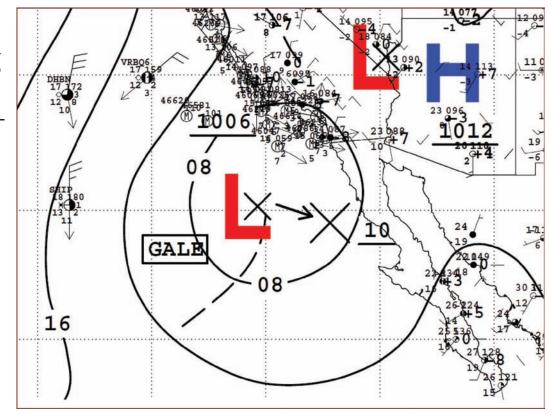
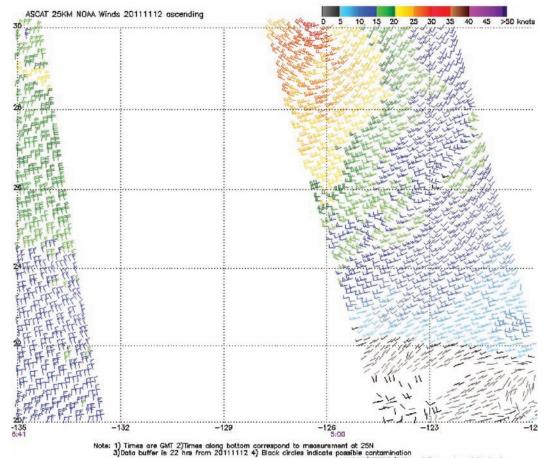


Figure 11. 25 km ASCAT scatterometer pass valid 0500 UTC 12 November 2011.

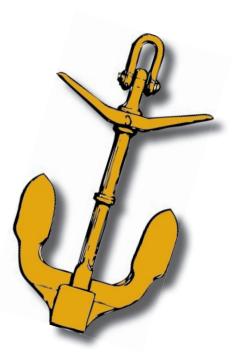




For the 5th consecutive year, the vessel Philadelphia Express received the annual VOS Award (2010) for outstanding support to the Marine Observing Program. In 2010 the crew provided an outstanding 1358 quality marine observations. They also received the 5 Year Pennant for winning 5 consecutive annual VOS performance awards from 2006 to 2010. During that period the crew of the Philadelphia Express transmitted over 7000 marine observations. NOAA congratulates the crew for their consistent dedication to the marine observing program over the past 5 years. Well Done!!

Left to Right: Dk Cadet Eric Isaksen, 3/M Ryan Guthrie (holding the plaque), Capt. Dave Sulin, 2/M Brandon Teal, C/M Chris Hendrickson. All displaying the 5 year Flag Award.

Other valuable observers participating over the 2010 reporting year were Capt. Scott Putty, C/M Chuck Rau, 2/M Mark Meyer, 2/M Brendan Smith, 2/M Charlie Orr, 3/M Jeremy Cunningham, 3/M Andrew Longnecker, and Cadets Ian Nisley, Kevin Miele, Fred Wheeler, and Kevin Fink.



Horizon Lines Senior Superintendent Wally Becker accepts 2010 VOS Annual Award on behalf of Capt John Loftus and the crew of M/V HORIZON TRADER.





Horizon Challenger was presented the 2010 VOS Award for outstanding performance in Marine Observation Reporting. The crew provided over 1066 quality marine observations in 2010. This is the sixth annual award since 2003. Horizon Challenger's best meteorologist is Hector Rodriquez. Congratulation!



For the second consecutive year the Sealand Racer was presented the annual VOS Award (2010) for outstanding performance in marine observations. The crew provided over 1844 quality observations in 2010 and was in the VOS Top 50 reporters. The National Weather Service and NOAA extend a special thanks to the Masters and Mates of the Sealand Racer. Thanks for the dedicate work. Pictured left to right, Chief Mate Steve Watt, 2nd Mate Roy Valentine, Captain J. Pratt, 3rd Mate Robert Neumyer and Cadet Jeffery Mark





For the second consecutive year the Sealand Eagle was presented the annual VOS Award (2010) for outstanding performance in marine observations. The crew provided over 1061 quality observations. Picture (left to right) are: NYM Deck Cadet Fulgencio Anavitate, 3/m Trevor Battles, C/m Mike LaMaina, KP Deck Cadet Harl Romine, 2/m Erik Stark.

Not pictured but deserving credit for 2010 reporting are: C/m John Kelly, 2/m Brent McClaine, 2/m Cisco Medal, 3/m Chris Kalinowski, 3/m Roy Valentine, KP D/c Aaron Madler, NYM D/c Nick Terek





For the second consecutive year the Sealand Eagle was presented the annual VOS Award (2010) for outstanding performance in marine observations. The crew provided over 1084 quality observations. Accepting the award is from left to right: 3/M Ian Falkenberg, 2/M Joe Ward, C/M Dan Martin and Cadet Sam Heard

The Charleston Express was presented the annual VOS Award (2010) for outstanding performance in marine observations. The crew provided over 1053 quality observations. The National Weather Service and NOAA extend a special thanks to the Masters and Mates of the Charleston Express. Well done. Pictured (left to right) are: Second Mate Richard Burkle, Chief Mate Bill O'Connor, Captain Peter Curtis, Third Mate Aaron Voorhees, Great Lakes Deck Cadet Matthew Lang, Kings Point Cadet Blake Krell. Not pictured Captain John Farmer, Chief Mate Brendan Smith.

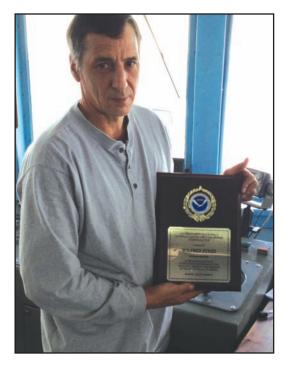




For the fourth consecutive year, the vessel St Louis Express received the annual VOS Award (2010) for outstanding support to the Marine Observing Program. The crew of the St Louis Express provided an outstanding 4270 quality marine observations in 2010. NOAA congratulates the crew for a job well done. Accepting the award from left to right is C/Mate Stephen Jones and Captain Robert Strobel. Not Pictured but deserve special recognition are:

Captain: W. L. Miles
C/Mates: M.B O'Brien, P. Curtis, P. Grate
2nd Mates: R. Newton, A. Roland, S. Halley, S. Roberto
3rd Mates: C. Moore, M. Bokorney, K. Kesse, M. Lynch, F. Pipitone
Deck Cadets: C. Nate, M. Hearn, M. Bardoutsos, R. Hadley, S. Green

Captain Strobel expressed his Thanks to all of them for their efforts in sending voluntary marine weather observations.



2010 VOS Observation Award winner to the Wilfred Sykes. Pictured is Captain Mike Grzesiek.

2010 VOS Observation award winner the Arthur M. Anderson. Pictured is 1stMate Kenneth M. Clemons.





2010 Observation Award to the M/V Maumee.

From left to right are crew that sailed on the Maumee on her 82nd and final season, Shawn Pavlovich (Bosun), Christopher Edyvean (First Officer), Mark Stanger (Master), Jay Love (Able-Seaman). Not pictured are Deck Officers David Richmond, David Gruber, Eric Johnson & GLMA Deck Cadet Danny Hecko, who all contributed throughout the 2010 season.



2010 VOS Observation Award to the American Century. Pictured is 1stMate Ken Suedek, 2ndMate Gary Thompson, 3rdMate Steve Peterson and Capt. Bruce Dunlap.



2010 VOS Observation Award to the Manitowoc. Pictured on the left is 1stMate Anthony Szymanski and to his right is Capt. Jeff Letzkus.





Captain Tim English accepts the 2011 VOS Annual Award from the NY/ NJ PMO on behalf of the crew of APL PEARL. Thanks to all members of the crew for submitting over 800, high quality observations, in 2010.

