

Intercomparison of operational wave forecasting systems against
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ECMWF, JMA, METEOAM, METFR, NCEP, PRTOS,
SHNSM, UKMO.

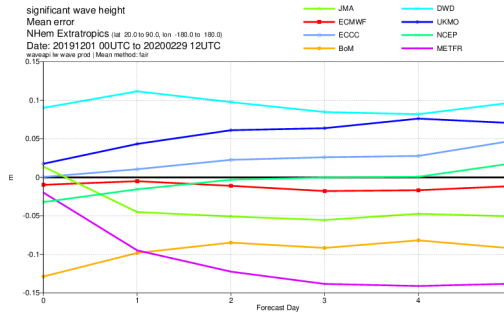
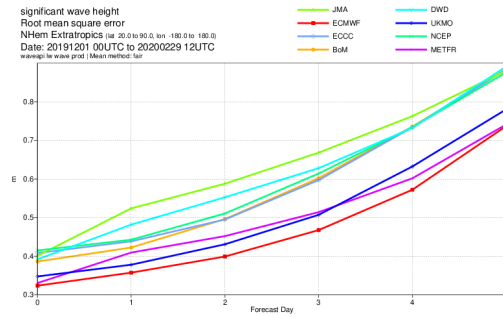
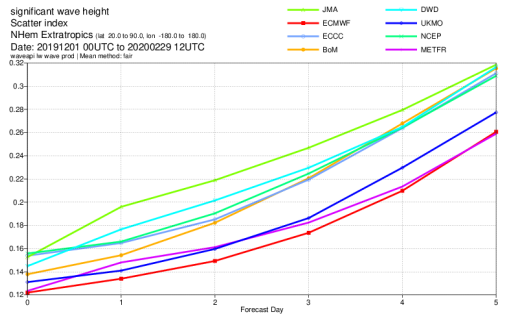
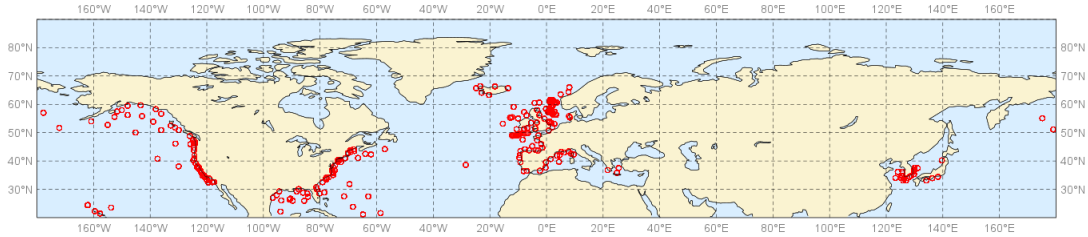
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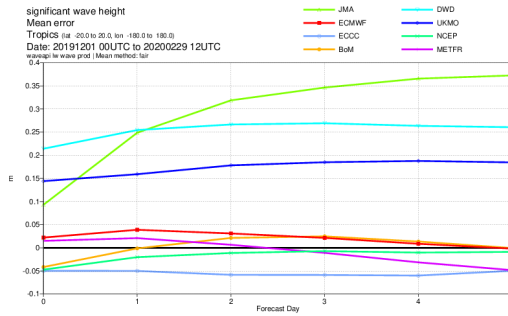
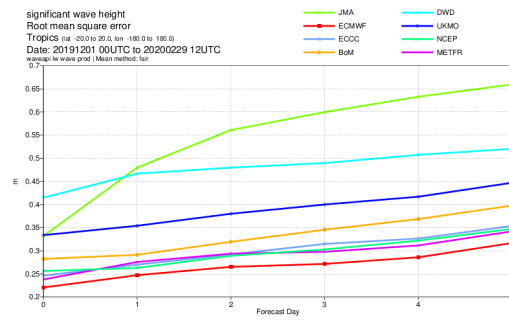
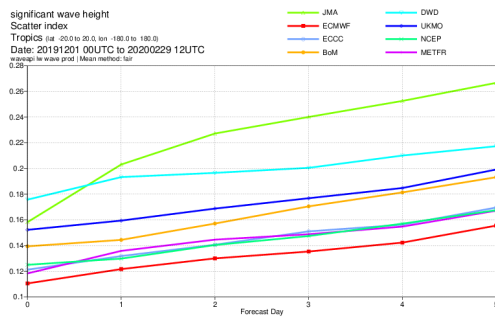
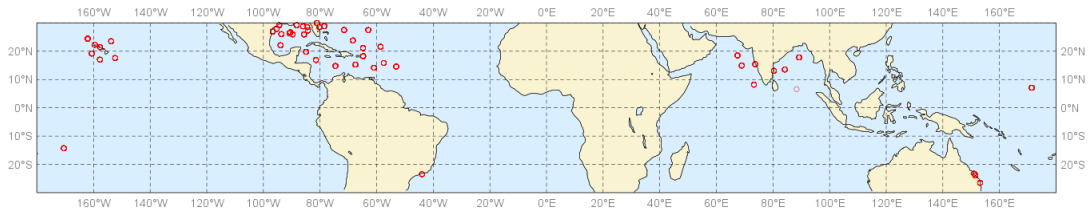
PART I: significant wave height (SWH)

Buoys observations - from 20191201 to 20200229 - (swH)



