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ABSTRACT-

This report provides a summary of primary analyses of COPE data on wind, wave and beach processes observed at Trinity Beach in the Shire of Mulgrave on the north Queensland coast. The data was recorded by volunteer observers during the period November 1981 to June 1989. The Beach Protection Authority wishes to thank Mr & Mrs K. Snowdon in the recording of data at the COPE Station. The information published is considered representative of the long term conditions. The station was still active at November 1989.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Programme

The Beach Protection Authority requires basic data on the behaviour of Queensland's beaches in order to provide well founded advice on coastal management to Local Authorities. The COPE project aims to collect information on wind, waves and beach behaviour in areas where extensive investigations are not practical and where otherwise little or no data exist.

The project is based on the recruitment of volunteer observers who are prepared to record a series of basic parameters once or twice daily for at least a three year period.

1.2 Site Selection

In selecting a site for a COPE station, consideration is given to:-

- (a) the general shoreline configuration and the possibility of extrapolation of data to other adjacent beaches;
- (b) the distribution of stations along Queensland's coastline;
- (c) the need to correlate the COPE data with planned or existing data collection programmes.

1.3 Instrumentation

The COPE observers are supplied with a basic kit of recording instruments including:

 30 metre tape, wind meter, stop watch, 2.0 metre measuring sticks, recording forms and fluorescent dye.

A graduated reference pole was installed on the beach in June 1982, to serve as the base point for all plan measurements and the control for vertical levelling.

1.4 Observers

The majority of COPE observers are volunteers, who may be local business people, local residents or school children. Some stations are operated by Government and Local Authority employees who carry out the observations as part of their official duties.

1.5 Accuracy

Individual observers differ in their subjective assessment of the various parameters recorded as part of the COPE programme. Wave parameters such as type, height, and angle of approach together with surf zone width and the location of the vegetation line all require visual assessment, the accuracy of which will vary from observer to observer and from recording to recording.

Although the Authority is confident that all observers make their observations to the best of their ability and accepts these observations without adjustment, the existence of random and non-random errors in the recorded data is to be expected.

Problems associated with the use of data containing these errors are minimised in two ways. Firstly, regular visits are made to the COPE stations by the Authority's COPE Field Officer to provide a check on any bias introduced into the recordings by incorrect observation procedures. Secondly, it has been found that, with a large number of observations taken on a regular basis, a reasonable assessment can be made of the average climatologies of the observed parameters provided the observation errors are random. A minimum recording period of three years has been adopted for the analysis and publication of the data. Five day moving averages are applied to observations of the various beach width and foreshore slope parameters to smooth out random errors.

For these reasons, the Authority is of the opinion that published COPE data can be used with confidence provided the above inherent limitations are recognised.

1.6 Presentation of Data

The purpose of this report is to present COPE data for the nine year period 1981 to 1989 in a useful statistical form. No attempt has been made to interpret the observed data.

If the nine year period is representative of the long term average meteorological conditions, the statistics presented on wind, wave and beach movements can be regarded as typical. However, this recording period may be considered too short to be representative in terms of the average occurrence of extreme events such as cyclones and floods, and this should be taken into account when consideration is being given to the influence of such events on trends of long term beach behaviour.

2.0 STATION PARTICULARS

2.1 Location

Trinity Beach is located within the Shire of Mulgrave and lies approximately ten kilometres north of Cairns on the north Queensland coast. It is a one point five kilometre stretch of coastline, bounded by Taylor Point to the north and Earl Hill to the south. The location of the Trinity Beach COPE station is shown in Figures 1.1 and 1.2.

2.2 Observers

This station has been operated by volunteer observers, Mr & Mrs K. Snowdon (1981-1989), and were continuing to observe at date of publication.

2.3 Observed Parameters

The observers at this station recorded a morning observation between 7.00 am and 10.00 am.

This station has recorded:

- Wave Period
- Wave Height
- Wave Direction
- Wave Type
- Surf Zone-Width
- Presence of Offshore Bar
- Wind Speed
- Wind Direction
- State of Tide
- Distance to Fixed Contour
- Fixed Contour Elevation
- Distance to Vegetation Line
- Sand Level at C.O.P.E. Reference Pole
- Foreshore Slope
- Longshore Current Speed
- Longshore Current Direction

Distance from Shoreline to Dye Patch (Recorded from

February 1986)

In addition a sand sample was collected at the station each month, and since June 1982, a profile of the beach has usually been recorded monthly.

2.4 Tidal Information

Tidal information for Trinity Beach is presented below. Datum is Low Water Datum.

M.H.W.S. 2.39 metres
M.H.W.N. 1.70 metres
M.S.L. 1.48 metres
M.L.W.N. 1.25 metres
M.L.W.S. 0.57 metres

Tidal information was obtained from the 1989, Queensland Tide Tables.

2.5 Description of the Beach

The beach at the Trinity Beach COPE Station exhibits the following characteristics:-

- Typical beach slopes: Foreshore slope is in the range 1 in 6 to 1 in 14 $(10^{\circ} 4^{\circ})$.
- Beach width: Varied from 20 to 30 metres measured from the seaward toe of the frontal dune to Low Water Mark over the eight year period (1982-1989).
- D50 sand size: 0.63 mm averaged over eight years (1982-1989).
- Adjoining Landform: Recently accreted frontal beach ridge backed by an esplanade roadway and car parking area.

Vegetation: The frontal beach ridge is well vegetated with a ground cover, consisting of goat's foot convolvulus (Ipomoea pes-caprae), pineapple sedge (Cyperus pedunculatus), wild jack bean (Canavalia rosea), tropical beach grass (Thuarea involuta), beach bean (Vigna marina), guinea grass (Panicum maximum) and para grass (Brachiaria mutica). Tree species present include horsetail she-oak (Casuarina equisetifolia var. incana), beach almonds (Terminalia spp.), ball nut (Calophyllum inophyllum), young coconut palms (Cocus nucifera) and brown salwood (Acacia crassicarpa).

2.6 Meteorological Events

The following cyclones were recorded by the Brisbane Bureau of Meteorology as having tracks within 500 kilometres of Trinity Beach between November 1981 and June 1989. It is considered that the following meteorological events may have had some effect on the condition of Trinity Beach.

22/01/82 - 05/02/82
05/04/82 - 14/04/82
16/01/83 - 19/01/83
12/02/83 - 03/03/83
10/12/83 - 13/12/83
13/01/84 - 20/01/84
20/02/84 - 25/02/84
05/03/84 - 09/03/84
16/03/84 - 22/03/84
04/04/84 - 07/04/84
26/12/84 - 28/12/84
14/01/85 - 18/01/85
17/01/85 - 20/01/85
18/02/85 - 24/02/85
29/03/85 - 01/04/85
21/01/86 - 24/01/86
27/01/86 - 06/02/86
02/03/86 - 08/03/86
21/04/86 - 27/04/86
21/02/88 - 01/03/88
28/12/88 02/01/89
31/03/89 - 05/04/89
04/05/89 - 09/05/89

2.7 Supervision of Station

The observers were instructed in the recording programme by the COPE Field Officer and the initial instruction period was followed up with visits to the station during the period of recordings presented in this report.

Installation of the reference pole for this station has been carried out by the Mulgrave Shire Council and the Authority wishes to thank the Council for its assistance in all matters associated with the COPE project. Maintenance of the pole has been carried out by the Authority's Cope Field Officer.

3.0 DATA

3.1 General

COPE data for this station for the nine year period November 1981 to June 1989 is presented on the attached figures. The data has been analysed statistically and/or smoothed to reveal long term averages or trends. A brief description of each of the observed parameters is given below with the relevant figure references.

3.2 Wind

The observer recorded the wind speed at the beach using a hand held wind meter at 1.5 metres above beach level. Prior to February 1986 wind direction was estimated to the nearest compass sector. After this time wind direction is recorded in degrees by compass.

A summary of annual wind speed and direction percentage occurrences are shown as a wind rose in Figure 3. Where applicable, morning and afternoon readings as well as the overall average are shown.

Wind speed was recorded in miles per hour (m.p.h.) rather than knots after February 1986. The recordings are converted from (m.p.h.) to knots for Figure 3.

3.3 Waves

The average and maximum breaker height (trough to crest) is usually estimated to the nearest 0.1 metre. From experience the estimate of average breaker height has been found to be comparable with the equivalent deep water significant wave height.

Recordings of maximum wave height and method used to obtain wave height were introduced into the programme from February 1986. Wave type and state of tide were discontinued at this time.

The observers estimate the wave period by recording the time taken for eleven wave crests (the duration of 10 waves) to pass a point.

Wave direction was recorded in degrees of a compass from March 1986. The direction recorded was then converted to a sector (see following paragraph regarding sector system).

The wave direction is estimated as one of five direction sectors indicating the angle to the shoreline alignment from which the waves are approaching the beach. These sectors have been selected as:-

Sector	1	_			60 ⁰
Sector	2	-			85 ⁰
Sector	3	_			95 ⁰
Sector	4	-			120 ⁰
Sector	5	_	121 ⁰	to	180 ⁰

* Note: 0° is the beach alignment to the left of the observer when facing seaward, and at the Trinity Beach COPE station this direction is approximately 335° true north.

Statistical representations of the observed wave data include:-

- (a) the percentage of wave height recordings which exceed any given wave height for all directions combined (Figure 4).
- (b) the percentage occurrence of various combinations of wave heights and periods and directions (Figure 5 and Figure 6).
- (c) surf zone width with an indication of the existence or otherwise of an offshore bar (Figure 7 to Figure 15).
- (d) tabulation of the occurrence of various wave heights, periods, types and directions (Tables 1 to 9).

3.4 Longshore Currents

The observer measured the distance parallel to the shoreline that a dye patch in the surf zone moved in one minute. Current direction is either upcoast or downcoast, upcoast being to the left when facing the sea from the beach.

The readings are converted to a velocity which is plotted on a daily basis (Figure 16 to Figure 24). Mean upcoast and downcoast components and the overall annual means are also presented.

3.5 Beach Profile Parameters

Beach profile parameters were measured until 1983 using an Abney level, tape measure and a reference pole. These include:

- Distance from reference pole to the fixed contour.
- Elevation of the fixed contour.
- Distance from reference pole to the vegetation line.
- The foreshore slope.

Since 1983 profiles have been recorded using a measuring stick, the reference pole, and a line of sight to the horizon.

Sand level at the reference pole was formally recorded from February 1986 and the measurement of foreshore slope was discontinued at this time. Changes in these parameters with time indicate how the beach moves in response to varying wave attack. Plots of these parameters are shown in Figure 25 to Figure 34.

3.6 Monthly Beach Profiles

Beach profiles are normally taken at the beginning of each month. However, should the beach undergo appreciable erosion or accretion during the month, then the observer is requested to take another beach profile. Monthly beach profiles are shown in Figure 35 to Figure 42.

TABLE 1
MONTHLY AND ANNUAL

Trinity Beach

No. of Observations: 93

Year 1981

	MEAN	MEAN WAVE	l		Perce	ntage Oc	currence	e Wave	Type/W	ave Dir	ection				
MONTH	WAVE PERIOD	HEIGHT (metres)	Wave Type						Wave Direction						
	(secs)		SP	PL	Surge	SP/PL	Calm	1	2	3	4	5	Calm		
JANUARY	_		_	_	_	-	_	_		_		_	_		
FEBRUARY	_		-	-	-	-	-	\ -	- 1	_	-	-	_		
MARCH	l - :	_	_	_	_		<u> </u>	-	-	_		_ [-		
APRIL	-	_	_		-	-		_	-	_	-	-	-		
MAY	-		_	_	-	-	-	-	-	_	-		_		
JUNE	\ -			_	-	Ì , –	_	-		_	-	- ,	_		
JULY	ļ —	_ i	-		-	_		_	_	_	-	- :	-		
AUGUST		_	'	_	-		i –	_	_	-		-	_		
SEPTEMBER	_	_ ;	-	_	-	ļ -	ļ -	-	-	-	-	-	_		
OCTOBER	4.3	0.47	9.4	9.4	-	81.2		6.3	6.3	3.1	71.9	12.4			
NOVEMBER	5.0	0.36	-	–		100.0	-	16.7	33.3	20.0	30.0	 	_		
DECEMBER	5.9	0.24	3.2		_	96.8	_	3.2	25.8	12.9	38.7	19.4	_		
WHOLE YEAR	5.1	0.36	4.2	3.1	0.0	92.7	0.0	8.7	21.8	12.0	46.9	10.6	0.0		