# **National Weather Service** VOS Program New Recruits: July 1 through October 31, 2011

SHIP NAME	CALL SIGN
Algolake	VCPX
American Courage	WDD2879
Brotonne Bridge	VRH02
Capt. Henry Jackman	VCTV
Carnival Magic	ЗЕТА8
Eagle Tacoma	S6NK2
Maersk Wismar	3EXK5
Major Bernard F. Fisher	KBGK
Mustafa Dayi	TCZF2
Pacific Santa Ana	A8WI3
Trailblazer	WDE6541
Tropic Express	H07723

12 NEW RECRUITS! WAY TO GO!!!

# VOS Cooperative Ship Report: January through December 2011

Ship Name	Call Sign	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Achievement	WDF2728	0	0	0	0	47	29	26		112		170	09	561
Adrian Maersk	OXID2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		10	4	33
Advantage	WPPO	4	0	6	13	∞	37	13		-		0	0	95
Adventure Of The Seas	C6SA3	156	244	380	334	396	290	324		370		299	%	3518
Adventurer	WBN3015	_	20	2	16	က	19	∞		0		0	10	68
Al Huwaila	C6VG2	24	17	Ξ	5	_	0	0		6		0	0	29
Al Khuwair	C6VM6	0	20	37	12	16	9	0		∞		36	13	172
Al Marrouna	C6VF5	53	09	46	52	52	38	74		-		38	7	564
Alaska Mariner	WSM5364	δ	33	7	34	25	85	117		69		Π	22	959
Alaska Titan	WDE4789	12	0	0	0	0	0	0		0		3	∞	34
Alaskan Explorer	WDB9918	87	77	32	26	88	124	136		212		73	92	1143
Alaskan Frontier	WDB7815	40	17	34	45	0	89	99		38		28	20	450
Alaskan Legend	WDD2074	23	09	116	101	0	36	0		25		39	09	472
Alaskan Navigator	WDC6644	13	40	55	49		0	64		135		_	_	546
Albemarle Island	C6LU3	50	32	34	33	50	35	37		52		32	33	469
Alert	WCZ7335	2	24	20	42	21	4	4		3		19	က	149
Algolake	VCPX	0	0	0	0	က	0	_		0		13	27	44
Algoma Discovery	CFK9796	0	0	0	0	0	13	28		21		0	_	86
Algoma Guardian	CFK9698	0	0	0	7	1	6	39		က		13	6	127
Algoma Navigator	VGMV	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	က	0	13	91	က	41
Algoma Progress	VDRV	17	0	-	34	28	10	5	23	31	20	40	11	220
Algoma Spirit	CFN4309	0	∞	20	∞	5	15	9	14	14	5	37	35	197
Algorail	VYNG	0	0	0	0	_	108	19	29	0	0	46	38	271
Algosoo	VGJD	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	21	0	0	16	11	64
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Alkin Kalkavan	TCO16	0	0	0	0	0	0	_	0	0	0	0	0	-
Alliance Beaumont	WKDY	30	25	0	0	27	59	51	31	36	47	46	48	400

Ship Name	Call Sign	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jol	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Alliance Charleston	WRAH	29	24	29	55	62	33	09	44	35	20	95	92	809
Alliance St Louis	WGAE	12	21	5	27	19	39	10	25	36	19	18	0	231
Allure Of The Seas	C6XS8	7	15	-	2	0	0	2	9	33	21	63	32	182
Alpena	WAV4647	0	0	က	Ξ	2	10	16	12	2	0	33	-	06
Altair Voyager	C60K	က	0	2	18	4	5	48	5	9	22	14	22	186
American Century	WDD2876	55	0	78	299	306	309	352	296	265	435	439	353	3187
American Courage	WDD2879	0	0	0	0	5	_	0	0	0	0		_	26
American Integrity	WDD2875	42	0	13	79	57	25	10	16	22	10	18	29	321
American Mariner	WQZ7791	0	0	9	38	25	22	31	24	20	91	27	24	233
American Spirit	WCX2417	16	0	_	36	56	92	46	23	57	53	52	46	471
American Tern	WAHF	4	18	13	27	45	16	9	0	0	10	22	4	200
Amsterdam	PBAD	55	34	42	31	81	165	129	108	84	147	177	171	1224
Andromeda Voyager	C6FZ6	6	45	20	59	25	10	45	36	7	53	48	23	387
Antonis I. Angelicoussis	C6FP5	72	72	26	23	99	72	40	84	54	က	54	31	298
Antwerpen	VRBK6	64	53	111	29	69	74	64	88	136	55	35	39	855
APL Agate	WDE8265	55	4	4	43	28	48	59	54	4	51	21	38	483
APL Belgium	9VKQ3	73	23	∞	53	25	14	17	4	0	0	0	0	217
APL China	WDB3161	70	06	92	19	48	31	46	09	50	09	4	83	705
APL Coral	WDF6832	9	5	0	က	16	_	0	51	26	64	36	50	264
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APL England	9VDD2	76	∞	23	28	22	51	82	81	22	95	63	29	089
APL Garnet	N//0	9	Ξ	15	Ξ	23	0	15	18	34	∞	38	24	203
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APL Korea	WCX8883	30	145	217	279	37	28	260	335	216	110	171	225	2053
APL Paradise	3ECJ7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	42	29	125
APL Pearl	WDE8264	200	28	42	8	117	79	28	110	91	92	50	11	1066
APL Philippines	WCX8884	34	19	44	36	18	22	46	56	33	35	44	45	435

Ship Name	Call Sign	Jan	Feb		Apr		Jun							
APL Sardonyx	NAA6	22	42		28		80							
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APL Singapore	WCX8812	38	44		21		16							
APL Tennessee	9HA2064	40	30		27		0							
APL Texas	VRFH2	0	11		7		5							
APL Thailand	WCX8882	49	48		39		42							
APL Tourmoline	9VVP	0	0		0		21							
APL Washington	VRFD6	0	0		0		13							
Aquarius Voyager	CAUC3	4	18		47		10							
Aquavictory	A8VA2	0	0		0		19							
Arctic Bear	WBP3396	0	0		2		-							
Arctic Ocean	C6T2062	က	4		51		32							
Arcturus Voyager	C6YA7	-	0		Ξ		64							
Aries Voyager	C6UK7	22	76		51		12							
Arthur M. Anderson	WE4805	156	0		200		84							
Atlantic Breeze	VRDC6	20	32		24		14							
Atlantic Cartier	SCKB	38	22		18		24							
Atlantic Explorer (AWS)	WDC9417	0	0		0		0							
Atlantic Explorer (AWS)	NWS0021	0	116		194		410							
Atlantic Frontier	VRDJ7	0	0		9		0							
Atlantic Gemini	VRDO9	0	219		0		0							
Atlantic Grace	VRDT7	17	47		363		44							
Atlantic Lily	VREF6	0	0		22		38							
Atlantic Ocean	C6T2064	20	0		31		21							
Atlantic Rose	VREF7	0	0		0		0							
Atlantis (Aws)	NWS0020	0	0		153		710							
Attentive	WCZ7337	0	6		74		0							
Aurora	WYM9567	160	286		314		635		089	370				
Aware	WC77336	C	C	33	C		C			C				

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Axel Spirit	C6FY5	22	80	98	80		9/	72	28				65	784
Azamara Journey	9HOB8	39	142	83	44		က	-	106				4	510
Azamara Quest	9HOM8	36	37	51	24		31	7	29				0	298
Badger	WBD4889	0	0	0	0		13	13	61				0	48
Baltic Bear	V7QN4	0	0	0	0		45	40	1				0	148
Baltic Cove	A8VG9	0	0	-	Ξ		-	0	0				0	34
Baltic Wind	A8SU8	0	-	0	0		9	13	∞				0	31
Baltic Wolf	V7QX8	0	0	64	Ξ		20	62	20				0	392
Barbara Andrie	WTC9407	_	0	2	10		21	31	36				33	202
Barbara Foss	WYL4318		0	14	œ		0	0	0				25	65
Barrington Island	C6QK	38	52	51	35		29	29	20				27	484
Bell M. Shimada	WTED	0	0	0	0		0	83	280				0	399
Bell M. Shimada (AWS)	NWS0025	0	0	227	331		240	250	0				0	1233
Berge Nantong	VRBU6	182	493	156	105		47	23	Π				12	1182
Berge Ningbo	VRBQ2	2	0		0		79	76	2				0	254
Berlian Ekuator	HPYK	30	5	23	17		0	0	0				0	75
Bernardo Quintana A.	C6KJ5	29	19	89	72		62	57	45				56	089
Berra K	тстн9	0	0	0	0		0	15	15				0	46
Bluefin	WDC7379	0	0	0	0		58	64	63				0	229
Brilliance Of The Seas	C6SJ5	0	0	0	-		0	0	0				0	2
Brotonne Bridge	VRHO2	0	0	0	0		0	0	0				45	45
Buccaneer	WYW5588	0	0	-	5		0	0	0				0	19
Buffalo	WXS6134	12	0	0	0		0	-	0				30	89
Bulk Mexico	A8VL8	0	0	0	0		0	18	53				109	375
Bulwark	WBN4113	16	4	20	18		59	19	91				0	285
Burns Harbor	WDC6027	28	0	0	36		47	57	7				53	406
California Voyager	WDE5381	42	2	9	31	55	13	23	38	2	37	28	43	320
Calumet	WDE3568	0	0	0	0		∞	0	0				12	86

