

Portland Hourly Observations

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Important Notes for Interpretation

Hourly wind roses (Figures 1(a) – 4(a)) and hourly frequency analyses (Figures 1(b) to 4(b)) have been provided for the Olympic (28th July - 11th August) and the Paralympic Periods (31st August - 6th September) for Portland Synoptic Station and Portland Harbour Wall.

Due to the short period of record and the short length of the periods, these analyses are based on a very limited data. The limited data period must be taken into account when interpreting the information as conditions during the summers of 2007 and 2008 were not typical. During these summers there were several weather systems moving across the United Kingdom. These typically brought with them windier than normal conditions and generally wind directions from the south-westerly quadrant. During a more representative summer more settled weather would lead to calmer overall conditions.

Explanation of Wind Roses & Frequency Analyses

For these wind roses and frequency analyses, all times are in British Summer Time (BST). An analysis has been provided for all hours from 11:00 BST to 17:00 BST.

Wind directions are at all times expressed in degrees from true north and represent the direction from which the wind is blowing. The wind frequency analysis gives percentages of occurrence of each wind direction and speed, with wind directions across the top in degrees and wind speeds in knots along the side. The total periods at the bottom of the diagram indicate the total percentage of the time that winds were monitored from each direction. Significant wind speed/direction combinations in the table are coloured, as the key at the bottom of the wind frequency analysis demonstrates.

The wind roses show the same information in a graphical format. This information is also in knots (represented by the different colours in the bar) and the percentage of time of wind from each direction is shown radiating outwards on the diagrams. Beneath each wind rose is listed the number of observations included in the analysis. It can be seen that for the Portland Harbour all station the number of records included in the analysis is as low as 25 on some days.

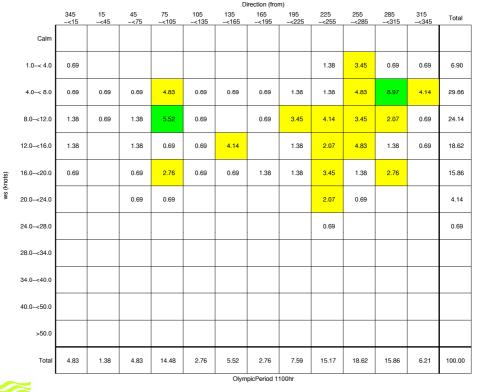


Figure 1(a): Hourly Wind Roses for Portland Synoptic Station for the Olympic Period (28th July -11th Aug).



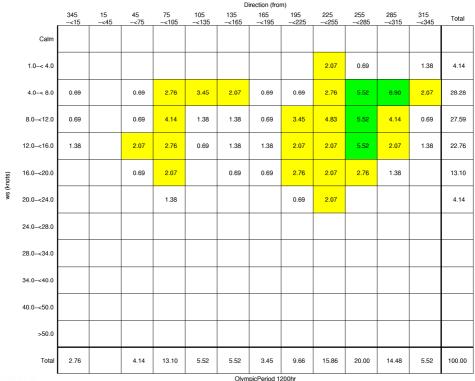


Figure 1(b): Hourly Wind Frequency Analyses for Portland Synoptic Station for the Olympic Period (28th July -11th Aug).





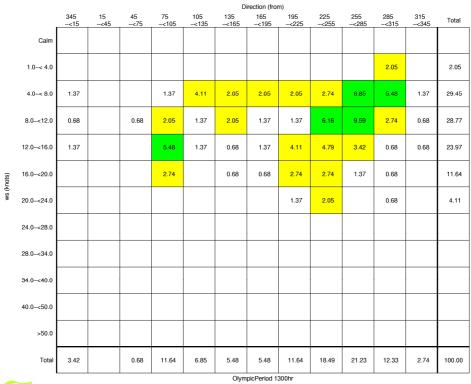






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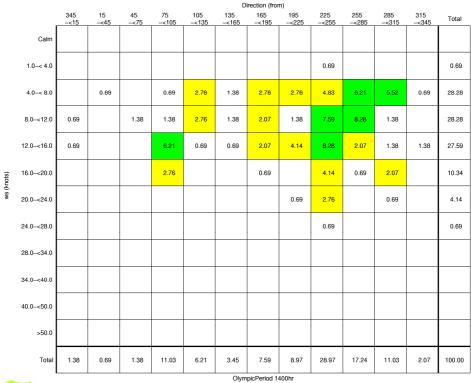