SP - Spilling

PL - Plunging

TABLE 2
MONTHLY AND ANNUAL

Trinity Beach

No. of Observations: 365

Year 1982

	MEAN	MEAN			Perce	ntage Oc	currence	e – Wave	- Wave Type/Wave Direction							
MONTH	WAVE PERIOD	WAVE HEICHT (metres)	Wave Type						Wave Direction							
·	(secs)		SP	PL	Surge	SP/PL	Calm	1	2	3	4	5	Calm			
JANUARY	7.2	0.21	-	_	-	96.8	3.2	6.5	16.1	22.6	41.9	12.9	-			
FEBRUARY	6.7	0.32	17.9	_	_	82.1	-	3.6	7.1	7.1	42.9	39.3	_			
MARCH	7.5	0.34	12.9	_	-	87.1	_	-	6.5	-	64.5	29.0				
APRIL	8.5	0.60		_	6.7	93.3		-	_	_	46.7	53.3	_			
MAY	9.1	0.49	22.6	-	-	77.4	_	-	-	12.9	29.0	58.1	-			
JUNE	7.4	0.40	33.3	-	_	66.7	_	-	_	3.3	30.0	66.7	_			
JULY	7.9	0.40	6.5	6.5	-	87.0	_	-	3.2	9.7	16.1	71.0	_			
AUGUST	8.1	0.57	_	-	-	100.0	_	-	-	_	71.0	29.0	-			
SEPTEMBER	7.1	0.38	16.7	_	-	83.3	_	3.3	10.0	26.7	50.0	10.0	-			
OCTOBER	6.8	0.45	29.0	_	_	71.0	_	6.5	25.8	9.7	41.9	16.1	_			
NOVEMBER	7.7	0.59	20.0		_	80.0	_	-	16.7	13.3	53.3	16.7	-			
DECEMBER	5.8	0.31	74.2	_		25.8	_	22.6	12.9	3.2	51.6	9.7	-			
WHOLE YEAR	7.5	0.42	19.4	0.5	0.6	79.2	0.3	3.5	8.2	9.0	44.9	34.3	0.0			

SP - Spilling

PL - Plunging

TABLE 3

MONTHLY AND ANNUAL

Trinity Beach

No. of Observations: 365

Year 1983

	MEAN	MEAN			Perce	ntage Oc	ge Occurrence - Wave Type/Wave Direction								
MONTH	WAVE PERIOD	WAVE HEIGHT (metres)	Wave Type						Wave Direction						
	(secs)		SP	PL	Surge	SP/PL	Calm	1	2	3	4	5	Calm		
JANUARY	6.6	0.34	77.4	-	 -	22.6		6.5	32.3	6.5	38.7	16.0	_		
FEBRUARY	8.1	0.46	32.1	3.6	_	64.3	_	-	3.6	21.4	75.0	-	_		
MARCH	7.2	0.44	19.4		_	80.6	_	12.9	16.1	12.9	54.8	3.3	_		
APRIL	6.1	0.42	13.3	_		86.7	–	-	10.0	10.0	76.7	3.3	_		
MAY	6.1	0.47		_] –	93.5	6.5		9.7	6.5	58.0	25.8	_		
JUNE	6.0	0.47	_	_	-	100.0	-	-	3.3	_	66.7	30.0	-		
JULY	5.9	0.44	19.4	_	-	80.6	-	-	_	9.7	61.3	29.0	_		
AUGUST	6.1	0.50	3.2	-	-	96.8	ļ –	_	6.5	32.3	38.7	22.5	_		
SEPTEMBER	5.8	0.40		-	_	100.0	_	_	33.3	36.7	23.3	6.7			
OCTOBER	5.3	0.33	9.7			90.3	_	16.1	25.8	29.0	25.8	3.3	_		
NOVEMBER	6.2	0.31	40.0	_	_	60.0	-	20.0	26.7	33.3	16.7	3.3	-		
DECEMBER	6.2	0.42	16.1	~	-	83.9	_	12.9	6.5	6.5	61.3	12.8			
WHOLE YEAR	6.3	0.42	19.2	0.3	0.0	80.0	0.5	5.7	14.5	17.1	49.7	13.0	0.0		

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TABLE 4
MONTHLY AND ANNUAL

Trinity Beach

No. of Observations: 366

Year 1984

	MEAN WAVE	MEAN WAVE			Perce	ntage Oc	currence	e – Wav e	Ty pe/₹	Vave Dir	ection				
MONTH	PERIOD (secs)	HEIGHT (metres)		V	Vave Ty	ре		Wave Direction							
	(BCCB)	(meu ea)	SP	PL	Surge	SP/PL	Calm	1	2	3	4	5	Calm		
JANUARY	6.5	0.19	29.0			71.0	_	6.5	9.7	19.4	45.2	19.2	-		
FEBRUARY	6.5	0.38	17.2		_	82.8	_		6.9	13.8	75.9	3.4	_		
MARCH	5.7	0.33	6.5	_	_	93.5	_	-	6.5	3.2	64.5	25.8			
APRIL	6.4	0.47	6.7	-	_	93.3	_	3.3	3.3	_	46.7	46.7	_		
MAY	6.4	0.54		-	-	100.0	_	-	_	12.9	54.8	32.3	_		
JUNE	6.7	0.50	20.0	_	-	80.0	_	_	_	10.0	60.0	30.0	_		
JULY	6.7	0.33	67.7	-	-	32.3	_		6.5	22.6	54.8	16.1	_		
AUGUST	6.8	0.31	51.6	_	-	48.4	_	-	19.4	22.6	54.8	3.2			
SEPTEMBER	7.0	0.33	70.0	_	-	30.0	-	3.3	36.7	43.3	16.7	_	-		
OCTOBER	6.5	0.38	32.3	-	-	67.7	~	9.7	3.2	12.9	61.3	12.9	_		
NOVEMBER	6.4	0.37	53.3	_	_	46.7	***	16.7	30.0	3.3	40.0	10.0	_		
DECEMBER	6.4	0.32	74.2	_	-	25.8	_	9.7	54.8	12.9	22.6	_	_		
WHOLE YEAR	6.5	0.37	35.8	0.0	0.0	64.2	0.0	4.1	14.7	14.7	49.8	16.7	0.0		

SP-Spilling

PL - Plunging

TABLE 5
MONTHLY AND ANNUAL

Trinity Beach

No. of Observations: 360

Year 1985

	MEAN	MEAN			Perce	ntage Oc	currence	e – Wave	Туре/Ч	ave Dir	ection	n						
MONTH	WAVE PERIOD	WAVE	Wave Type						Wave Direction									
	(secs)	(metres)	SP	PL	Surge	SP/PL	Calm	1	2	3	4	5	Calm					
JANUARY	6.4	0.39	63.3	_	_	36.7	_	_	32.3	16.1	51.6	-						
FEBRUARY	6.7	0.51	22.2			77.8	*	11.1	22.2	7.4	55.6	3.7	_					
MARCH	7.0	0.41	51.6	_	_	48.4	_	-	6.5	35.5	54.8	3.2	_					
APRIL	6.8	0.42	40.0	_	-	60.0	_	_	-	20.0	0.08	-	_					
MAY	7.4	0.65	25.8	_	\ –	74.2	-	-	3.2	6.5	90.3	- :	-					
JUNE	7.5	0.51	60.0	-	-	40.0	-	_	3.3	10.0	86.7	-	_					
JULY -	7.6	0.44	63.0	-	l –	37.0		-	_	37.0	63.0	_	_					
AUGUST	7.8	0.53	38.7	_	_	61.3	_	_	29.0	41.9	29.1	_	_					
SEPTEMBER	7.3	0.40	80.0	_	-	20.0	-	3.3	13.3	30.0	46.7	6.7	_					
OCTOBER	6.8	0.49	83.9	_	_	16.1	_	19.4	25.8	12.9	35.4	6.5	_					
NOVEMBER	6.7	0.34	96.7	_	_	3.3	_	13.3	43.3	23.3	20.1		_					
DECEMBER	6.3	0.28	96.8	_	-	3.2	_	3.2	61.3	19.4	16.1	_	-					
WHOLE YEAR	7.0	0.45	60.2	0.0	0.0	39.8	0.0	4.2	20.0	21.7	52.4	1.7	0.0					

SP - Spilling

PL - Plunging

TABLE 6
MONTHLY AND ANNUAL

Trinity Beach

No. of Observations: 364

Year 1986

	MEAN	MEAN			Perce	ntage Oc	currence	e – Wave	e Type/∜	Vave Dir	ection				
MONTH	WAVE PERIOD	WAVE HEIGHT (metres)	Wave Type						Wave Direction						
	(secs)		SP	PL	Surge	SP/PL	Calm	1	2	3	4	5	Calm		
JANUARY	6.5	0.44	71.0	_	_	29.0	_	3.2	32.3	19.4	38.7	6.4	_		
FEBRUARY	5.7	0.28	95.0	_	-	5.0	_	13.8	24.1	20.7	31.0	10.4	_		
MARCH	5.2	0.44	_	_	_	~	-	-	_	6.5	3.2	90.3	_		
APRIL	5.9	0.50	_	-	-	-	-	-	_	6.9	6.9	86.2	-		
MAY	6.5	0.39	-	-	-	-	_	-	3.2	_	25.8	71.0	-		
JUNE	6.5	0.35	_	-	-	, –	_	-	_	3.3	23.3	73.4			
JULY ·	6.9	0.43	_	_	-		 	-	9.7	32.3	16.1	41.9	_		
AUGUST	7.0	0.39		-	-	_	_	3.3	26.7	16.7	10.0	43.3	_		
SEPTEMBER	6.8	0.28	-		-	_	_	10.0	10.0	26.7	40.0	13.3	_		
OCTOBER	6.8	0.26		_	-	_	-	6.5	29.0	38.7	19.4	6.4	_		
NOVEMBER	6.9	0.32	_	-	_	-	_	10.0	16.7	36.7	20.0	16.6	_		
DECEMBER	6.9	0.31	_	-	_	— .	_	3.2	41.9	22.6	32.3	-	-		
WHOLE YEAR	6.5	0.36	83.0	0.0	0.0	17.0	0.0	4.2	16.1	19.2	22.2	38.3	0.0		

SP-Spilling

PL - Plunging

TABLE 7

MONTHLY AND ANNUAL

MEAN WAVE HEIGHT/MEAN WAVE PERIOD AND WAVE DIRECTION OCCURRENCES

Trinity Beach

No. of Observations: 360

Year 1987

MONTH	MEAN	MEAN WAVE HEIGHT (metres)	Percentage Occurrence - Wave Direction Wave Direction						
	WAVE PERIOD (secs)								
			1	2	3	4	5	Calm	
JANUARY	5.7	0.12		26.7	40.0	13.3	20.0	† 	
FEBRUARY	6.5	0.32	_	3.6	10.7	57.1	28.6	_	
MARCH	6.8	0.22	-	9.7	19.4	29.0	41.9	_	
APRIL	7.5	0.36	_	_	3.4	62.1	34.5	_	
MAY	7.2	0.28	_ [- \	9.7	32.3	58.0	-	
JUNE	7.6	0.26	- 1	-	10.3	24.1	65.6	_	
JULY	7.1	0.26	· - \	3.4	3.4	24.1	69.1	_	
AUGUST	7.1	0.23] -	10.0	26.7	26.7	36.6	-	
SEPTEMBER	7.2	0.34	- 1	- i	3.4	55.2	41.4	-	
OCTOBER	6.9	0.21	32.3	32.3	29.0	6.4	_	_	
NOVEMBER	6.7	0.23	6.5	25.8	32.3	29.0	6.4	-	
DECEMBER	6.8	0.33	9.7	6.5	29.0	35.5	19.3	-	
WHOLE YEAR	6.9	0.26	4.0	9.9	18.1	32.9	35.1	0.0	

TABLE 8

MONTHLY AND ANNUAL

MEAN WAVE HEIGHT/MEAN WAVE PERIOD AND WAVE DIRECTION OCCURRENCES

Trinity Beach

No. of Observations: 343

Year 1988

MONTH	MEAN	MEAN	Percentage Occurrence - Wave Direction Wave Direction						
	WAVE PERIOD (secs)	WAVE HEIGHT (metres)							
			1	2	3	4	5	Calm	
JANUARY	6.9	0.33	_	6.5	12.9	25.8	54.8	_	
FEBRUARY	6.7	0.28	3.4	13.8	13.8	44.8	24.2	-	
MARCH	6.6	0.36	-	12.9	_	67.7	19.4	_	
APRIL	6.8	0.25	-	19.0		14.3	66.7	-	
MAY	7.0	0.32			4.5	4.5	91.0	-	
JUNE	7.4	0.31	_	-	3.7	7.4	88.9	-	
JULY	7.5	0.40	. –		9.7	32.3	58.0	-	
AUGUST	7.7	0.34	-	- [6.5	29.0	64.5	_	
SEPTEMBER	8.1	0.31	-	10.3	10.3	24.1	55.3	-	
OCTOBER	7.3	0.25		6.9	17.2	34.5	41.4	-	
NOVEMBER	7.4	0.22	10.0	23.3	23.3	40.0	3.4	-	
DECEMBER	7.3	0.25	16.1	9.7	41.9	16.1	16.2	_	
WHOLE YEAR	7.2	0.30	2.5	8.5	12,0	28.4	48.6	0.0	

