

## Port Isaac Tide Gauge

### Location

OS: 199490E 80998N

WGS84: *Latitude:* 50° 35' 39.083" N *Longitude:* 04° 50' 03.881" W

### Instrument Type

Etrometa step gauge

TGBM



### Benchmarks

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TGBM = 7.715 above Ordnance Datum Newlyn

TGZ = -3.970m above Ordnance Datum Newlyn

TGZ = -0.170m above Chart Datum

TGZ = 11.685m below TGBM

#### Description

Top of galvanised horizontal frame

### Datum

All data are to Ordnance Datum Newlyn. The height of Chart Datum relative to Ordnance Datum at Port Isaac is -3.80m (Admiralty Tide Tables, Supplementary Table III).

### Survey information

The site was first surveyed on 29 June 2010, using a ~25 hour occupation to account for tidal loading.

### Site characteristics

The breakwater is on open coast, although sheltered from the southwest by a headland. Some wave reflection from the breakwater can occur. There are no nearby estuaries. Spring tidal range is approx. 6.6m.

### Data Quality

Recovery rate (%)	Sample interval
98	10 minutes

### Service history

The step gauge became operational on 26 July 2010 and was last serviced in October 2015. No re-calibration of the instrument is required.

### Measurements

Residuals and Elevations (OD and CD) for the whole year are shown in Figures 1 to 3 respectively.

### Statistics

*All times GMT*

Month	Extreme maxima		Extreme minima	
	Elevation (OD)	Date/Time	Elevation (OD)	Date/Time
January	4.35	23-Jan-2015 07:00	-3.65	22-Jan-2015 12:50
February	4.62	20-Feb-2015 05:50	-3.80	20-Feb-2015 12:30
March	4.52	22-Mar-2015 06:30	-3.91	21-Mar-2015 12:10
April	4.30	20-Apr-2015 06:10	-3.73	20-Apr-2015 00:20
May	4.09	18-May-2015 05:10	-3.34	20-May-2015 00:30
June	3.71	04-Jun-2015 18:30	-3.05	17-Jun-2015 11:50
July	4.02	03-Jul-2015 18:20	-3.21	05-Jul-2015 01:20
August	4.62	31-Aug-2015 18:30	-3.73	31-Aug-2015 00:10
September	4.56	29-Sep-2015 18:10	-3.92	30-Sep-2015 00:30
October	4.74	28-Oct-2015 17:50	-3.68	01-Oct-2015 01:20
November	4.19	27-Nov-2015 05:50	-3.52	26-Nov-2015 11:30
December	4.15	26-Dec-2015 05:40	-2.94	27-Dec-2015 12:40

Month	Surge maxima		Surge minima	
	Value (m)	Date/Time	Value (m)	Date/Time
January	0.84	14-Jan-2015 23:20	-0.44	02-Jan-2015 13:00
February	0.65	24-Feb-2015 01:50	-0.37	06-Feb-2015 16:50
March	0.37	31-Mar-2015 01:20	-0.36	13-Mar-2015 10:40
April	0.23	16-Apr-2015 11:50	-0.33	07-Apr-2015 11:40
May	0.49	05-May-2015 14:00	-0.33	24-May-2015 17:30
June	0.44	02-Jun-2015 00:00	-0.31	09-Jun-2015 19:50
July	0.38	26-Jul-2015 10:40	-0.17	15-Jul-2015 21:20
August	0.43	26-Aug-2015 06:10	-0.16	12-Aug-2015 14:10
September	0.43	16-Sep-2015 12:10	-0.31	29-Sep-2015 14:20
October	0.40	05-Oct-2015 05:30	-0.29	13-Oct-2015 03:20
November	0.44	17-Nov-2015 13:00	-0.46	21-Nov-2015 10:10
December	0.67	30-Dec-2015 07:20	-0.36	08-Dec-2015 17:10

Month	Mean Level	
	No. of days	Elevation (OD)
January	31	0.349
February	28	0.240
March	31	0.224
April	30	0.227
May	31	0.299
June	30	0.241
July	31	0.345
August	31	0.373
September	30	0.347
October	31	0.407
November	30	0.445
December	31	0.590

Highest values in 2015			
Extreme		Surge	
Elevation (OD) (Surge component)	Date/Time	Value (m)	Date/Time
4.74 (0.17)	28-Oct-2015 17:50	0.84	14-Jan-2015 23:20
4.66 (0.16)	27-Oct-2015 17:00	0.67	30-Dec-2015 07:20
4.62 (0.15)	29-Oct-2015 06:00	0.66	08-Jan-2015 23:40
4.62 (0.01)	31-Aug-2015 18:30	0.65	24-Feb-2015 01:50
4.62 (0.19)	20-Feb-2015 05:50	0.61	23-Dec-2015 20:30
4.60 (0.07)	21-Feb-2015 06:40	0.59	15-Jan-2015 09:30
4.57 (0.12)	28-Oct-2015 05:20	0.59	23-Feb-2015 12:30
4.56 (-0.16)	29-Sep-2015 18:10	0.58	14-Jan-2015 20:00
4.53 (0.23)	02-Aug-2015 18:50	0.58	31-Dec-2015 00:50
4.53 (0.09)	29-Oct-2015 18:30	0.57	25-Dec-2015 10:30

