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ABSTRACT:-

This report provides summaries of primary analysis of raw wave data recorded in 25 metres of water offshore near Burnett Heads in Southern Queensland. Data was recorded using a Datawell "Waverider" buoy, and covers the period May 5, 1976 to March 5, 1982. The data is divided into seasonal groupings for analysis. No estimations of wave directional data have been provided.

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(Hsig)

Daily Wave Heights (Hsig)

Daily Wave Periods (Tp)

Average Duration of Exceedance of Wave Heights

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Beach Protection Authority as part of its long term program of investigating erosion problems along Queensland's coastline has been recording wave characteristics through a network of wave recording stations since 1968.

This report summarizes the primary analysis of wave data collected in the Burnett Heads region. In addition brief details of the recording equipment, the method of handling raw data and the type of analysis employed are provided.

2.0 RECORDING EQUIPMENT

All wave recording installations operated by the Authority employ the "Waverider" system developed by Datawell b.v. of the Netherlands.

Each installation comprises a Waverider 6000 series buoy transmitting to a shore based WAREP Mark II receiver which in turn is coupled to an ANMA analogue recording unit.

This system utilises a buoy mounted accelerometer to follow the water surface movements and transmits a frequency modulated analogue representation of these water level movements to a shore based recorder. Both analogue magnetic tape and pen chart records are maintained at the shore based station.

3.0 WAVE RECORDING AND ANALYSIS PROCEDURES

In general between May 5, 1976 and November 30, 1981 two recordings of water levels each of 20 minutes duration were made each day with the timing of the recordings set at 0300 hours and 1500 hours respectively.

During cyclonic events or other periods of severe wave action the recording frequency may be increased to 4 times daily. Twenty minute records are still maintained at such times.

From December 1, 1981 there have been 4 recordings per day each of 20 minutes duration at 0300 hours, 0900 hours, 1500 hours and 2100 hours.

The analogue magnetic tape recordings produced by the recording system were digitized for subsequent computer analysis to provide the following wave parameters:—

1.	Energy Density Spectrum	A representation of the distribution of
		wave energy over the component wave
		frequencies.

- 2. Significant Wave Height (Hsig)

 The average of the highest one third of waves in the record.
- 3. Root Mean Square Wave Height (Hrms) The root mean square of the wave heights from the record.

4.	Maximum Wave Height (Hmax)	The highest individual wave in the record.
5.	Peak Energy Period (Tp)	The wave period corresponding to the peak of the energy density spectrum.
6.	Significant Period (Tsig)	The average period of the highest one third of waves in the record.
7.	Zero Crossing Period (Tz)	The average period of all waves in the record based on upward zero crossings.
8.	Crest Period (Tc)	The average period of all the waves in the record based on successive crests.

Digitization was carried out at the Brisbane Office and the digital records held on 9 track digital tapes compatible with the computing facilities available to the Authority. In this process the analogue tapes produced in the field were sampled electronically at half second intervals and this information together with necessary administration information was transferred to the digital tape by a machine (digitizer) which was specifically developed for this purpose.

As the digitized tapes of wave records were produced, routine and spectral analysis of individual records were performed to obtain the previously defined parameters using computer programs developed by the Maritime Services Board of New South Wales. These parameters are the basis for the summary plots and tables attached to this report.

In preparing the summary plots and tables, computer programs developed by the Authority were used to further process the results obtained from the analysis of the individual wave records. As part of this process, durations were assigned to each 20 minute record equivalent to half the recording interval on either side of the record. Where the interval between successive records was longer than one day, the interval was not included in the analysis.

4.0 RECORD LOSSES

Record losses can be divided into three categories - losses due to recording equipment failure, losses during routine processing and losses as a result of spurious records produced by twisted accelerometer cables within the Waverider buoy.

Losses in the first two categories are usually non-recoverable. Records produced when accelerometer cables are twisted, however, are generally recoverable. The twisting of the cables causes a low frequency component to be added to the analogue wave records at the recording stage. When analysis is carried out, the component is easily detected and may be eliminated during data editing following the completion of routine processing and spectral analysis of individual records. Such reinstatement however, is only carried out if the errors constitute a significant proportion of the total number of records.

Details of record losses in the Burnett Heads region are included in Summary Sheet 1, "Details of Wave Recorder Installation".

5.0 DATA PRESENTATION

No attempt has been made to interpret the recorded data for design purposes or to apply corrections for refraction, diffraction and shoaling to obtain equivalent deep water waves. Before any use is made of this data it is therefore necessary to note the exact location of the buoy and the water depth in which the buoy was moored. This data is shown on Summary Sheet 1, "Details of the Wave Recorder Installation".

The data herein presented does not include any information on wave directions. The "Waverider" recording system which is utilised by the Authority is designed to record vertical movements of the water surface only and any wave directions must be assigned to the individual wave records by other means.

Wherever major meteorological events such as cyclones have occurred during the recording period, these were noted and are summarized together with the maximum wave height recorded and any other relevant comments in Summary Sheet 2, "Major Meteorological Events".

In addition to the above Summary Sheets the following tables and figures are presented to complete this report.

- Table 1: Wave Statistics; Wave Period/Wave Height Occurrences, All Data, All Directions.
- Table 2: Wave Statistics; Wave Period/Wave Height Occurrences, Summer Data, All Directions.
- Table 3: Wave Statistics; Wave Period/Wave Height Occurrences, Winter Data, All Directions.
- Figure 1: Locality Map.
- Figure 2. Percentage (of time) Exceedance of Wave Heights (Hsig) for All Wave Periods.
- Figure 3: Histogram Percentage (of time) Occurrences of Wave Heights (Hsig) for All Wave Periods.
- Figure 4. Histogram Percentage (of time) Occurrences of Wave Periods (Tp) for All Wave Heights.
- Figure 5: Wave Parameter Relationships.
- Figure 6: Average Duration of Exceedance of Wave Heights (Hsig).
- Figure 7: Daily Wave Heights (Hsig).
- Figure 8: Daily Wave Periods (Tp).

The above tables refer to data recorded in Summer and Winter. For the purposes of analysis, Summer has been taken as the period from November 1 to April 30 in the following year. Winter covers the period May 1 to October 31 in any one year.