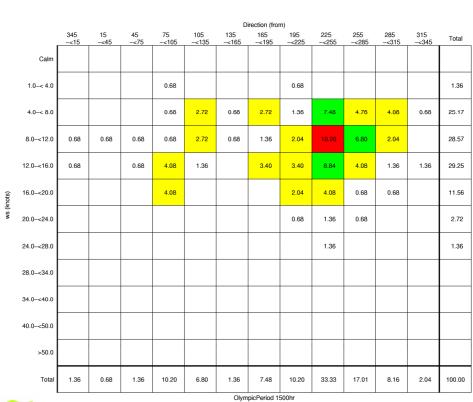




















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	_	345 -<15	15 -<45	45 -<75	75 -<105	105 -<135	135 -<165	165 -<195	195 -<225	225 -<255	255 -<285	285 -<315	315 -<345	Total
ws (knots)	Calm													
	1.0-< 4.0		0.68					0.68		0.68				2.05
	4.0-< 8.0				2.05	2.05		2.74	2.05	6.16	6.16	3.42		24.66
	8.0-<12.0	1.37	0.68	0.68	0.68	3.42	1.37	2.74	1.37	6.85	5.48	1.37		26.03
	12.0-<16.0	1.37			2.74	0.68		1.37	4.11	10.96	4.11	2.05	1.37	28.77
	16.0-<20.0			0.68	3.42	0.68		0.68	2.05	4.11	2.05	0.68		14.38
	20.0-<24.0								0.68	2.05				2.74
	24.0-<28.0									1.37				1.37
	28.0-<34.0													
	34.0-<40.0													
	40.0-<50.0													
	>50.0													
	Total	2.74	1.37	1.37	8.90	6.85	1.37	8.22	10.27	32.19	17.81	7.53	1.37	100.00
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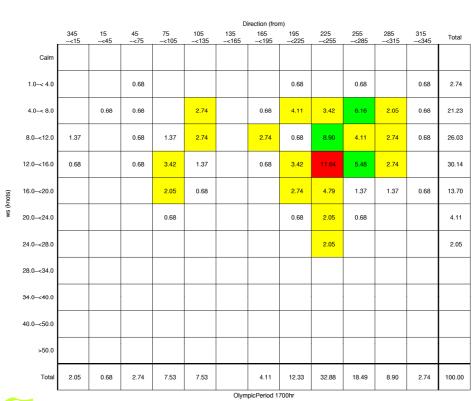












Figure 2(a): Hourly Wind Roses for Portland Harbour Wall for the Olympic Period (28th July -11th Aug).

