

Intercomparison of operational wave forecasting systems against  
in-situ observations: data from BoM, DMI, DWD, ECCC,  
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NCEP, NIWA, NZMS, PRTOS, SHNSM, UKMO.

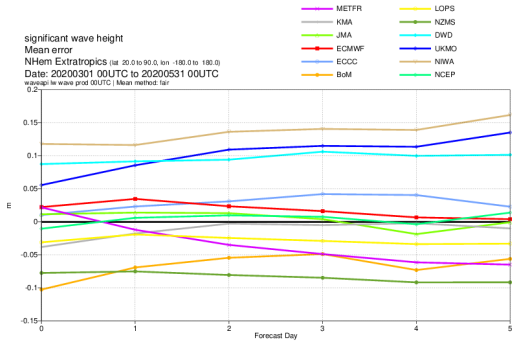
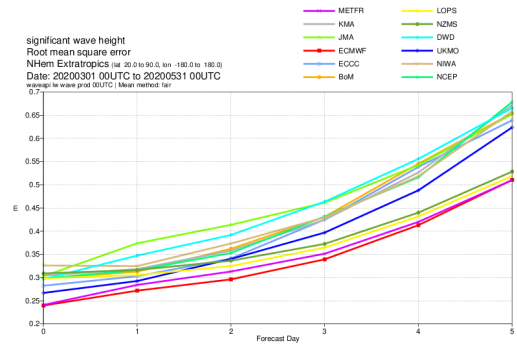
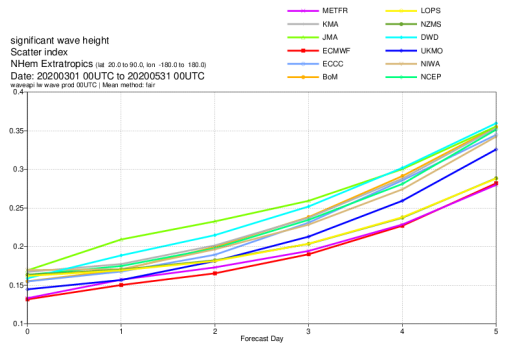
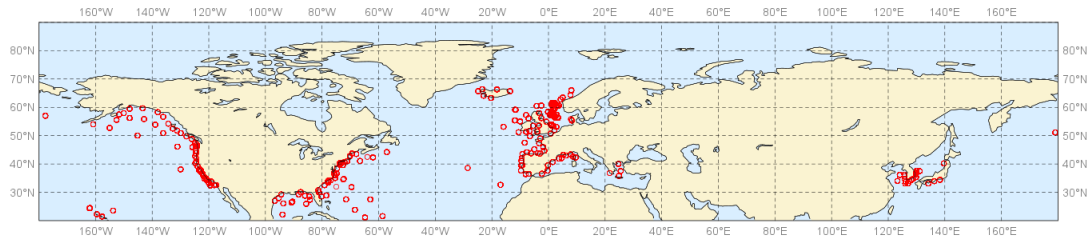
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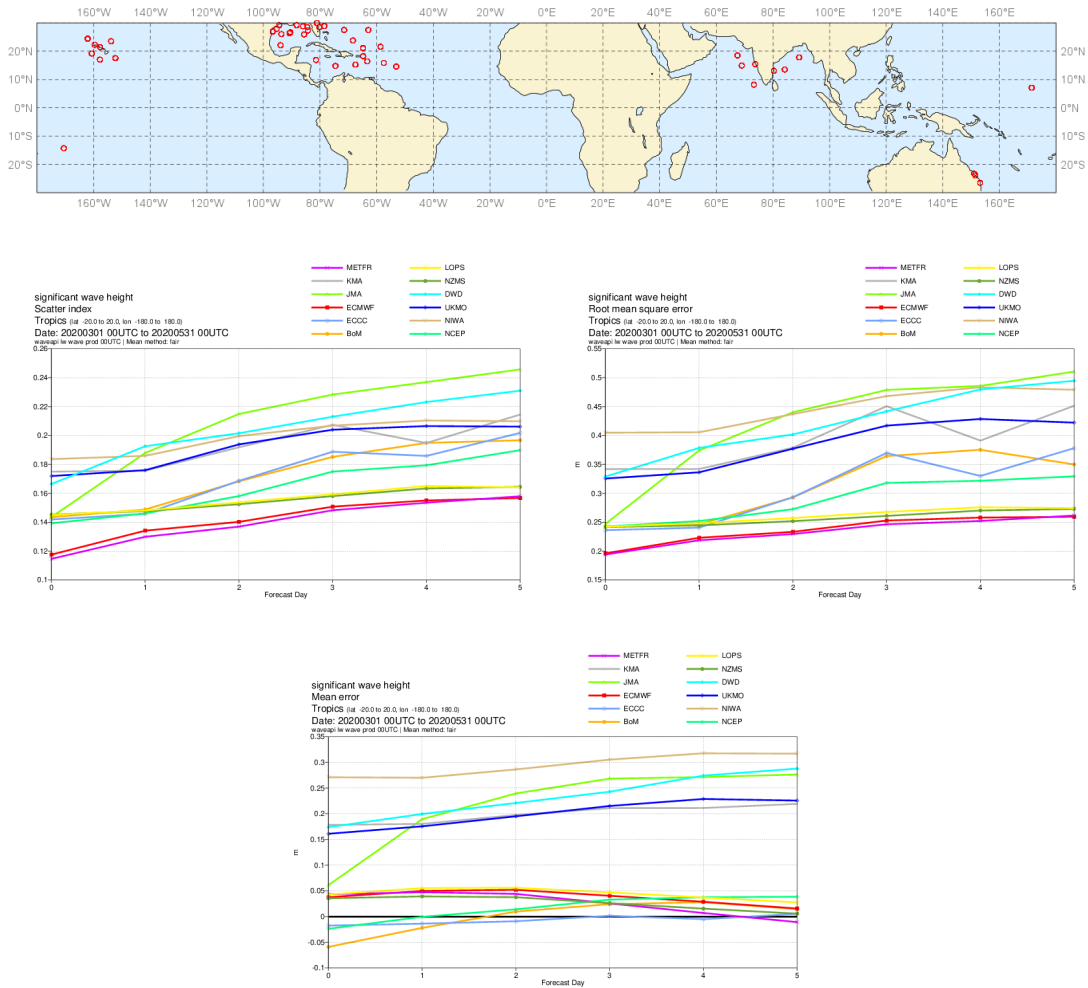
**PART I: significant wave height (SWH)**

Buoys observations - from 20200301 to 20200531 - (swh)