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Camai	KF003	0	0	0	0	9	0	2	7					17
Camellia	VRCP9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		:			81
Capricorn Voyager	C6UZ5	29	δ	15	11	-	15	25	37		: :			258
Capt. Henry Jackman	VCTV	0	0	0	5	4	2	0	0					12
Carnival Conquest	3FPQ9	23	7	13	1	٥	29	63	55		:			354
Carnival Destiny	C6FN4	38	29	23	53	57	125	137	73					735
Carnival Dream	3ETA7	30	49	35	∞		30	32	33					277
Carnival Ecstasy	H3GR	15	5	0	12	24	18	0	∞		: :	:		115
Carnival Fantasy	H3GS	11	9	12	12	က	30	98	99	55	24	47	09	412
Carnival Fascination	C6FM9	2	0	က	9	83	39	19	37					278
Carnival Freedom	3EBL5	23	5	_	16	29	46	18	21		:			336
Carnival Glory	3FPS9	49	40	39	48	∞	∞	6	28		: :			275
Carnival Imagination	C6FN2	33	43	40	49	က	34	7	-		:			318
Carnival Inspiration	C6FM5	74	46	15	က	26	16	29	53					417
Carnival Legend	НЗУТ	0	0	0	0	5	က	0	22		: :			40
Carnival Liberty	HPYE	26	21	46	51	35	53	84	42					424
Carnival Magic	3ETA8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		: :			76
Carnival Miracle	H3VS	4	57	49	52	48	42	23	0					337
Carnival Paradise	3FOB5	11	9	26	28	31	36	27	-		: :			166
Carnival Pride	H3VU	0	0	0	4	23	22	19	21					68
Carnival Sensation	C6FM8	25	43	10	Т	0	0	_	0		: :			234
Carnival Spirit	3FPR9	51	41	23	5	-	6	30	28					308
Carnival Splendor	3EUS	0	6	35	4	35	42	36	6		: :			451
Carnival Triumph	C6FN5	0	19	31	17	19	18	21	31					275
Carnival Valor	H3VR	41	4	43	13	9	4	4	14		: :			368
Carnival Victory	3FFL8	22	24	18	∞	19	29	55	28		:			300
Caroline Maersk	OZWA2	0	0	37	42	39	4	51	12		:			256
Cason J. Callaway	WE4879	က	0	32	56	21	22	9	_					283
Castor Voyager	C6UZ6	0	99	20	62	64	23	36	55		:	:		520

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Celebrity Century	6lfH6	142	66	54	115	30	152			126	46	25	47	1285
Celebrity Constellation	9HJB9	417	530	351	319	312	305	:	297	299	274	290	333	3996
Celebrity Eclipse	6DXH6	646	636	692	629	629	628			467	496	459	588	6821
Celebrity Equinox	6ДХН6	319	267	573	280	536	466			394	454	390	212	4875
Celebrity Infinity	9HJD9	27	45	147	75	85	84			96	K	47	139	982
Celebrity Mercury	9HJG9	0	388	0	0	0	0	0			0		0	388
Celebrity Millennium	9HJF9	194	296	287	186	227	246				151		114	2514
Celebrity Silhouette	9HA2583	0	0	0	0	0	0				406		407	2408
Celebrity Solstice	9HRJ9	546	526	353	427	388	296				194		142	3591
Celebrity Summit	9HJC9	85	06	235	192	264	242				137	134	118	1866
Centurion	WBN3022	6	=	9	0	က	0				0		0	83
Chamai	WDD5880	0	0	0	0	0	0				0		0	12
Charles Island	С6ЈТ	48	16	4	21	19	4				28		27	275
Charleston Express	WDD6126	16	%	119	131	101	%				192		180	1528
Chemical Pioneer	KAFO	0	44	25	22	11	13	:			_		0	175
Chenega	WDC3997	0	0	0	0	0	0				2		0	6
СМВ Віма	ONED	9	က	0	0	0	0				0		9	15
Commitment	WDE3894	∞	7	0	5	46	26				10		2	151
Corwith Cramer	WTF3319	0	7	25	0	17	21				0		0	71
Costa Allegra	ICRA	17	∞	4	0	0	0				0		157	186
Costa Atlantica	IBLQ	-	က	14	0	0	0				0		0	18
Costa Fortuna	BNY	111	172	134	21	0	0				0			438
Costa Luminosa	ICGN	0	က	-	0	0	0				0			569
Costa Marina	BNC	0	15	06	40	53	157				120			945
Costa Mediterranea	IBCF	0	က	22	53	_	0	0	0		0			79
Costa Romantica	IBCR	0	39	61	55	30	က	0	0	0	0	0		188
Courage	WDE3893	1	2	5	7	15	-	Ξ	0		0		0	52
Courage	WDC6907	4	_	22	16	4	0	က	2		-			93

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Crystal Marine	9VIC4	Π	9			15	3	61						
Darya Shanthi	VRXB2	2	57			19		-				:		
Deepwater Millennium	V7HD2	29	23			27		35						
Defender	WBN3016	Т	0			Ξ		92						
Delaware II	KNBD	156	370			204		229						
Delaware II (AWS)	NWS0012	195	408			465		382						
Deliverance	WDE2632	-	0			37	:	44				:		
Dependable	V7DI6	0	0			4		114						
Diane H	WUR7250	0	0	0	4	7	∞	12	-	Π	15	0	0	58
Discoverer Clear Leader	V7MO2	103	66			98		69						
Discoverer Deep Seas	VZHC6	200	150			179		185						
Discoverer Inspiration	V7MO3	0	0			0		0						
Discoverer Spirit	VZHC8	78	48			13		91						
Disney Dream	C6YR6	0	0			48		0						
Disney Magic	C6PT7	19	31			-		46						
Disney Wonder	C6QM8	54	58			165		176						
Dominator	WBZ4106	0	18			0		22						
Drew Foss	WYL5718	12				4		0						
Duncan Island	C6JS	20	44			53		48						
Eagle Albany	S6TD	0	0			127		49						
Eagle Phoenix	9VKH2	0	2			0		0						
Eagle Toledo	S6NK3	24	21			26		27						
Eagle Torrance	9VMG5	17	19			4		0						
Ecem Kalkavan	VZJT6	0	0			0		∞						
Edgar B. Speer	WQZ9670	0	0			75		42					46	
Edwin H. Gott	WXQ4511	0	0			38	46	110					33	
El Morro	KCGH	9	6			31	33	24					22	
El Yunque	WGJT	51	47			63	72	89				34	32	
Elversele	ONCT	0	0	0	0	57	77	33					19	

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Empire State	KKFW	0	0	0	0	105	136	134		0	0	0	0	405
Enchantment Of The Seas	C6FZ7	0	33	27	17	5	_			0	0	4	0	76
Endeavor	WCE5063	617	671	715	692	298	720			716	742	714	742	8409
Endurance	WDF7523	42	7	14	6	44	40			22	10	24	25	354
Endurance	WDE9586	62	31		51		10			87	62		81	820
Ensign	WBN3012	4	0		6		20			0	0		0	84
Eot Spar	WDE9193	4	34		34		45			18	35		29	431
Erkan K	VZND9	0	0		34		5			10	က		0	92
Ernest N	A8PQ6	14	0	0	46	23	14	9	0	17	18	7	76	221
Eships Dana	ZDJT6	0	0		24		61			91	_		0	234
Eskden	DYLD	0	0		∞		46			0	0		0	173
Eurodam	PHOS	Π	10		51		15			26	8		30	340
Eurus Lima	A8MH9	0	0		18		13			0	0		0	99
Eurus Lisbon	A8MI2	4	_		12		11			13	15		0	150
Ever Dainty	9V7951	23	∞		12					0	_		6	102
Ever Develop	3FLF8	0	26		17		12			12	2		0	11
Ever Diadem	9V7955	13	Г		0		25			0	0		25	93
Ever Diamond	3FQS8	0	0		0		33			29	64	•	62	401
Ever Excel	VSXV3	15	53		61		58			56	62		0	508
Ever Radiant	3FFR4	Π	12		7		0			0	2		∞	56
Ever Refine	3FSB4	62	69		99		6			92	98		121	705
Ever Result	3FSA4	2	-		0		9			20	21		5	105
Ever Reward	3FYB3	က	0	2	24		0			0	20		13	89
Ever Salute	3ENU5	33	10	∞	7		0			0	0		0	58
Ever Steady	3EHT6	157	37	0	0		22			0	0		0	221
Ever Summit	3EKU3	0	0	0	0		7	က	0	0	0		13	23
Ever Ulysses	9V7962	0	0	0	က		-	က		0	7		4	25
Ever Unific	9V7961	0	0	0	0	69	Ξ	0	6	21	0		0	110