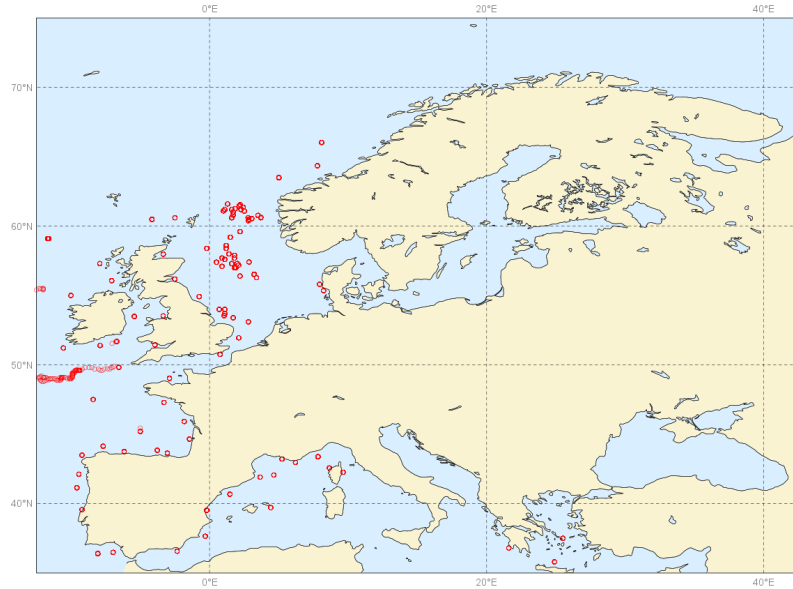
Northern Hemisphere. Top panel: observation distribution. Middle left panel: Forecast scatter index (standard deviation of the difference normalised by the mean of the observations). Middle right panel: Forecast root mean square error (RMSE). Bottom panel: forecast mean error (bias).

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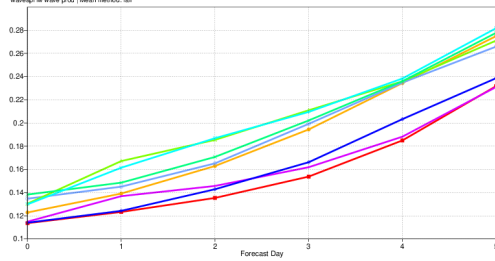


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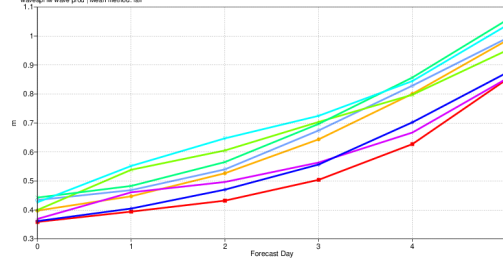
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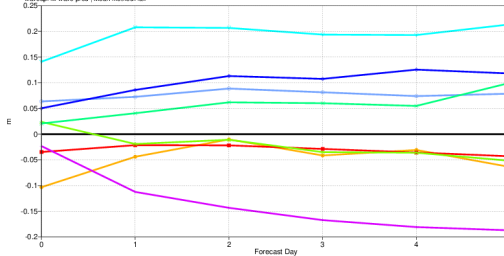
significant wave height
Scatter index
Europe (lat. 35.0 to 75.0, lon. -12.5 to 42.5)
Date: 20191201 00UTC to 20200229 12UTC
reference: in-wave-prod (Mean method, lat)



significant wave height
Root mean square error
Europe (lat. 35.0 to 75.0, lon. -12.5 to 42.5)
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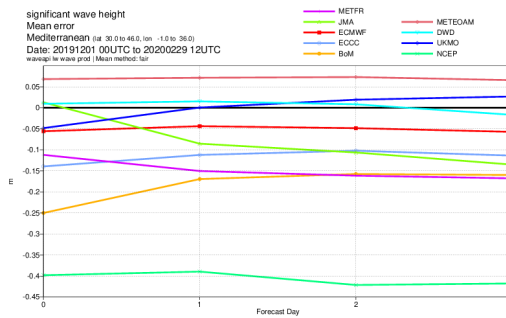
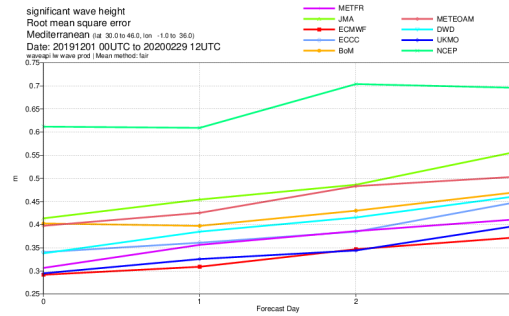
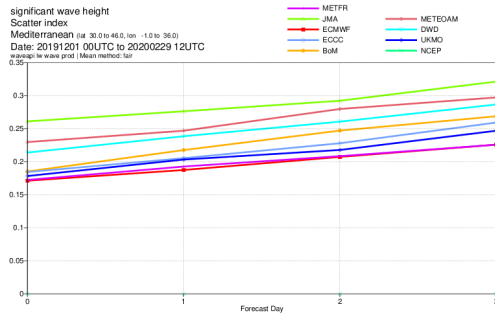
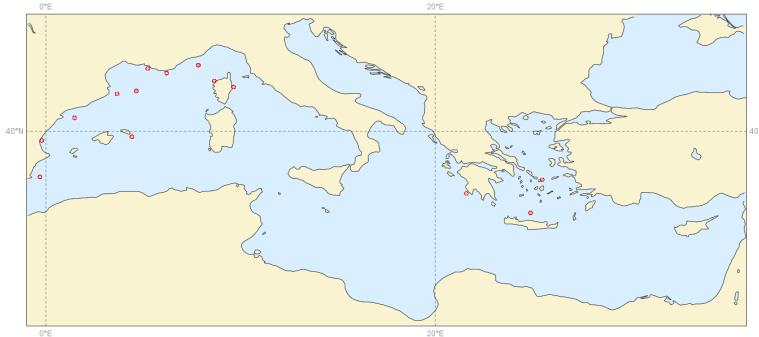


