



VOS MONTHLY REPORT
 March 2013

In March 2013, **251 manned and 1529 automated observations** were received in average per day from EUMETNET ships operating in the EUCOS area of interest (376 conventional VOS and 116 Shipborne Automatic Weather Stations (S-AWS)).

EUCOS Automated Weather Stations (AWS)

During the month, **ten AWS stations**, out of the thirteen funded by EUCOS, reported their observations onto the GTS.

Ident.	Ship's name	CC	Last rep.	nobs	Remark
BATEU00	Mary Arctica	DK	20130315	14	Stopped in Aalborg
BATEU01	Toronto Express	UK	20130331	453	
BATEU02	Celtic Explorer	IR	20130331	588	
BATEU03	Celtic Voyager	IR	20130331	734	
BATEU04	Nuka Arctica	DK	20130331	407	Repaired after having been damaged by icing
BATEU05	Irena Arctica	DK	20130331	441	
BATEU06	Montreal Express	UK	20130331	481	
BATEU07	Mississauga Exp.	UK	20130331	375	
BATEU08	Naja Arctica	DK	20130331	458	
BATEU09	Urania	FR	20130304	62	In drydock in Venezia since March 4 th

Six BaRos AWS stations installed on E-ASAP ships **and eleven** installed on other ships or on Cycfos moored buoy reported their data onto the GTS in March. Three stations are BaRos+. In addition to air pressure, they normally report air temperature, air humidity and wind. In order to correctly measure the wind, the sonic anemometer must be well exposed to the wind. It seems this is not the case here. Wind observations have been removed from the GTS for the 3 BaRos+ AWS on 6th February meanwhile better exposures are found.

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BAREU00	Atlantic Compass	EU	20130331	611	
BAREU04	Alantic Companion	EU	20130331	603	
BAREU08	Liverpool Express	EU	20130331	558	
BAREU11	Dublin Express	EU	20130331	551	
BAREU12	Atlantic Conveyor	EU	20130331	618	
BAREU13	Ottawa Express	EU	20130331	593	
BAREU51	La Superba	IT	20130331	528	BaRos+ (Gill MetPak-II) - No wind reports
BAREU58	Louis Majesty	CY	20130331	358	
BAREU60	Dubrovnik	HR	20130331	116	
BAREU62	Daniel A	IT	20130331	337	
BAREU63	Jolly Grijo	IT	20130330	296	BaRos+ (Gill MetPak-II)- No wind reports
BAREU64	Alios	CY			Ship in dockyard ?
BAREU65	Agean Dignity	GR	20130331	578	
BAREU66	Excellent	IT	20130331	405	
BAREU67	Hilde A	IT	20130331	440	BaRos+ S-AWS (WXT520). - No wind reports
BAREU68	Cycfos buoy	CY	20130331	744	Cyprus moored buoy
BAREU69	LNG Lirici	IT	20130331	398	
BAREU70	Marguerite A	IT	20130331	473	

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Inmarsat-C Half Compression deployment

KNMI continued to deploy the half compression technique on their conventional VOS. Raw data messages sent through Inmarsat-C (Burum LES - SAC 431) are processed at Meteo-France for GTS transmission. In March, 28 conventional VOS reported a total of **889** half compressed messages.

Useful links

The working area of the E-SURFMAR website <http://esurfmar.meteo.fr/wikisurf-wa/> is the place where you can get a lot of informations about the programme in general and its components (data buoys and VOS). Ask the E-SURFMAR Programme Manager Pierre.Blouch@meteo.fr for the password in case you forgot it. Notice you can participate in providing your own information to the PM or in writing directly on the website. This latest facility, easy to handle, may be provided to volunteers.

The E-SURFMAR metadata database address is <http://esurfmar.meteo.fr/doc/vosmetadata/>. This database contains the most recently updated WMO Pub47 metadata of the global WMO VOS fleet. Every day, extracts from the database are made available at <ftp://esurfmar.meteo.fr/pub/Pub47/>.

Monthly QC statistics and other quality control tools are available at:

<http://www.meteo.shom.fr/qctools/>

A "blacklist" of EUMETNET VOS reporting dubious air pressure values is displayed at:

<http://www.meteo2.shom.fr/qctools/sevblackap.htm>

VOS operators (focal points) and PMOs are invited to check whether their ships are not in this list and to take appropriate actions to correct possible problems if any.

A list of European AWS is available at http://www.meteo2.shom.fr/qctools/last-report-list_surfmar.htm. Updated every day, this list gives for each station: its operating country; the date of its first report (after September 2004); the date of its last report - in red for those which have not reported for more than 2 weeks - ; etc...

The official E-SURFMAR webpages are henceforth on the EUCOS Web site (<http://www.eucos.net/>). Choose "EUCOS Networks" then "E-SURFMAR" in the left menu.