TABLE 9

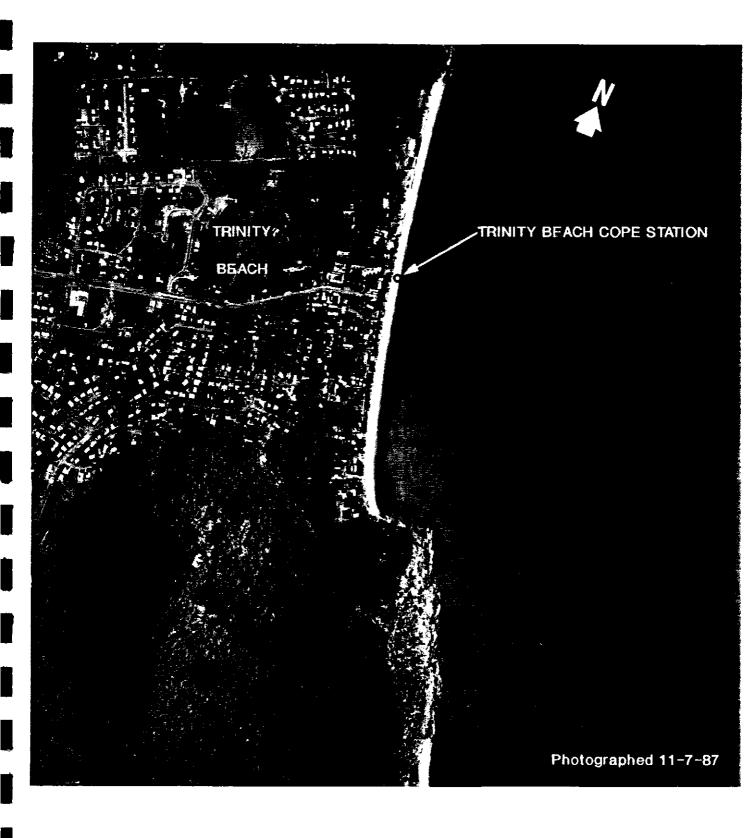
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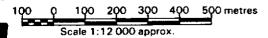
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No. of Observations: 177

Year 1989

	MEAN WAVE PERIOD (secs)	MEAN WAVE HEIGHT (metres)	Percentage Occurrence - Wave Direction Wave Direction						
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			1	2	3	4	5	Calm	
JANUARY	7.0	0.23	3.3	26.7	10.0	20.0	40.0	 	
FEBRUARY	6.9	0.24	10.7	17.9	10.7	39.3	21.4	_	
MARCH	6.5	0.26	- {	3.3	6.7	43.3	46.7	-	
APRIL	7.3	0.33	- 1	-	6.7	60.0	33.3	_	
MAY	7.3	0.30	_ [3.3	43.3	53.4	-	
JUNE	7.2	0.27	-	-	_	31.0	69.0	-	
WHOLE YEAR	7.0	0.27	2.3	8.0	6.2	39.5	44.0	0.0	







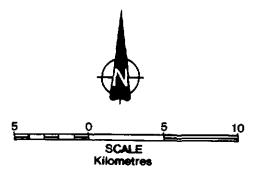
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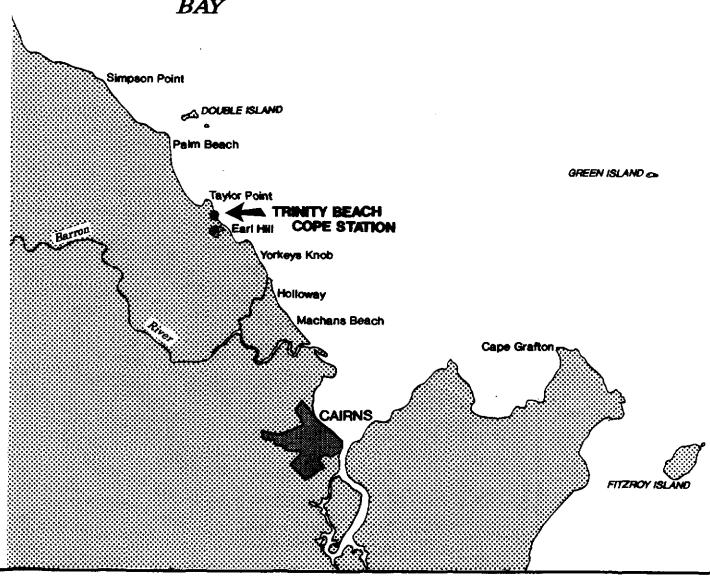
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RECORD ALL	DATA	CAREFULLY	AND LEGIBLY
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		RECO	RD ALL DA	TA CAREF	ULLY AND LE	GIBLY	. <u> </u>
	SITE NUMB	ER	DAY	MONTH	YEAR		TIME
	1 2 3 4		6 7	8 9	10 11	Record time using 24 hour system	12 13 14 15
(1)	WAVE HEIGHT (Record the best es breaking wave heigh of a metre. If less t and go directly to Se	stimate of the ave of to the nearest t	enth	17	breaking wave he	(MAXIMUM) stimate of the maximum ight during the entire o the nearest tenth of a	18 19
	WAVE HEIGHT N Record the method th Record 1 if visual asi Record 2 if measured Record 3 if measured	nat you used to obt timate d with COPE sticks	_	20		seconds for eleven (11) s a stationary point just zone.	21 22 23
	WAVE DIRECTION Determine the direct entering the surf zo provided and recorded degrees.	tion that the waves one using the com	Dass	26	average height to	OTH seconds for a wave of traverse the surf zone of final run-up on the	27 28 29
(ii)	CURRENT SPEE Measure in metres the the dye patch is obser (1) minute period; if r record 000.	— distance that the cen ved to move during a	one	32	When the observer f 0 — no long shore m L — dye moves to th R — dye moves to the	aces the sea novement e left	33
	DISTANCE FROM Record the distance shore to where the were commenced.	e in metres from		35	OFFSHORE BAF Is an off-shore bar break? 1—yes 0—no	causing the waves to	36
(III)	WIND SPEED Record wind speed to calm record 00 and go			38		ction that the wind is the compass provided	39 40 41
(lv)	FIXED CONTOUR Record the devation of		42	43	reference post to the landward of the reference. g. 009 measures 9	XED CONTOUR to the nearest metre, from the fixed contour. Distance and post are negative, metres seaward (No sign); metres landward. (Minus sign)	es
(v)	DISTANCE TO TI Record the distance for the average vegetation of the reference post a	om the reference po tine. Distances land	si to 47 48	49	SAND LEVEL AT		50 51
(vi)	SAND SAMPLE If sample taken then record 1. Otherwise leave blank.	PLEASE PRINT REMARKS:	SITE NA		check the farm for co		RVER
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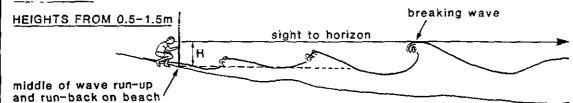


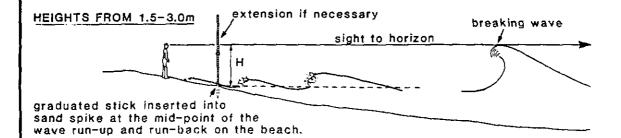
WAVE HEIGHT AND DIRECTION INSTRUCTIONS

METHOD 1 VISUAL ESTIMATION

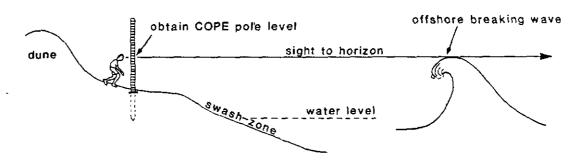
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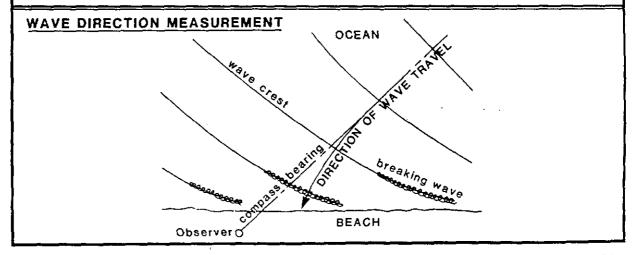
METHOD 2





METHOD 3 FOR WAVES OVER 3m







METHODS FOR RECORDING WAVE PARAMETERS

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Figure 2.2

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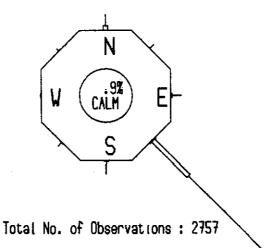
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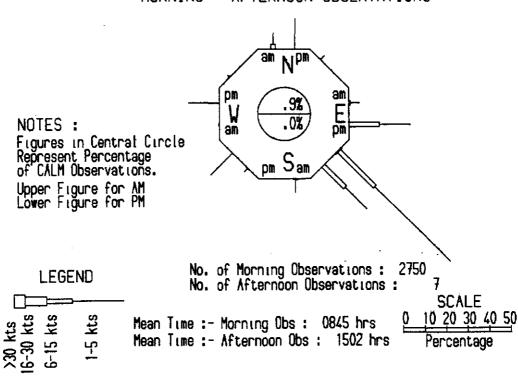
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ALL OBSERVATIONS



MORNING - AFTERNOON OBSERVATIONS



WIND DATA - NOV 1981 to JUNE 1989

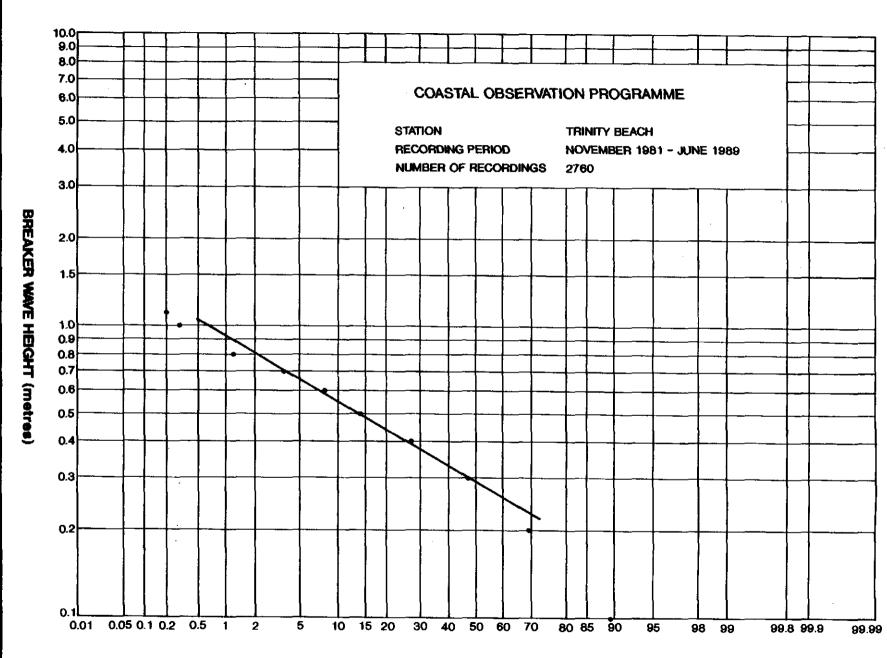


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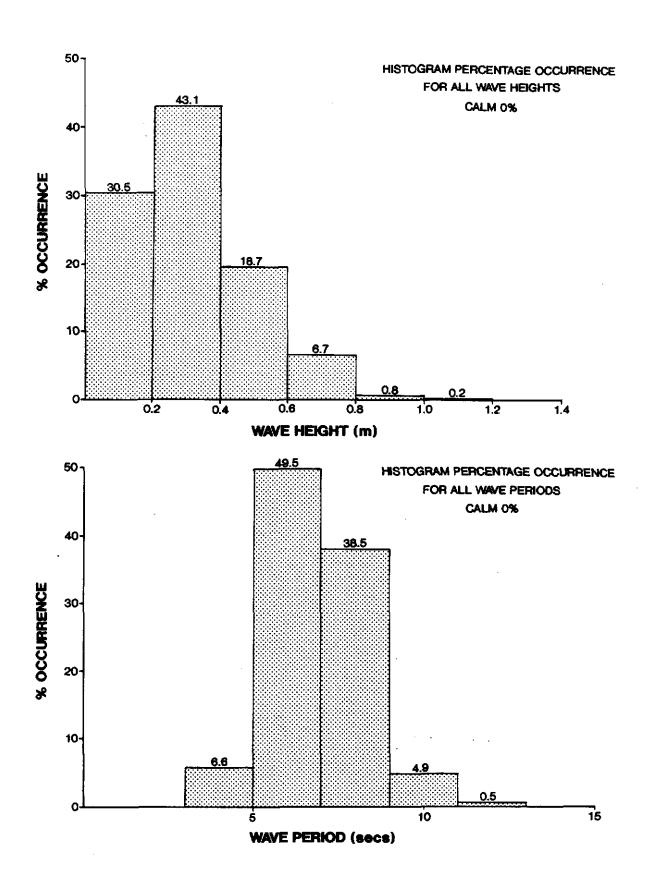
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PERCENTAGE OF RECORDINGS WHERE A GIVEN BREAKER HEIGHT IS EXCEEDED