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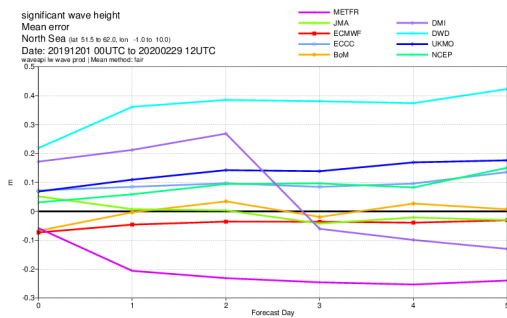
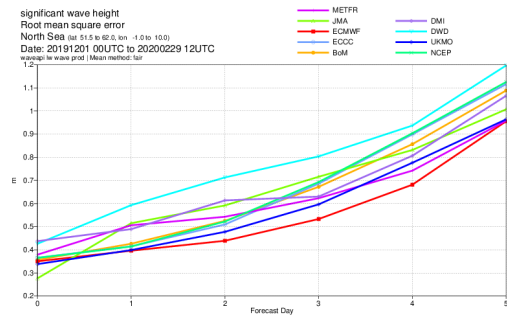
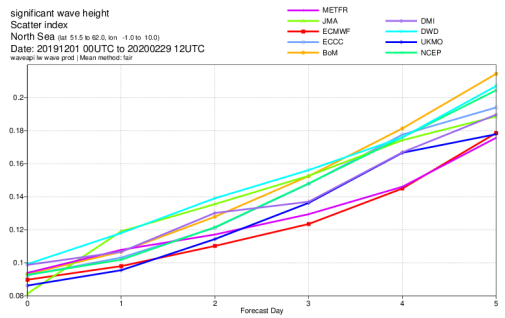
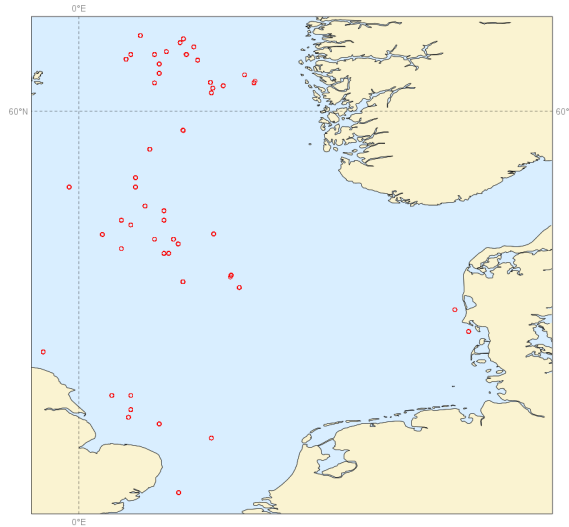
Europe. Top panel: observation distribution. Middle left panel: Forecast scatter index (standard deviation of the difference normalised by the mean of the observations). Middle right panel: Forecast root mean square error (RMSE). Bottom panel: forecast mean error (bias).

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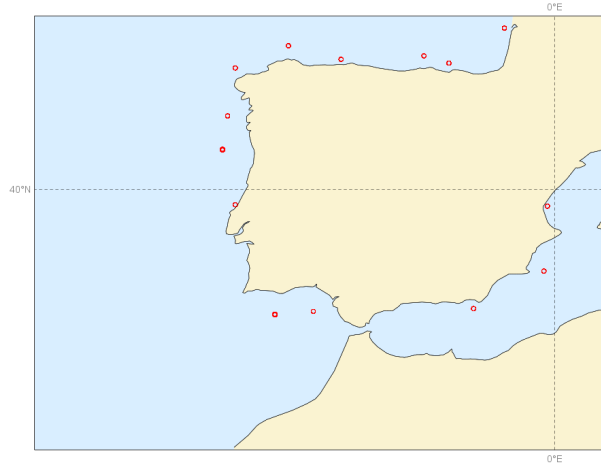
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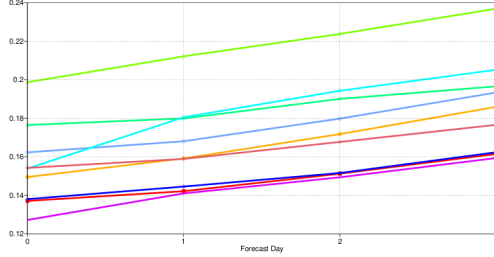


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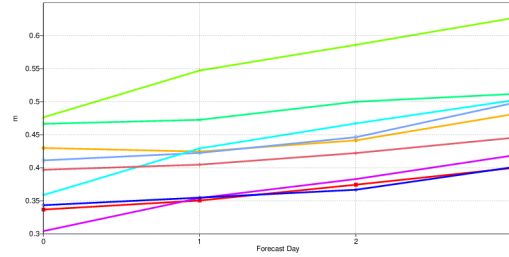
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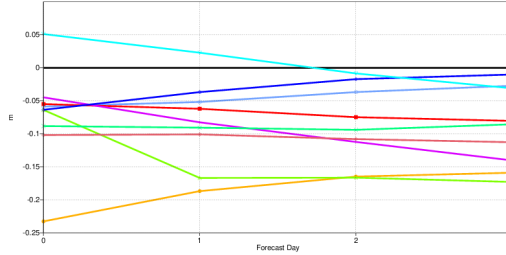
significant wave height
Scatter index
SW Europe (lat: 32.5 to 45.0, lon: -15.0 to 10.0)
Date: 20191201 00UTC to 20200229 12UTC
Average for wave prod. Mean method: lat



