

Intercomparison of operational wave forecasting systems against  
in-situ observations: data from BoM, DMI, DWD, ECCC,  
ECMWF, JMA, LPOS, METEOAM, METFR, METNO, NCEP,  
NZMS, PRTOS, SHNSM, UKMO.

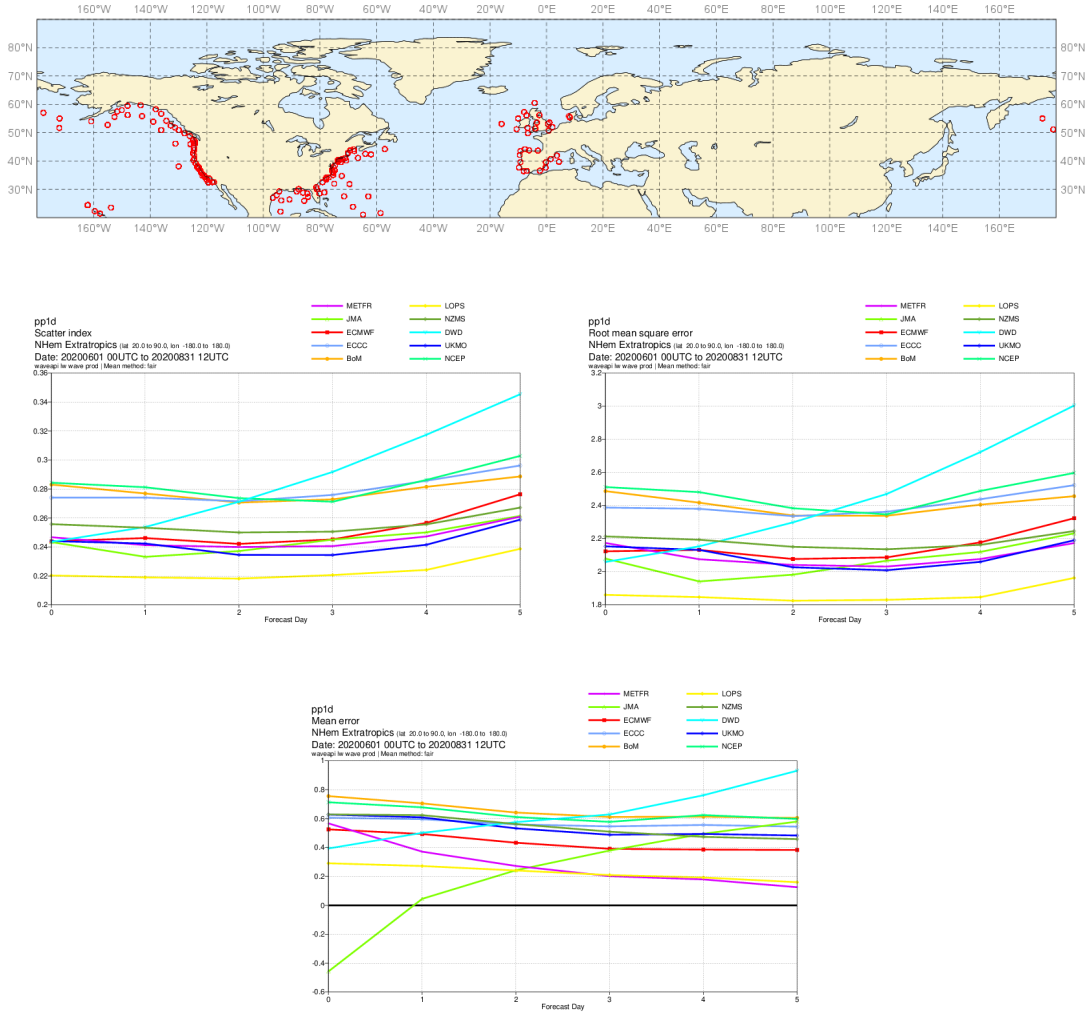
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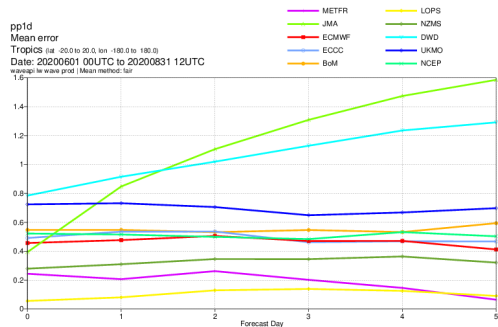
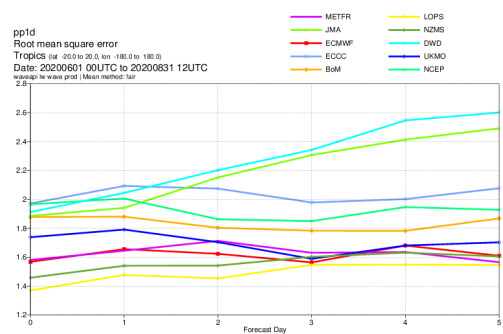
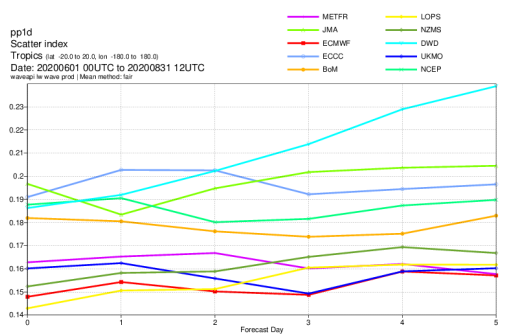
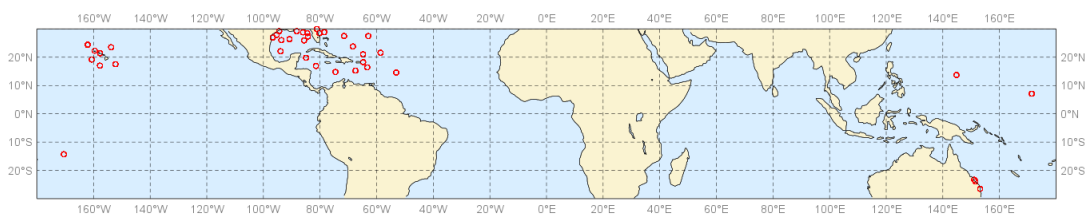