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Ever Uranus	3FCA9	2				0						:
Ever Useful	3FCC9	0				0						:
Everest Spirit	C6FY8	40				43	:					:
Evergreen State	WDE4430	29				9	:					
Excalibur	ONCE	52				29						
Excel	ONAI	0				98						
Excelerate	ONDY	0				31	:					:
Explorer		-				0	:					:
Explorer		92				76						
Explorer Of The Seas	C6SE4	30				27						
Fairchem Friesian	VZPUZ	0				33						
Fairchem Mustang	HPOW	6				10						
Fairchem Stallion	H3WD	0				0						
Fairweather	WDB5604	-				2						
Fairweather (AWS)	WTEB	0				0						
Falcon Confidence	D5AP3	21				76						
Federal Asahi	VRWG3	10				0						
Federal Mackinac	V7RI8	32				က						
Federal Saguenay	8PNQ	0				236						
Federal Schelde	8POF	0				0						
Federal Venture	VRXL7	17				17						
Flanders Loyalty	ONEV	26				44						
Florida Voyager	WDF4764	0				28						
FMG Cloudbreak	ONFW	36				15						
FMG Matilda	ONFN	0				21						
Freedom	WDB5483	12				17						
Freedom Of The Seas	C6UZ7	0				0						
Freja Dania	A8LC2	0	0	2	22	28	29	15	23	12	7	15
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Front Kathrine	V7QX2	17	19			36				112		102	35	737
Furth	V7MP5	_	7			18				5		0	0	159
G. L. Ostrander	WCV7620	0	0			27				40		48	26	304
Garden City River	S6AJ8	0	0			0				0		33	25	65
Gauntlet	WBN6511	43	21			Ξ				0		9	0	167
Gemini Voyager	C6FE5	25	0			0				24		0	26	108
Genco Augustus	VRDD2	61	69			114				0		0	0	477
Genco Claudius	V7SY6	25	21			-				38		30	63	365
Genco Constantine	VRDR8	06	27			63				29		0	41	561
Genco Hadrian	V7QN8	0	0			0				92		95	4	382
Genco Raptor	V7NB8	0	0			0				-		0	0	46
Genco Thunder	V7LZ4	30	7			0				0		1	18	77
Genco Tiberius	VRDD3	0	0			21				22		21	13	154
Genco Titus	VRDI7	45	64			0				10		0	0	223
George N	A8PQ5	0	144			0				18		36	11	935
Geysir	WCZ5528	9	31			26				0		0	0	208
Global Sentinel	V7KR4	0	0			0				4		15	0	4
Golden Bear	NMRY	0	0			16				0		0	0	196
Golden State	WHDV	_	5			0				က		0	0	48
Gordon C. Leitch	∧CK.₩	0	0	0	0	0	17	6	15	7	-	-	0	50
Gordon Gunter (AWS)	NWS0014	0	0			212				0		0	0	866
Gordon Gunter (AWS)	WTEO	0	0			278				280		298	0	2654
Grandeur Of The Seas	C6SE3	87	86			53				44		K	59	785
Great Republic	WDF7994	0	0	0		0				73		46	157	540
Green Bay	WDD9433	29	10	0		94				23		0	4	317
Green Dale	WCZ5238	59	46	40		99				7	0	35	79	484
Green Ridge	WZZF	83	59	Ξ		37				21	0	-	24	359
Gretchen H	WDC9138	0	0	27		25				40	-	10	5	211

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GSF Development Driller I	YJSW5	62	20	99	63	45	31	27	27	15	31	27	10	474
GSF Grand Banks	YJUF7	131	124	128	Ξ	118	109	113	113	108	110	137	47	1349
Guardian	WBO2511	14	6	36	91	4	30	7	45	24	0	က	16	214
Gulf Reliance	WDD2703	10	34	5	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63
Gulf Titan	WDA5598	∞	17	٥	-	∞	4	4	က	4	∞	18	10	8
H A Sklenar	91D9D	66	63	84	64	7	61	62	35	62	35	35	41	729
H. Lee White	WZD2465	က	0	0	က	40	40	36	6	1	35	23	25	225
Healy	NEPP	0	0	0	0	0	87	68	77	140	95	40	က	531
Healy (AWS)	NWS0003	0	0	0	0	1	708	742	717	714	740	969	727	5054
Henry B. Bigelow (AWS)	WTDF	0	9	262	299	196	444	356	12	216	452	212	0	2455
Henry Goodrich	YJQN7	125	127	127	110	114	Ξ	11	114	103	106	98	0	1234
Herbert C. Jackson	WL3972	11	0		25	51	58	34	22	4	20	22	76	361
Hi'ialakai	WTEY	0	0	89	99	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	148
Hi'ialakai (AWS)	NWS0010	0	0	402	489	543	0	373	313	0	0	0	0	2120
Hoegh Oslo	LAEK7	7	0	11	32	14	0	0	0	52	0	0	0	116
Hon. James L. Oberstar	WL3108	0	0	_	25	12	5	32	24	49	53	62	77	340
Honor	WDC6923	69	37	15	33	13	-	10	29	7	44	28	15	308
Hood Island	C6LU4	64	09	92	71	09	30	24	43	38	21	19	33	539
Horizon Anchorage	KGTX	146	185	189	169	136	179	199	176	202	161	102	108	1952
Horizon Challenger	WZJC	83	56	29	84	81	48	54	137	89	103	148	136	1086
Horizon Consumer	WCHF	38	39	40	46	14	81	_	0	0	0	31	0	296
Horizon Eagle	WDD6039	7	95	121	72	78	9/	73	83	77	85	42	3	812
Horizon Enterprise	KRGB	69	64	 	75	99	53	37	69	39	21	27	75	999
Horizon Falcon	WDD6040	80	7.	77	77	69	19	29	94	87	61	12	0	759
Horizon Hawk	WDD6033	32	31	42	06	57	54	54	73	59	56	18	0	566
Horizon Hunter	WDD6038	44	54	29	49	57	53	82	73	70	//	6	0	635
Horizon Kodiak	KGTZ	58	52	47	46	44	41	34	51	45	45	34	56	553
Horizon Navigator	WPGK	71	121	150	156	171	171	158	160	105	152	122	119	1656
Horizon Pacific	WSRL	72	62	39	17	47	35	40	29	22	46	62	78	549
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Horizon Producer WJBJ Horizon Reliance WFLH Horizon Tacoma KGTY Horizon Trader KIRH Hosanger CCDK Huno N	107 488 88 32 62 62 0 0 0 120 30	87 80 80 62 62 0 0 0 124 32	132 69 83 45 8 85 71 71 71	147 63 83 48 76 85	172 76	234	184 42 76	246 71	160 78	199	135	160 73	1963
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	72	0 124 32 31	71 0	2	30	20	6	10	0	2	4	4	135
	2	124 32 31	34	0	0	0	51	54	18	0	0	0	123
Independence II WGAX		32	34	121	108	135	55	58	105	115	100	54	1166
Independence Of The Seas C6WW4	-		c	36	33	33	32	45	41	13	33	34	369
Indian Ocean		5	32	27	30	31	42	54	26	27	30	19	379
bor	28	0	0	75	75	7	73	30	29	43	30	29	483
Integrity WDC6925	5 59	40	30	20	61	51	56	58	52	2	21	35	583
Invader WBO3337	7	25	5	9	17	20	119	46	31	98	116	19	522
James L. Kuber WDF7020	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	113	108	140	361
James R. Barker WYP8657	6	0	37	124	76	114	66	91	82	06	83	%	901
Jean Anne WDC3786	5 122	63	35	29	91	81	2/9	31	58	66	85	72	866
Jenny N A8PQ7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	123	32	0	162
Jewel Of The Seas C6FW9	0	36	44	7	9	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	104
John B. Aird	0	0	0	-	24	17	5	6	10	15	0	4	85
John G. Munson WE3806	20	0	0	R	80	16	18	25	27	15	61	37	369
John J. Boland WZE4539	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	က	က	0	=
Joides Resolution D5BC	9	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Joseph L. Block WXY6216	64	0	485	715	580	42	572	2/29	618	742	719	744	5958
Justine Foss WYL4978	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	9	0	0	19	0	26
Ka'imimoana WTEU	35	29	73	28	27	0	26	<i>2</i> 9	13	က	0	0	369
Ka'imimoana (AWS) NWS0009	9 317	533	593	479	254	0	264	619	234	722	909	188	4808