significant wave height
Root mean square error
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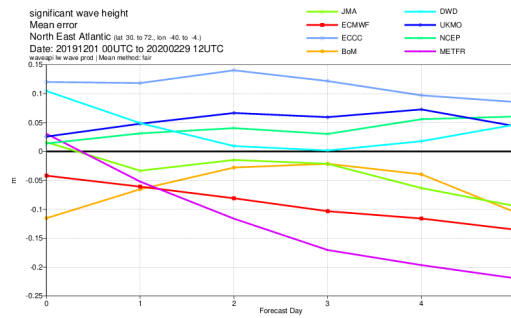
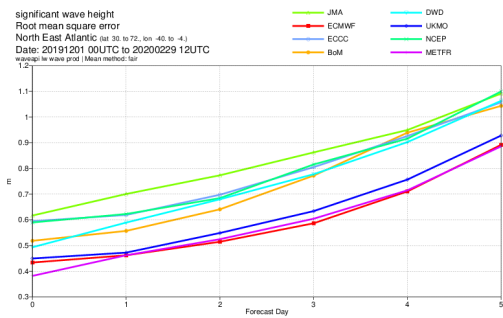
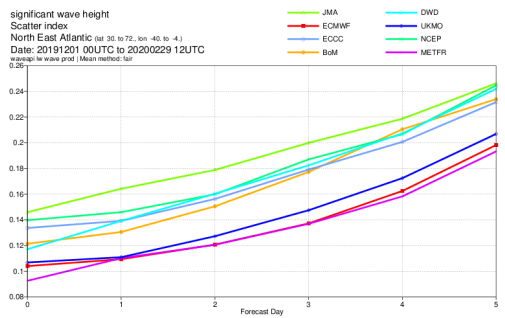
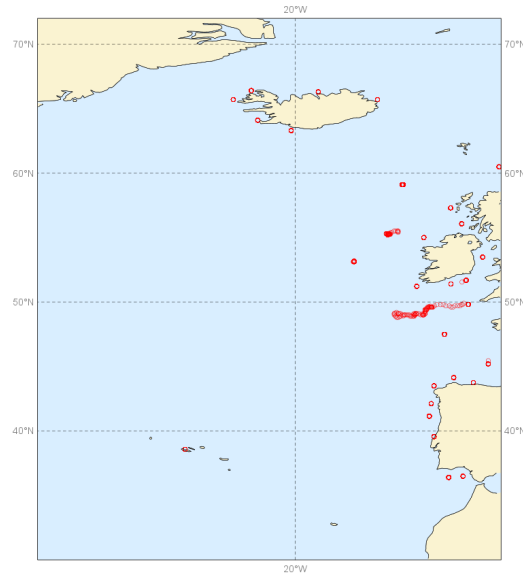


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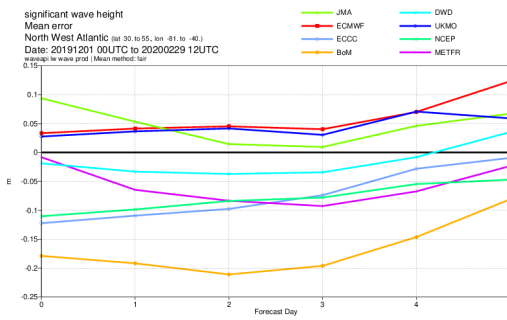
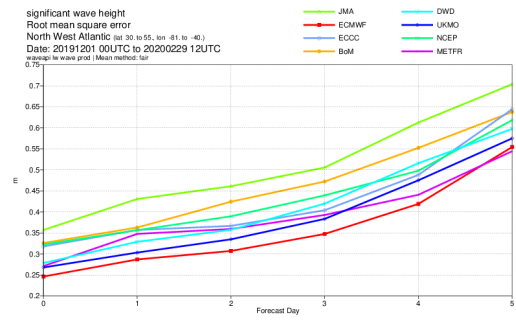
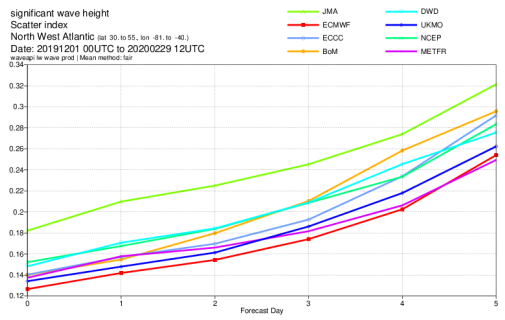
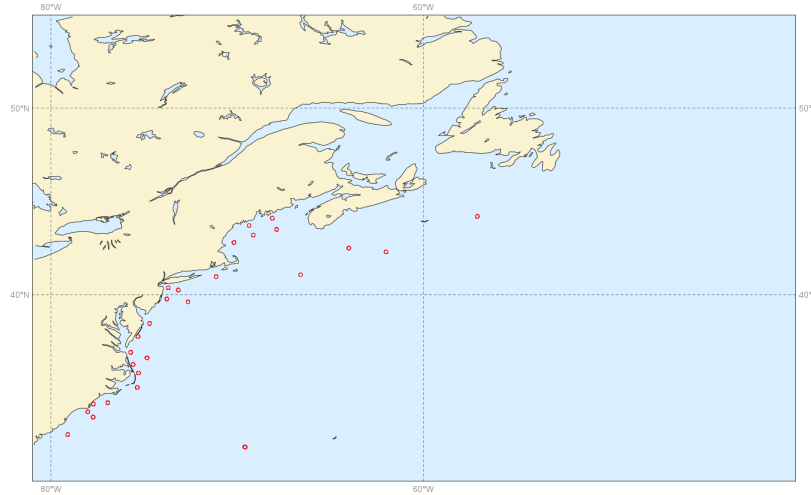
South West Europe. Top panel: observation distribution. Middle left panel: Forecast scatter index (standard deviation of the difference normalised by the mean of the observations). Middle right panel: Forecast root mean square error (RMSE). Bottom panel: forecast mean error (bias).