Year	Annual extreme maxima		Annual surge maxima		Z <sub>0</sub> (OD)	Annual recovery rate
	Elevation (OD) (Surge)	Date/Time	Value (m)	Date/Time		
2010	4.66 (-)	08-Oct-2010 17:40	-	-	-	44%
2011	4.59 (0.09)	21-Feb-2011 07:20	0.70	13-Dec-2011 02:30	0.304	99%
2012	4.76 (0.53)	17-Oct-2012 18:30	0.77	17-Oct-2012 11:10	0.311	99%
2013	4.48 (0.06)	24-Jul-2013 18:30	1.12	27-Dec-2013 06:50	0.318	99%
2014	4.80 (0.46)	03-Jan-2014 06:50	1.09	12-Feb-2014 11:20	-	96%
2015	4.74 (0.17)	28-Oct-2015 17:50	0.84	14-Jan-2015 23:20	-	98%

Tidal levels		
Observation period	August 2010 to December 2012	
Tide Level	Elevation (OD)	Elevation (CD)
HAT	4.73	8.53
MHWS	3.64	7.44
MHWN	1.88	5.68
MSL	0.31	4.11
MLWN	-1.27	2.53
MLWS	-3.03	0.77
LAT	-4.01	-0.21

## General

The time series of 10 minute tidal elevations for one year is quality-checked in accordance with ESEAS guidelines, flagged and archived. The archived time series is continuous and monotonic, with missing data given as 9999. The missing data shown are days where the entire 24 hours of data are missing.

Monthly **extreme maxima/minima** are the maximum and minimum water levels from all measured data for that month. Monthly **surge maxima/minima** (residuals) are calculated in a similar manner from the time series of residuals. Residuals are derived as the measured tidal elevation minus the predicted tidal elevation.

The monthly Mean Level is calculated as the average of all readings for the given month. The annual  $Z_0$  is the value of Mean Sea Level derived by the harmonic analysis of the year's data. These values should not be used for any purpose without consideration of the recovery rate.

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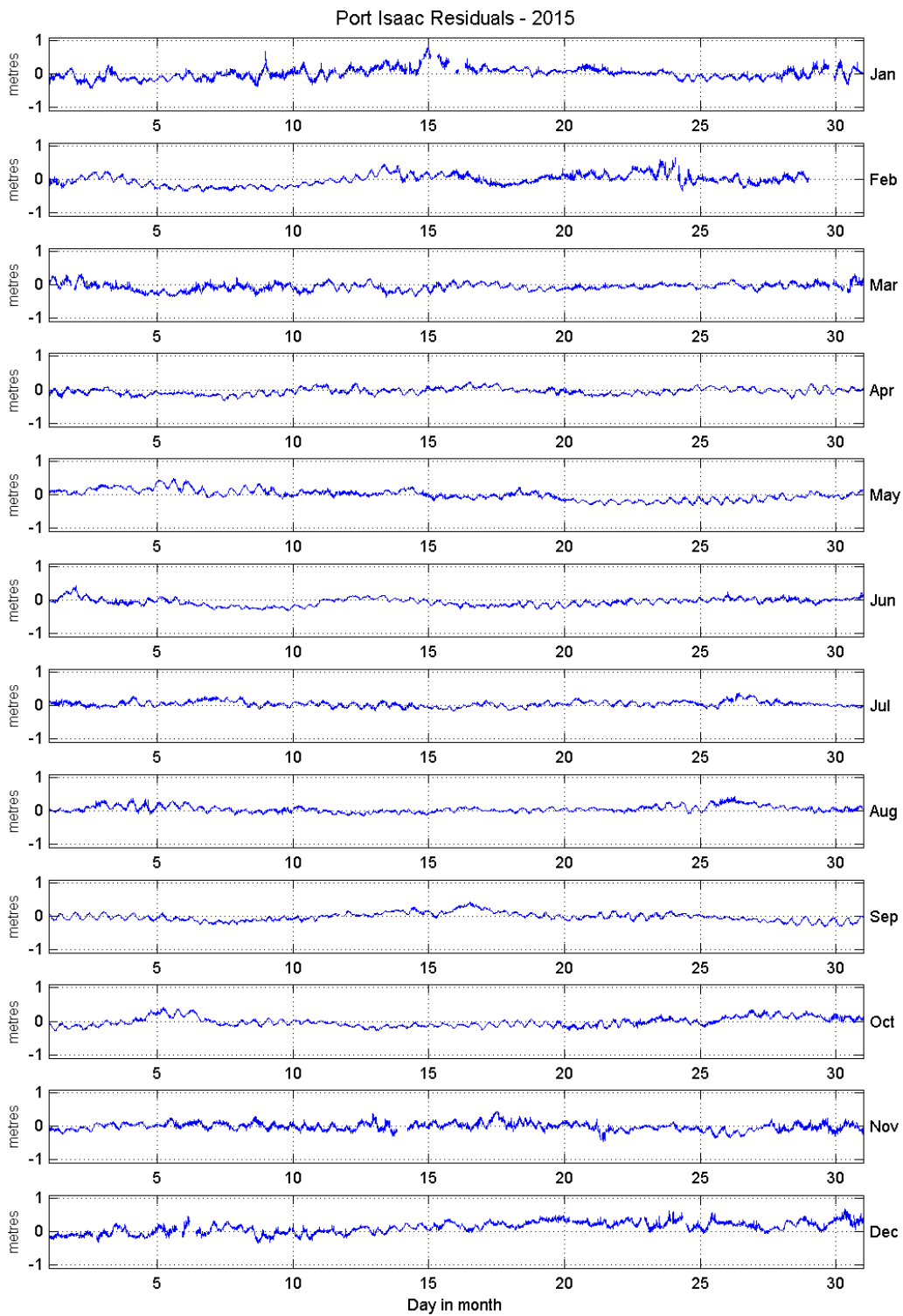