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Karen Andrie	WBS5272	193	15			231							207	1826
Karoline N	A8PQ8	-	160			54							0	413
Kasif Kalkavan	V7IX7	33	63			52							0	287
Kaveri Spirit	C6WK2	0	0			0							က	2%
Kaye E. Barker	WCF3012	7	0			43							42	474
Kennicott	WCY2920	8	0			0							_	104
Keswick	C6XE5	10	Т			1							2	72
Kilo Moana	WDA7827	14	27			58							19	425
Kiyi	KAO107	0	0			26							0	57
Knorr (AWS)	NWS0029	117	173			734							744	7114
Kodiak	KQXZ	0	0			54							6	120
Kota Halus	9V8258	32	26			0							0	58
Kota Harum	9VFF8	0	0			40							0	158
Kota Jati	VRWJ7	41	44			33							2	258
Kota Jaya	VRWM2	16	33			24								220
Laurence M. Gould (AWS)	WCX7445	593	536			497							673	6441
Lavender Passage	3FJY6	0	7			0							0	39
Lee A. Tregurtha	WUR8857	0	0			14							26	181
Legacy	WDF7311	0	0			0							0	50
Leslie Lee	WYC7933	-	0			0							0	-
Liberty Eagle	WHIA	32	32			30							46	397
Liberty Glory	WADP	26	17			4							2	195
Liberty Grace	WADN	62	50			0							23	331
Liberty Of The Seas	C6VQ8	2	37			0							0	110
Liberty Spirit	WCPU	26	22			61							16	391
Liberty Sun	WCOB	27	18			16							37	426
Lion City River	9VJC5	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	19	-	က	_	0	45
Livorno Express	ZCDV9	0	0			0							Ξ	11
ING Abuja	C6W2032	0	0	:		0							37	51

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ING Edo	C6W2033	7	61	25		3	2	10		0	0	0		107
LNG Gemini	V7BW9	21	0	1		53	70	53		121	7	0		496
LNG Jupiter	C6XQ5	0	0	0		0	0	0		17	108	4		166
ING Leo	V7BX2	32	0	0		0	0	17		0	47	99		162
Lois H	WTD4576	0	0	0		0	0	9		0	0	36		1
Lowlands Brilliance	ONDC	0	0	0	0	0	21	42	39	29	29	Ξ	4	175
Lowlands Orchid	ONFP	55	46	21		99	45	26		29	25	65		522
Lyla	V7QK3	0	0	0		0	0	27		29	24	33		128
Maasdam	PFRO	184	110	44		129	204	249		148	238	232		1910
Madrid Spirit	ECFM	2	74	54		0	0	0		13	0	0		118
Maersk Carolina	WBDS	39	32	39		35	4	40		35	31	30		430
Maersk Danang	A8PS5	0	0	47		31	47	30		16	15	0		265
Maersk Drummond	A8JF3	က	0	36		26	28	0		10	20	6		199
Maersk Georgia	WAHP	76	09	34		74	89	29		4	73	16		692
Maersk Idaho	WKPM	22	30	15		99	24	57		28	42	29		401
Maersk Iowa	KABL	49	16	65		54	41	36		43	77	52		602
Maersk Kentucky	WKPY	33	18	31		23	29	36		4	34	51		313
Maersk Merritt	VRCH6	11	_	Г		0	0	0		0	0	0		19
Maersk Missouri	WAHV	99	18	42		54	30	45		19	40	26		583
Maersk Montana	WCDP	40	52	57		17	52	50		31	43	10		461
Maersk Ohio	KABP	86	92	30		87	81	92		124	100	66		996
Maersk Peary	WHKM	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	55	42		153
Maersk Sheerness	DDJQ2	0	0	0		0	-	0		17	22	18		59
Maersk Tangier	A8NH3	6	4	0		0	0	0		0	0	0		13
Maersk Utah	WKAB	73	99	98		69	78	84		7	102	85		926
Maersk Virginia	WAHK	0	38	48		14	43	35		4	50	56		398
Maersk Wakayama	3FCC4	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	2	7		19
Maersk Westport	VRFO4	0	0	0		-	0	4		2	0	0		29

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Maersk Wind	S6TY	0	0	0	0	0	8	6	0	0			0	17
Maersk Winnipeg	VRGI7	0	0	0	4	0	4	7	52	15	25	က	0	110
Maersk Wisconsin	WKPN	39	31	20	21	36	39	57	99	27			59	446
Maersk Wyoming	WKPF	50	06	64	72	75	51	64	55	29			26	755
Mahimahi	WHRN	32	19	12	22	18	61	32	38	30			33	291
Maia H	WYX2079	0	0	18	5	0	0	42	14	9			20	109
Majesty Of The Seas	C6FZ8	0	5	9	7	0	0	0	0	0			2	35
Major Bernard F. Fisher	KBGK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	4
Malolo	WYH6327	င	က	0	0	30	29	25	16	0			-	145
Manfred Nystrom	WCN3590	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	2	0			0	54
Manistee	WDB6831	5	0	0	5	က	44	18	34	25			17	245
Manitowoc	WDE3569	113	0	21	145	123	129	161	72	113			135	1360
Мапоа	KDBG	61	42	47	46	32	33	20	Ξ	30			က	382
Manukai	WRGD	12	25	13	7	20	30	35	42	35			12	283
Manulani	WECH	56	62	20	38	59	33	47	28	-			4	459
Maple 2	C6TF8	19	Ξ	19	-	0	9	19	12	5			5	108
Marchen Maersk	OUIY2	22	99	0	0	8	-	0	36	-			16	230
Marcus G. Langseth	WDC6698	0	0	13	37	40	33	350	712	714			742	3749
Maren Maersk	OUJI2	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	29	29			35	110
Margrethe Maersk	OZBY2	0	0	0	0	0	34	7	0	37			42	151
Marine Express	3FHX2	က	Ξ	5	4	-	7	-	0	0			27	99
Mariner Of The Seas	C6FV9	26	34	23	0	က	24	2	Ξ	6			19	162
Marit Maersk	OUJN2	9	0	0	64	-	0	22	10	0			0	193
Mary Ann Hudson	KSDF	35	54	28	-	0	0	0	56	53			30	330
Matanuska	WN4201	9	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	_
Μαυί	WSLH	0	36	42	35	37	42	48	16	25			42	392
Maunalei	KFMV	22	36	0	20	21	14	47	32	26			25	304
Maunawili	WGEB	59	52	51	65	61	40	71	63	89			58	169
Mcarthur II (AWS)	WTEJ	0	0	78	46	68	102	132	80	206			0	1199

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Mcarthur II (AWS)	9000SWN	0	0	289	280		0	244	244					1241
Mein Schiff	9HJH9	34	29	50	30		4	0	0					159
Melville	WECB	99	61	87	74	81	332	433	224	33	62	34	0	1487
Mesabi Miner	WYQ4356	က	0	13	42		54	56	64					505
Midnight Sun	WAHG	44	24	58	122		70	135	50					738
Mike OʻLeary	WDC3665	0	0	0			4	0	0					41
Mill House	9VAK9	0	0	0			45	45	31					156
Mill Reef	9VAK8	21	0	_			27	26	20				•	154
Mindanao	S6SR	0	47	73			28	0	0					394
Mineral Beijing	ONAR	56	22	37				13	12					238
Mineral Belgium	ONCF	18	0	51			29	50	12					252
Mineral Ningbo	ONGA	0	0	0			39	9	0					29
Mineral Noble	ONAN	19	41	34			18	δ	29					312
Mineral Tianjin	ONBF	22	12	0			က	1	∞					90
Miss Roxanne	WCX4992	0	0	0			9	0	0					6
Mokihana	WNRD	30	49	9			40	36	41					352
Monarch Of The Seas	C6FZ9	33	22	8			43	30	23					458
Monitor	WCX9104	4	0	18			∞	7	46					152
Montrealais	VDWC	0	0	0			2	2	-					15
Morning Glory VIII	A8AT8	0	0	0			0	0	0					76
Morning Haruka	A8GK7	0	0	0			122	48	29					342
Murat K	V7NE2	0	0	0			0	0	17					53
Nachik	WDE7904	0	0	0			∞	6	0					29
Nancy Foster (AWS)	WTER	0	0	205			257	189	561					3002
Nanuq	WCY8498	2	_	0	0		0	0	0			0		က
Nathaniel B. Palmer (AWS)	WBP3210	404	522	669	663		720	727	517	447	737	341	337	6730
Naval Academy Yp 686	YP686	0	0	0	0		0	0	10	0		0	0	10
Navigator	WBO3345	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	24