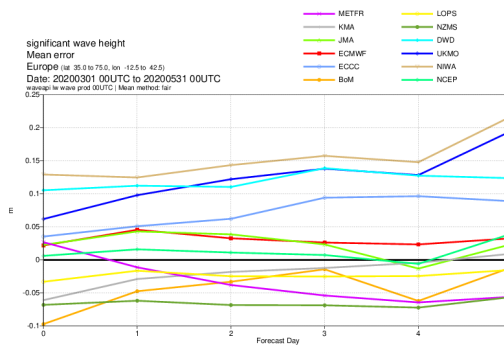
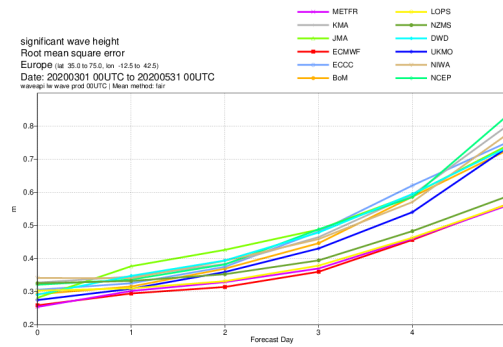
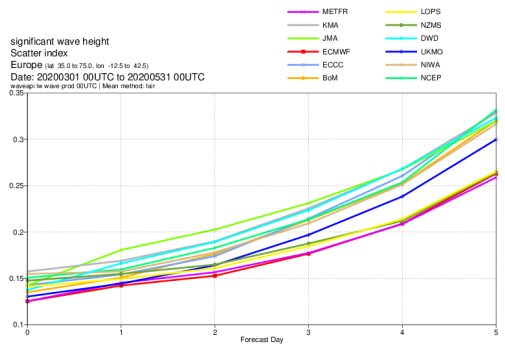
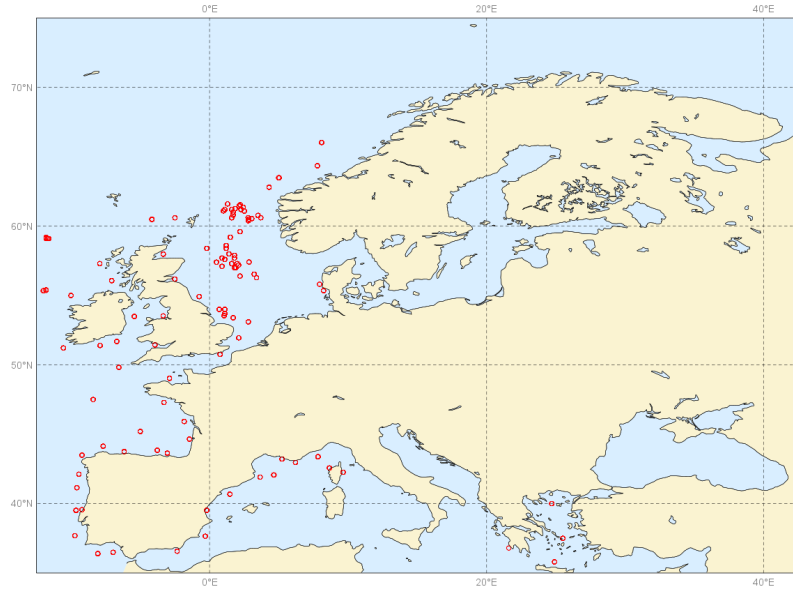
**Northern Hemisphere.** Top panel: observation distribution. Middle left panel: Forecast scatter index (standard deviation of the difference normalised by the mean of the observations). Middle right panel: Forecast root mean square error (RMSE). Bottom panel: forecast mean error (bias).

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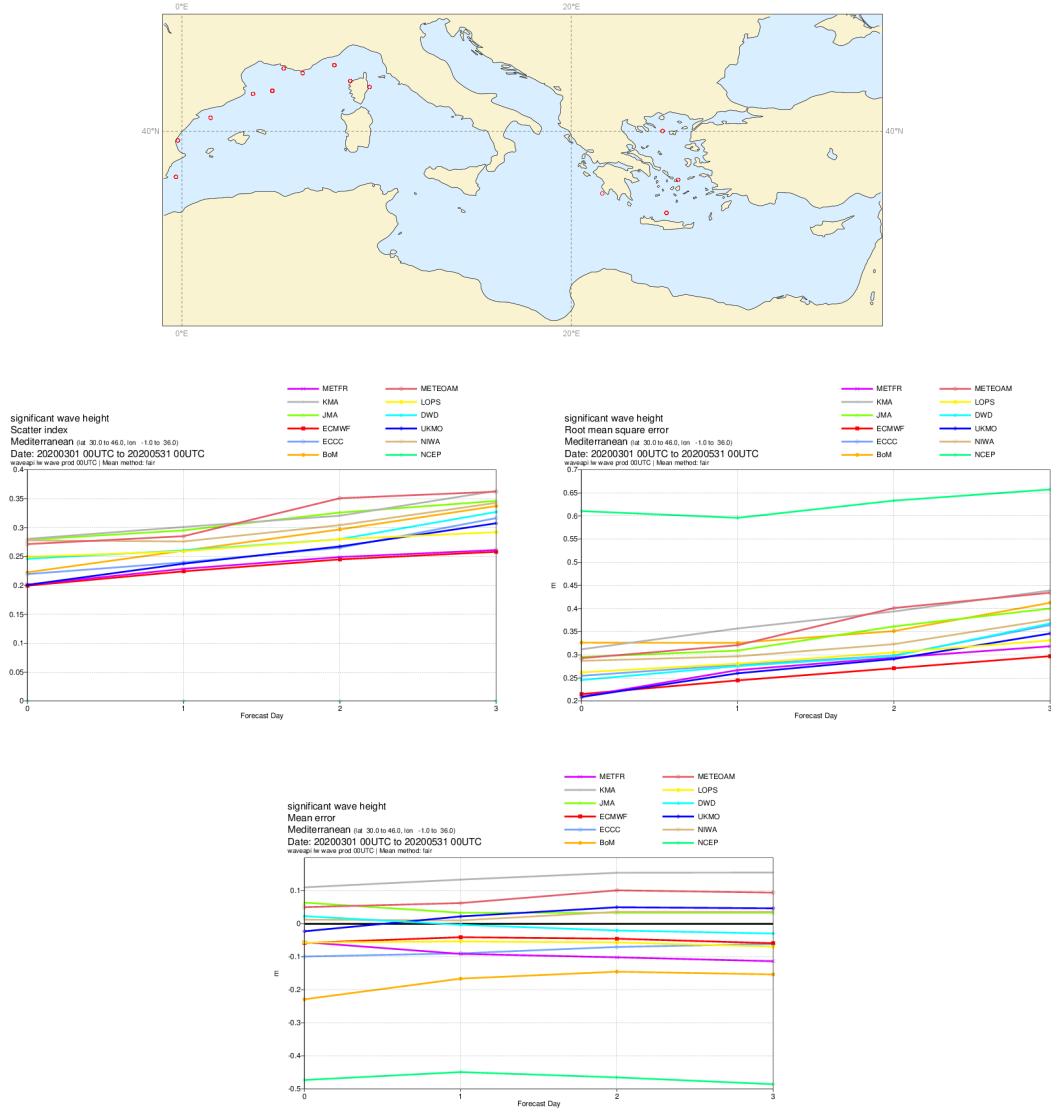