Figure 1: Port Isaac residuals for 2015

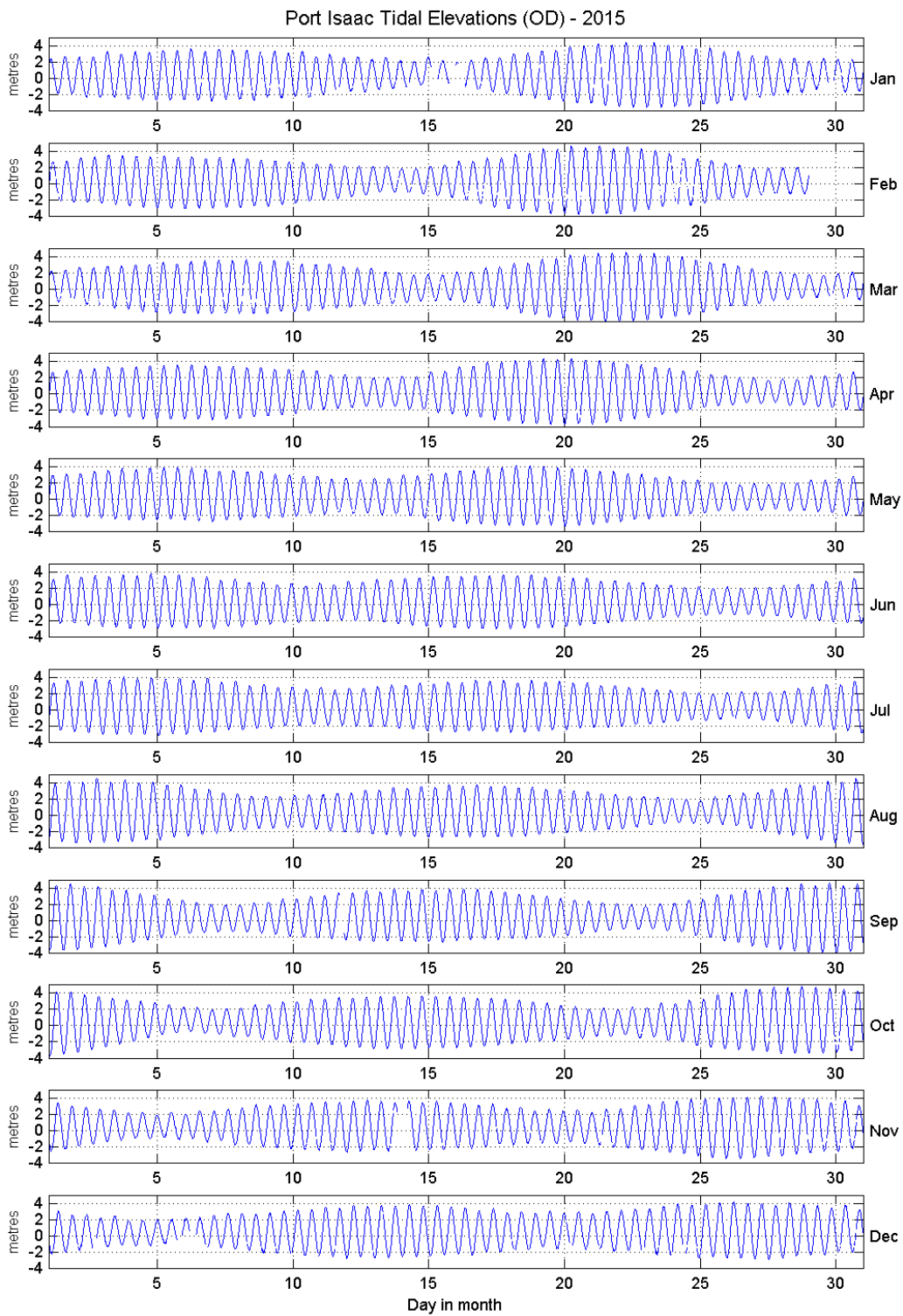


Figure 2: Port Isaac tidal elevations for 2015 relative