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Navigator Of The Seas	C6FU4	36	6										11	
Neptune Voyager	C6FU7	23	9										0	
New Horizon	WKWB	21	10										38	
Nieuw Amsterdam	PBWQ	19	148										118	
Noble Star	KRPP	31	74										11	
Noordam	PHET	116	173										252	
North Star	KIYI	27	21										22	
Northern Jupiter	A8TA5	0	0							:			0	
Northwest Swan	ZCDJ9	63	42	63	57	54	0	58	96	83	53	51	62	682
Norwegian Dawn	C6FT7	81	32										152	
Norwegian Epic	C6XP7	33	29										54	
Norwegian Gem	C6VG8	45	44										226	
Norwegian Jade	C6WK7	20	37										147	
Norwegian Jewel	C6TX6	62	36										က	
Norwegian Pearl	C6VG7	34	49										616	
Norwegian Sky	C6PZ8	16	6										106	
Norwegian Spirit	C6TQ6	89	37										202	
Norwegian Star	C6FR3	184	157										82	
Norwegian Sun	C6RN3	06	120										107	
NYK Delphinus	3ENU7	0	25										0	
NYK Demeter	3ENV5	=	9										81	
NYK Diana	3EOS4	0	0										31	
NYK Futago	60/8/39	0	0										22	
NYK Rumina	9V7645	0	0										80	
Oasis Of The Seas	C6XS7	20	17										0	
Ocean Charger	WDE9698	52	6										0	
Ocean Crescent	WDF4929	_	0										0	
Ocean Freedom	WDF9323	0	0										19	
Ocean Harvester	WBO5471	Ξ	5										0	

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Ocean Mariner	WCF3990	0	0		56		1		20	26	66	46		241
Ocean President	VRAD4	3	Ξ		0		0		0	2	0	0		37
Ocean Reliance	WADY	0	0		0		2		73	-	-	0		186
Ocean Titan	WDB9647	0	0		က		2		0	0	2	_		18
Oceanus (AWS)	NWS0028	744	929		029		720		740	959	743	382		7437
Okeanos Explorer (AWS)	NWS0016	0	0	362	217	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	579
Okeanos Explorer (AWS)	WTDH	0	0		30		455		583	544	0	0		2110
Oleander	V7SX3	19	0		17		15		14	2	0	-		105
Olive L. Moore	WDF7019	0	0		28		27		72	62	105	2		969
Oocl America	VRWE8	2	က		Г		0		0	1	4	14		41
Oocl Busan	VRDN3	25	7		13		91		18	21	က	6		204
Oocl Nagoya	VRFX8	24	1		23		39		29	46	47	50		442
Oocl Norfolk	VREX4	-	_		23		44		30	28	23	22		277
Oosterdam	PBKH	73	55		87		64		30	44	<i>2</i> 9	82		842
Optimana	9VAR2	73	51		175		43		78	48	0	44		849
Orange Sky	ELZU2	0	0		0		19		32	31	18	12		134
Orange Star	A8WP6	0	0		0		9		13	27	∞	12		104
Orange Sun	А8НҮ8	6			7		38		53	42	46	25		319
Oregon II (AWS)	WTDO	0	0		0		224		476	452	410	135		2168
Oregon Voyager	WDF2960	35	12		23		0		0	45	38	17		223
Oriental Queen	VRAC9	191	42		29		73		73	37	18	28		699
Orion Voyager	C6MC5	24	21		51		46		16	0	5	4		209
Oscar Dyson	WTEP	0	0		0		170		73	120	178	0		821
Oscar Dyson (AWS)	NWS0001	0	0		0		612		714	069	8/9	0		3858
Oscar Elton Sette	WTEE	0	15	139	125		2		142	87	55	98		720
Oscar Elton Sette (AWS)	NWS0015	0	102	592	455		0		270	0	150	299		2020
Ouro Do Brasil	ELPP9	20	37	16	99		28		25	18	7	Ξ		263
Overseas Alcesmar	V7HP2	35	က	53	29		47	:	6	0	0	0		395

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Overseas Anacortes	KCHV	26	13		20		∞	26						
Overseas Andromar	V7HP4	7	2	4	4	0	14	56	55	31	27	22	27	249
Overseas Ariadmar	V7HP6	9	9		20		19	19						
Overseas Boston	WJBU	82	107		132		85	99						
Overseas Cascade	WOAG	0	9		0		0	0						
Overseas Houston	WWAA	4	-		0		∞	19						
Overseas Joyce	V7NV4	40	25		35		46	47						
Overseas Long Beach	WAAT	72	183	:	26		29	24						
Overseas Los Angeles	WABS	227	191		148		237	285						
Overseas Luxmar	WDC7070	14	0		18		10	က						
Overseas Maremar	WDC6975	0	21		5		16	-						
Overseas Martinez	WPAJ	0	23		18		21	32						
Overseas Nikiski	WDBH	13	16		29		22	17						
Overseas Rimar	VZHQ3	21	16		13		22	0						
Overseas Tampa	WOTA	0	0		0		9	0						
Overseas Texas City	WHED	0	9		5		12	10						
Pacific Celebes	VRZN9	-	δ		13		37	20						
Pacific Flores	VRZN8	0	18		25		0	0						
Pacific Freedom	WDD9283	0	0		0		0	0						
Pacific Java	VRZN7	42	31		46		53	64						
Pacific Makassar	VRZO2	37	57		31		47	56						
Pacific Mistral	A8WI2	0	0		0		30	15						
Pacific Star	WCW7740	0	0		0		0	0						
Pacific Wolf	WDD9286	2	0		1		4	-						
Pandalus	WAV7611	0	0		0		12	21						
Patriarch	WBN3014	16	4		26		0	34						
Patriot	WQVY	4	37		27		57	36						
Paul Gauguin	С6ТН9	93	63		29		126	150						
Paul R. Traduitha	WYR4481	26	C		*		0	71						

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Peace Voyage	VRHO5	0	0	2	21	25	20	4	14	0	0	0	0	98
Pelican State	WDE4433	10	18	10	Ξ		7					10	0	101
Perseverance	WDE5328	0	0	0	0		0					21	26	06
Philadelphia Express	WDC6736	71	142	120	131		122					94	306	1595
Philip R. Clarke	WE3592	42	0	18	36		20					4	145	443
Phoenix Alpha	VRZT8	1	-	0	0		-					_	01	59
Phoenix Beta	VRZT9	0	27	49	∞		_					37	44	349
Phoenix Light	HPHV	0	0	-	0		36					28	35	320
Phoenix Voyager	C6QE3	3	21	33	32		13					7	45	195
Pilot	WBN3011	0	0	0	5		0					0	0	24
Pisces (AWS)	WTDL	0	0	41	35		459					326	0	2884
Polar Adventure	WAZV	72	35	20	51		39					55	59	562
Polar Cloud	WDF5296	20	0	44	0		0					0	-	65
Polar Discovery	WACW	116	82	0	0		0					<i>2</i> 9	56	497
Polar Endeavour	WCAJ	21	20	70	78		29					26	91	715
Polar Enterprise	WRTF	24	22	21	17		72					4	18	259
Polar Ranger	WDC8652	0	0	0	0		0					0	0	_
Polar Resolution	WDJK	139	100	210	209		180					288	297	2541
Polar Spirit	C6WL6	27	46	23	4		28					0	0	153
Polar Storm	WDE8347	0	0	0	0		0					0	0	16
Polar Viking	WDD6494	0	_	16	0		-					0	0	26
Polar Wind	WDE6058	0	0	0	0		0					0	0	4
Posidana	9VBM6	30	109	183	370		69					∞	44	1571
Premium Do Brasil	A8BL4	28	32	34	15		16					0	0	179
President Adams	WRYW	36	35	21	12		43					37	25	434
President Jackson	WRYC	63	25	39	33		0					34	48	391
President Polk	WRYD	13	19	17	13		0					79	20	445
President Truman	WNDP	45	24	30	45		25					35	-	335