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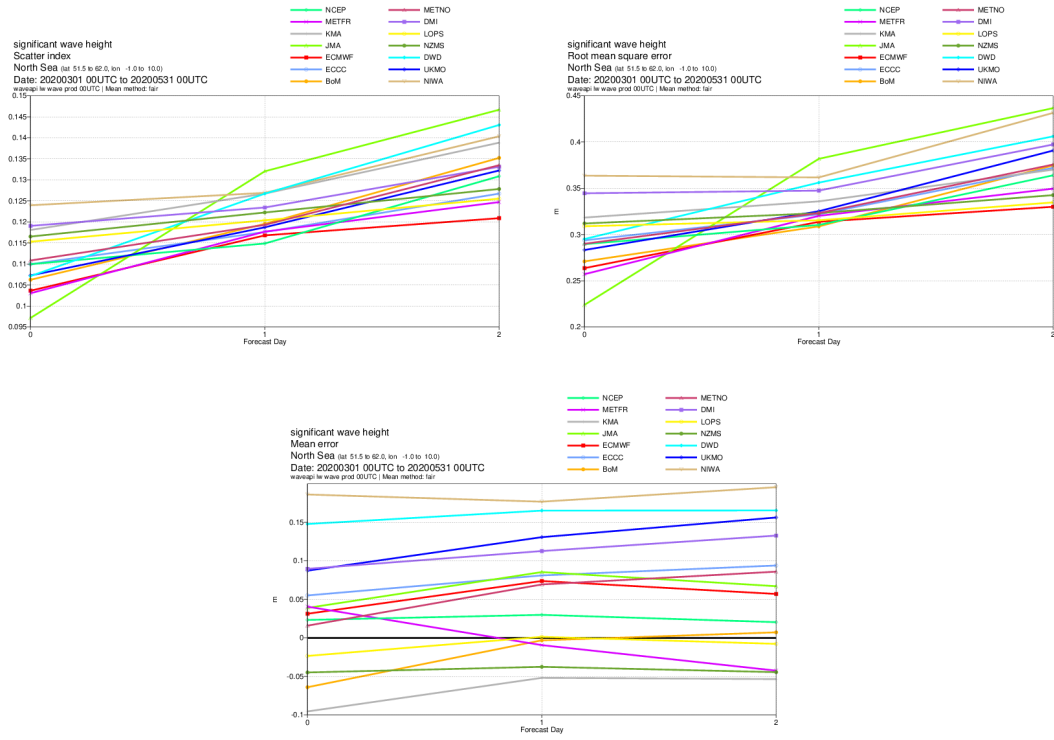
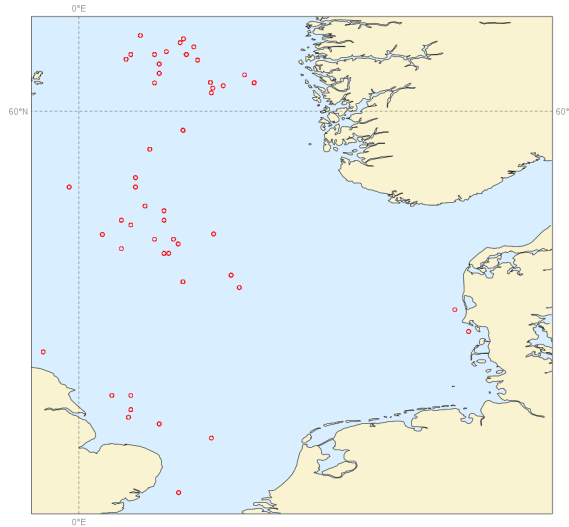
**Europe.** Top panel: observation distribution. Middle left panel: Forecast scatter index (standard deviation of the difference normalised by the mean of the observations). Middle right panel: Forecast root mean square error (RMSE). Bottom panel: forecast mean error (bias).