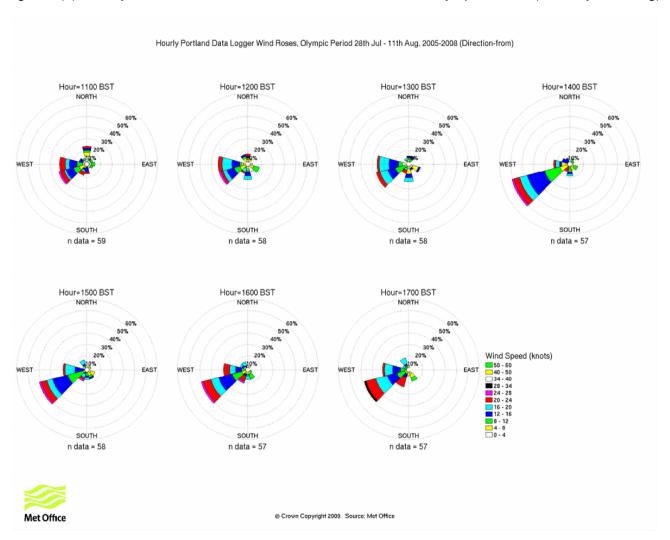
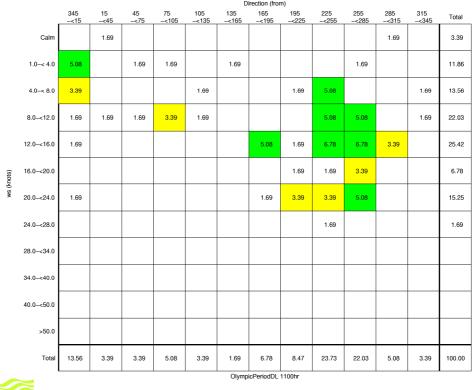


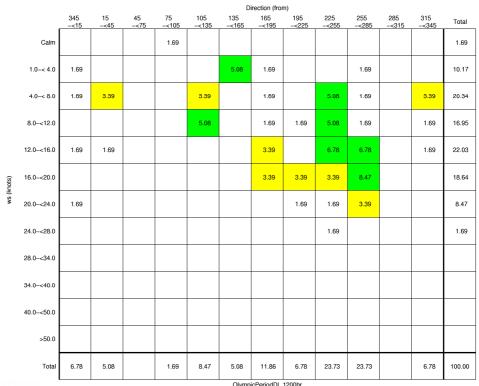


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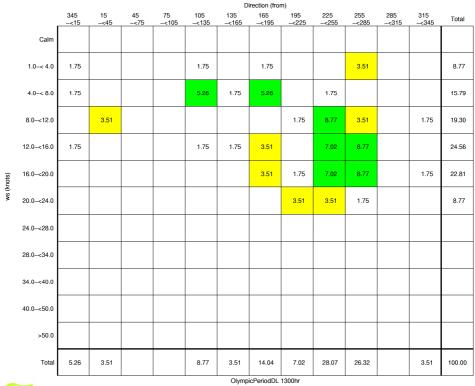






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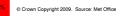