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Presque Isle	WZE4928	0	0	10	110	84	20	51	38	63	38	62	21	497
Prestige New York	KDUE	37	32	36	30	48	0	30	33	39	72	16	က	385
Pride Of America	WNBE	42	19	19	5	41	12	51	18	18	106	152	11	292
Pride Of Baltimore II	WUW2120	0	0	0	5	22	4	26	35	28	7	0	0	164
Prinsendam	PBGH	0	33	39	37	91	5	6	17	19	35	36	12	333
Progress Ace	HPQI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	2	4	7
Prosperous	VRIA3	0	0	0	0	0	∞	59	0	0	_	0	0	89
Pt. Barrow	WBM5088	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	12	0	21
Pt. Thompson	WBM5092	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	_	0	16
Quebecois	CYGR	0	0	0	5	30	23	32	25	-	က	12	0	131
R. J. Pfeiffer	WRJP	0	က	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
R. M. Thorstenson	KGCJ	_	0	က	က	0	0	_	0	0	0	0	0	∞
Radiance Of The Seas	C6SE7	20	66	63	95	62	20	7.	50	25	5	13	49	909
Rainier	WTEF	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	66	131	142	0	0	443
Rebecca Lynn	WCW7977	0	0	င	22	18	12	∞	∞	11	2	∞	_	66
Redoubt	WDD2451	0	0	0	10	28	0	19	52	28	7	32	18	201
Regulus Voyager	C6FE6	23	∞	31	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	89	169
Resolve	WCZ5535	25	29	12	17	24	34	13	48	37	4	14	46	303
Rhapsody Of The Seas	C6UA2	-1	31	33	_	0	32	52	15	46	31	45	40	343
Robert C. Seamans	WDA4486	0	0	6	23	26	28	23	0	0	0	0	0	109
Robert S. Pierson	CFN4934	0	0	0	0		15	4	0	10	-	က	4	44
Roger Blough	WZP8164	-	0	36	177	313	173	32	146	260	355	446	234	2173
Roger Revelle	KAOU	0	2	11	33	29	595	736	724	717	743	716	744	5088
Ronald H. Brown (AWS)	WTEC	0	0	0	0	0	22	218	163	0	37	91	10	466
Ronald N	A8PQ3	10	က	∞	23	8	234	160	174	6	36	င	2	029
Ryndam	PHFV	14	45	31	95	56	33	40	14	23	34	35	%	516
S/R American Progress	KAWM	80	80	54	51	51	72	43	30	0	0	17	20	498
Safmarine Makutu	MRW/F2	0	0	0	37	45	27	30	15	25	20	18	23	240
Saga Adventure	VRBL4	0	0	0	0	0	29	81	06	69	102	19	21	411

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Saga Andorinha	WYNJ6	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	71	54	51	202
Saga Monal	VRZQ9	0	0	53	63	39	98	33	116	0	0	17	18	425
Saga Navigator	VRDA4	က	ο	20	98	142	124	5	201	416	482	440	105	2033
Saga Viking	VRXO6	4	12	0	0	0	4	22	13	17	17	_	4	110
Saipem 7000	C6NO5	0	0		0	19	82	17	7	0	0	0	0	125
Sam Laud	WZC7602	0	0		0	0	0	9	2	0	0	16	_	25
Samuel De Champlain	WDC8307	4 4	0		37	29	9	5	23	19	27	-	9	209
Sandra Foss	WYL4908	0	0		0	0	16	0	0	0	22	7	0	48
Saudi Abha	HZRX	0	က		0	က	0	0	83	52	33	34	89	293
Saudi Diriyah	HZZB	20	0		17	11	0	33	20	0	34	20	32	232
Saudi Hofuf	HZZC	-	∞		0	0	5	4	0	_	7	2	2	43
Saudi Tabuk	HZZD	22	64		35	30	5	9	43	18	0	38	14	310
Sea Breeze	WBN3019	58	0		0	7	0	-	0	0	0	-	0	29
Sea Hawk	WDD9287	0	0		0	0	-	25	0	9	-	0	0	33
Sea Horse	WBN4382	10	01		9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28
Sea Prince	WYT8569	လ	48		26	5	0	0	က	2	-	0	0	126
Sea Victory	WCY6777	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	-
Sea Voyager	WCX9106	399	94		43	63	120	132	202	69	107	126	98	1471
Seabourn Spirit	C6FR4	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	79	123
Seabulk Arctic	WCY7054	34	24		19	38	21	27	6	24	28	26	12	278
Seabulk Trader	KNJK	37	48		15	25	20	44	48	27	20	25	39	386
Sea-Land Champion	WKAU	11	31		47	37	62	58	47	46	54	33	57	527
Sea-Land Charger	WDB9948	33	38		30	25	40	43	24	13	5	က	27	333
Sea-Land Comet	WDB9950	112	29	24	39	36	54	61	35	48	30	10	22	530
Sea-Land Eagle	WKAE	152	193	166	103	86	143	153	75	109	Ξ	163	174	1647
Sea-Land Intrepid	WDB9949	55	0	17	23	30	21	13	16	33	47	49	50	363
Sea-Land Lightning	WDB9986	73	92	36	23	35	9	0	9	12	7	9	36	305
Sea-Land Mercury	WKAW	75	18	57	2	117	94	119	130	114	137	88	103	1122

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Sea-Land Meteor	WDB9951	29	က	47	24			34	63				15	385
Sea-Land Racer	WKAP	175	107	112	128			139	110				91	1420
Sedef Kalkavan	V7LU5	0	0	5	15			0	0				0	20
Senang Spirit	C6ME8	6	က	6	113			0	0				0	142
Seneca	WBN8469	0	0	0	0			Ξ	64				0	152
Sentinel	WBN6510	0	0	15	25			8	33				16	120
Sentry	WBN3013	0	26	0	0			9	4				0	68
Serenade Of The Seas	C6FV8	26	13	23	25			43	15				31	234
Serenata	3EEE2	26	5	18	23	28	7	31	21	6	4	က	9	181
Sesok	WDE7899	0	0	0	0			က	0				0	က
Seven Seas Mariner	C6VV8	37	24	-	6			6	23				78	277
Seven Seas Navigator	ZCDT7	19	24	19	11			0	34				-	145
Seven Seas Voyager	C6SW3	24	22	0	18			18	2				39	215
Sheila Mcdevitt	WDE2542	29	72	14	57			0	0				0	228
Sidney Foss	WYL5445	0	22	Ξ	0			0	0				-	50
Sierra	WSNB	Ξ	26	23	13			17	_				12	163
Siku	WCQ6174	0	0	0	Г			24	0				5	98
Sinuk	WCQ8110	0	0	0	45			21	76				0	471
Siranger	9VАН	0	0	0	0			25	20				18	108
Sol Do Brasil	EIQQ4	16	37	27	28			44	15				29	329
Splendour Of The Seas	C6TZ9	66	108	205	202			261	498				205	2521
St Louis Express	WDD3825	405	340	371	447			461	490				422	4926
St Nicholas	WDB8066	0	0	0	0			0	∞				0	∞
St. Clair	WZA4027	46	0	0	0			0	0				-	124
Stacey Foss	WYL4909	6	0	0	0			_	0				0	21
Stalwart	WBN6512	36	50	55	42			89	-				Ξ	449
Star Alabama	LAVU4	31	23	45	Π			4	35				7	212
Star America	LAVV4	9	9	31	17			10	0				0	121
Star Atlantic	LAYG5	43	23	13	0			27	20				22	275
Star Derby	LAXS2	48	13	50	42			35	29				=	395