SUMMARY SHEET 1

DETAILS OF WAVE RECORDER INSTALLATION

Region: - Burnett Heads Region

Buoy Location:-

Co-ordinates: 152° 35' East 24° 24' South

Description: 43 kms N.N.E. of Burnett Heads (See Figure 1)

Water Depth at Buoy: - 25 metres relative to Australian Height Datum

Location of Recording Station: Harbours and Marine Pilot Reserve, Burnett Heads

Period of Data Collection: May 5, 1976 to March 5, 1982

Normal Recording Interval: Two twenty minute records daily at 0300 hours and

1500 hours between May 5, 1976 and

November 30, 1981

Four twenty minute records daily at 0300 hours, 0900 hours, 1500 hours and 2100 hours between December 1, 1981 and March 5,

1982

Total No. of Records Analysed: 3 591

Number of Records Lost Due to:-

Field Equipment Failure 553 Losses during Analysis 302

Damaged Accelerometer Cables -

Periods during which four recordings per day were tak en: -

March 1-8, 1979 February 28, 1980 December 1, 1981 to March 5, 1982

Assessment of Data Quality:- Good.

SUMMARY SHEET 2

MAJOR METEOROLOGICAL EVENTS

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Cyclone Name	Minimum Central Pressure (mb)	Date	Estimated Closest Point of Cyclone Track to Buoy (km)	Maximum Hsig Recorded (metres)	Maximum Hmax Recorded (metres)	Tp (secs)
Otto	984	8.3.1977	450 NW	Recorder Malfunction	Recorder Malfunction	Recorder Malfunction
Hal	985	14.4.1978	320 NE	1.97	2.79	5.99
Gordon	988	10.1.1979	450 N	2.35	4.03	9.16
Kerry	955	20.1.1979	350 N	2.77	3.86	10.69
Pau1	989	8.1.1980	150 NE	2.70	4.94	6.27
Ruth	987	14.2.1980	450 N	3.17	5.15	7.13
Simon	960	27.2.1980	100 NE	4.48	8.89	7.98
Sina	980	12.3.1980	800 NE	2.20	3.79	6.23
Cliff	975	13.2.1981	80 S	2.11	3.27	6.01
Freda	972	1.3.1981	520 NE	3.31	6.32	10.06

Highest Significant Wave Height (Hsig) recorded was 4.48 m on February 27, 1980 during cyclone 'Simon'.

Highest Maximum Wave Height (Hmax) recorded was 8.89 m on February 27, 1980 during cyclone 'Simon'.

WAVE PERIOD/WAVE HEIGHT OCCURRENCES ALL DATA, ALL DIRECTIONS

Totals		91.75 335.88 440.75 349.38 249.25 170.29 103.75 55.00 26.38 9.38 7.75 1.25 1.25 1.25 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0	1848.16
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	3 – 4.99	11.00 94.75 180.13 156.75 100.00 54.29 8.75 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	99.909
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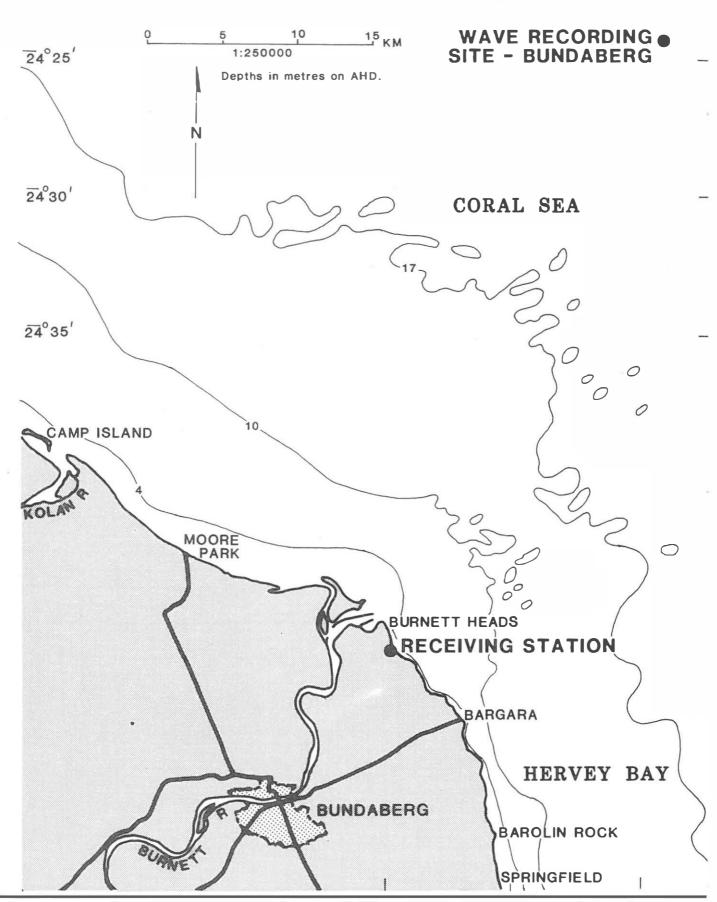
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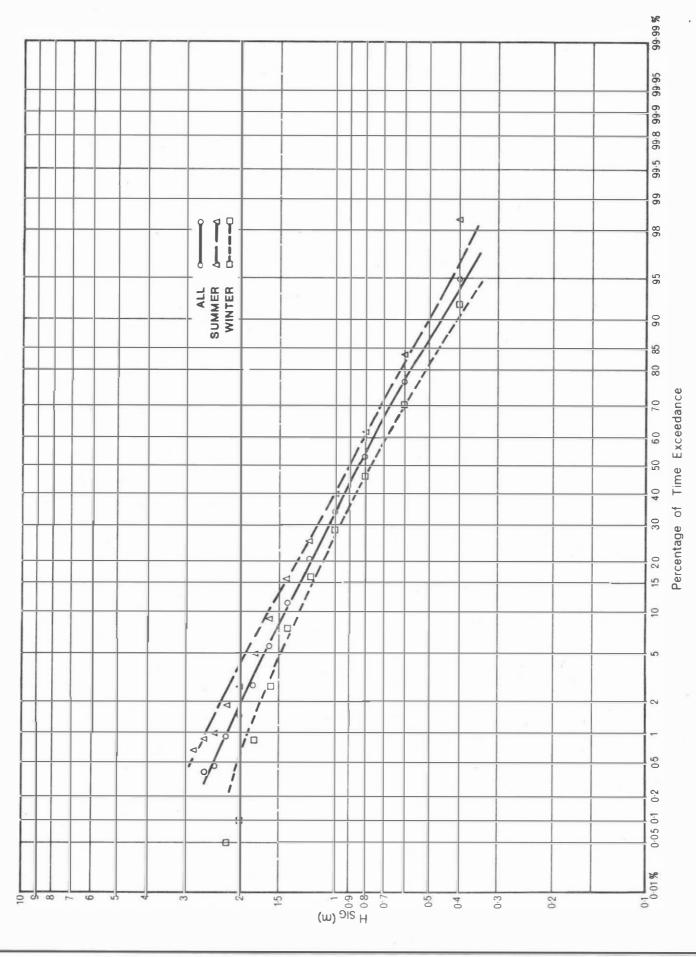
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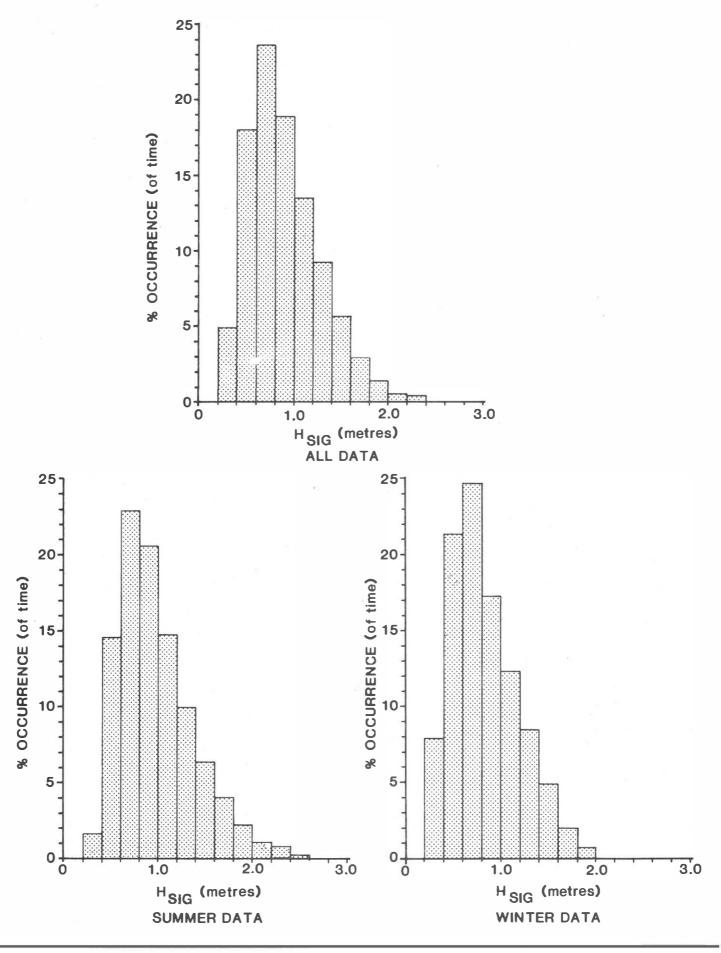
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PERCENTAGE (OF TIME) EXCEEDANCE
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5th May 1976 to 5th March 1982

