



VOS MONTHLY REPORT
 August 2013

In August 2013, **275 manned and 1881 automated observations** were received in average per day from EUMETNET ships operating in the EUMETNET observation area of interest (361 conventional VOS and 125 Shipborne Automatic Weather Stations (S-AWS)).

EUMETNET Automated Weather Stations (AWS)

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

Ident.	Ship's name	CC	Last rep.	nobs	Remark
BATEU00	Mary Arctica	DK	20130831	476	
BATEU01	Toronto Express	UK	20130831	481	
BATEU02	Celtic Explorer	IR	20130831	540	
BATEU03	Celtic Voyager	IR	20130831	661	
BATEU04	Nuka Arctica	DK	20130830	413	
BATEU05	Irena Arctica	DK	20130831	407	
BATEU06	Montreal Express	UK	20130831	459	
BATEU07	Mississauga Exp.	UK	20130723		Failed - No report in August
BATEU08	Naja Arctica	DK	20130831	501	
BATEU09	Urania	FR	20130831	352	

Six BaRos AWS stations installed on E-ASAP ships **and twelve** installed on other ships or on Cycfos moored buoy reported their data onto the GTS in August. 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. It seems this is not the case here for two out of them. Wind observations have been removed from the GTS for these meanwhile better exposures are found.

Ident.	Ship's name	CC	Last rep.	nobs	Remark
BAREU00	Atlantic Compass	EU	20130831	567	
BAREU04	Alantic Companion	EU	20130827	427	
BAREU08	Liverpool Express	EU	20130831	551	
BAREU11	Dublin Express	EU	20130831	597	
BAREU12	Atlantic Conveyor	EU	20130831	619	
BAREU13	Ottawa Express	EU	20130831	587	
BAREU51	La Superba	IT	20130831	506	BaRos+ (Gill MetPak-II) - No wind reports
BAREU58	Louis Majesty	CY	20130831	423	
BAREU60	Dubrovnik	HR	20130831	436	
BAREU62	Daniel A	IT	20130831	301	
BAREU65	Aegean Dignity	GR	20130831	665	
BAREU66	Excellent	IT	20130831	570	
BAREU67	Hilde A	IT	20130831	435	BaRos+ S-AWS (WXT520). - No wind reports
BAREU68	Cycfos buoy	CY	20130831	639	Cyprus moored buoy
BAREU69	LNG Lirici	IT	20130831	496	
BAREU70	Marguerite A	IT	20130831	443	
BAREU71	Sete Citades	PT	20130831	445	BaRos+ (MetPak-II) - Reliable wind reports
BAREU72	Natalia A	IT	20130831	531	

Inmarsat-C Half Compression deployment

KNMI continued to deploy the half compression technique on their conventional VOS. Raw data messages sent through Inmarsat-C (Borum LES - SAC 431) are processed at Meteo-France for GTS transmission. In August, 21 conventional VOS reported a total of **716** 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.