**PART II: Peak wave period (PP1D)**

Buoys observations - from 20200601 to 20200831 - (pp1d)



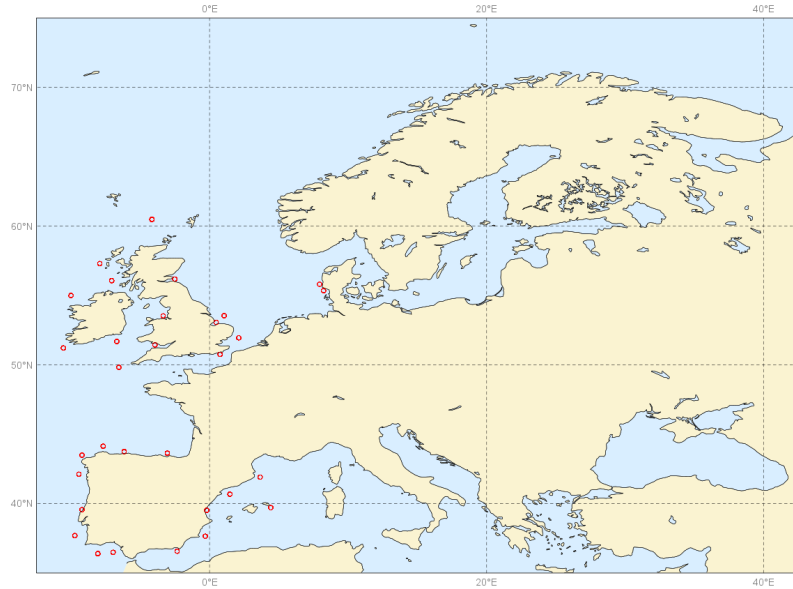
**Northern Hemisphere.** Top panel: observation distribution. Middle left panel: Forecast scatter index (standard deviation of the difference normalised by the mean of the observations). Middle right panel: Forecast root mean square error (RMSE). Bottom panel: forecast mean error (bias).

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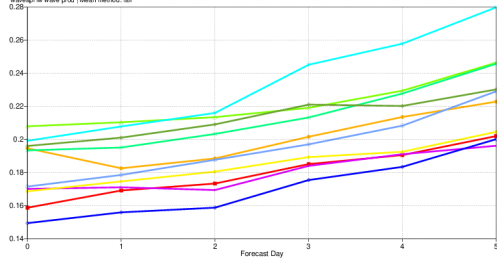