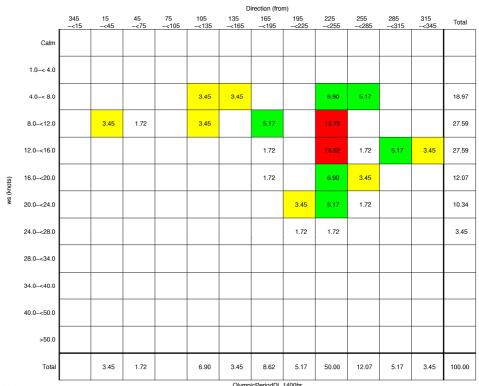












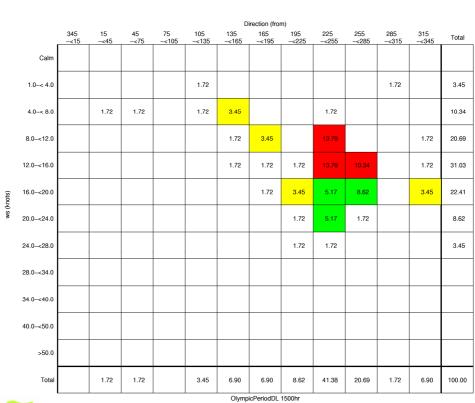










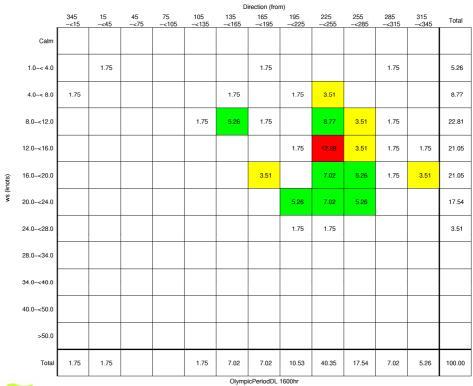






















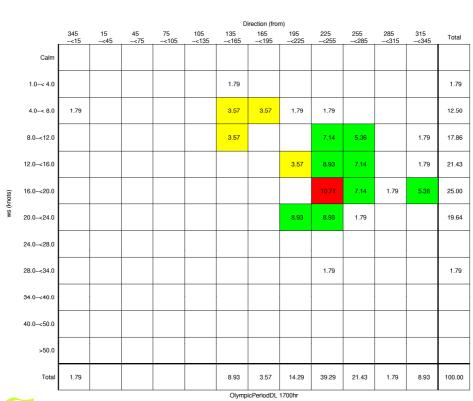










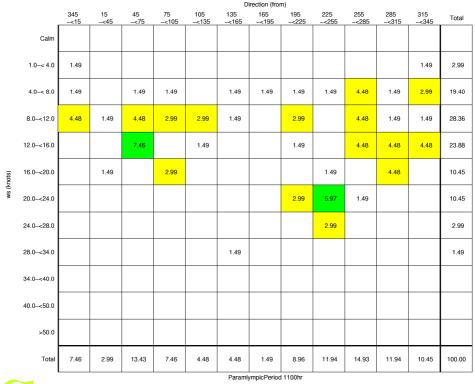


Figure 3(a): Hourly Wind Roses for Portland Synoptic Station for the Paralympic Period (31st Aug -6th September).





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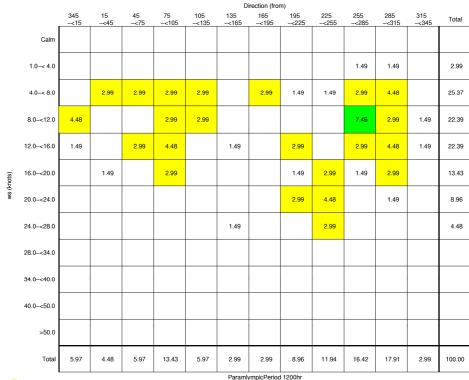