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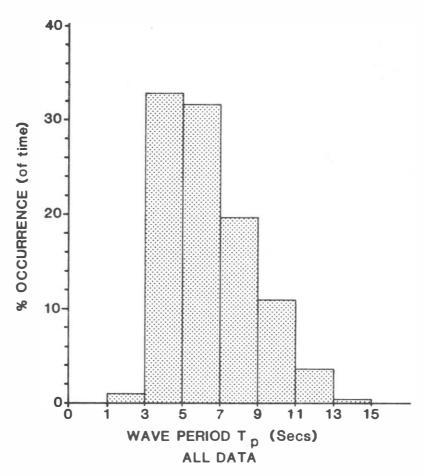


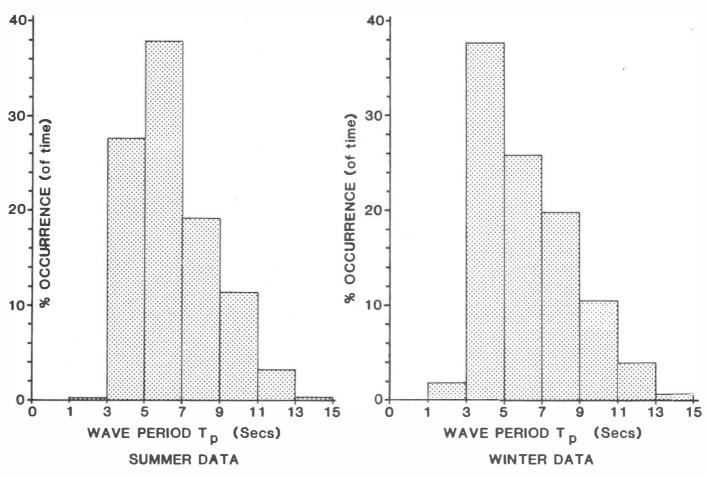
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OCCURRENCE OF WAVE HEIGHTS (Hsig) FOR ALL WAVE PERIODS 5th May 1976 to 5th March 1982

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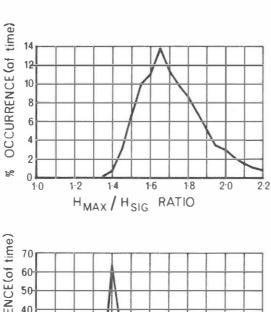
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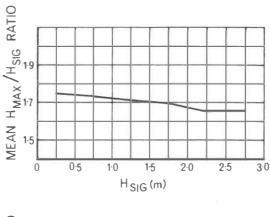
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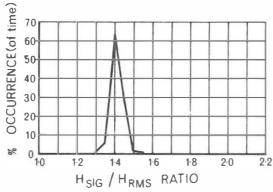
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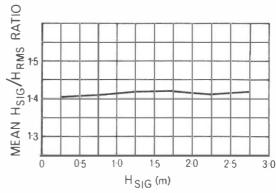
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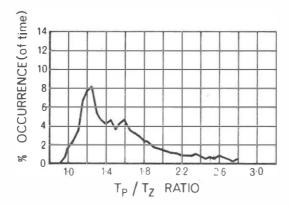
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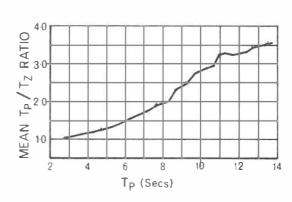