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Star Dieppe	LEQZ3	6	27	16	61	18	24	24	29	5	30		37	273
Star Eagle	LAWO2	20	25	36	39	42	62	111	56	32	0		18	463
Star Evviva	LAHE2	2	7	0	10	0	9	20	47	01	30		_	162
Star Florida	LAVW4	18	31	29	44	22	28	23	21	0	0	11	28	255
Star Fraser	LAVY4	325	139	367	244	261	69	18	∞	46	25		-	1526
Star Fuji	LAVX4	13	18	20	∞	6	∞	24	25	26	22		27	224
Star Gran	LADR4	30	22	4	22	0	0	0	34	31	0		72	231
Star Grip	LADQ4	36	15	53	4	63	51	47	2	28	38		25	433
Star Hansa	LAXP4	0	-	0	25	5	-	0	0	0	31		61	98
Star Harmonia	LAGB5	11	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0		7	31
Star Herdla	LAVD4	77	∞	69	7	17	29	22	0	0	15		28	279
Star Hidra	LAVN4	22	27	5	35	33	0	4	က	_	0		22	158
Star Isfjord	LAOX5	1	36	17	∞	41	46	29	0	44	21		51	308
Star Ismene	LANT5	∞	2	2	37	∞	89	6	16	10	0		0	160
Star Istind	LAMP5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	41	34		0	161
Star Japan	LAZV5	19	15	14	18	0	29	34	4	0	45		29	221
Star Java	LAJS6	54	48	38	42	15	20	-	18	20	34		25	315
Star Juventas	LAZU5	0	18	15	2	1	0	20	31	40	0		0	174
Star Kilimanjaro	LAIG7	38	33	62	10	23	31	42	21	28	45		20	399
Star Kinn	LAJF7	-	0	0	18	0	က	28	13	27	0		0	76
Star Kvarven	LAJK7	9	6	16	28	46	10	-	36	31	4		24	224
State Of Maine	WCAH	0	0	0	0	53	40	0	0	0	0		0	93
Statendam	PHSG	31	18	12	92	69	92	99	17	38	27	46	137	618
Stellar Voyager	C6FV4	က	0	0	30	54	%	6	5	18	_	28	61	243
Stewart J. Cort	WDC6055	9	0		43	46	38	55	13	4	45	38	43	375
Stikine	WDC8583	0	0	0	0	0	Ξ	26	19	17	15	8	=	107
Stimson	KF002	15	-	9	0	က	2	2	0	0	14	0	0	43
Sunshine State	WDE4432	10	0	-	-	15	12	∞	0	2	1	10	Ξ	81

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Superstar Aquarius	95195	29	61	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48
Superstar Libra	C6DM2	106	26	118			116	106	121	120	120	105	105	1349
Sylvie	VRCQ2	0	0	0			0	0	0	20	38	13	17	88
Talisman	LAOW5	0	17	23			32	25	0	9	23	51	46	223
Tamesis	LAOL5	0	27	0			23	14	4	Ξ	28		0	131
Tan'erliq	WCY8497	0	0	0	0	င	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	4
Tangguh Hiri	C6XC2	0	0	0			16	37	77	72	43		113	443
Tarang	ELSR7	0	0	∞			7	45	51	15	0		0	145
Thomas G. Thompson	KTDQ	0	0	0			0	27	14	26	0		0	16
Thomas Jefferson	WTEA	0	0	0			305	0	0	0	0		0	1075
Thrasher	VZTE3	2	4	0			0	09	16	_	0		0	83
Tim S. Dool	VGPY	0	0	0			∞	4	7	1	5		_	49
Tina Litrico	KCKB	22	5	0			20	2	0	0	0		0	64
Tonsberg	9HA2066	0	0	0			0	0	0	19	28		47	119
Trailblazer	WDE6541	-	17	4			0	0	0	0	l		0	33
Tridonawati	ELNY2	0	0	0			2	86	63	34	2		24	299
Triumph	WDC9555	0	0	0			0	0	0	_	2		0	က
Tropic Carib	J8PE3	10	10	22			0	0	36	28	20		0	170
Tropic Dawn	J8PR3	6	4	13			_	1	∞	29	14		18	130
Tropic Express	HO7723	0	0	0			0	5	25	8	2		22	80
Tropic Jade	J8N⊀	33	32	36			29	∞	Ξ	17	13		22	288
Tropic Lure	J8PD	24	21	23			19	26	6	47	24		22	276
Tropic Night	XN8L	-	4	0			46	45	42	=	14		20	187
Tropic Opal	WN8L	36	33	23			43	44	15	35	39		69	475
Tropic Palm	J8PB	∞	6	13			13	15	14	6	∞		15	135
Tropic Sun	J8AZ2	0	24	25			10	12	12	9	0	0	16	135
Tropic Tide	J8AZ3	28	0	31			63	06	31	34	35	25	32	446
Tropic Unity	J8PE4	0	0	0			64	99	69	29	47	41	37	455
TS Kennedy	KVMU	102	99	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	168
Tug Dorothy Ann	WDE8761	-	0	0	0	0	95	48	31	92	62	47	7	363

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Tug Spartan	WDF5483	0	0	0	0	1	20	124	288	267	311	120	69	1200
Tustumena	WNGW	75	128	247	160	158	198	179	187	221	137	117	193	2019
Tyco Decisive	VZDIZ	19	51	44	55	0	0	0		0	0	0	100	269
Tyco Durable	V7DI8	2	_	43	61	56	75	0		0	54	10	69	371
Tyco Responder	V7CY9	29	2	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	လ	9	78
Tycom Reliance	V7CZ2	∞	5	42	0	-	0	0		0	0	0	0	56
UBC Saiki	P3GY9	99	45	10	29	34	29	8		32	51	0	43	457
UBC Santa Marta	5BDK2	107	46	92	75	123	103	138	55	114	50	61	131	1079
Umang	A8PF6	34	81		2	0	_	2		0	0	0	34	92
Unique Brilliance	VRXK4	0	0		0	29	26	33		20	0	0	0	155
Unique Carrier	VRCV5	12	1		က	2	0	0		0	0	0	0	26
Unique Explorer	VRGT8	0	0		0	0	5	24		20	17	2	0	95
Unique Sunshine	VRWV4	0	0		0	0	14	25		34	10	22	24	131
United Spirit	ELYB2	121	88		78	137	41	100		74	6	0	0	827
Valdez Star	WCO7674	74	80		0	0	20	13		0	0	0	0	217
Veendam	PHEO	42	53		37	81	16	24		54	200	201	127	986
Vega Voyager	C6FV3	51	33		4	38	40	20		13	13	34	50	342
Vigilant	WDE2719	40	62		49	34	28	41		39	55	81	53	584
Viking Star	WDE6434	4	0		0	3	0	0		-	0	0	_	15
Virginian	KSPH	58	63		06	80	09	85		29	//	47	0	298
Vision Of The Seas	C6SE8	27	Ξ	6	17	2	7	∞		19	22	9	14	146
Volendam	PCHM	480	502	385	248	405	518	495		368	219	352	504	4856
Voyager Of The Seas	C6SE5	83	56	27	16	_	55	30		32	26	7	69	457
Washington Express	WDD3826	62	108	56	99	73	128	101		61	144	95	51	1011
West Sirius	3EMK6	0	0	0	0	0	0	21		48	17	24	37	199
Westerdam	NX	93	39	42	74	29	0	31	28	13	43	26	53	471
Western Ranger	WBN3008	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	15
Westwood Columbia	C6SI4	46	35	32	34	40	45	20	46	27	29	23	21	398

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Westwood Olympia	C6UB2	56	61	38	22	35	28	26	29	37	28	0	36	354
Westwood Rainier	C6SI3	4 4	37	34	45	42	30	99	39	28	43	29	25	461
Wilfred Sykes	WC5932	578	0	102	718	738	718	743	959	999	733	707	744	7103
Wolstad	KF001	5	0	14	16	17	25	25	9	0	0	2	0	110
World Spirit	ELWG7	0	28	17	47	23	37	18	35	22	10	5	6	251
Xpedition	HC2083	19	0	27	40	0	9	33	39	39	43	28	0	274
Ym Antwerp	VRET5	31	27	16	17	39	38	31	_	77	101	47	105	530
Ym Busan	VREX8	42	77	48	57	48	24	23	51	36	11	17	26	460
Yorktown Express	WDD6127	17	42	30	45	34	20	24	61	19	28	25	36	339
Yuhsan	Н9ТЕ	4	6	7	16	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48
Yuyo Spirits	3FNF4	0	0	0	0	0	19	28	17	4	24	-	26	119
Zaandam	PDAN	106	120	56	4	_	119	116	175	61	က	73	25	902
Zim Los Angeles	A8SI3	31	27	29	46	24	32	44	17	43	∞	27	53	381
Zim Ningbo	A8SI5	17	24	37	12	28	_	0	0	4	11	10	5	149
Zim Shanghai	VRGA6	14	∞	4	0	9	5	0	0	16	10	19	22	104
Zim Shenzhen	VQUQ4	62	7	44	40	48	47	37	17	0	0	0	0	383
Zuiderdam	PBIG	53	2	35	222	165	176	198	68	199	329	266	273	2075

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