PERCENTAGE OCCURRENCE OF WAVE HEIGHT AND WAVE PERIOD

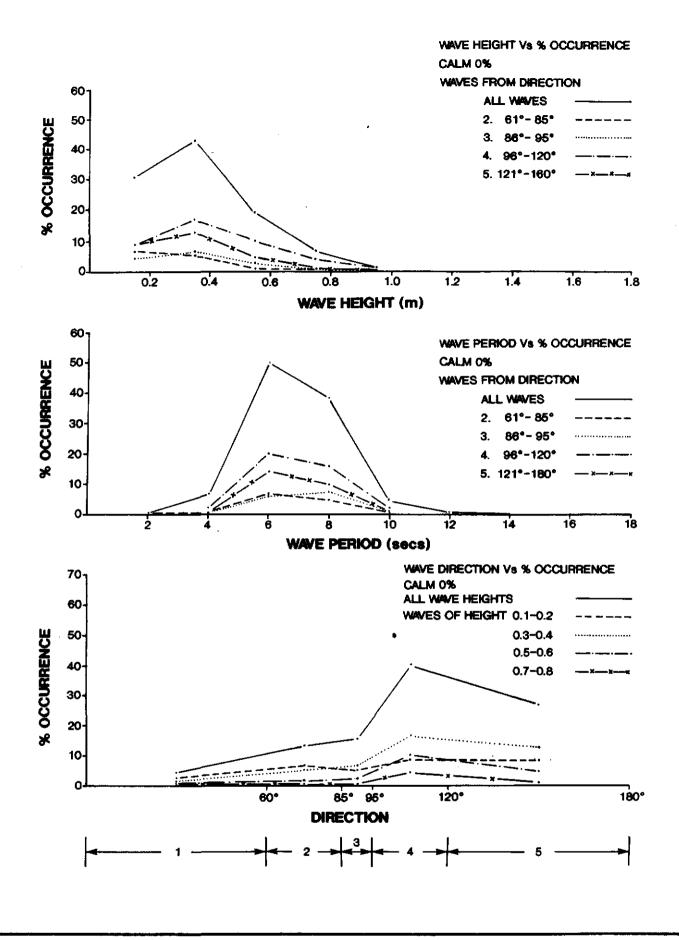
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WAVE DIRECTION ANALYSIS
ALL DATA

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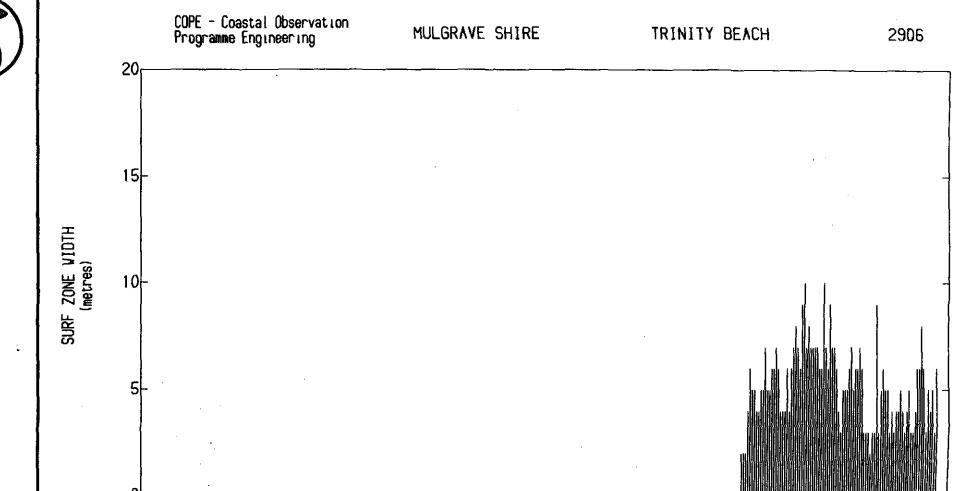
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SURF ZONE WIDTH - MORNING 1981

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SURF ZONE WIDTH SUMMARY - 1981

JUNE

No. of Observations: 92

FEB

MAR

APR

MAY

JAN

MORNING OBSERVATIONS

JULY

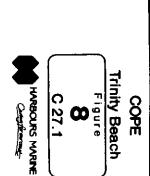
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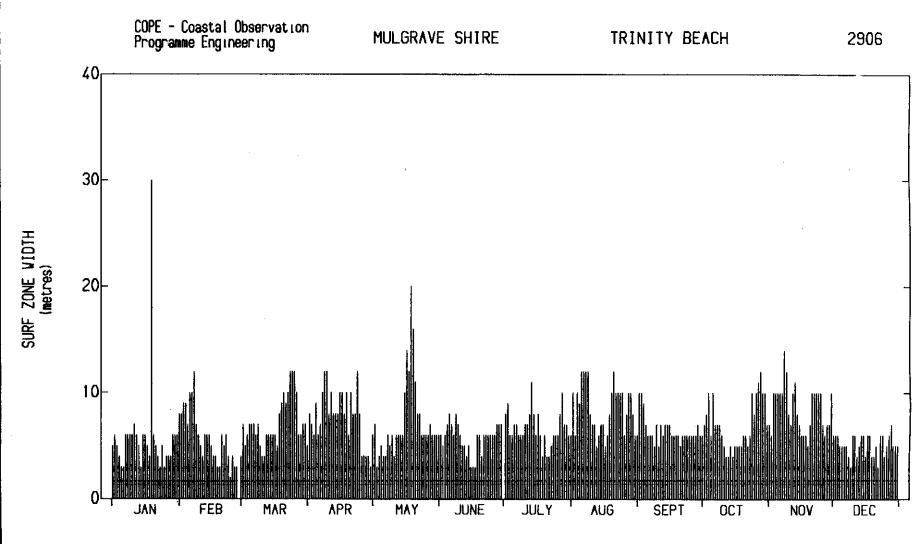
Mean Surf Zone Width = 5.3 m

SEPT



SURF ZONE WIDTH - MORNING 1982





SURF ZONE WIDTH SUMMARY - 1982

No. of Observations: 365

MORNING OBSERVATIONS

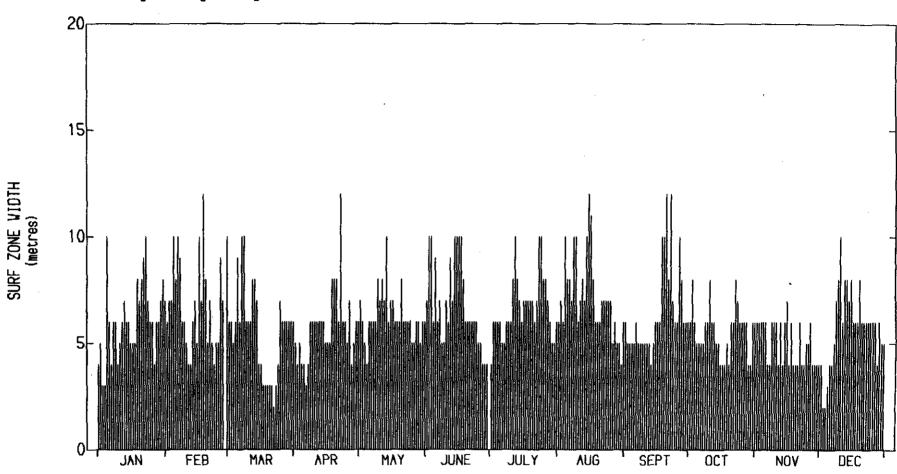
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SURF ZONE WIDTH SUMMARY - 1983

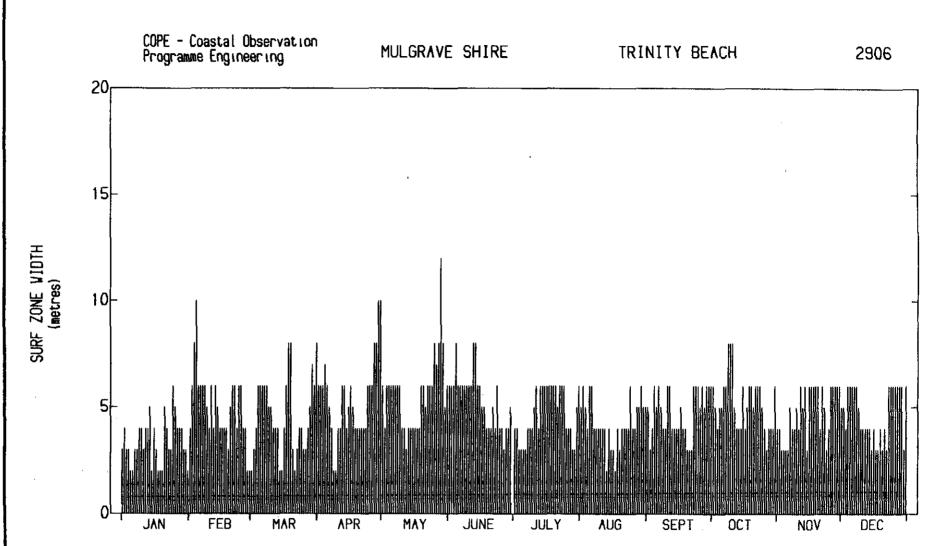
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MORNING OBSERVATIONS

Mean Surf Zone Width = 6.2 m



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SURF ZONE WIDTH SUMMARY - 1984

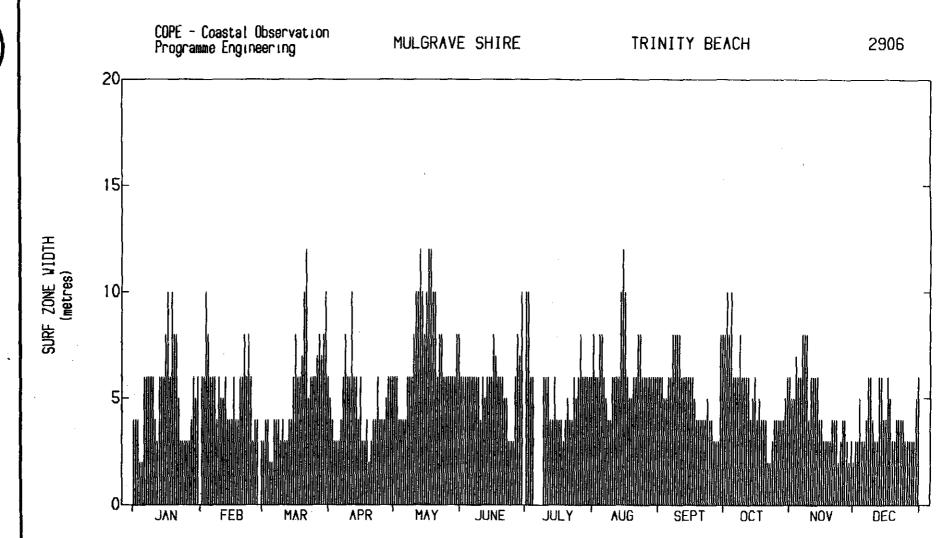
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MORNING OBSERVATIONS

Mean Surf Zone Vidth =

SURF ZONE WIDTH - MORNING 1985

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SURF ZONE WIDTH SUMMARY - 1985

No. of Observations: 360

MORNING OBSERVATIONS

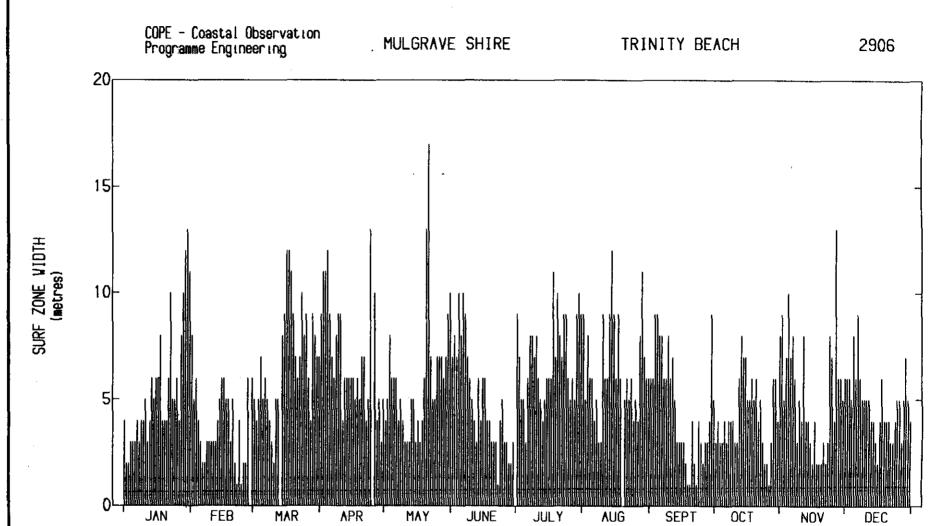
Mean Surf Zone Width = 5.5 m





SURF ZONE WIDTH - MORNING 1986





SURF ZONE WIDTH SUMMARY -1986

No. of Observations: 362

MORNING OBSERVATIONS

Mean Surf Zone Vidth = 5.6 m

SURF ZONE WIDTH - MORNING 1987

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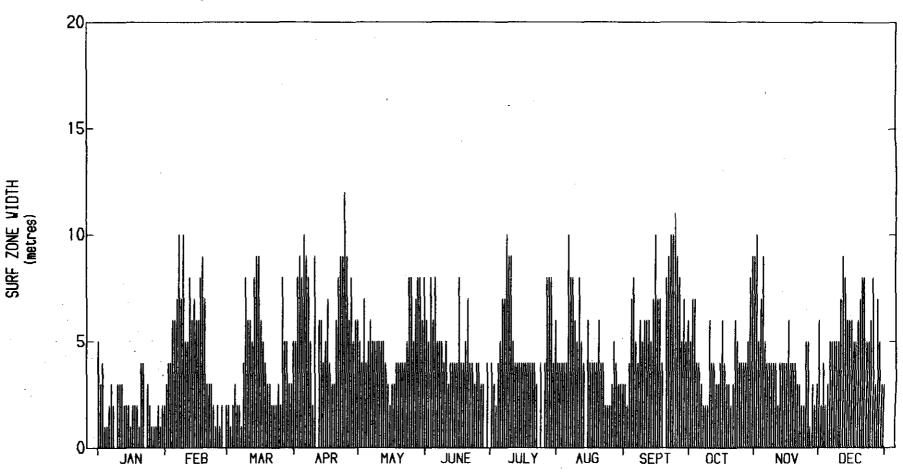