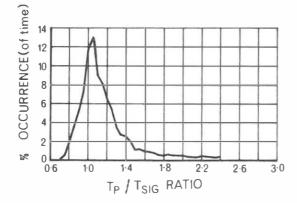


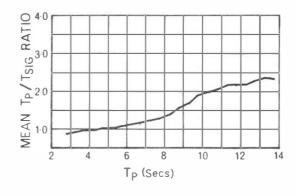












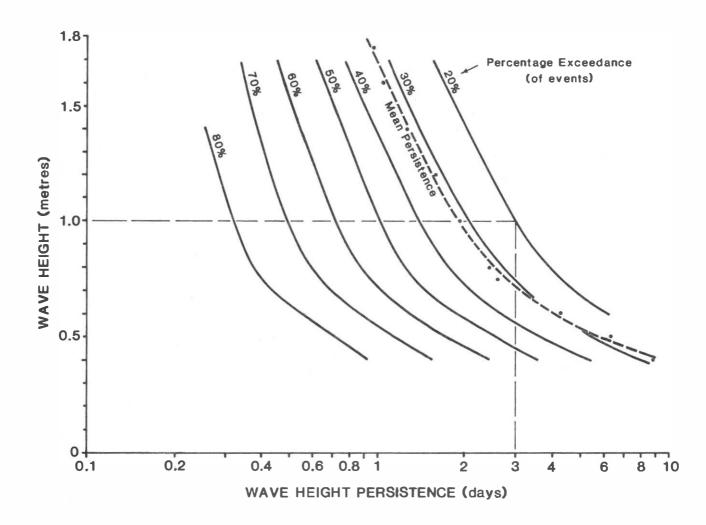


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Note:-

- 1. Wave height persistence is the duration for which a given significant wave height is continuously exceeded. As an example, given a 1.0 metre significant wave height, there is a 20 % probability that this wave height or greater will persist for more than 3 days.
- 2. The mean persistence line plotted represents the average persistence of all events having a given significant wave height or greater.



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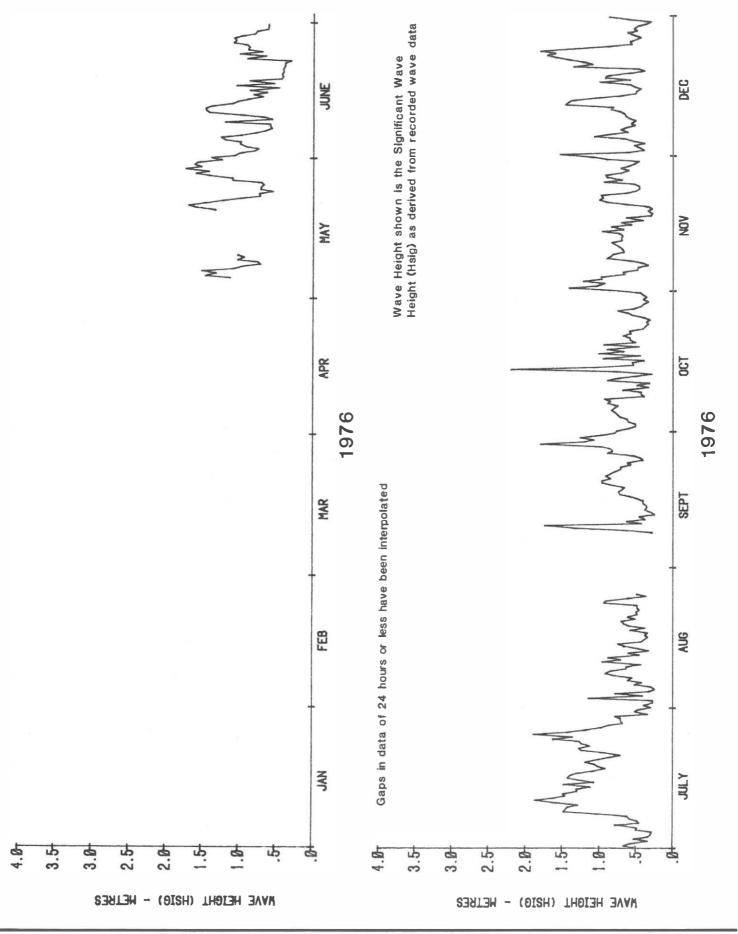
AVERAGE DURATION OF EXCEEDANCE OF WAVE HEIGHTS (Hsig)