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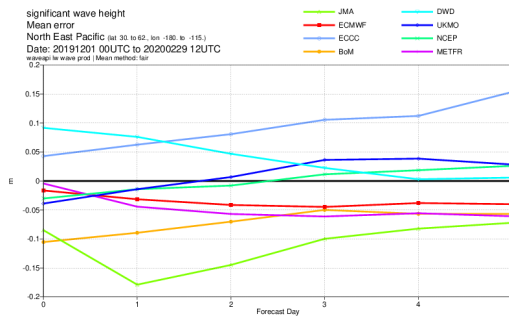
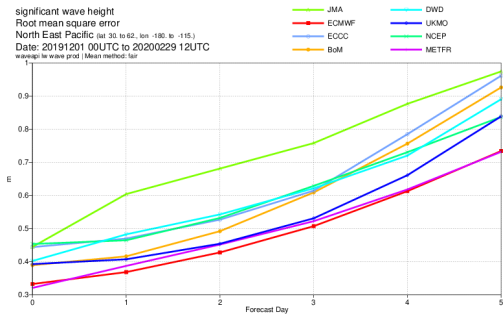
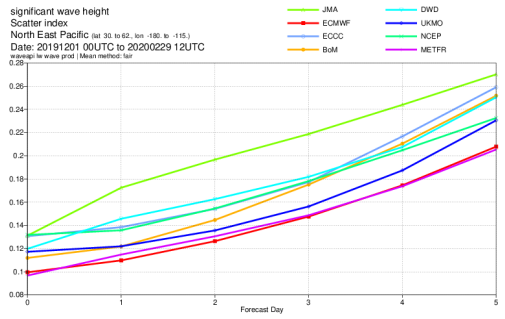
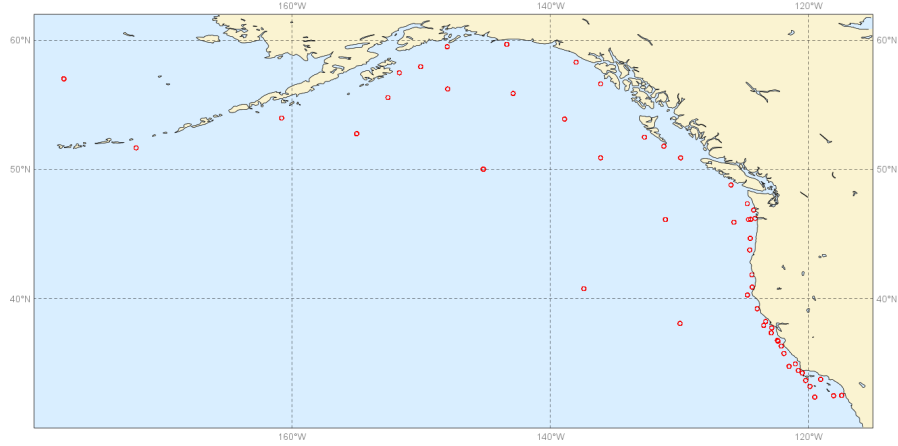
North East Atlantic. Top panel: observation distribution. Middle left panel: Forecast scatter index (standard deviation of the difference normalised by the mean of the observations). Middle right panel: Forecast root mean square error (RMSE). Bottom panel: forecast mean error (bias).