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SURF ZONE WIDTH SUMMARY - 1987

No. of Observations: 358

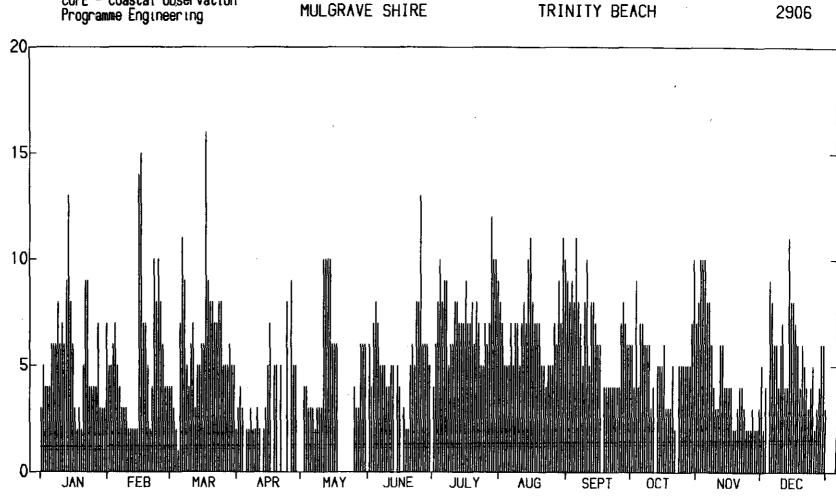
MORNING OBSERVATIONS

Mean Surf Zone Width = 4.9 m





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SURF ZONE WIDTH SUMMARY - 1988

No. of Observations: 342

MORNING OBSERVATIONS

Mean Surf Zone Width = 5.7 m

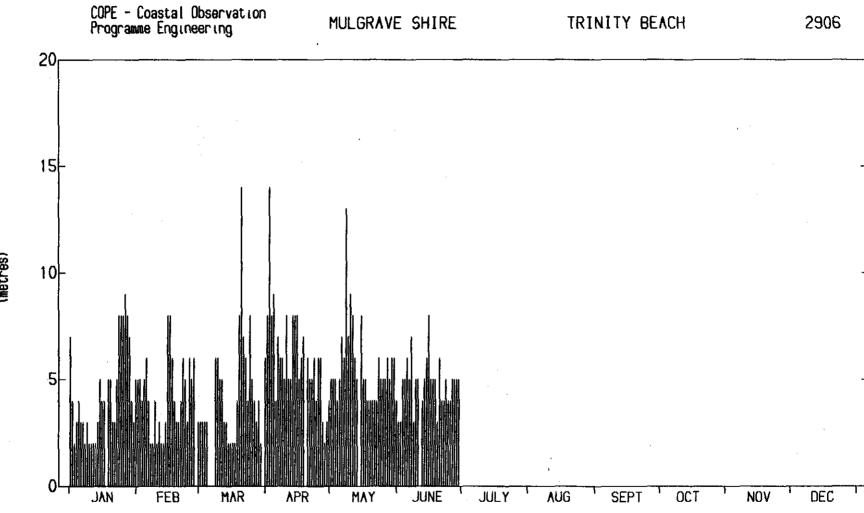


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SURF ZONE WIDTH SUMMARY - 1989

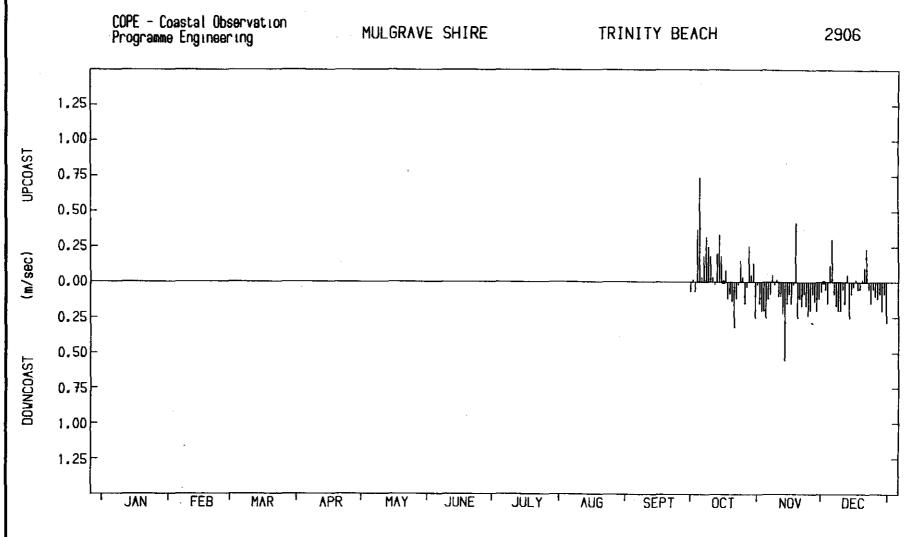
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MORNING OBSERVATIONS

Mean Surf Zone Width = 5.0 m









Mean Vel = -.037 m/sec (down)

Mean Upcoast Vel = .173 m/sec

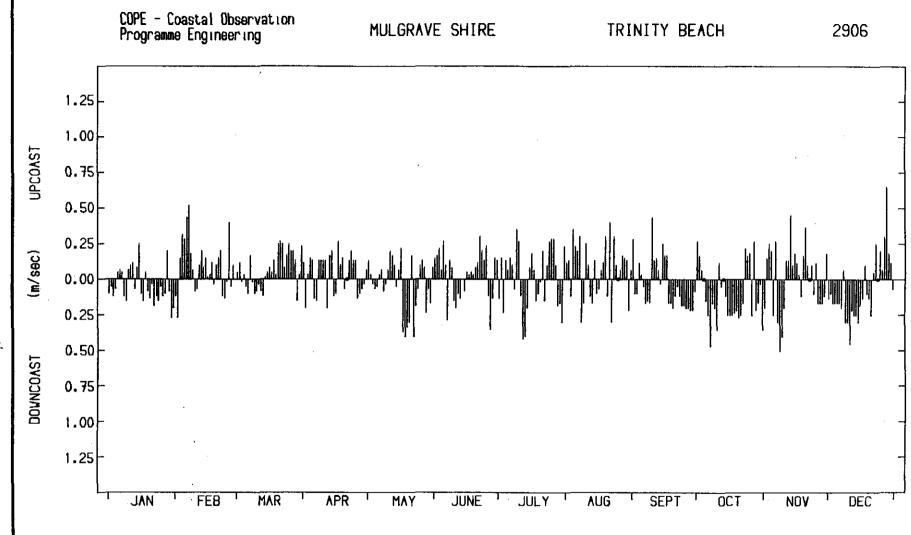
Mean Downcoast Vel = .133 m/sec

MORNING OBSERVATIONS - (92 recordings)









LITTORAL CURRENT SUMMARY 1982

Mean Vel = .003 m/sec (up)

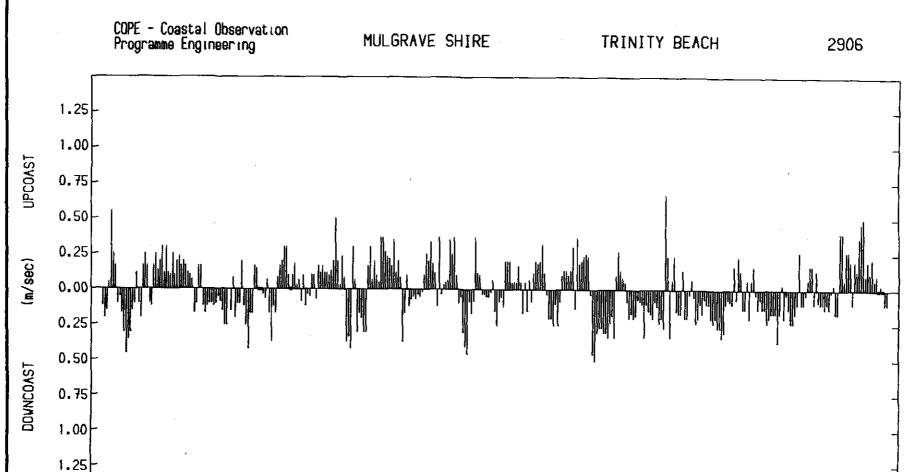
Mean Upcoast Vel = .158 m/sec

Mean Downcoast Vel = .163 m/sec

MORNING OBSERVATIONS - (364 recordings)







LITTORAL CURRENT SUMMARY 1983

JULY

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JUNE

Mean Vel = -.005 m/sec (down)

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Mean Upcoast Vel = .177 m/sec

Mean Downcoast Vel = .163 m/sec

NOV

DEC

MORNING OBSERVATIONS - (365 recordings)

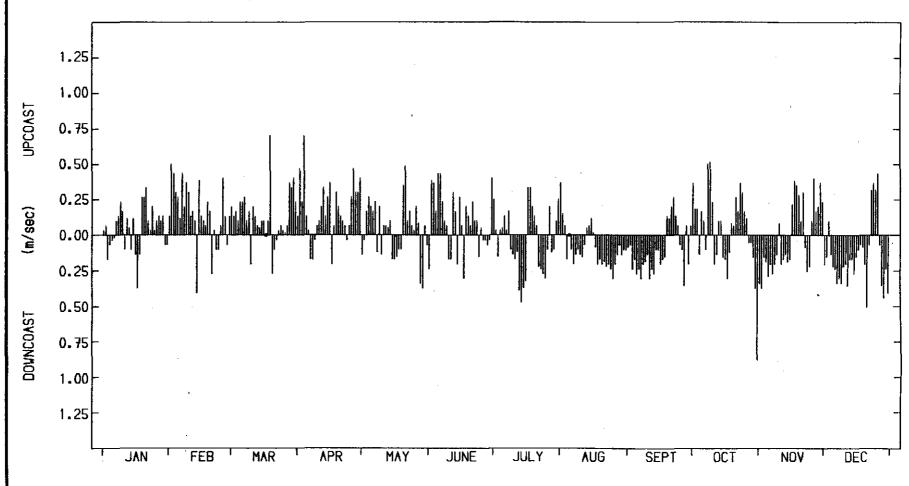


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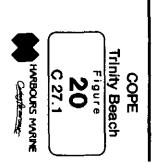
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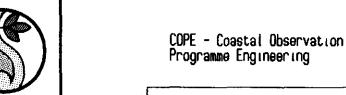
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Mean Downcoast Vel = .183 m/sec

MORNING OBSERVATIONS - (366 recordings)



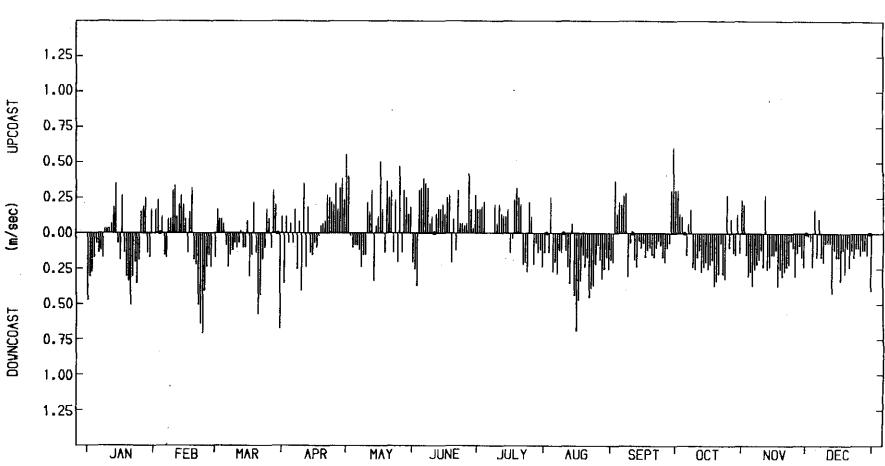






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LITTORAL CURRENT SUMMARY

Mean Vel = -.043m/sec (down) Mean Upcoast Vel = .200 m/sec

Mean Downcoast Vel = .202 m/sec

MORNING OBSERVATIONS - (360 recordings)