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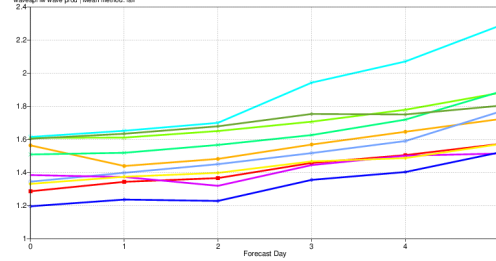
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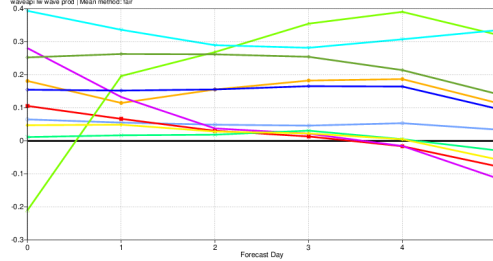
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Scatter index  
Europe (lat: 35.0 to 75.0, lon: -12.5 to 42.5)  
Date: 20200601 00UTC to 20200831 12UTC  
Average for every grid (Mean method, lat)



pp1d  
Root mean square error  
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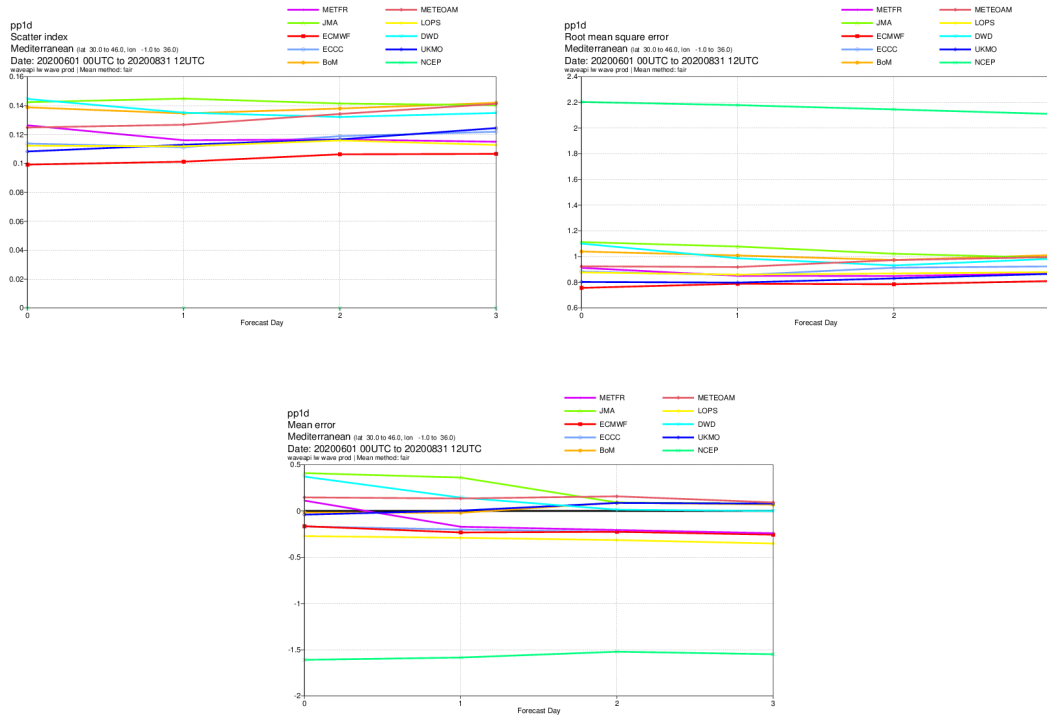