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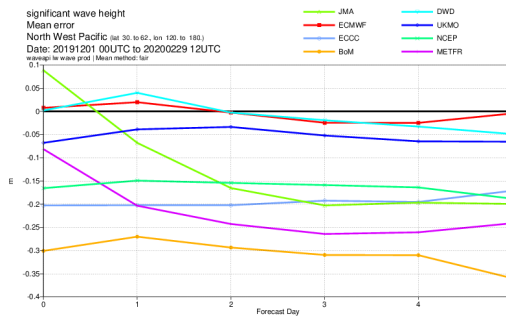
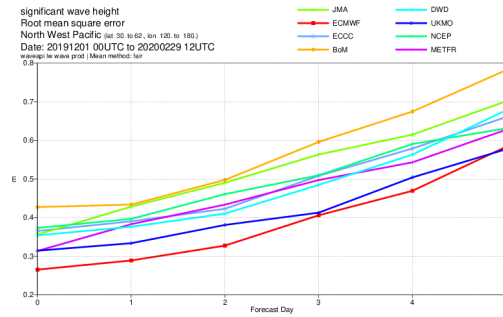
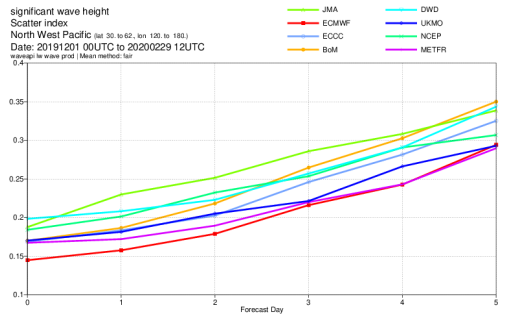
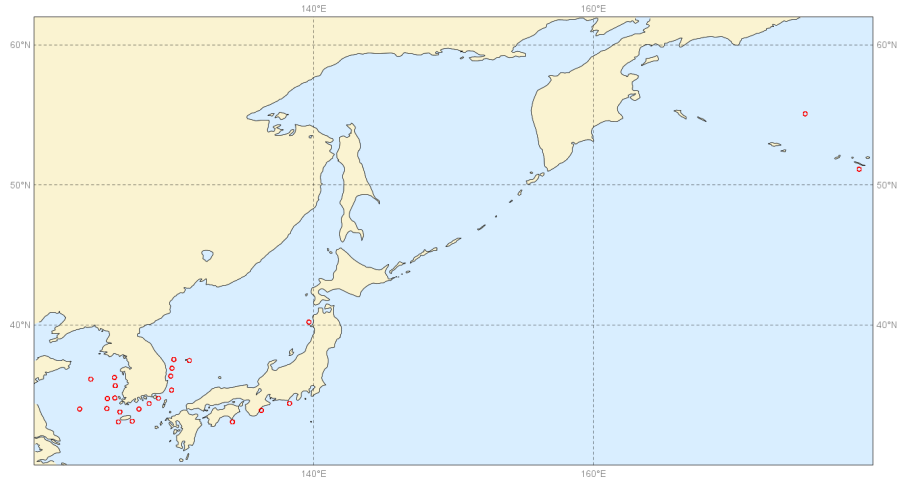
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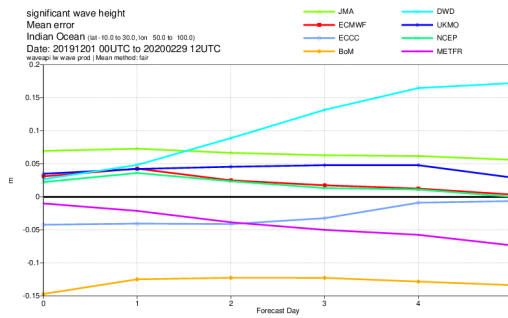
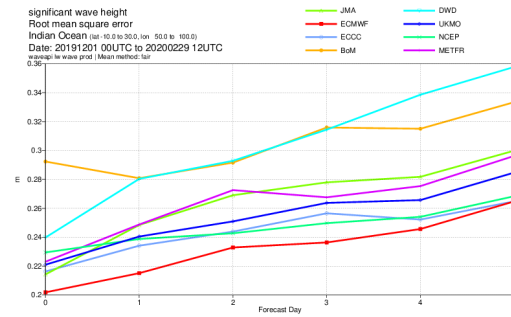
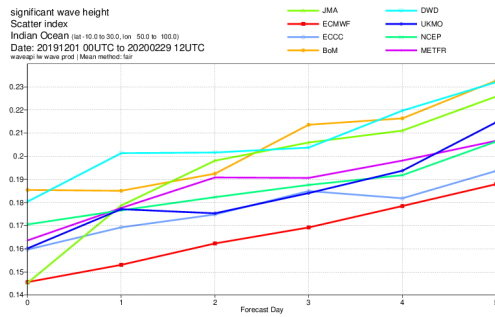
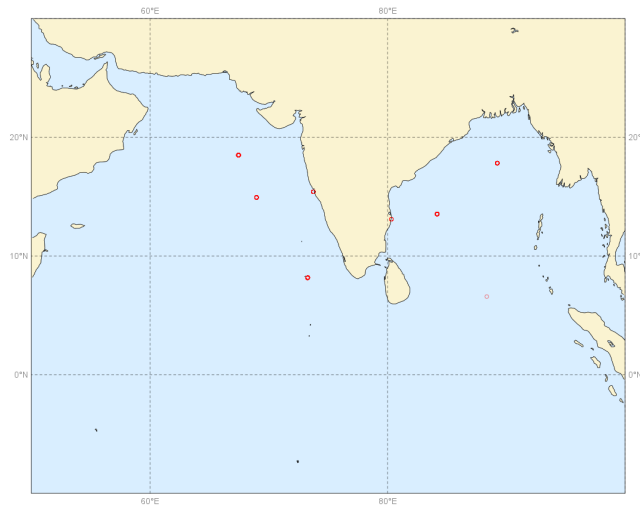
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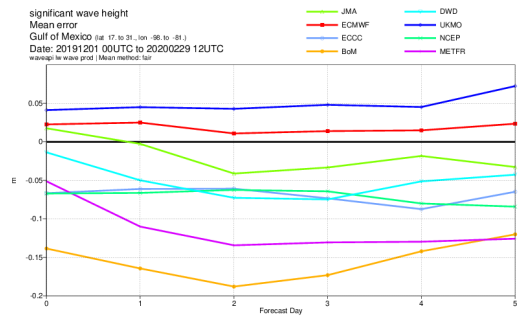
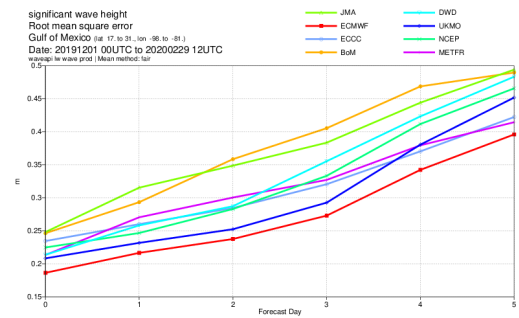
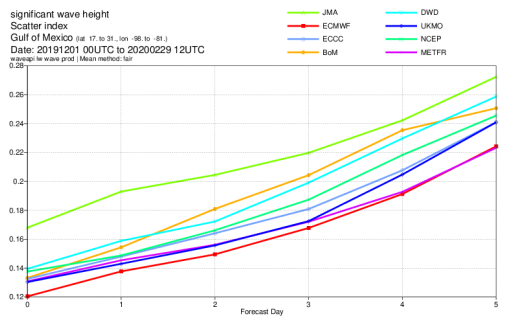
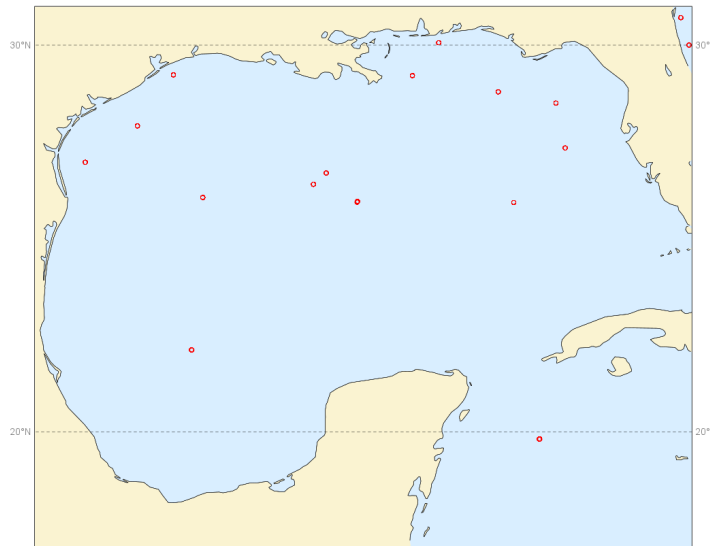