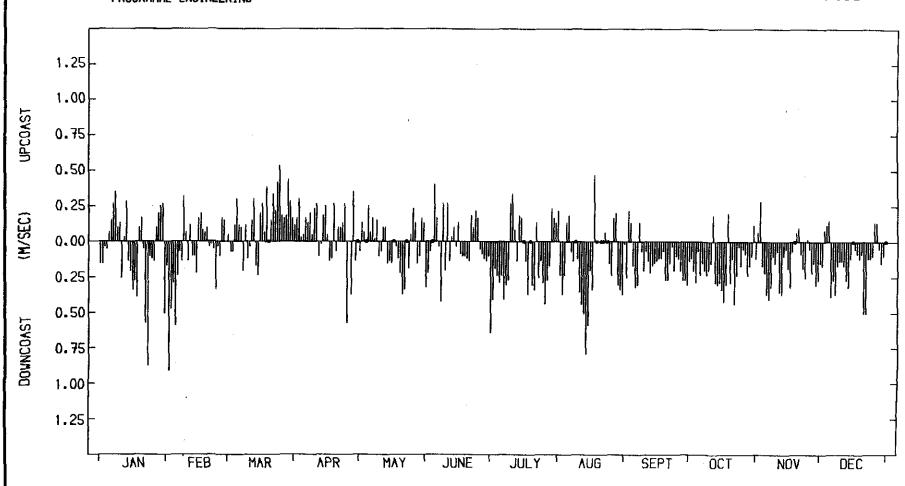
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LITTORAL CURRENT SUMMARY - 1986

MEAN VEL = -.069 M/SEC (DOVN)

MEAN UPCOAST VEL = .174 M/SEC

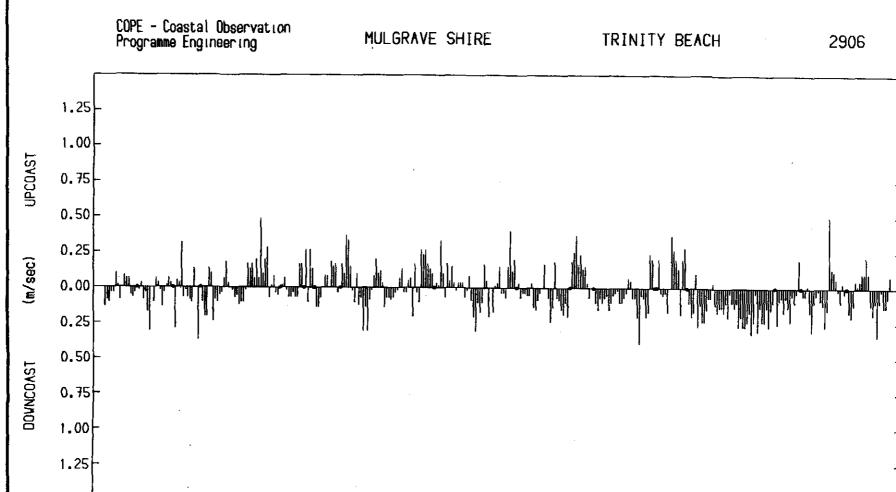
MEAN DOWNCOAST VEL = .209 M/SEC

MORNING OBSERVATIONS - (363 RECORDINGS)









LITTORAL CURRENT SUMMARY

JULY

AUG

SEPT

JUNE

Mean Vel = -.020 m/sec (down)

FEB

MAR

APR

MAY

NAL

Mean Upcoast Vel = .134 m/sec

Mean Downcoast Vel = .115 m/sec

DEC

MORNING OBSERVATIONS - (357 recordings)



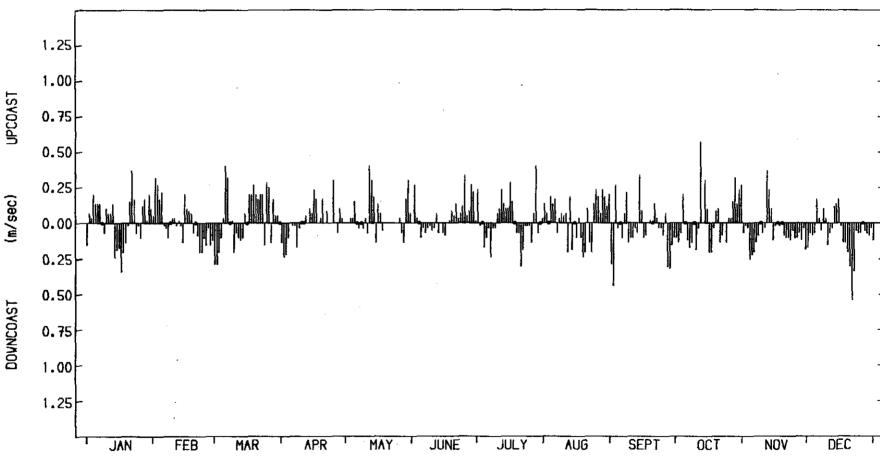


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LITTORAL CURRENT SUMMARY 1988

Mean Vel = .007 m/sec Mean Upcoast Vel = .144 m/sec Mean Downcoast Vel = .114 m/sec

MORNING OBSERVATIONS - (343 recordings)



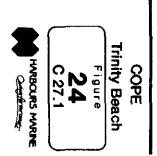
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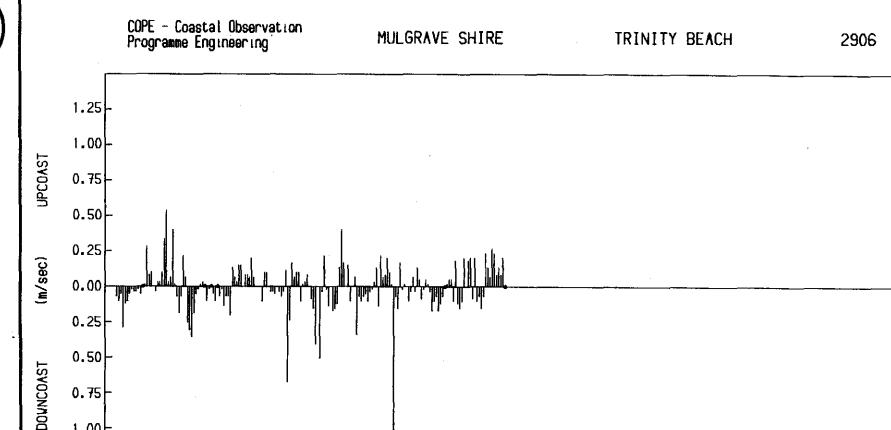
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LITTORAL CURRENT SUMMARY

JULY

۸UG

SEPT

OCT

JUNE

MAY

Mean Vel = -.007 m/sec (down)

FEB

MAR

NPR

Mean Upcoast Vel = .124 m/sec

Mean Downcoast Vel = .120 m/sec

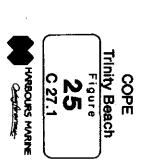
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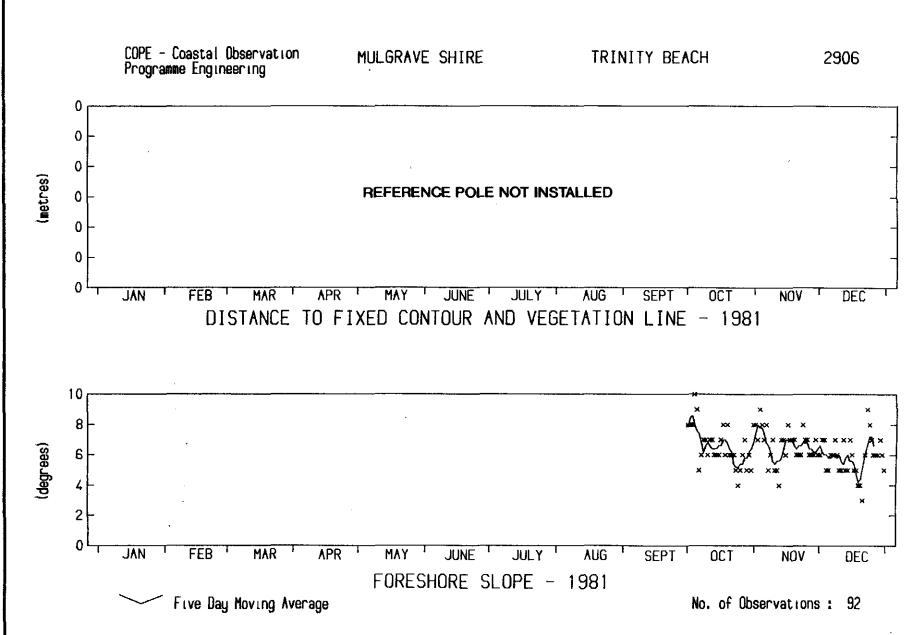
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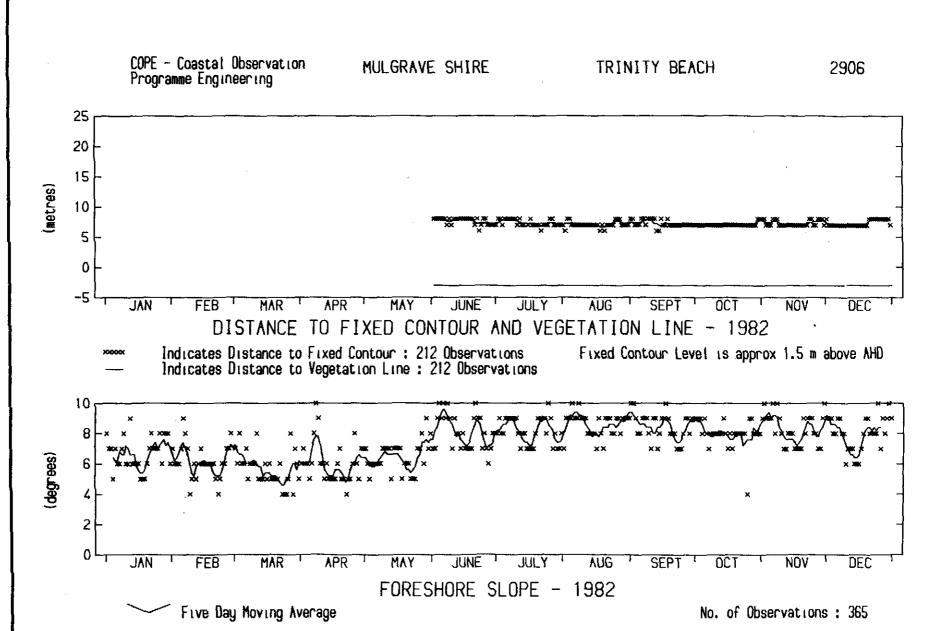
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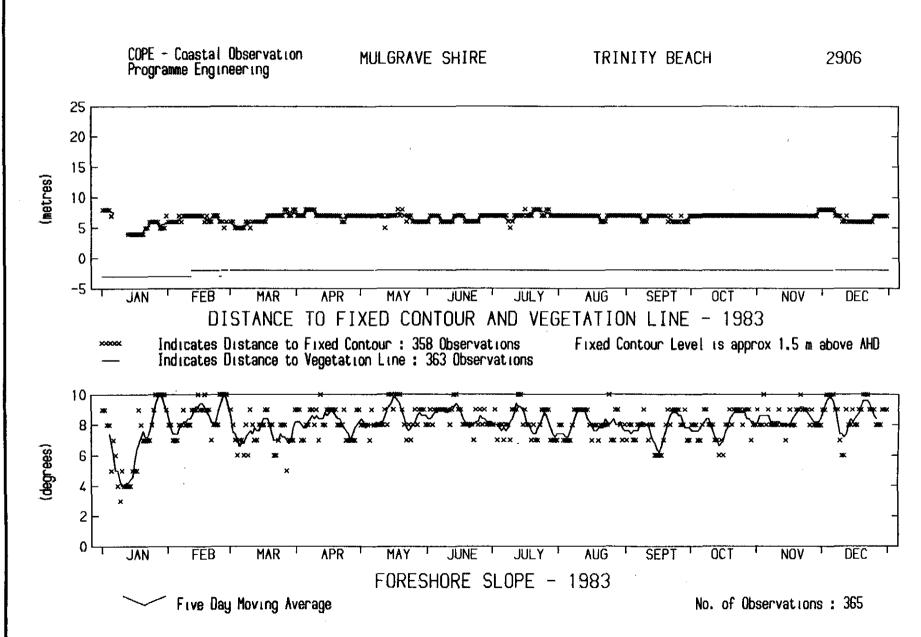
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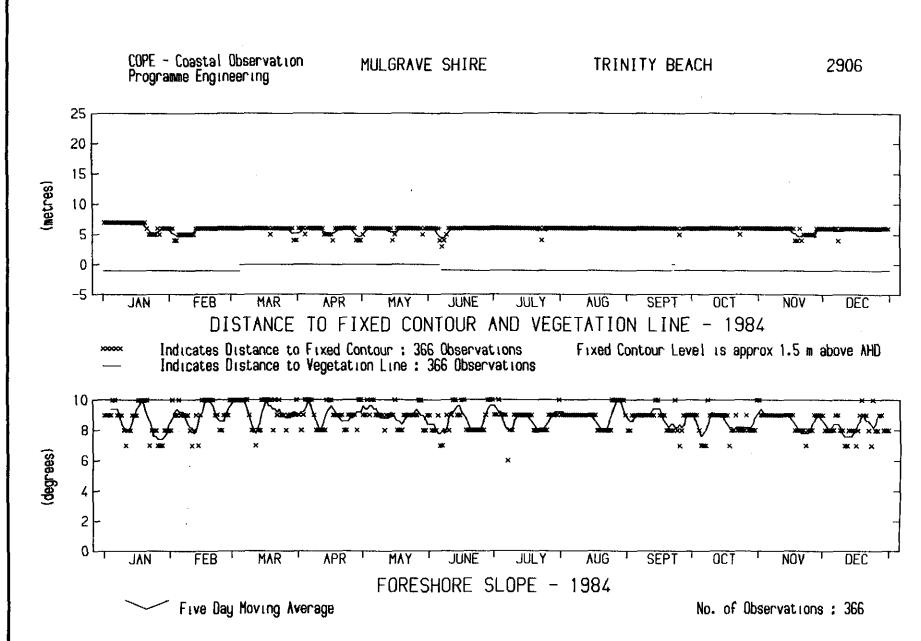