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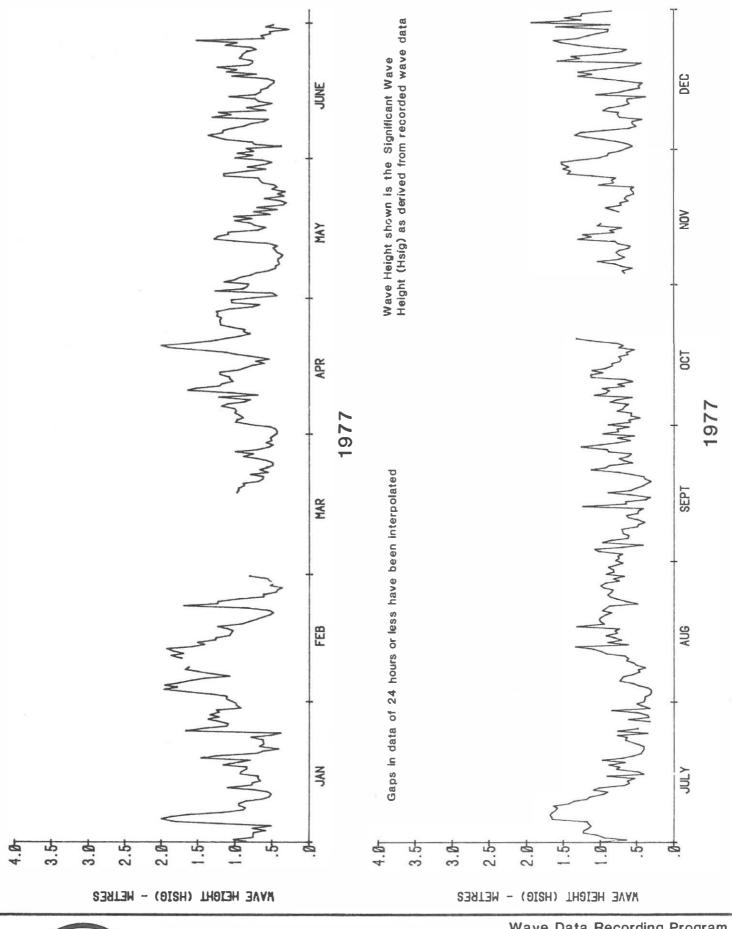
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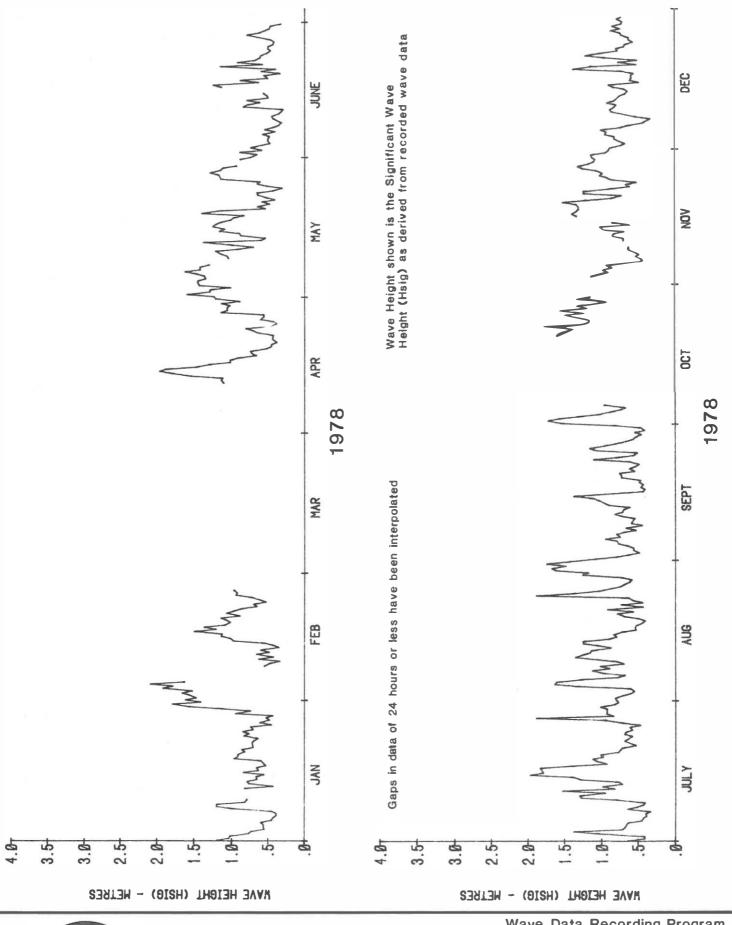
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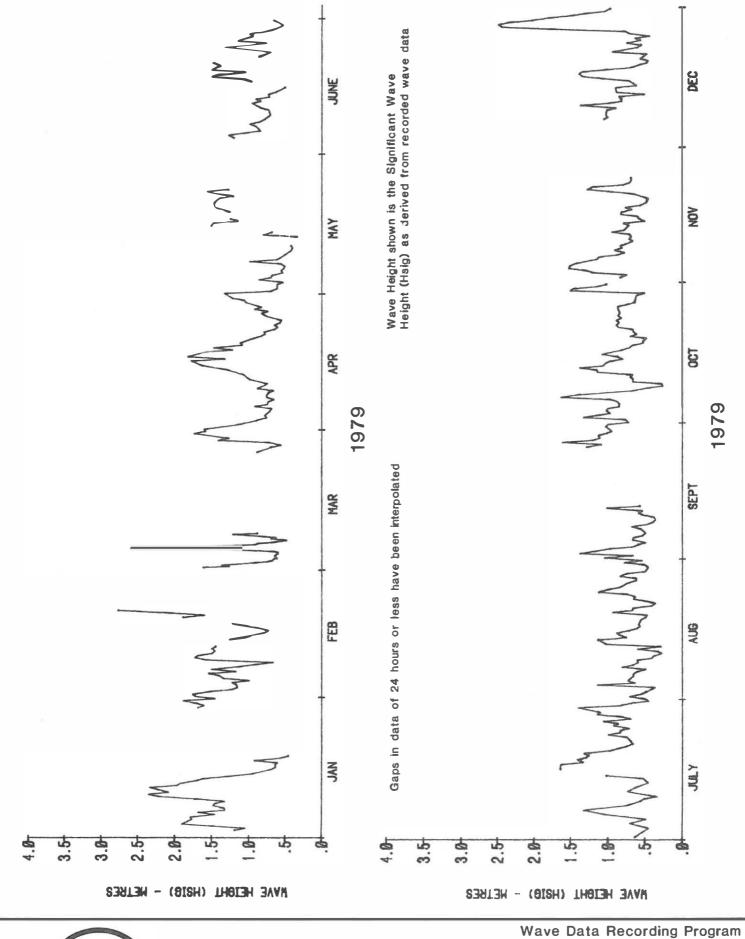


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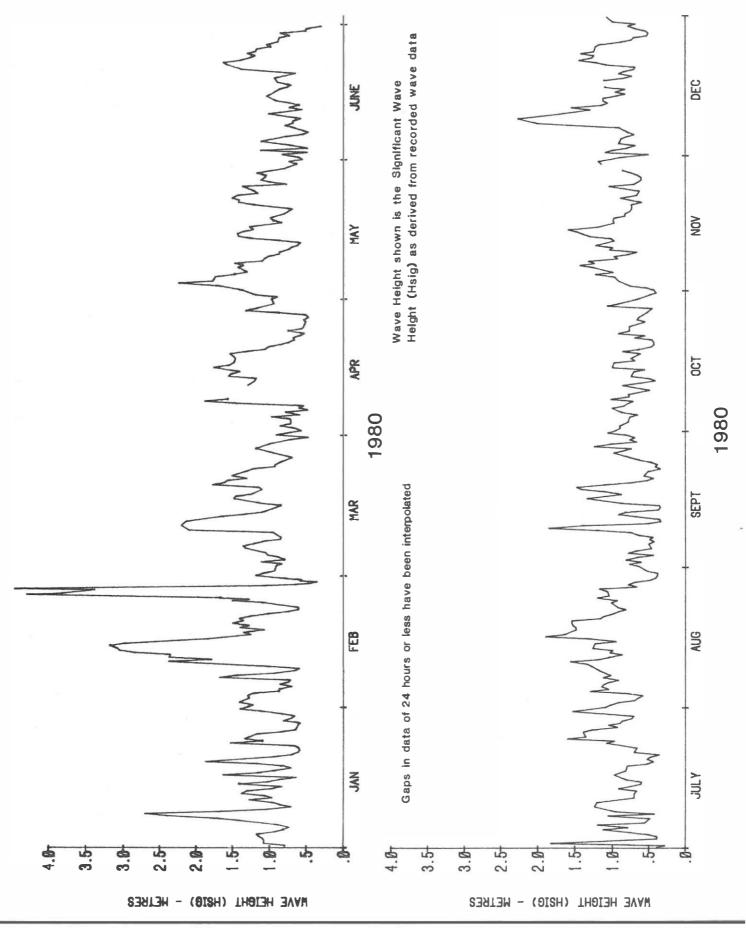