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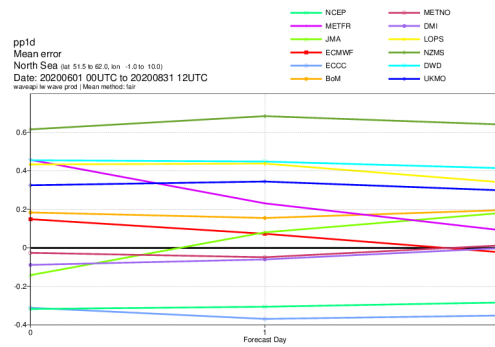
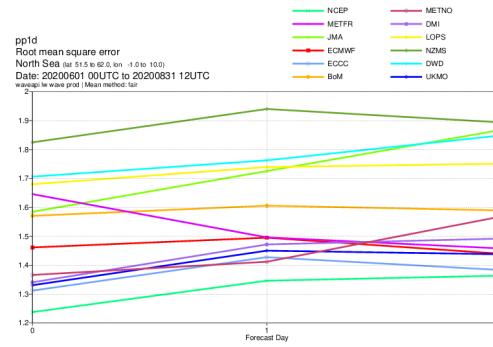
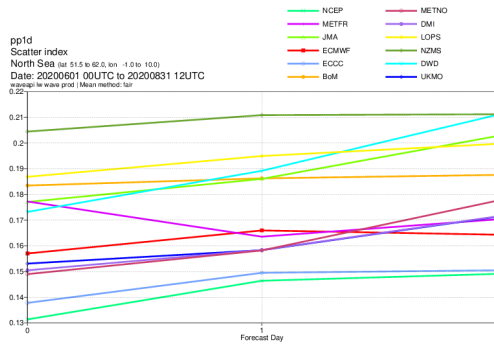
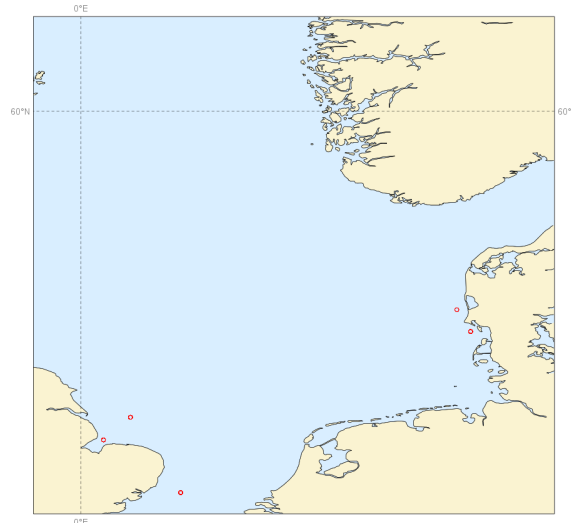
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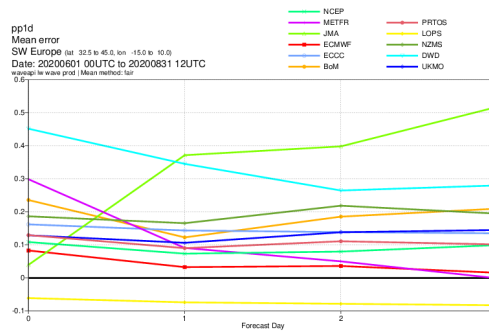
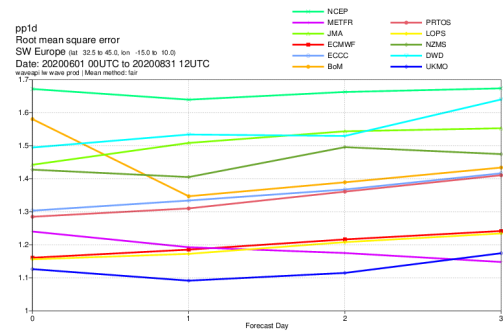
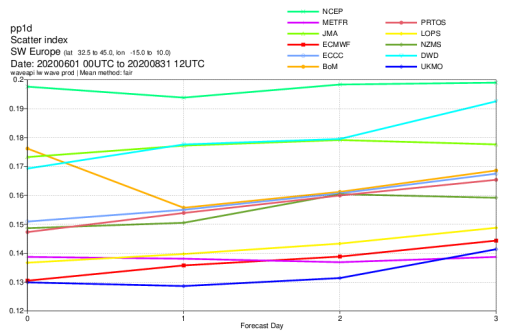
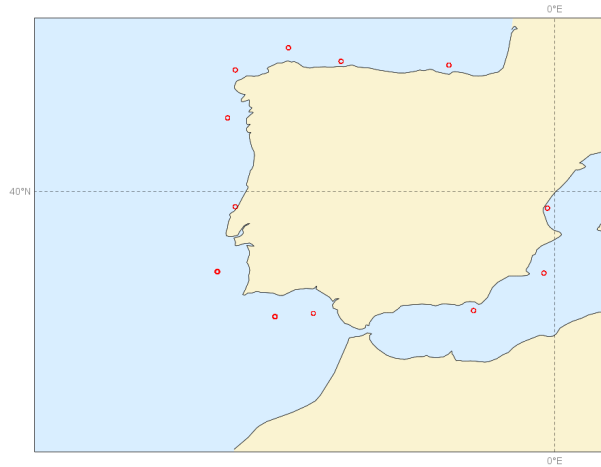