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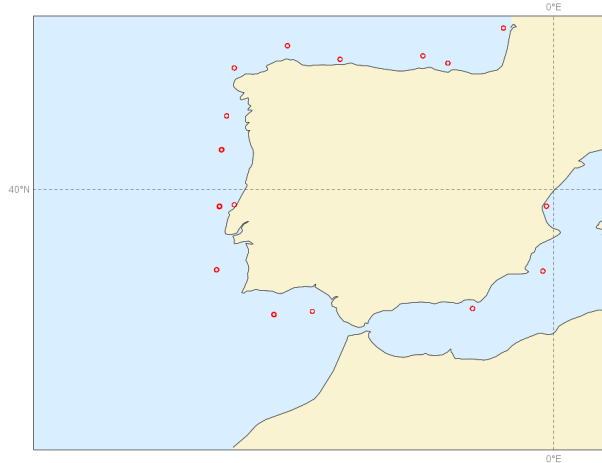
**Mediterranean Sea.** Top panel: observation distribution. Middle left panel: Forecast scatter index (standard deviation of the difference normalised by the mean of the observations). Middle right panel: Forecast root mean square error (RMSE). Bottom panel: forecast mean error (bias).

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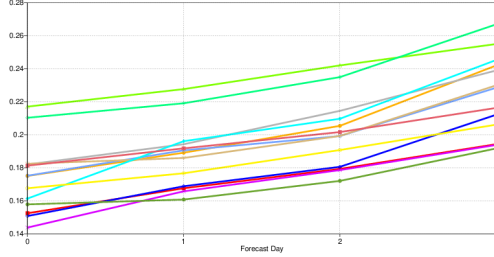


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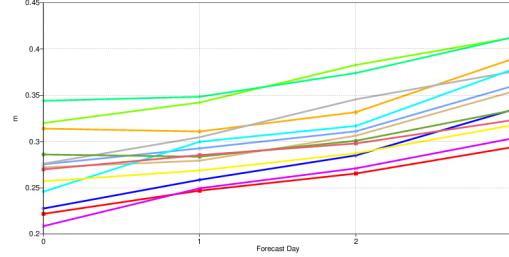
Buoys observations - from 20200301 to 2020



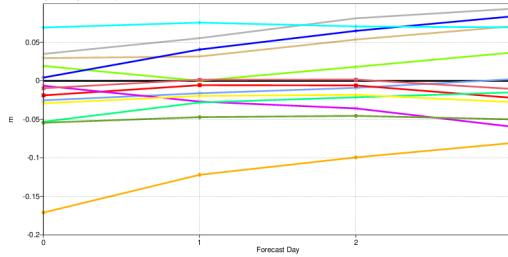
significant wave height  
Scatter index  
SW Europe (lat: 32.5 to 45.0, lon: -15.0 to 10.0)  
Date: 20200301 00UTC to 20200531 00UTC  
wavenp: 10 waves, prod: 00UTC, 1 Mean, method: 1st