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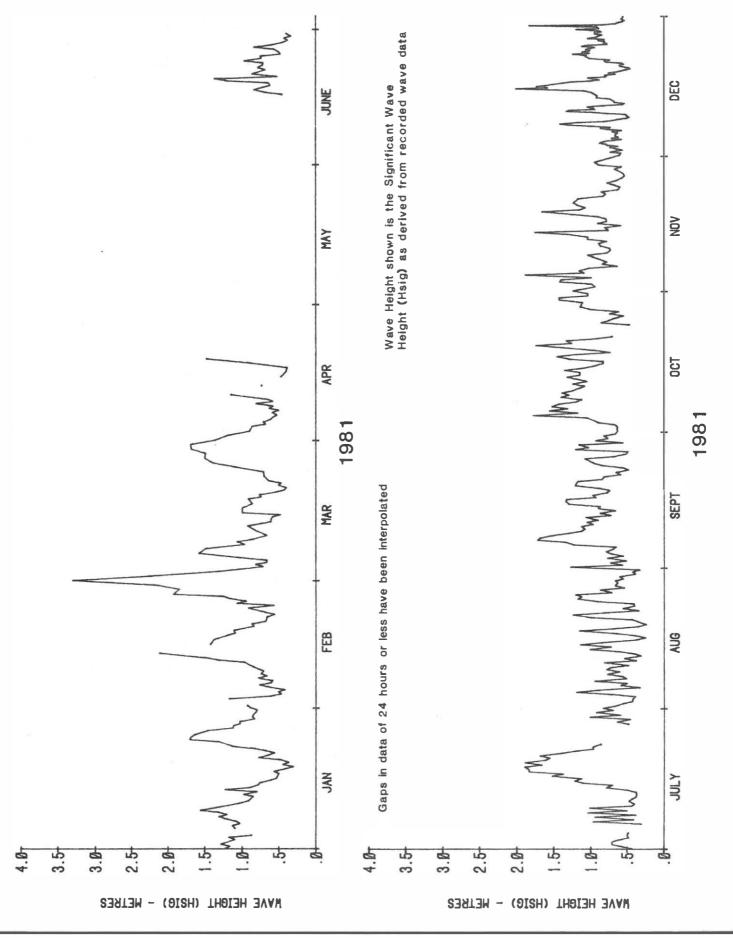
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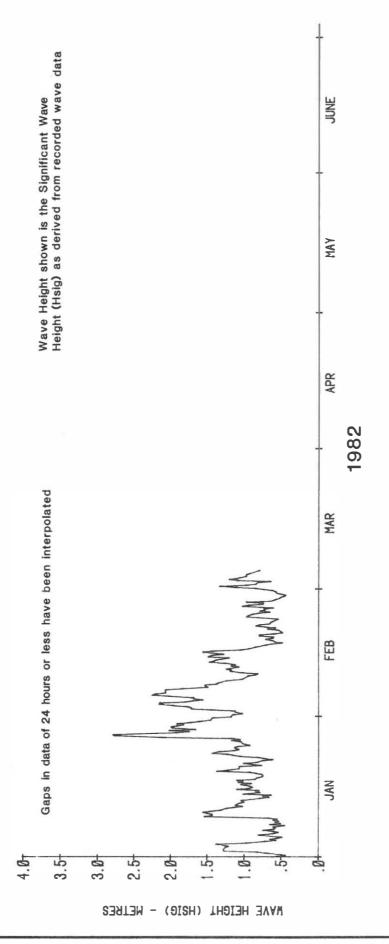




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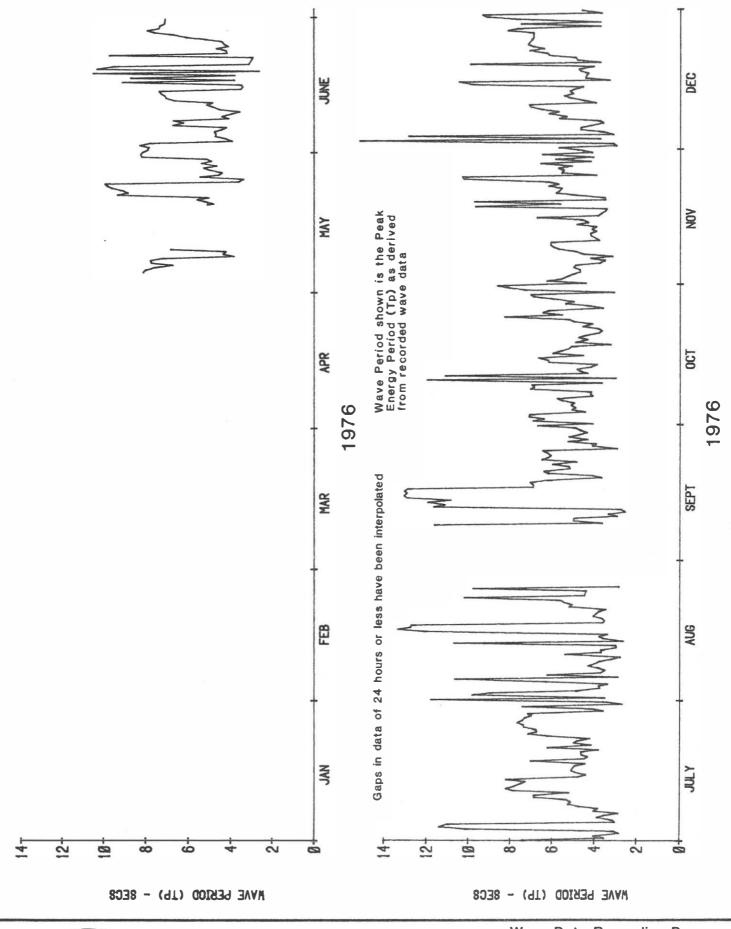