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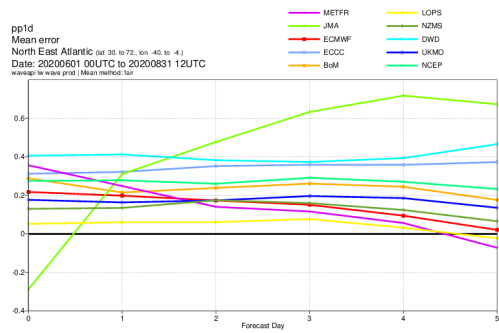
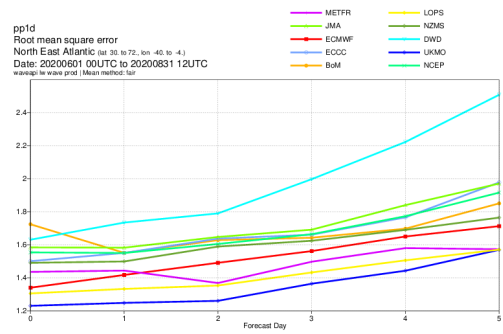
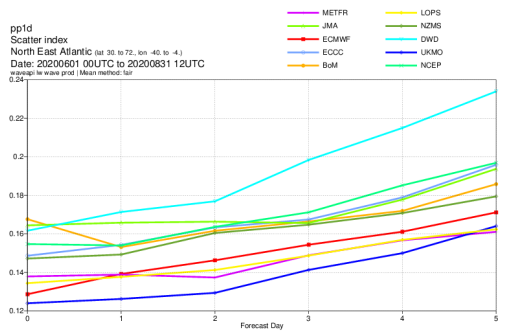
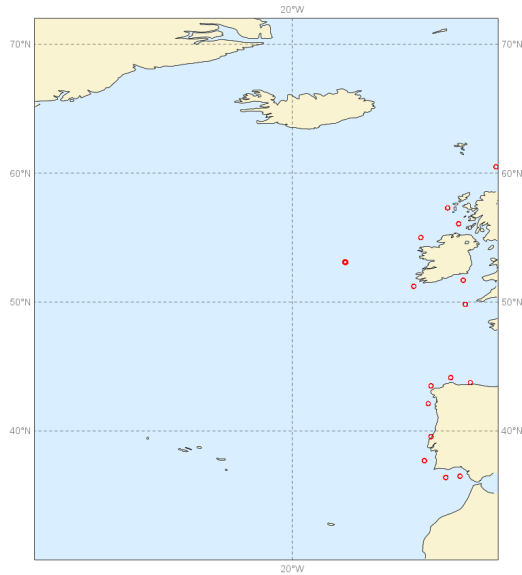
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Buoys observations - from 20200601 to 2020



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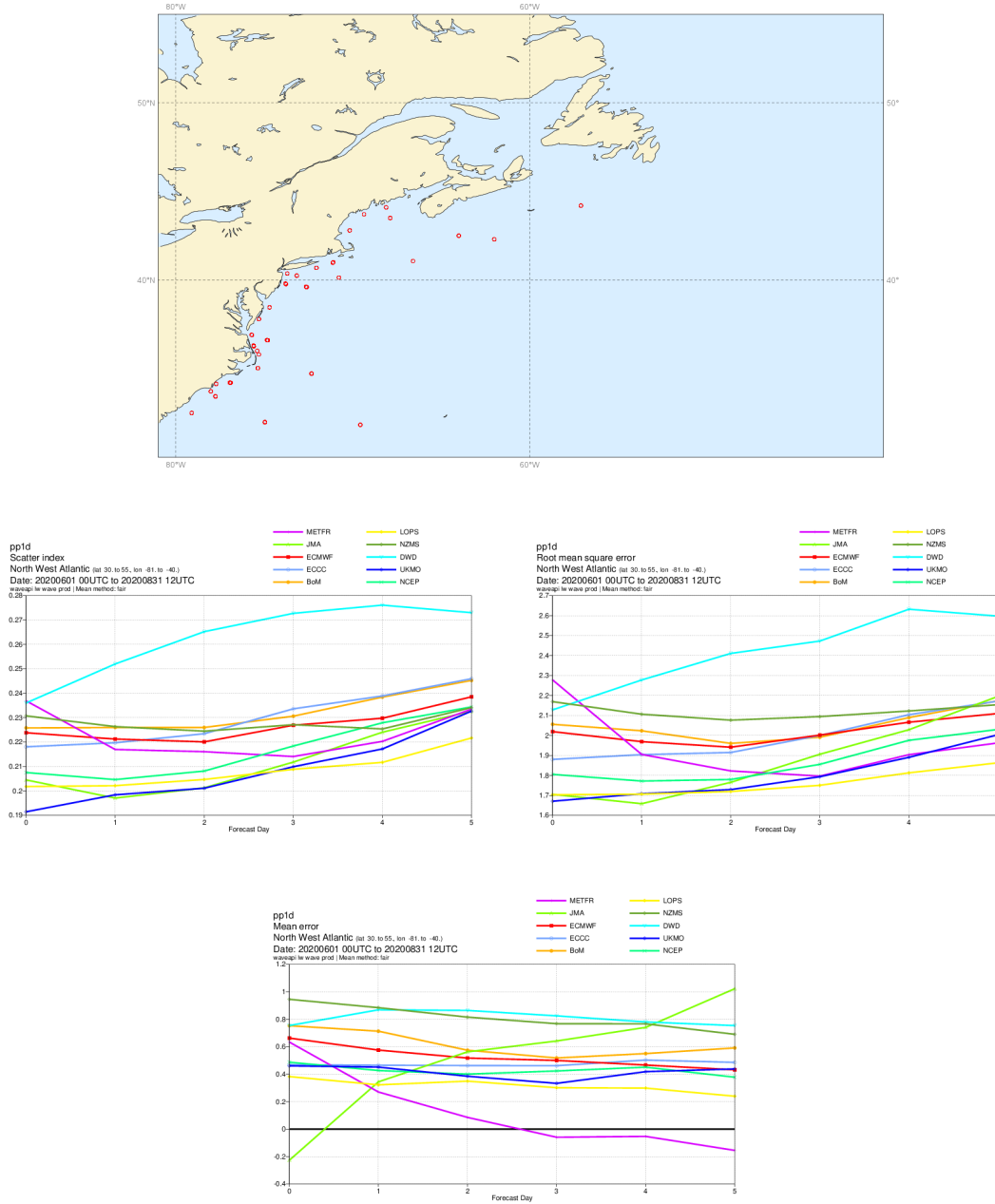
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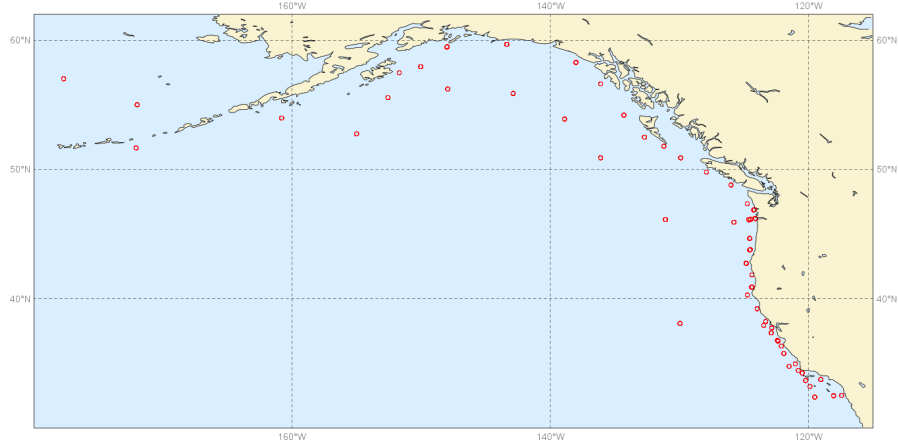