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Root mean square error  
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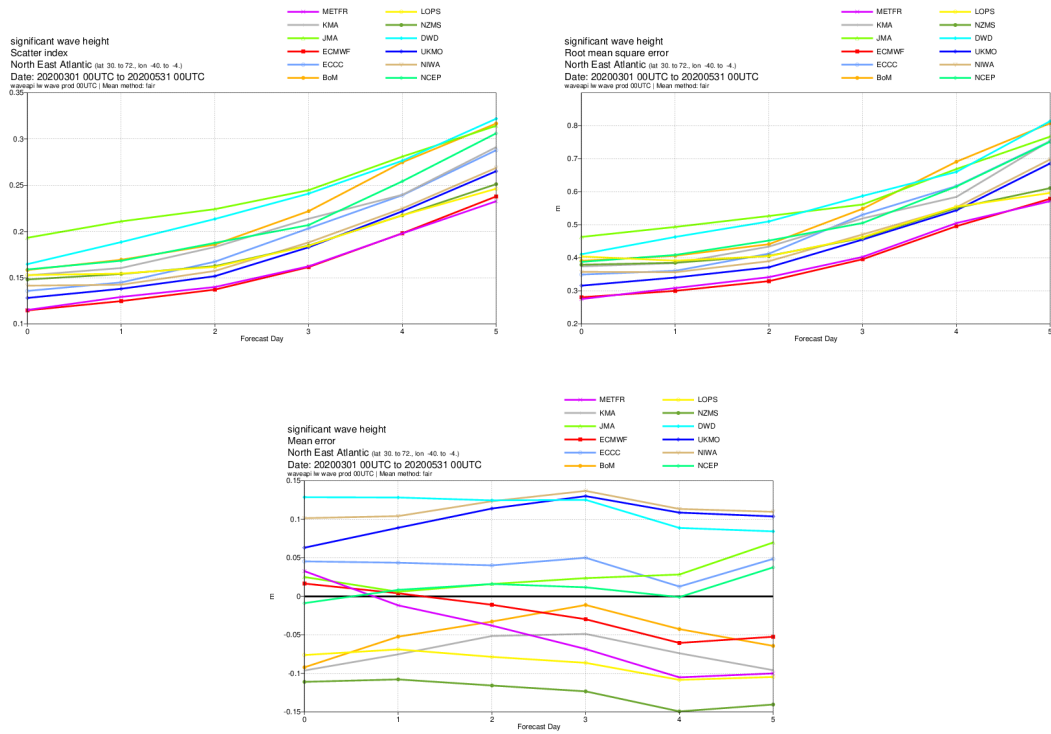
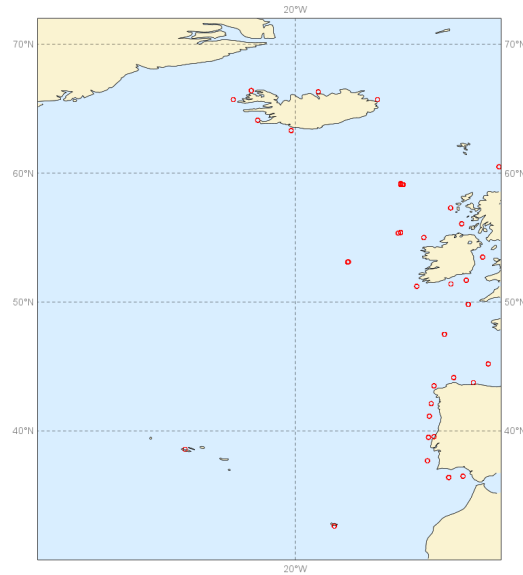


significant wave height  
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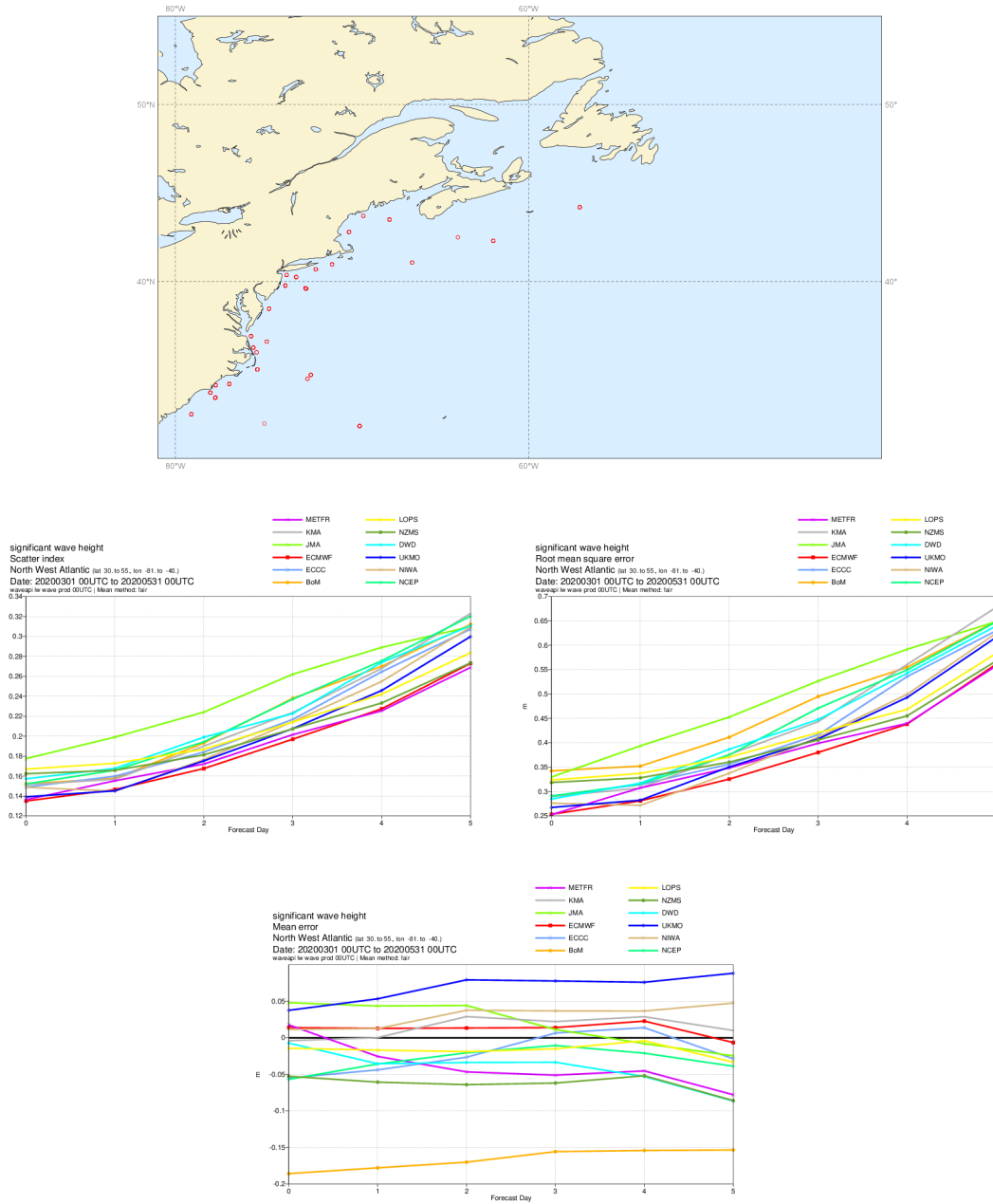
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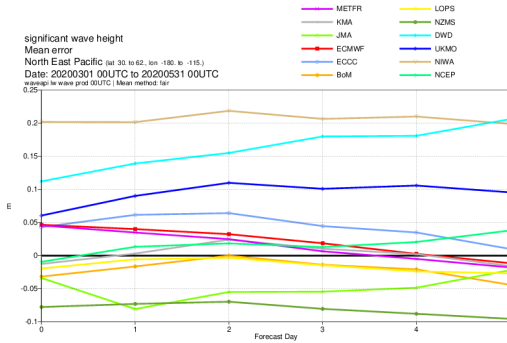
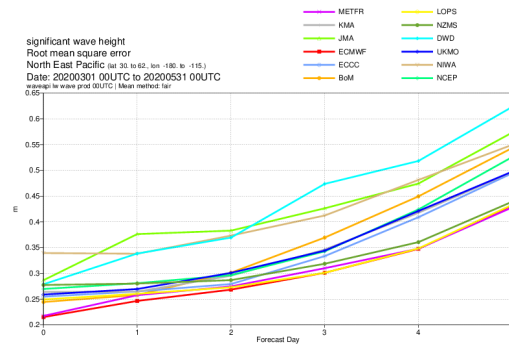
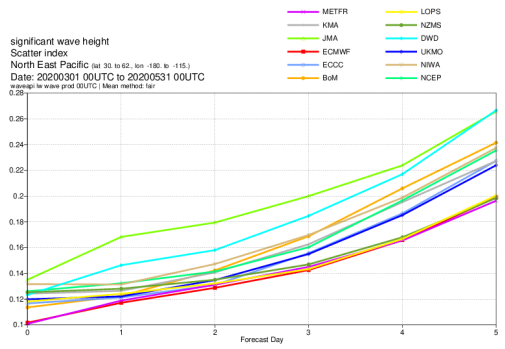
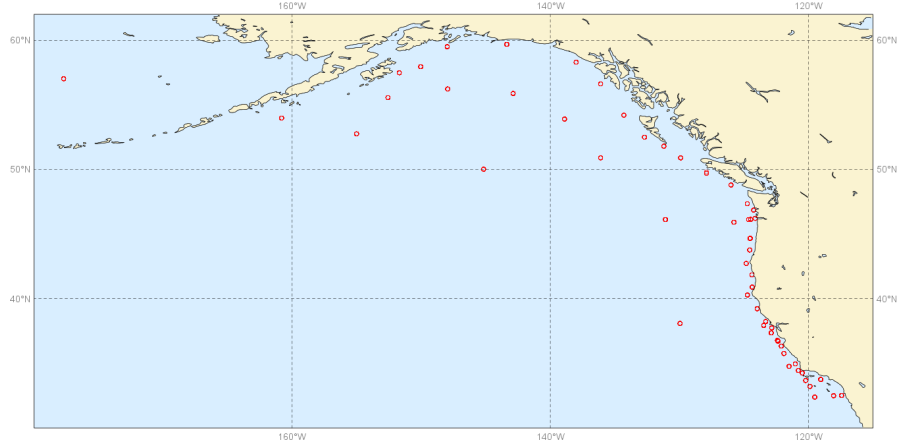