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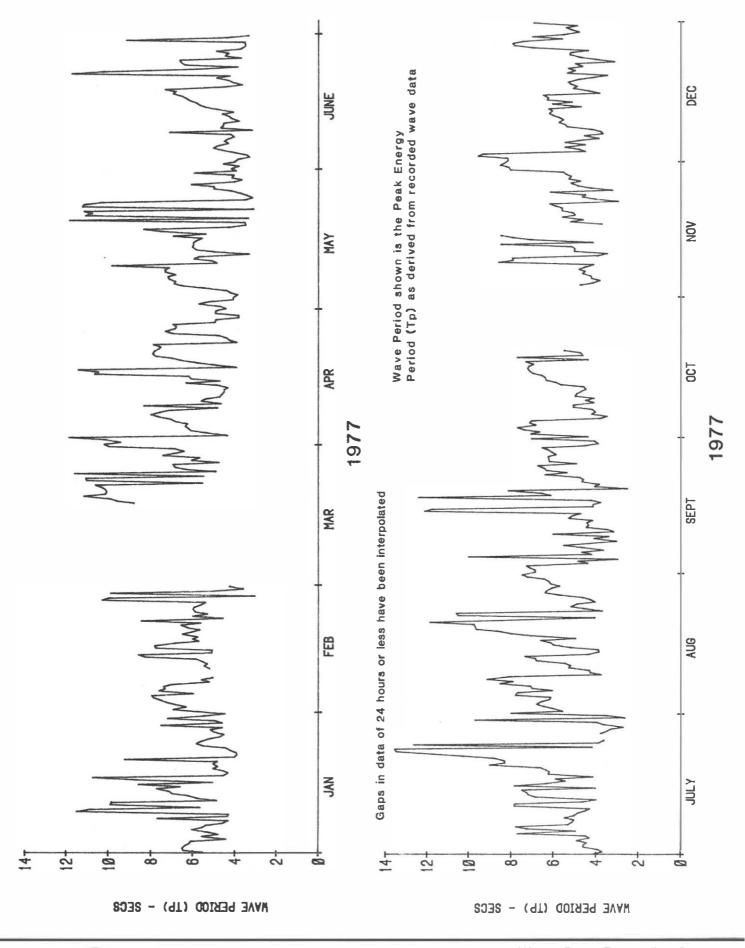




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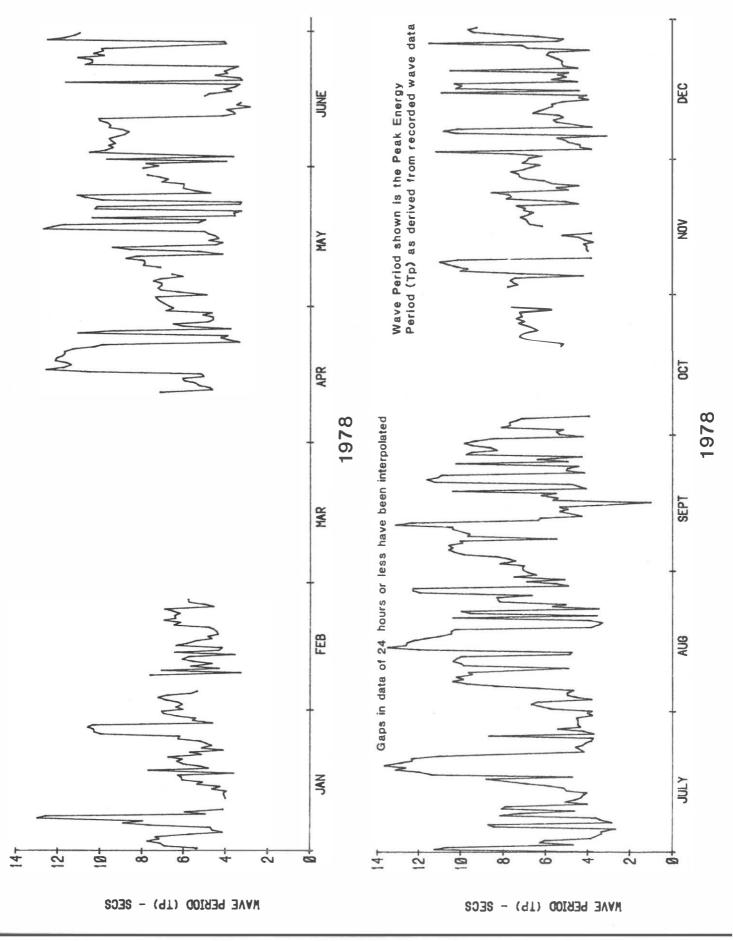
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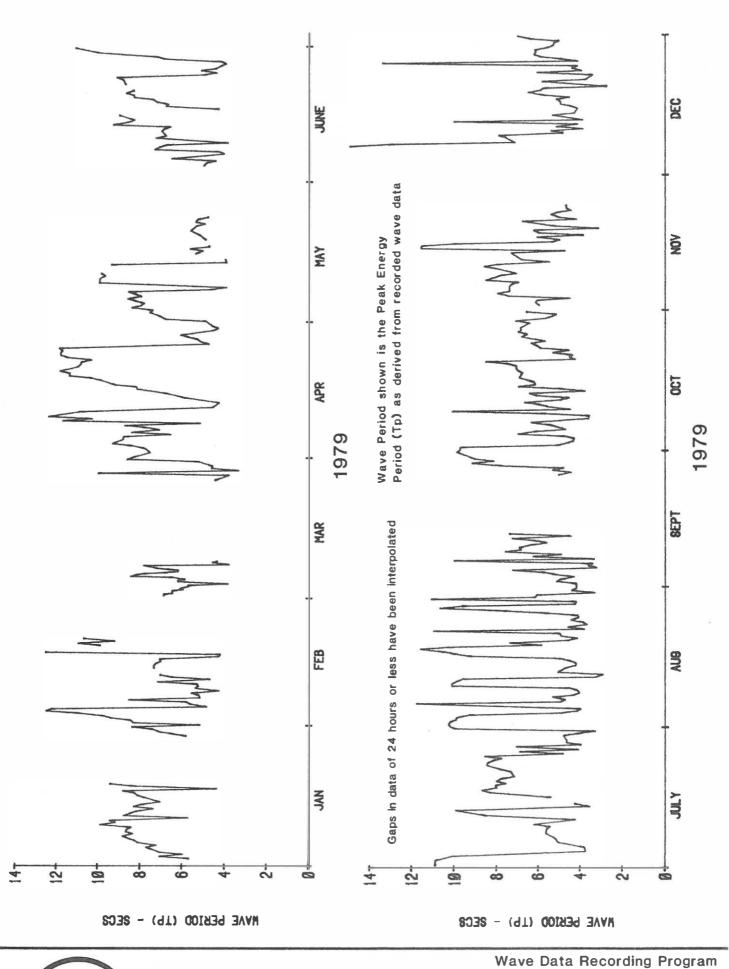