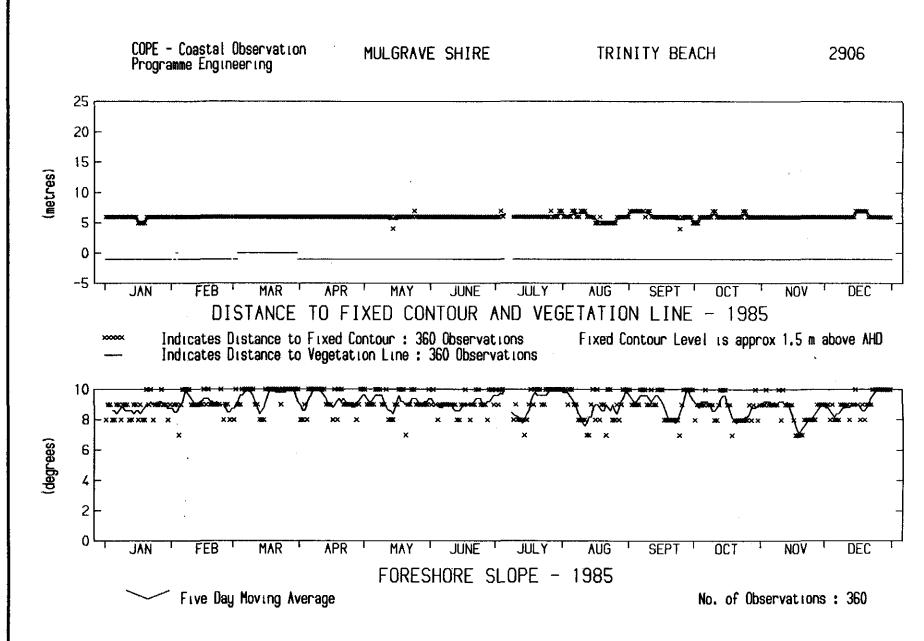




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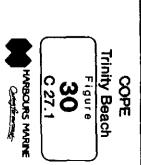
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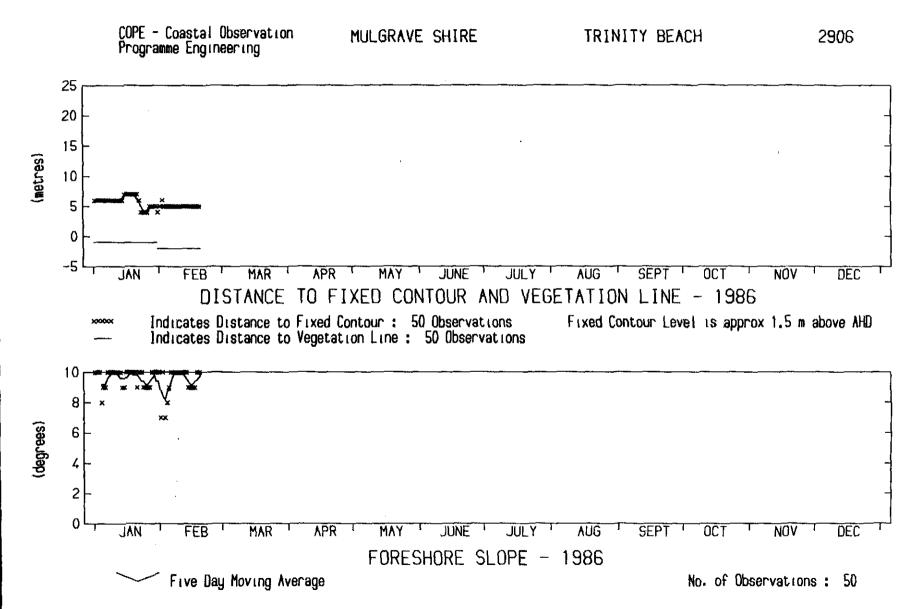






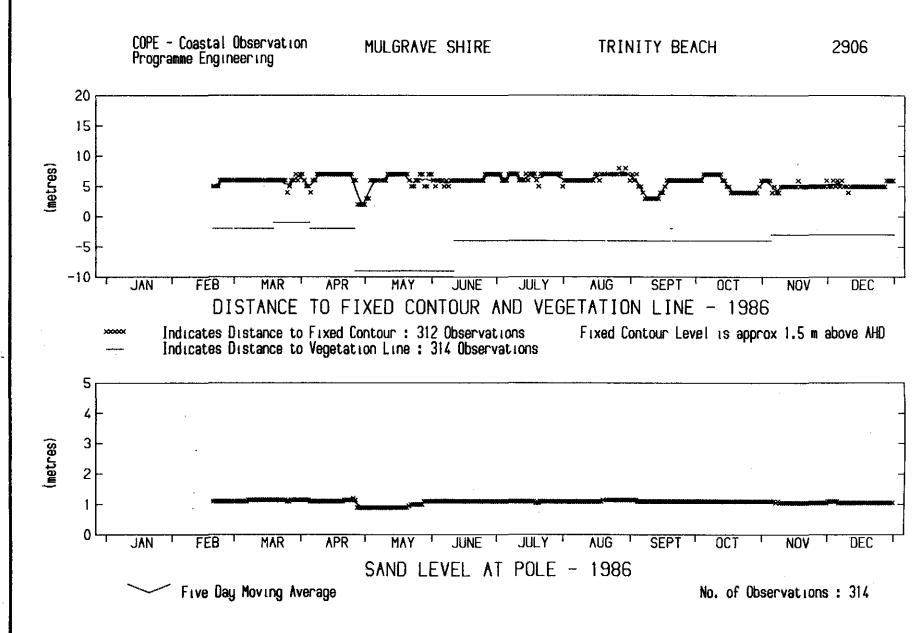
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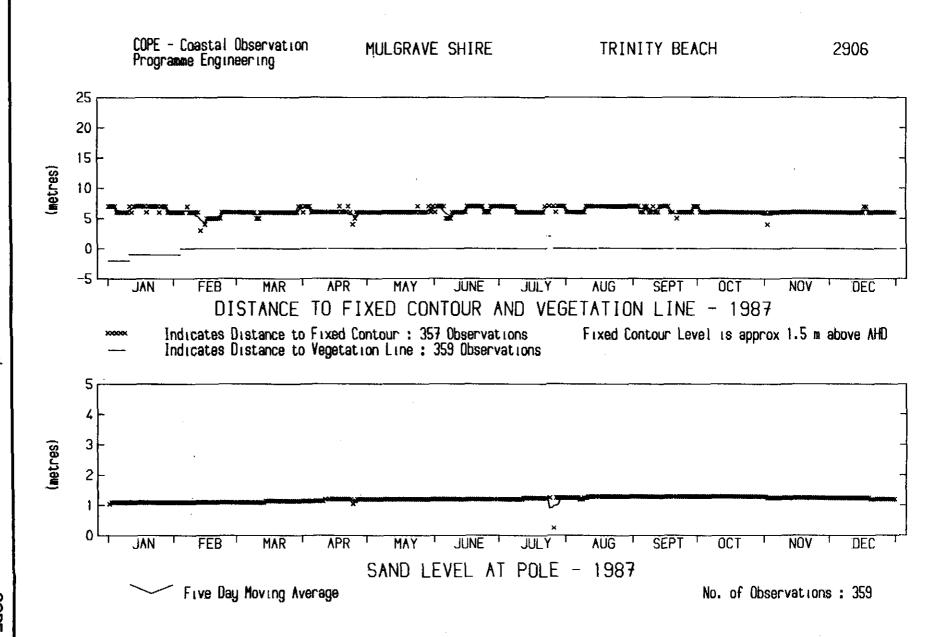
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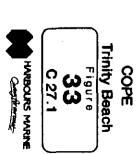


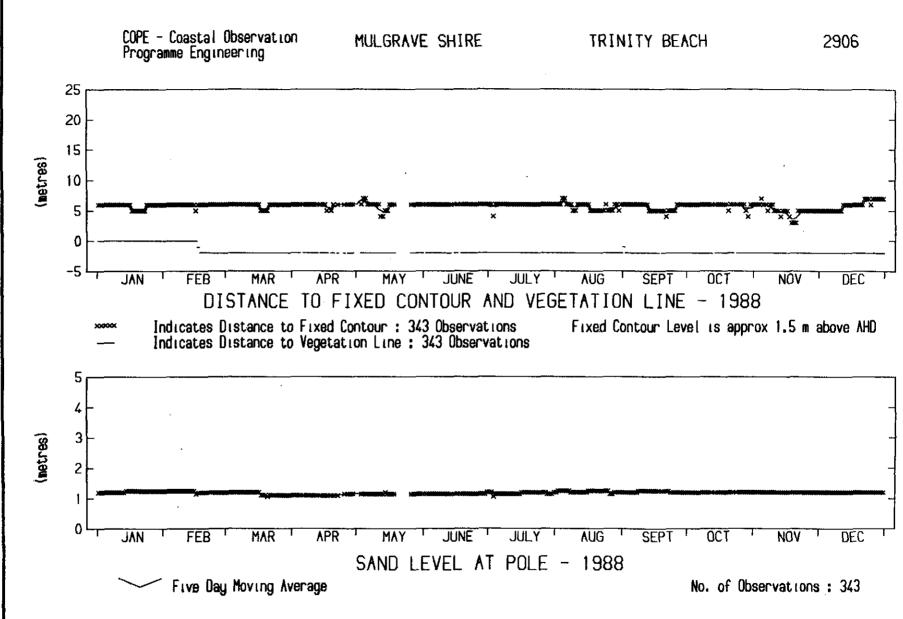
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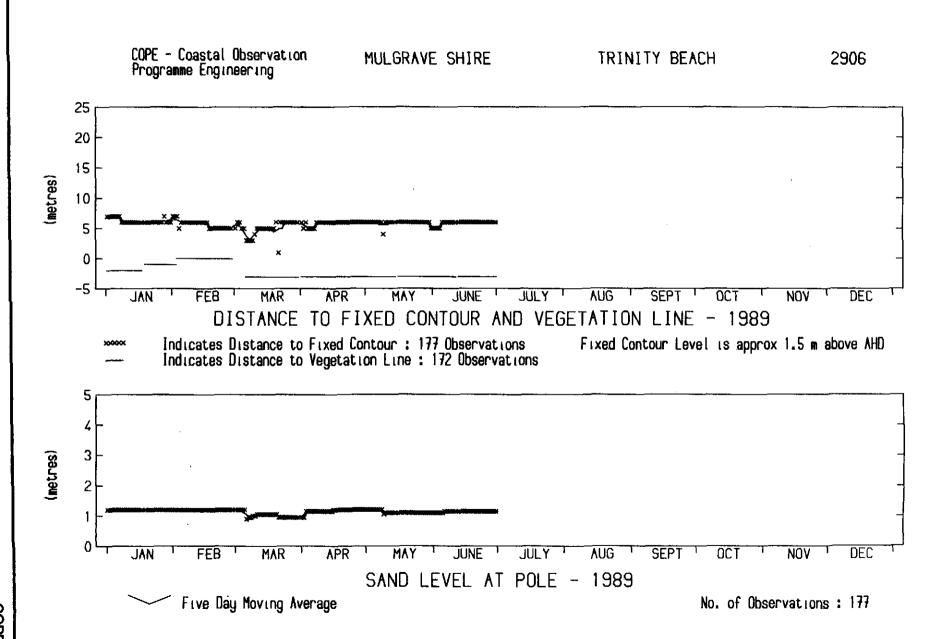




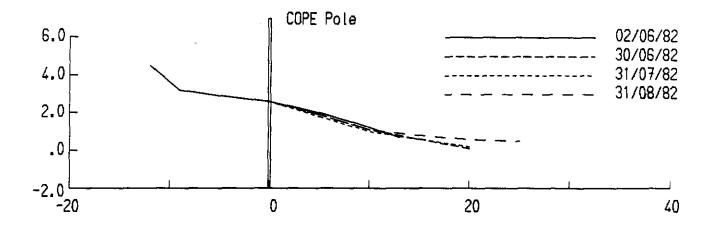


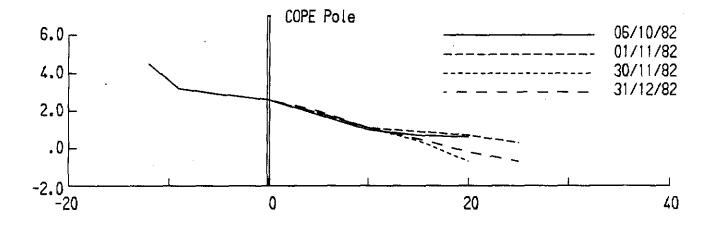


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Distances and Levels are measured in Metres