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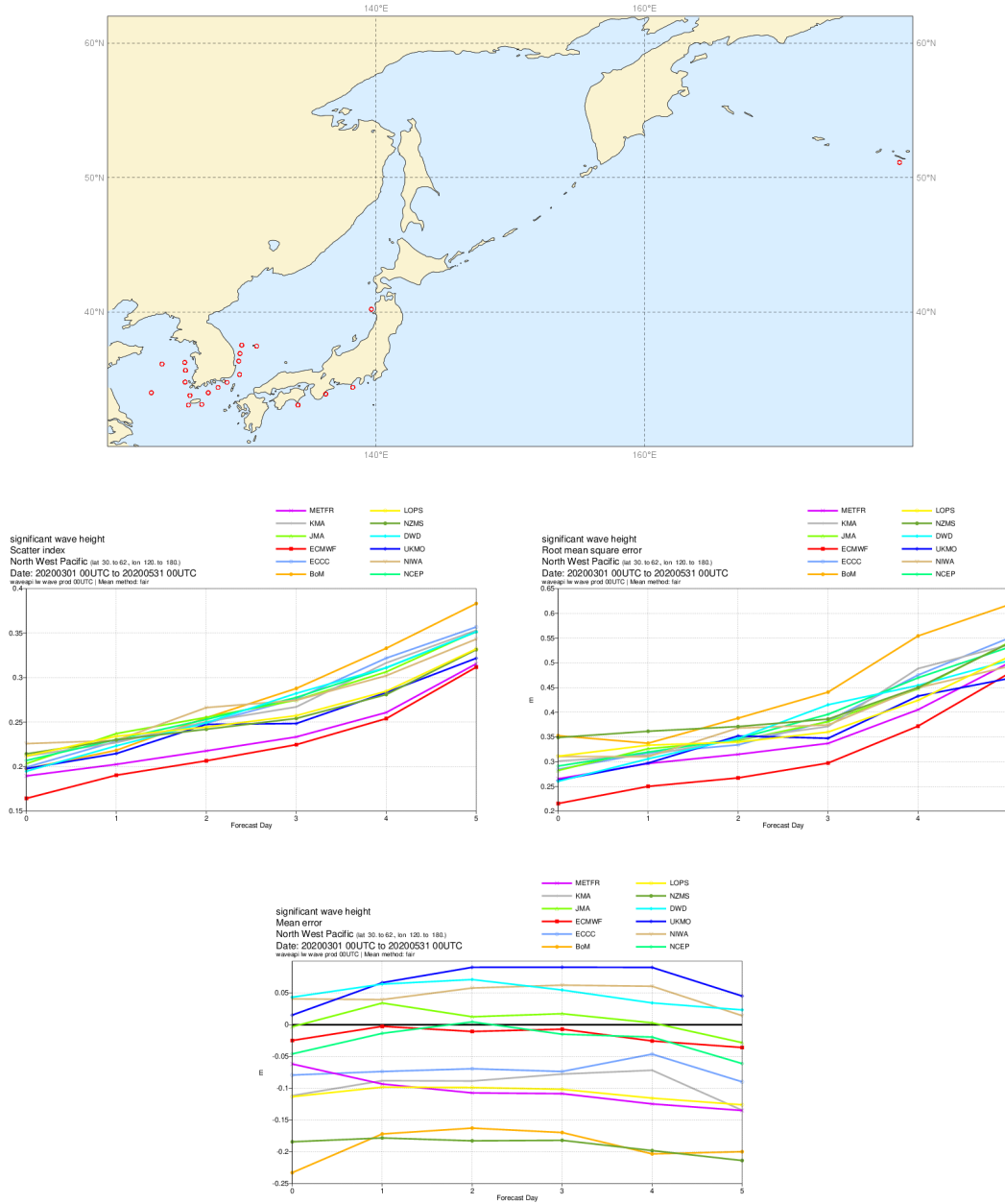
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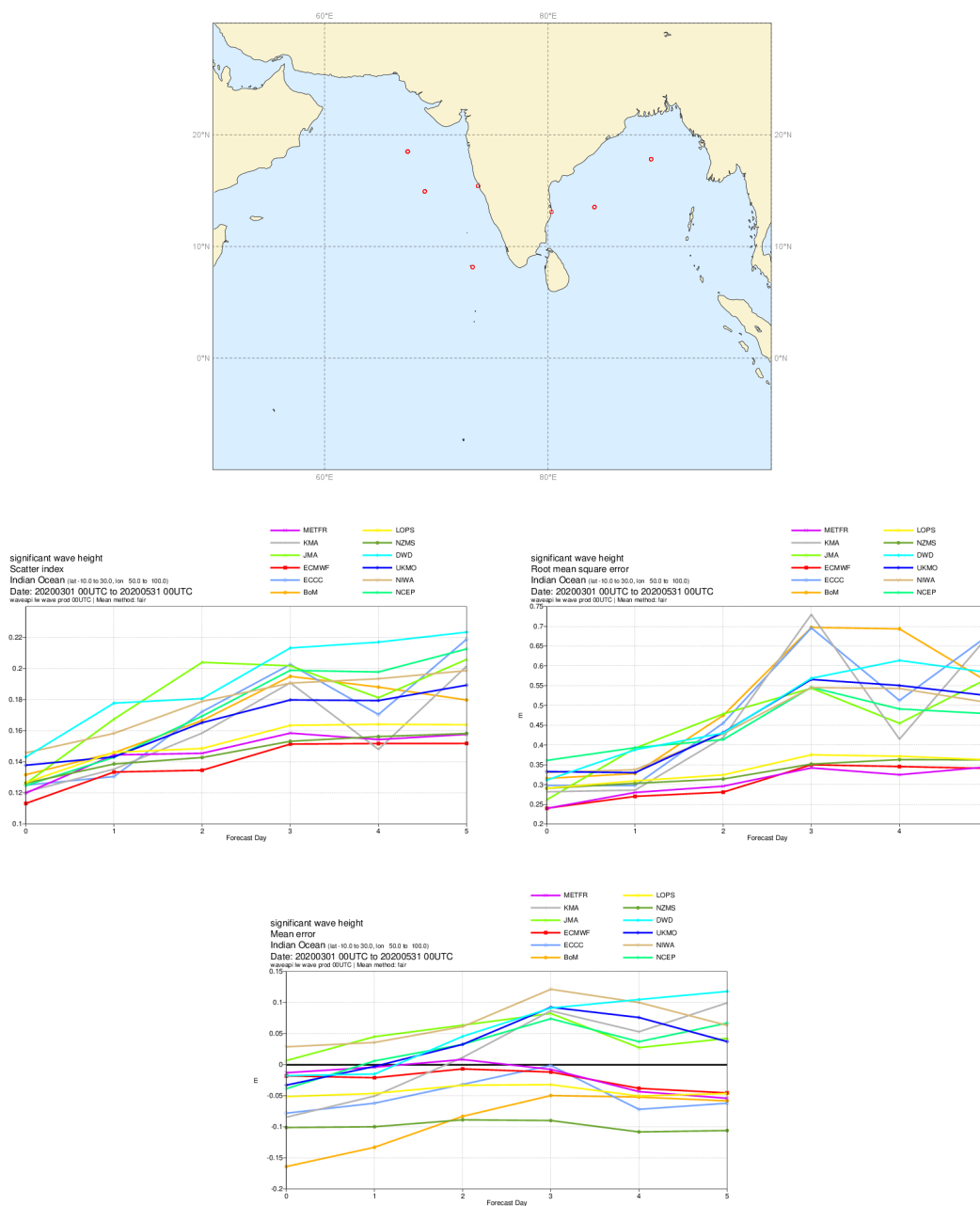
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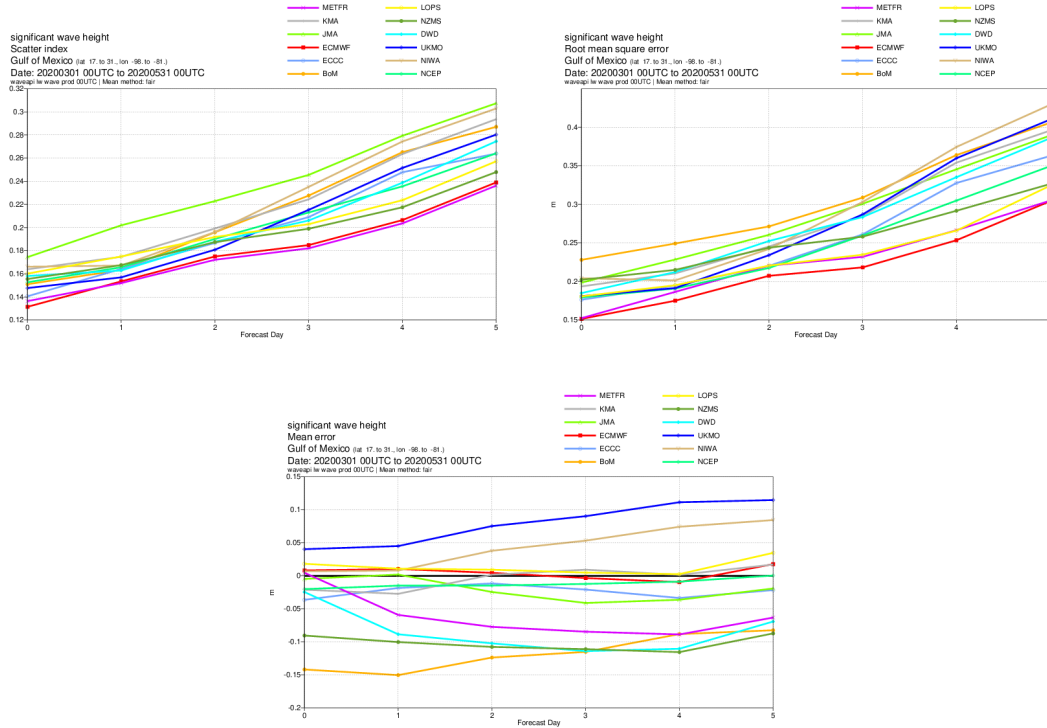
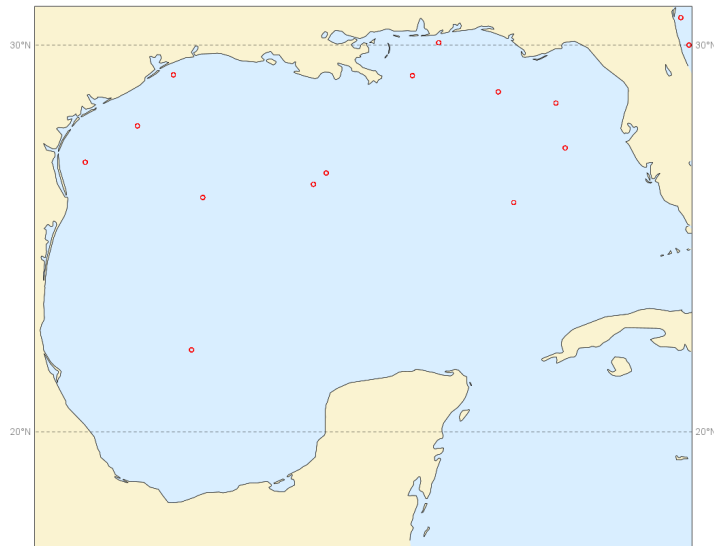
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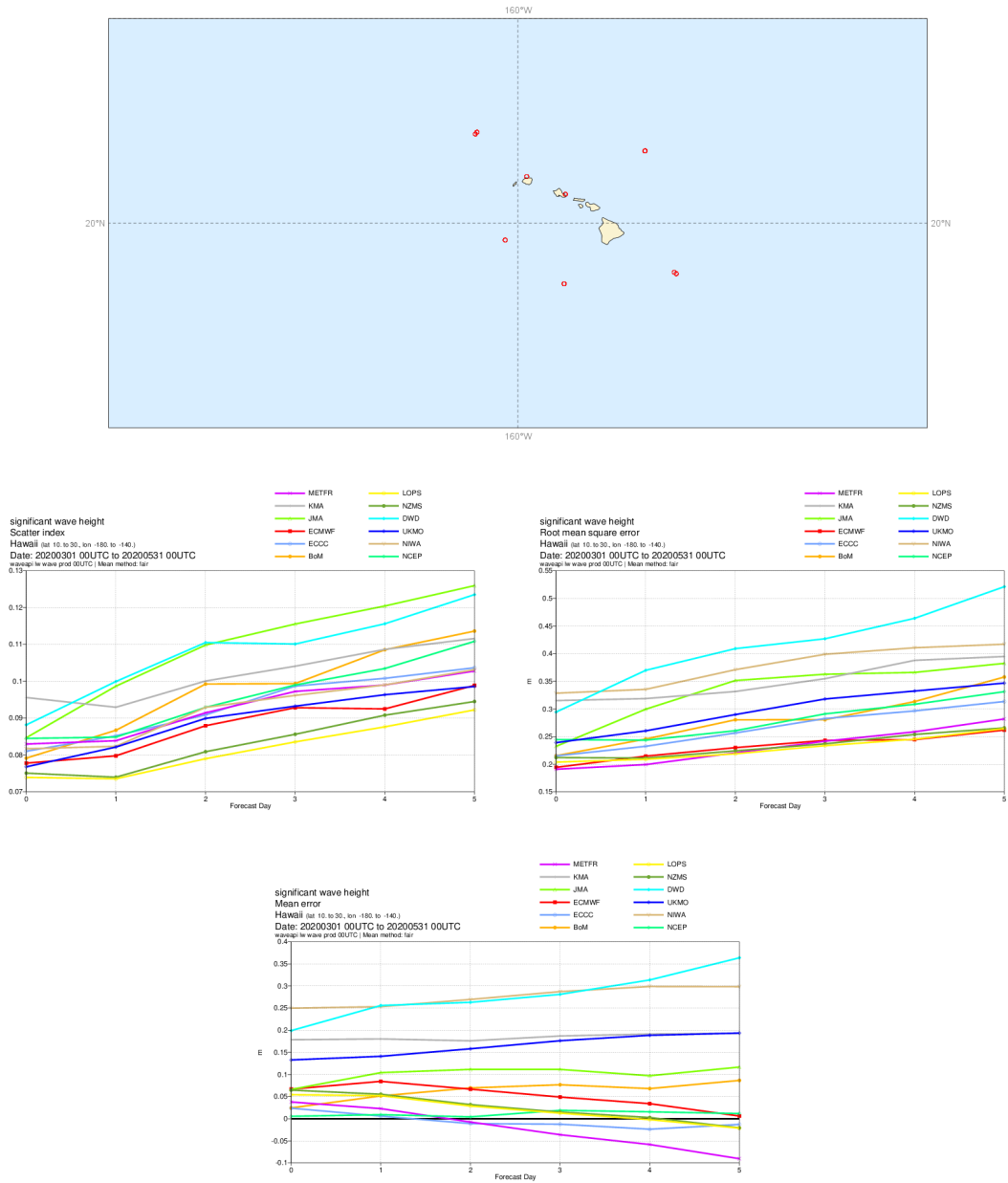