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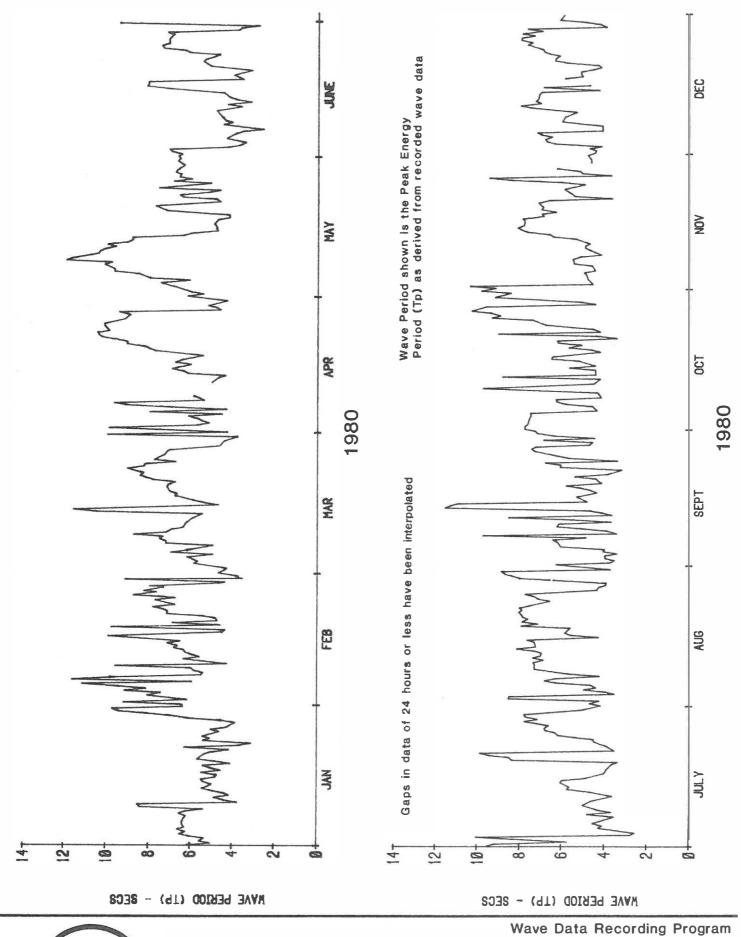




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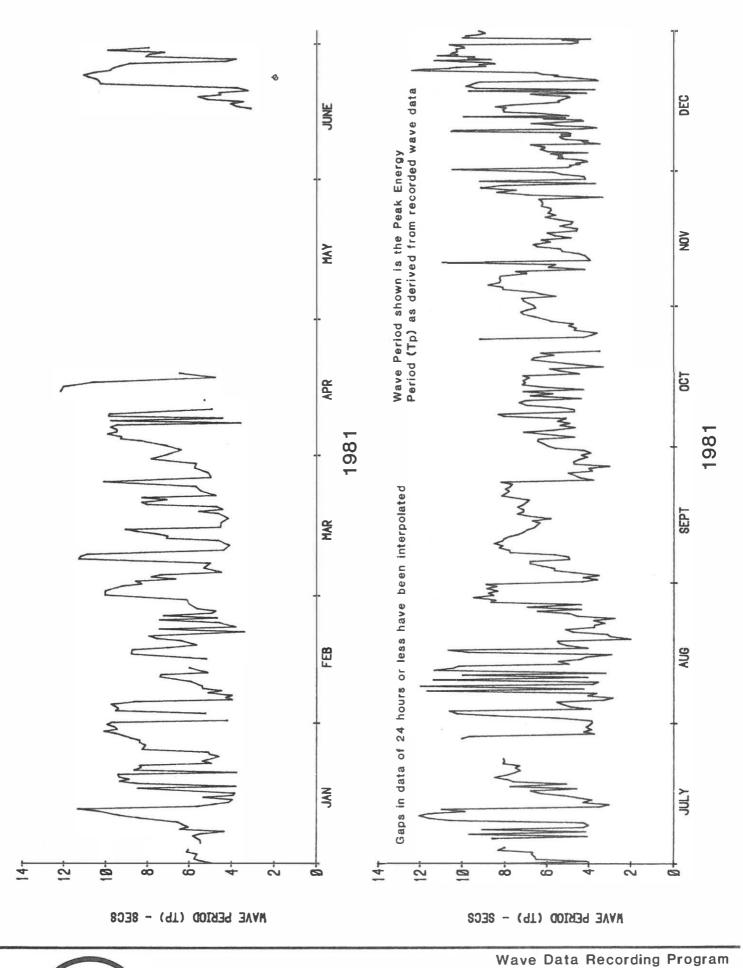
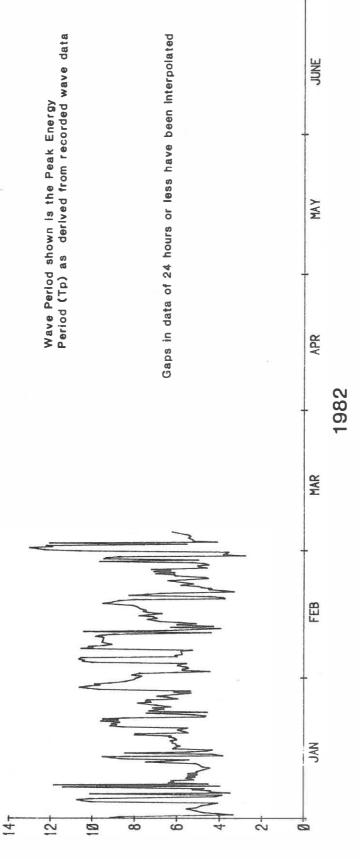




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