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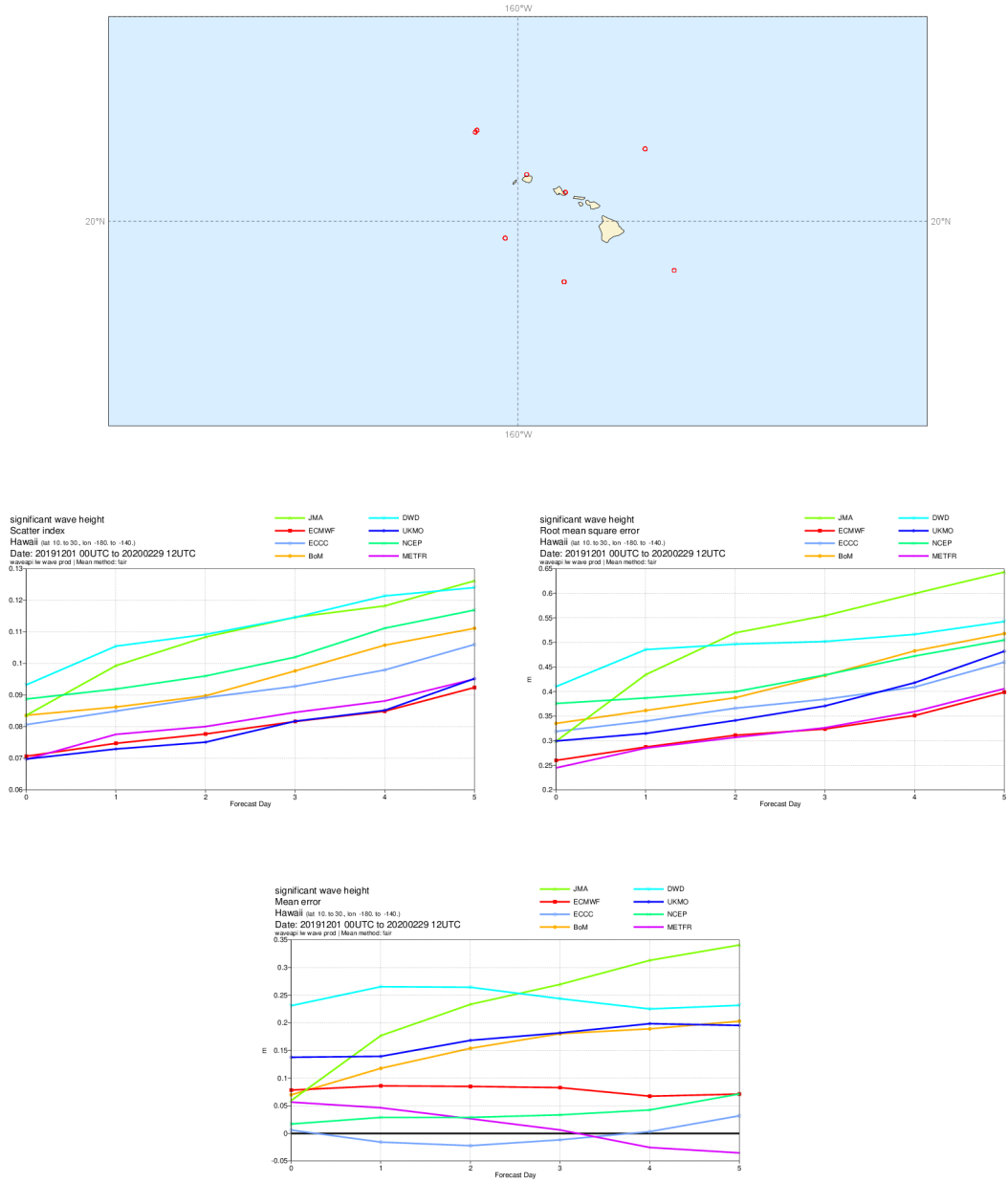
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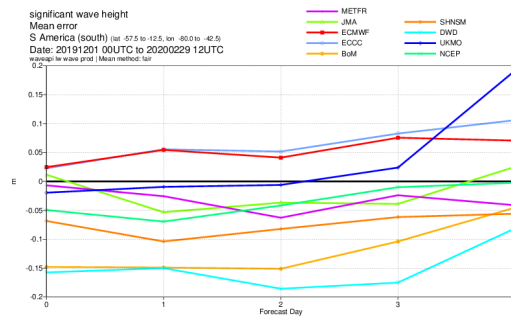
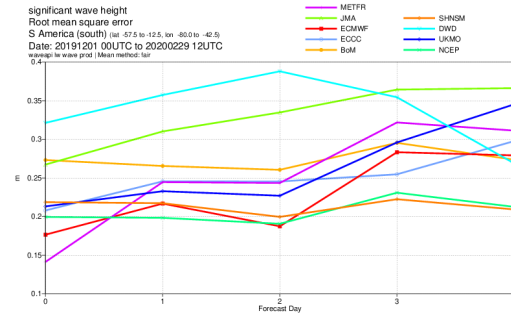
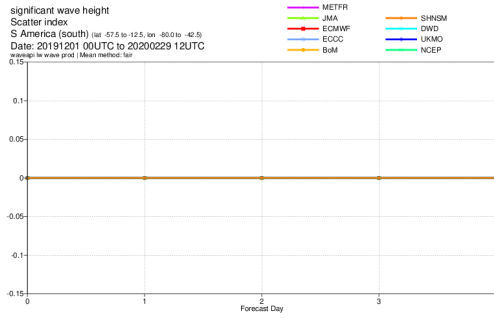
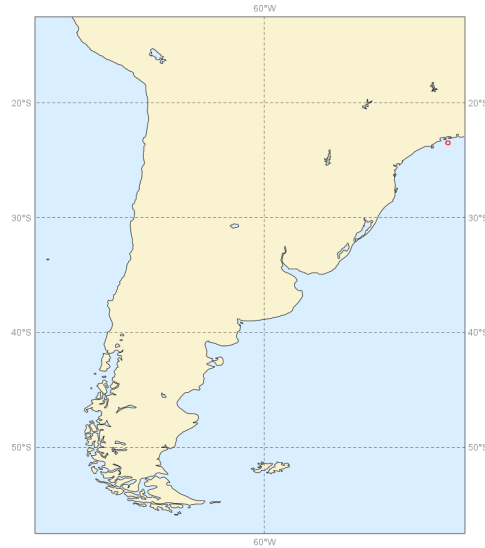
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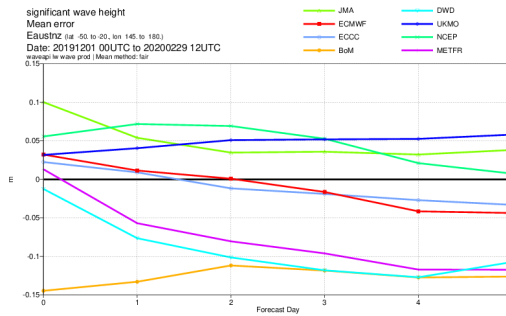
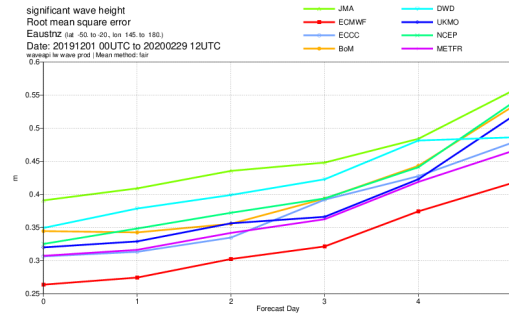
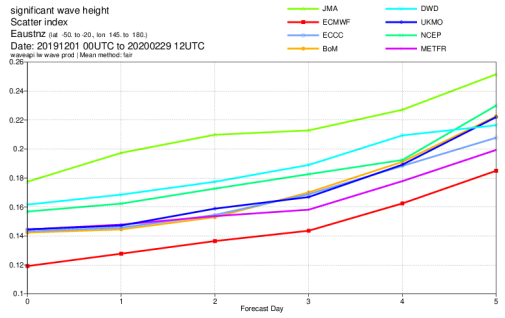
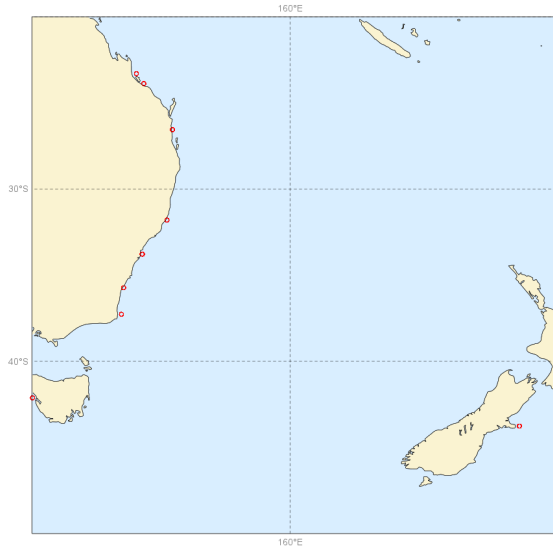
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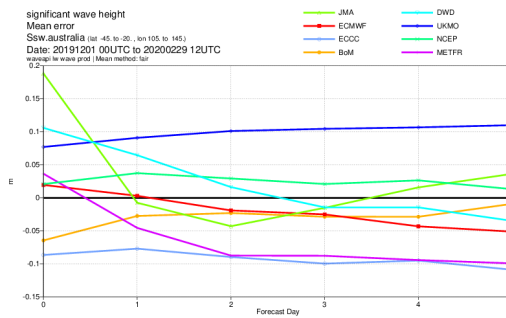