to Ordnance Datum

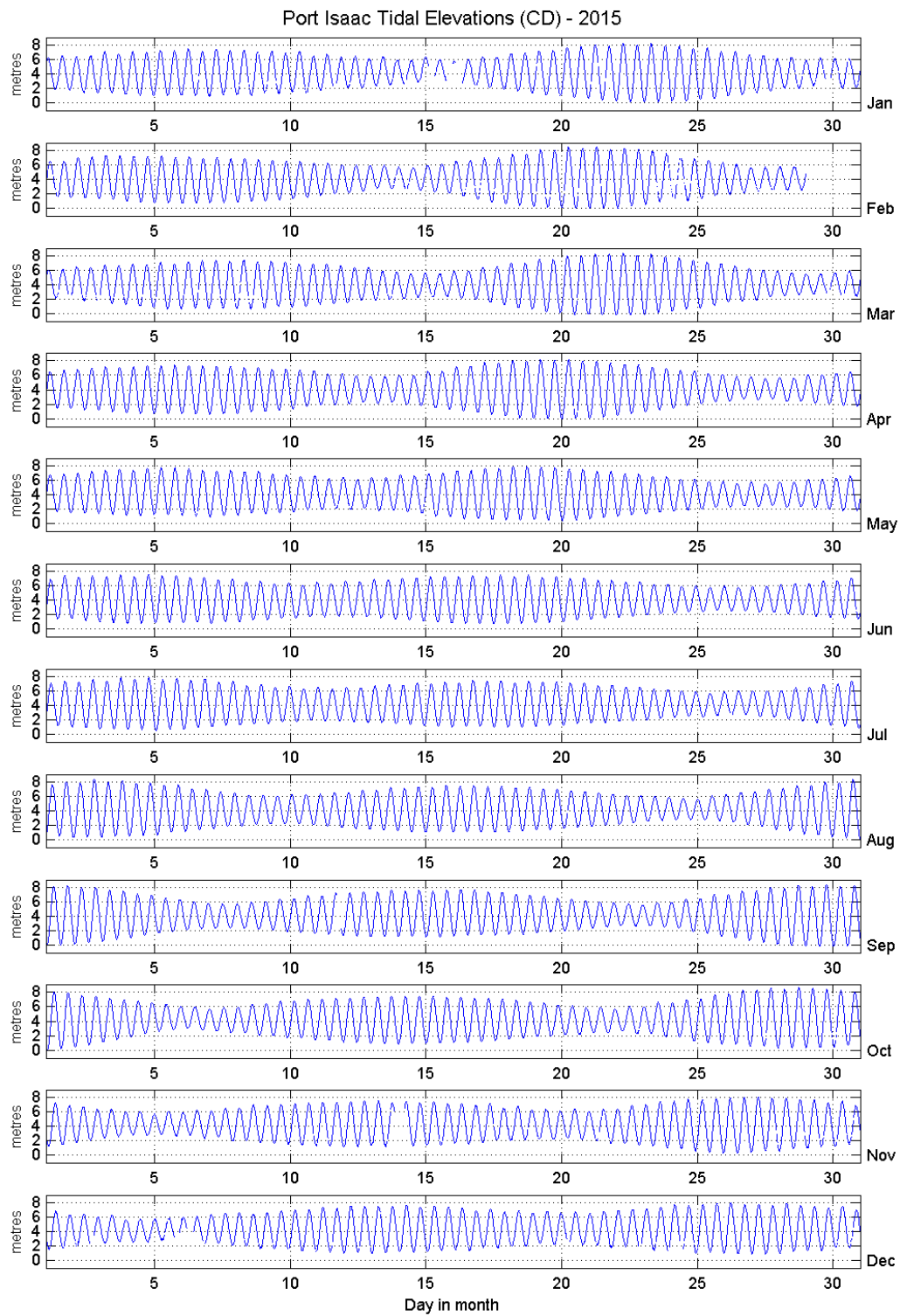


Figure 3: Port Isaac tidal elevations for 2015 relative to Chart Datum