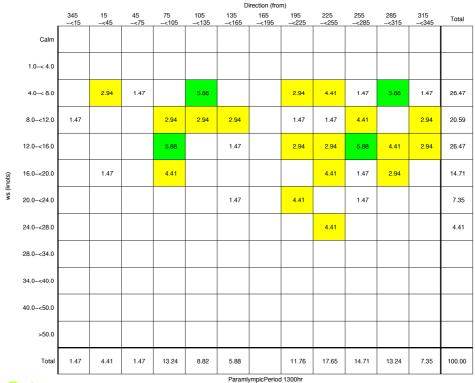










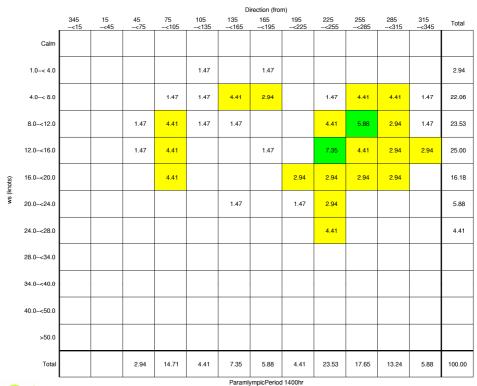
































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	8.0-<12.0				4.35	5.80	1.45	1.45	1.45	7.25	5.80	1.45		28.99
	12.0-<16.0			1.45	2.90	1.45				5.80	2.90	4.35	1.45	20.29
	16.0-<20.0				2.90		1.45			2.90	2.90	4.35		14.49
	20.0-<24.0								1.45	10.14				11.59
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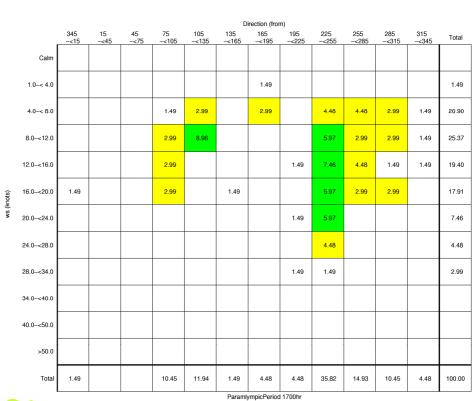










Figure 4(a): Hourly Wind Roses for Portland Harbour Wall for the Paralympic Period (31st Aug-6th September).

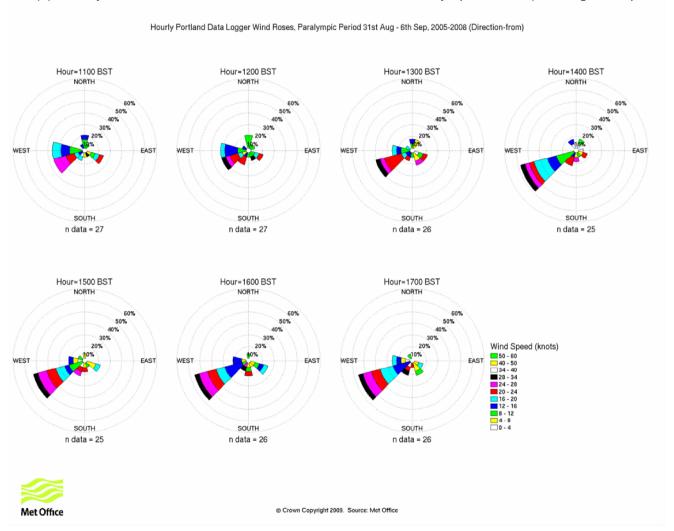




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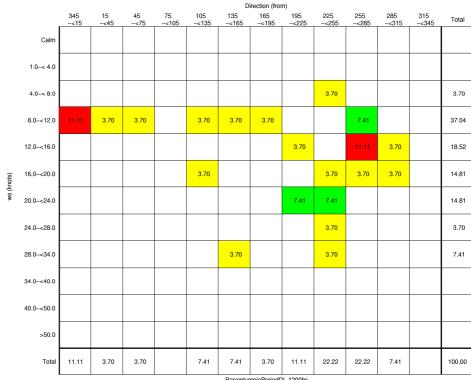
































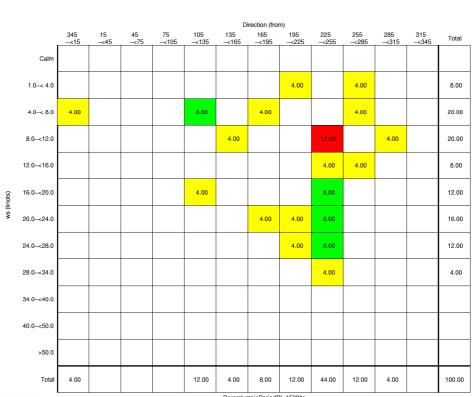
























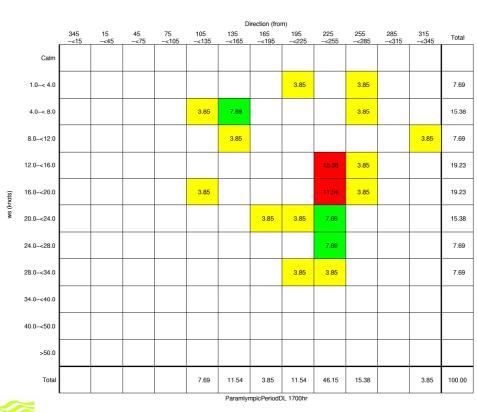












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