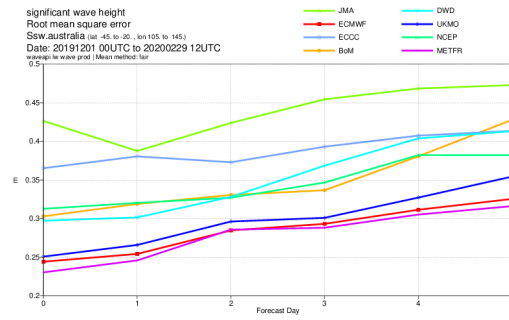
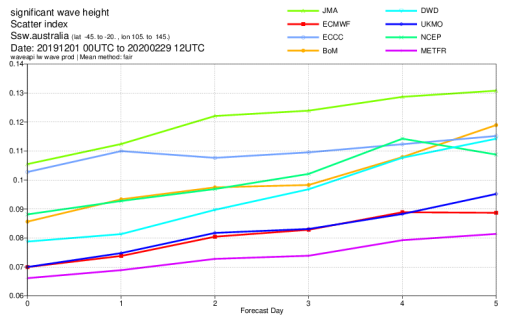
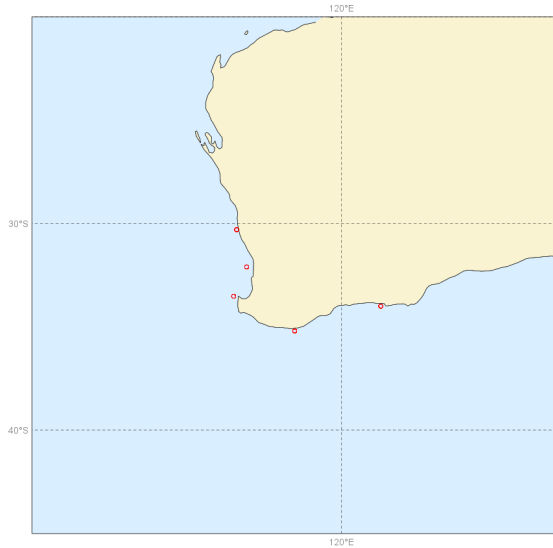
South of South America. Top panel: observation distribution. Middle left panel: Forecast scatter index (standard deviation of the difference normalised by the mean of the observations). Middle right panel: Forecast root mean square error (RMSE). Bottom panel: forecast mean error (bias).

Buoys observations - from 20191201 to 20200229 - (sw)



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 20191201 to 20



South South West Australia. 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).