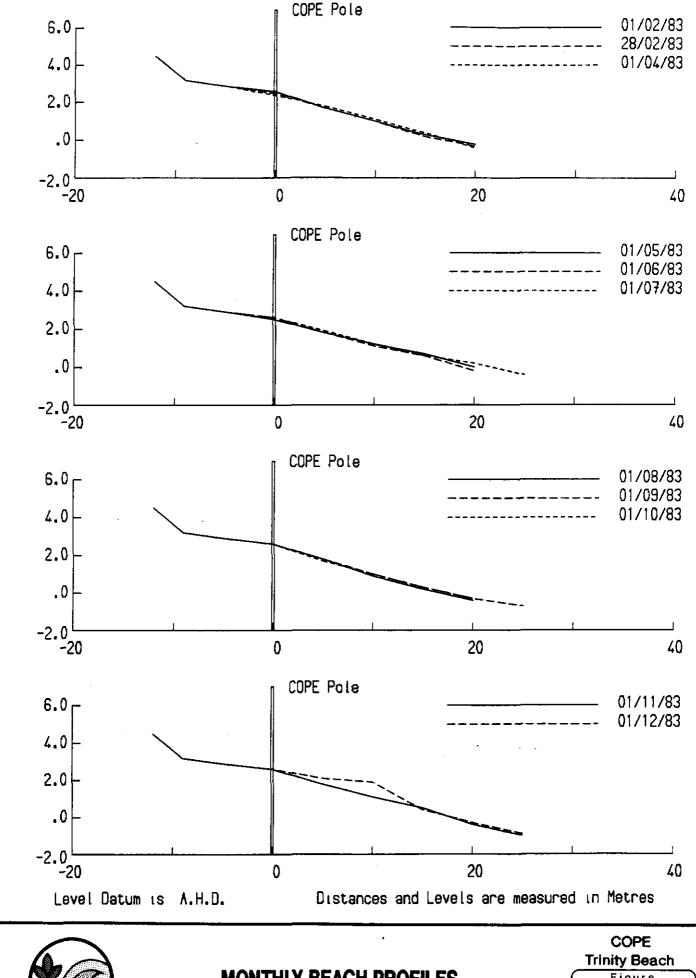


MONTHLY BEACH PROFILES

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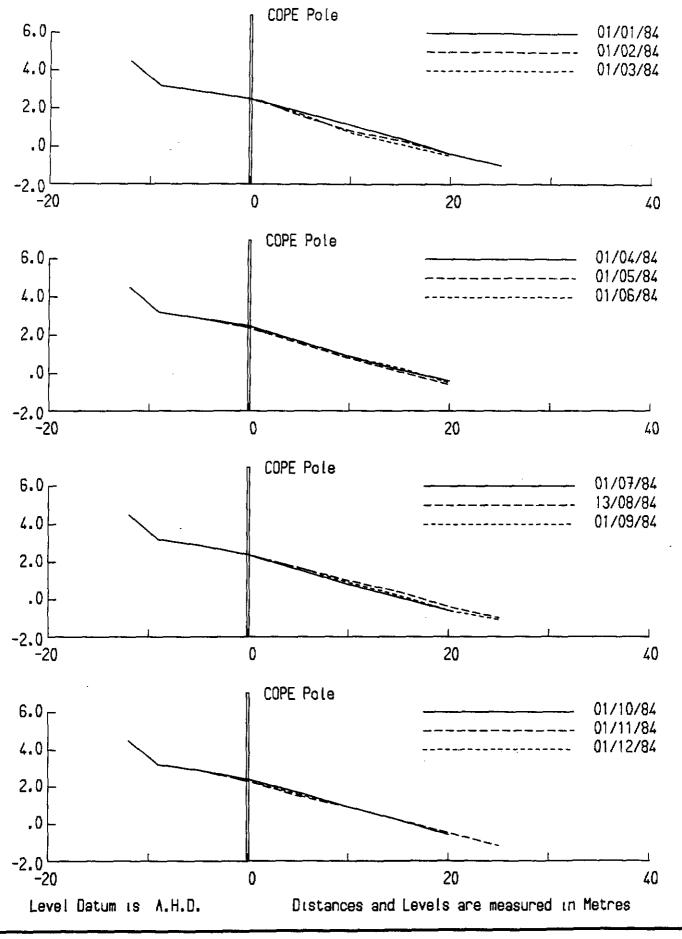
HARBOURS MARINE





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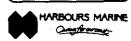


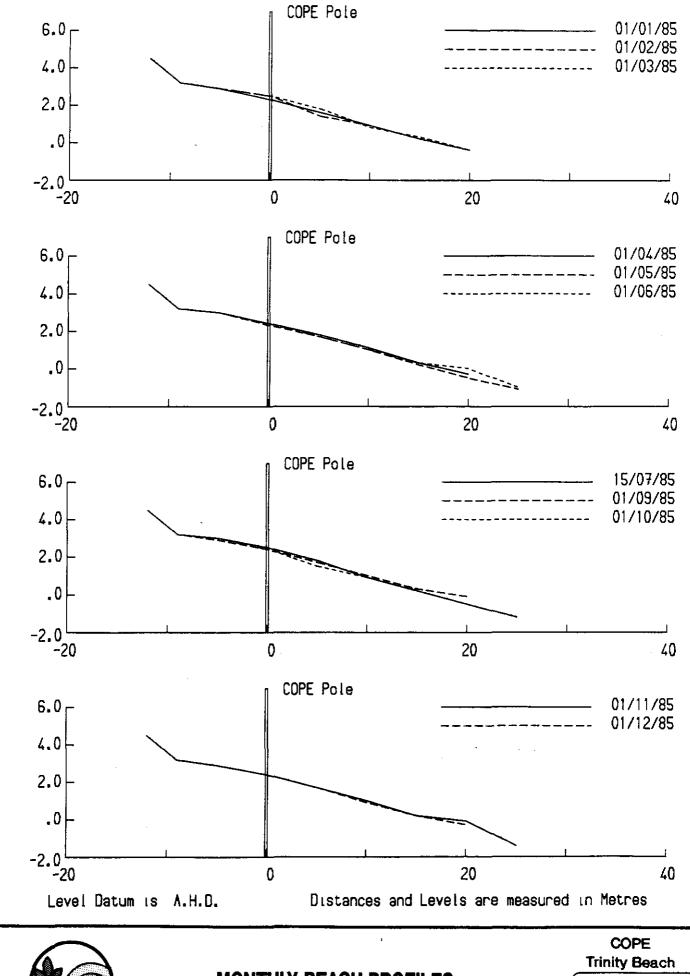




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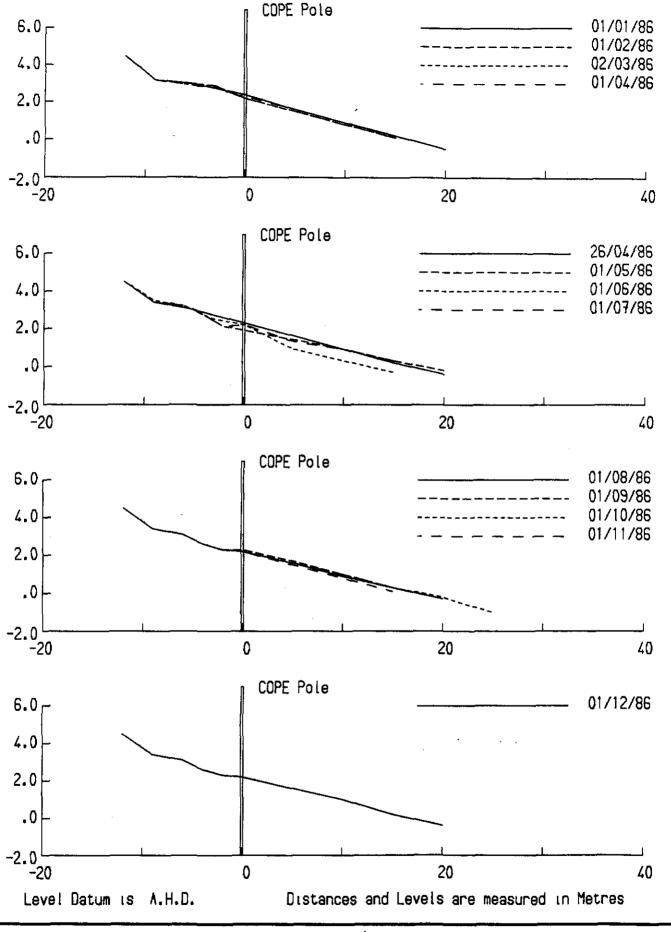






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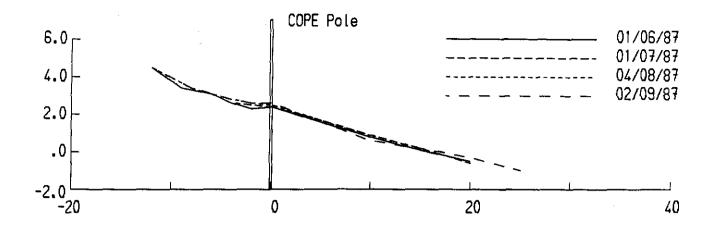


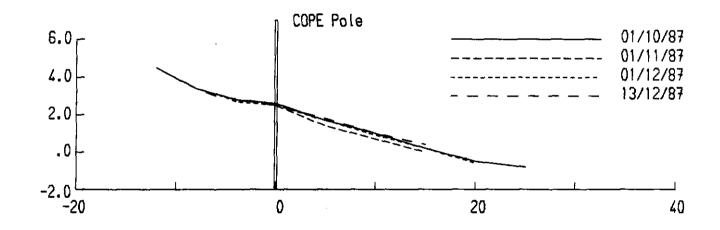


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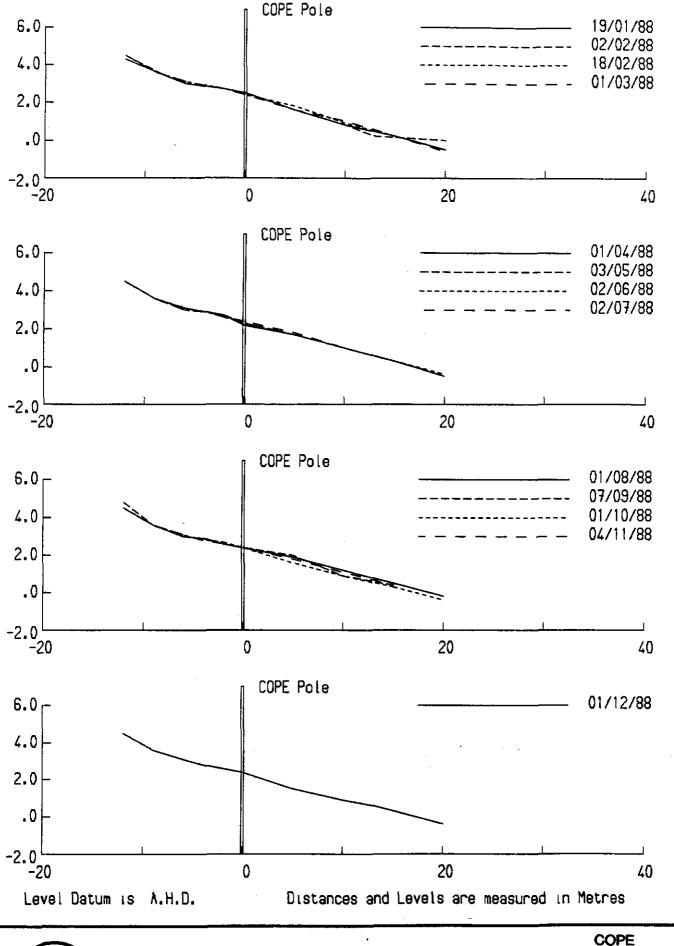


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HARBOURS MARINE

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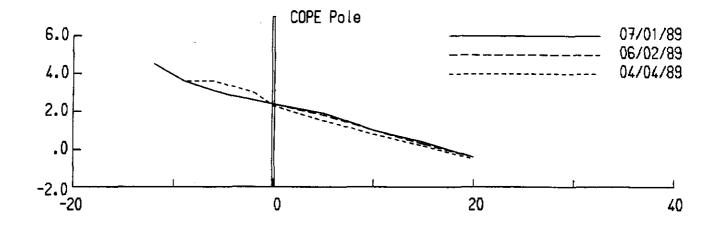


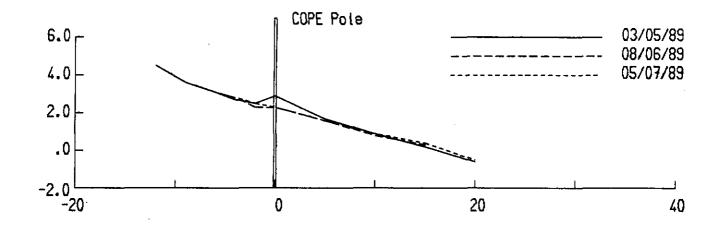


Trinity Beach

Figure **41** C 27.1







Level Datum is A.H.D.

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