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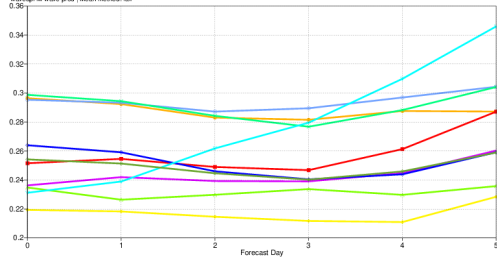


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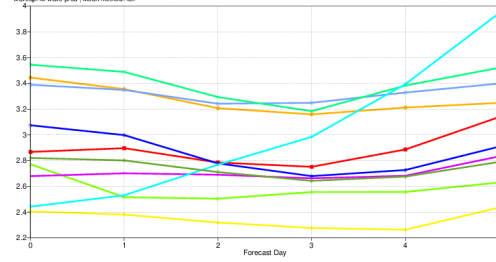
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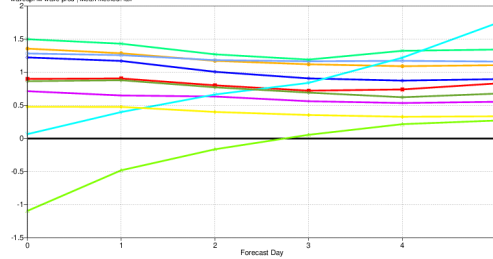
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Scatter index  
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Date: 20200601 00UTC to 20200831 12UTC  
Average for each grid. (Mean method, lat)