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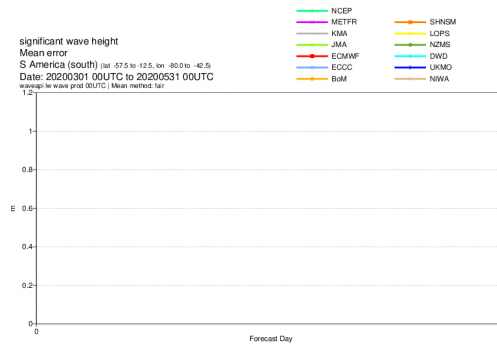
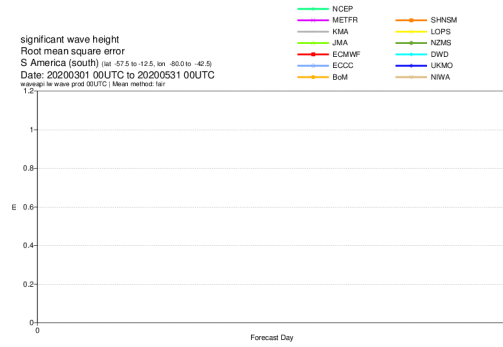
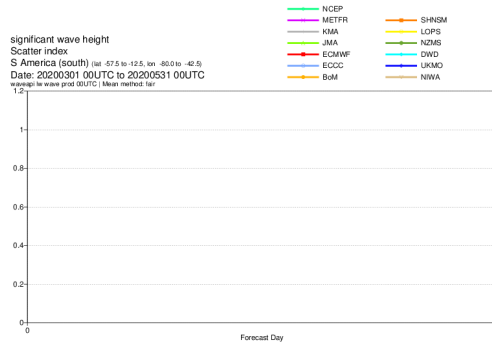
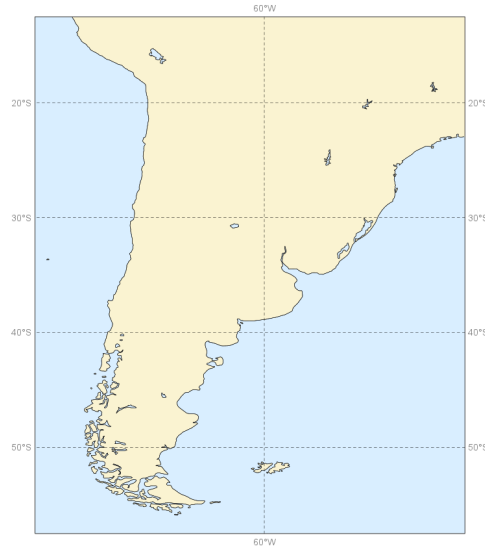
**Gulf of Mexico.** Top panel: observation distribution. Middle left panel: Forecast scatter index (standard deviation of the difference normalised by the mean of the observations). Middle right panel: Forecast root mean square error (RMSE). Bottom panel: forecast mean error (bias).