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Root mean square error  
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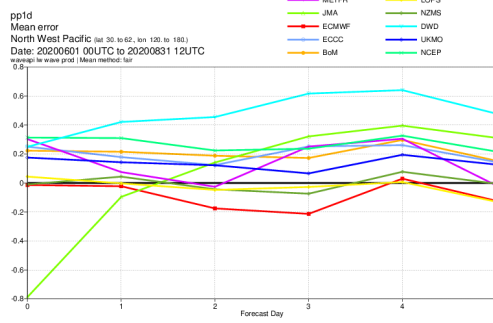
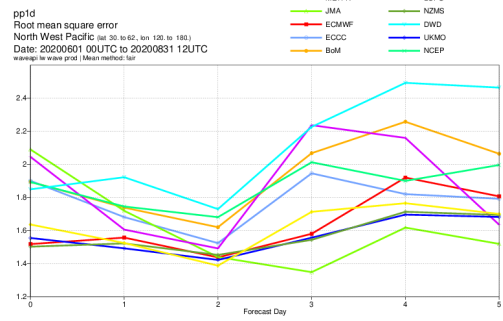
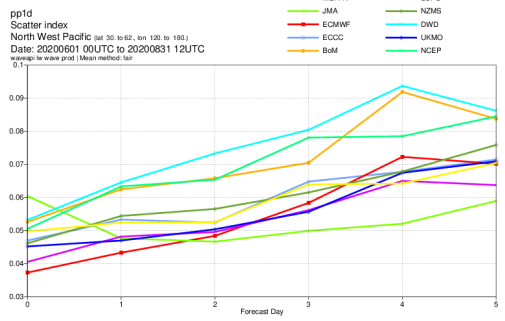
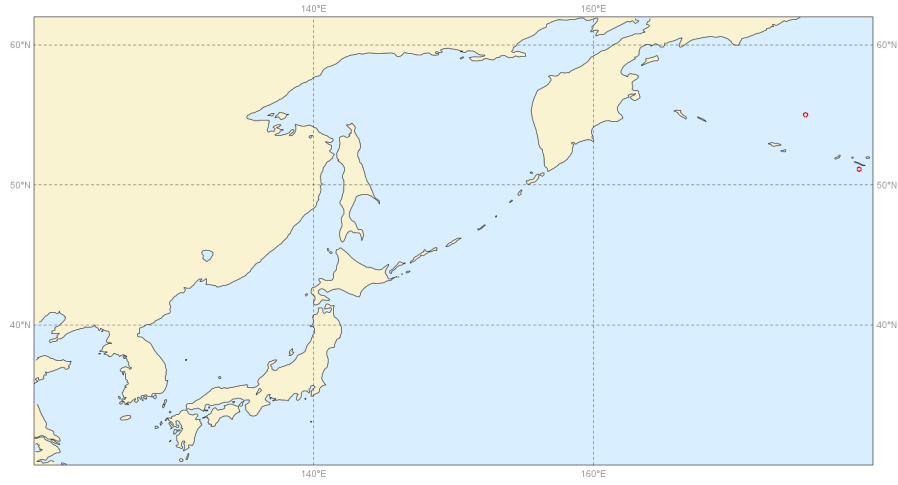


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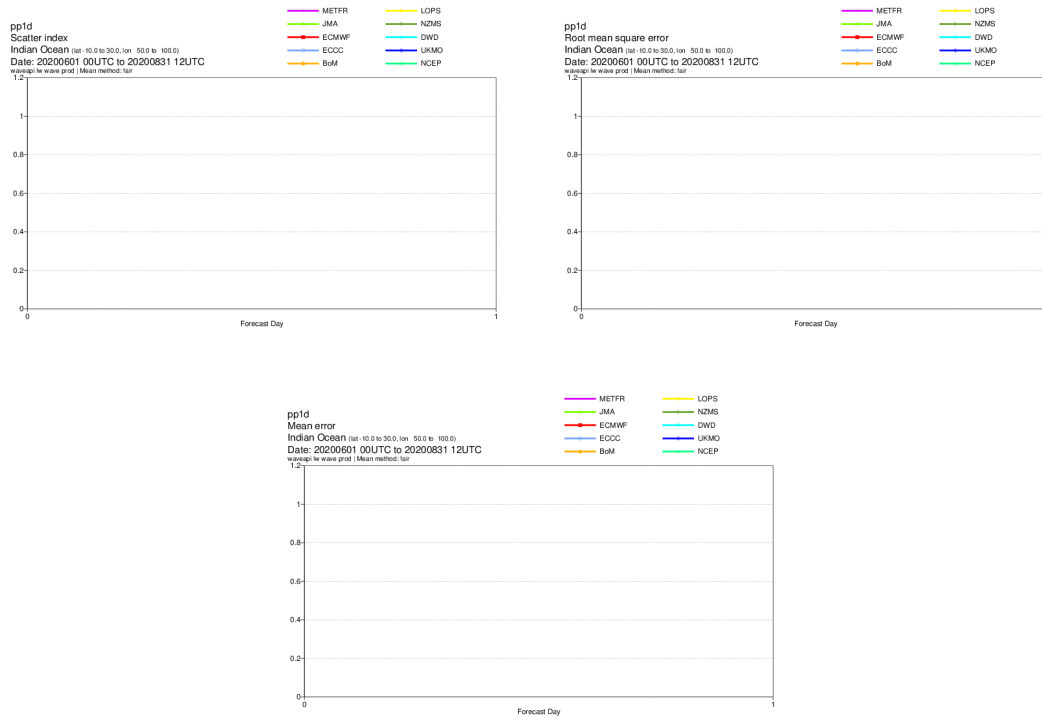
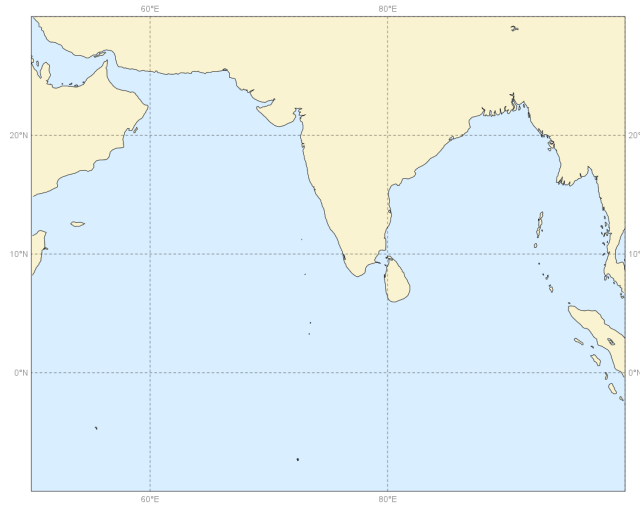
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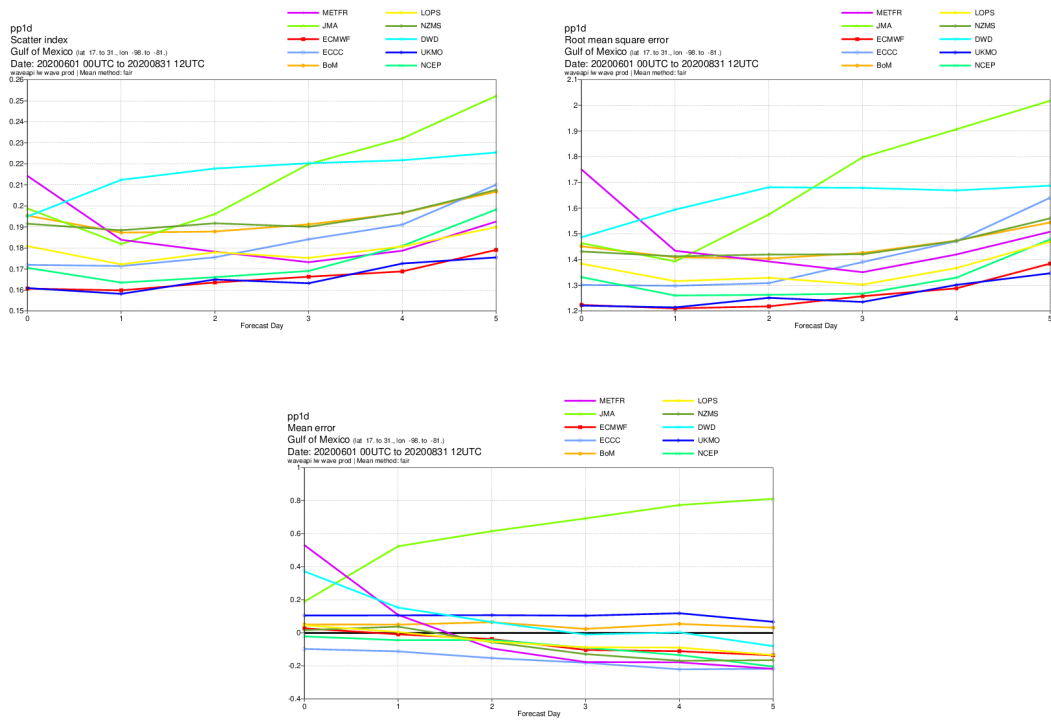