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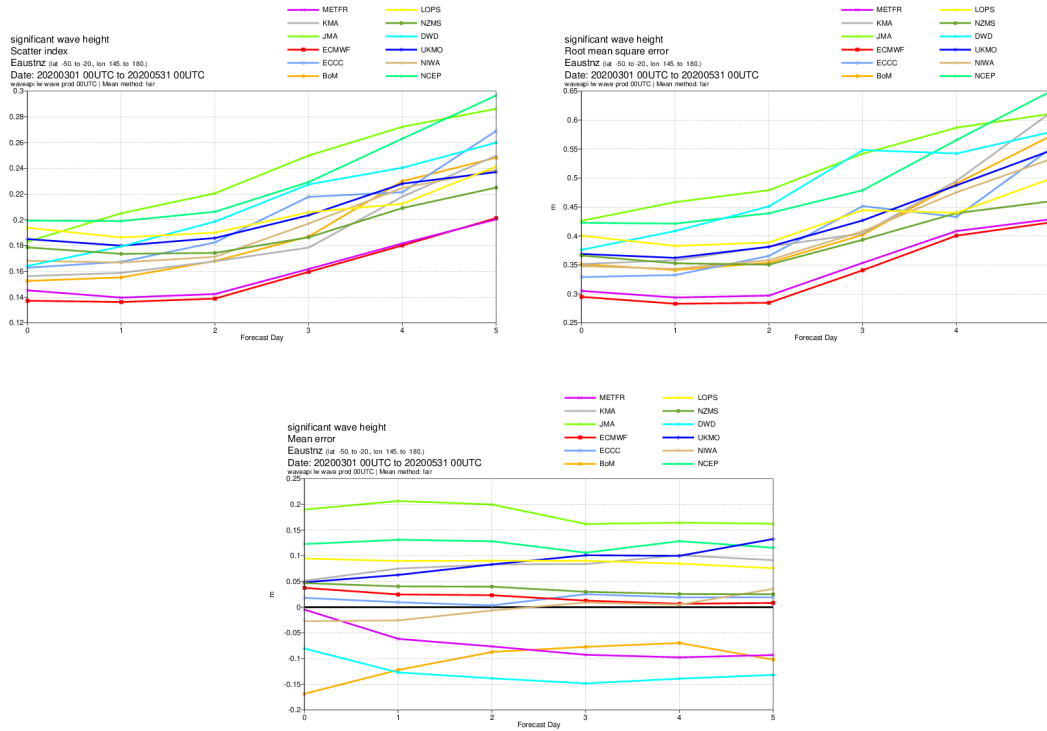
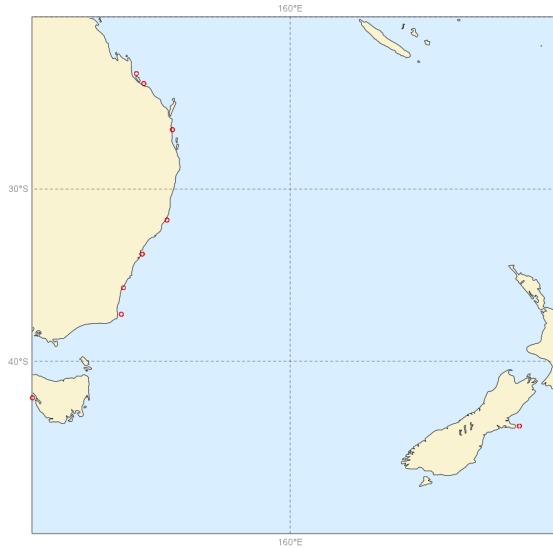
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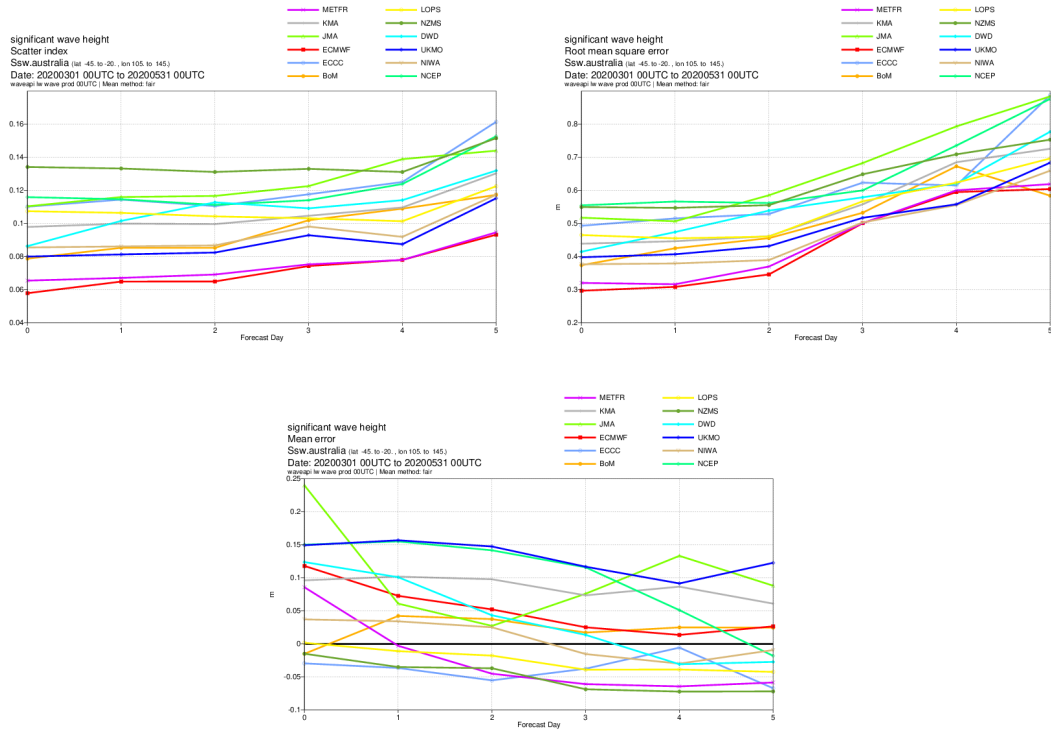
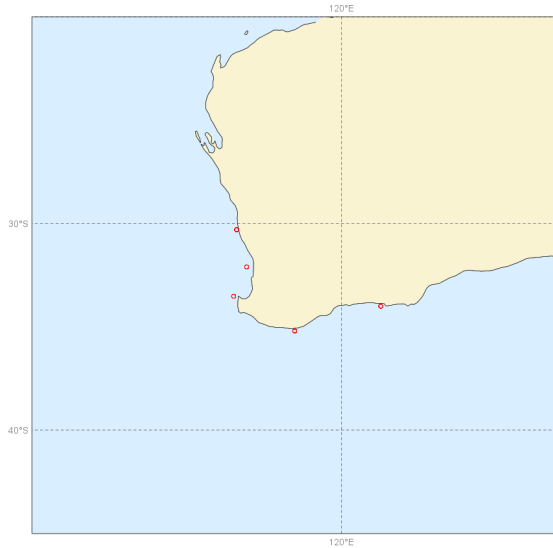
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**East Australia - New Zealand.** Top panel: observation distribution. Middle left panel: Forecast scatter index (standard deviation of the difference normalised by the mean of the observations). Middle right panel: Forecast root mean square error (RMSE). Bottom panel: forecast mean error (bias).



Buoys observations - from 20200301 to 20



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