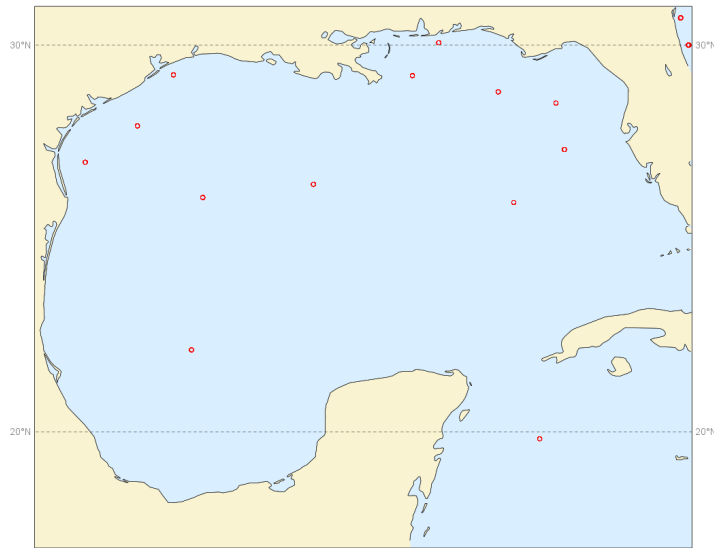
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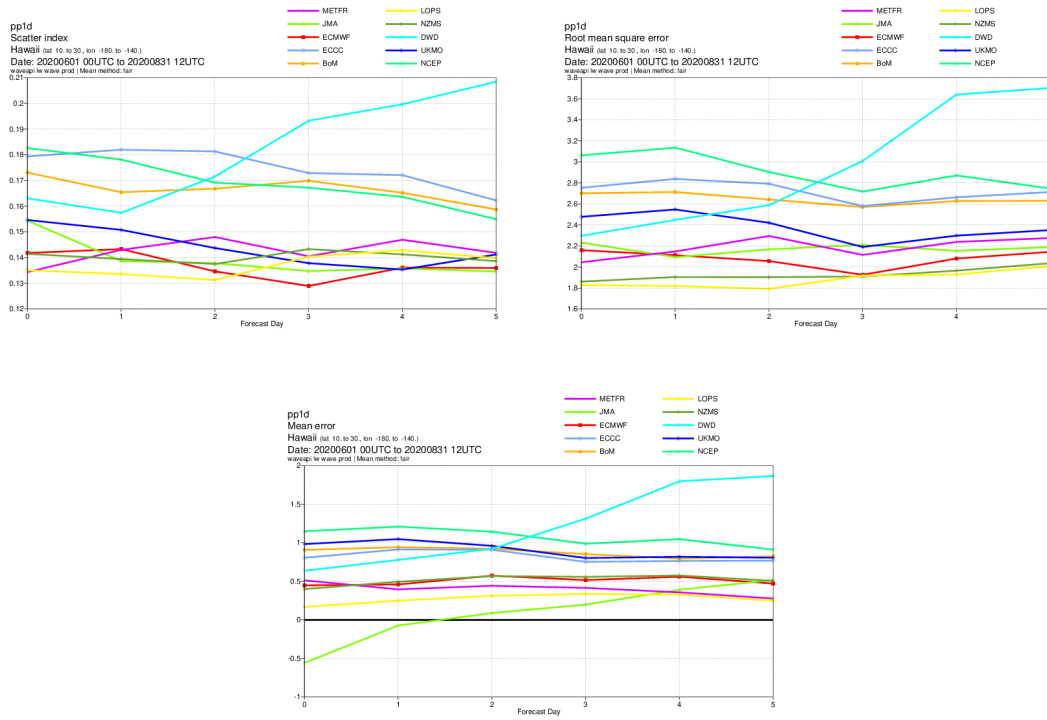
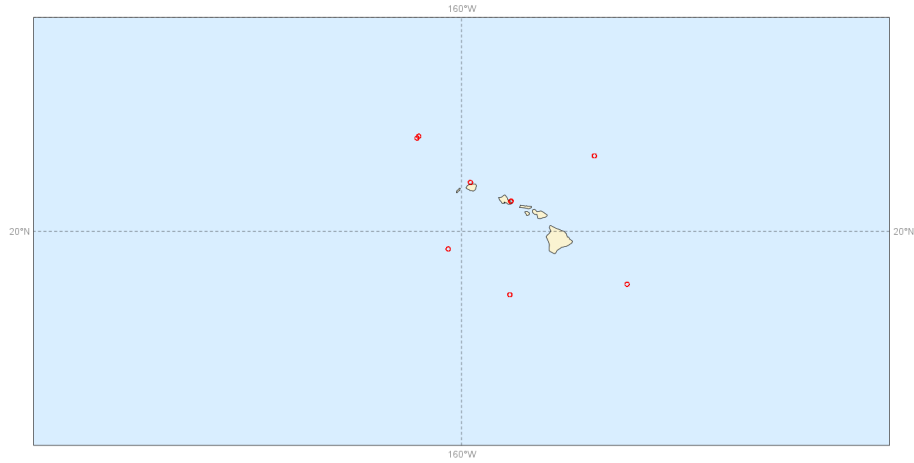
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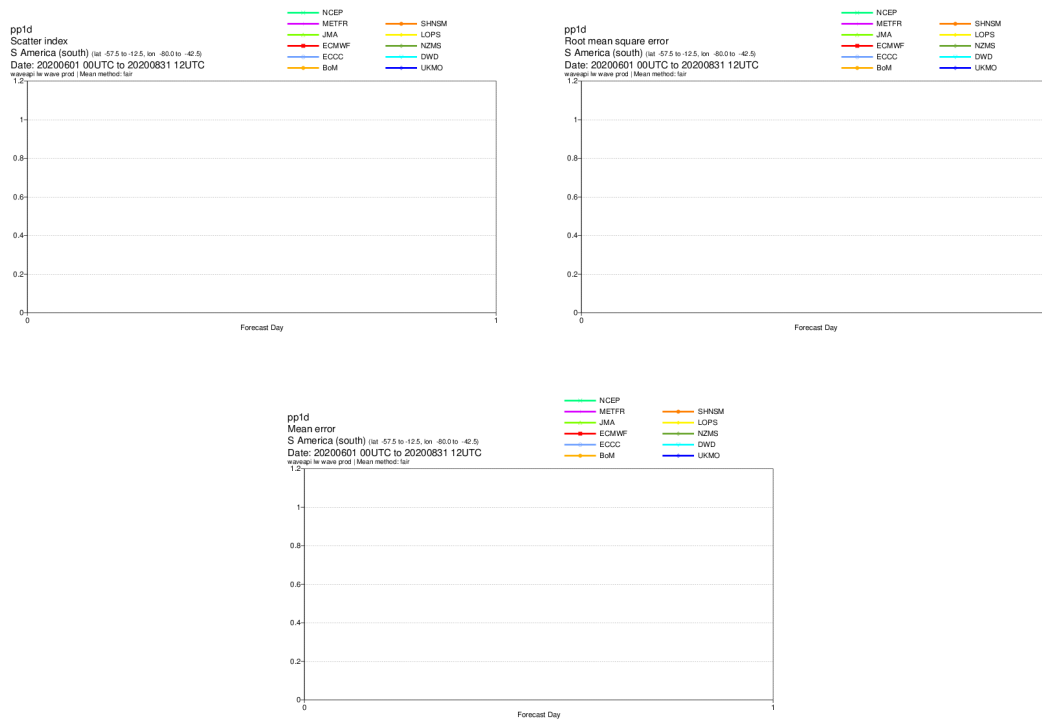
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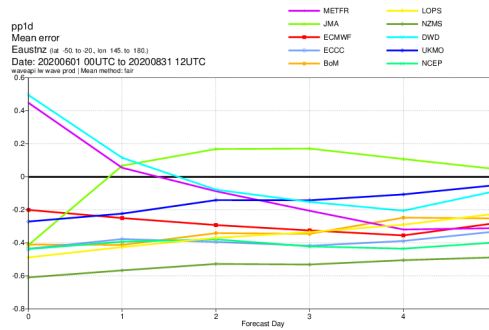
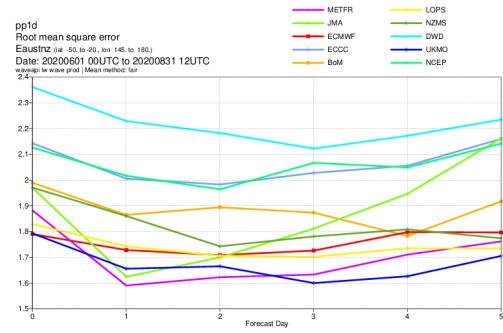
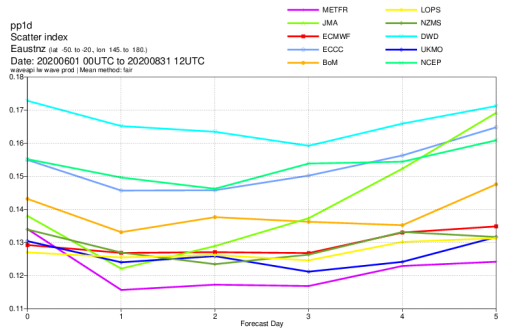
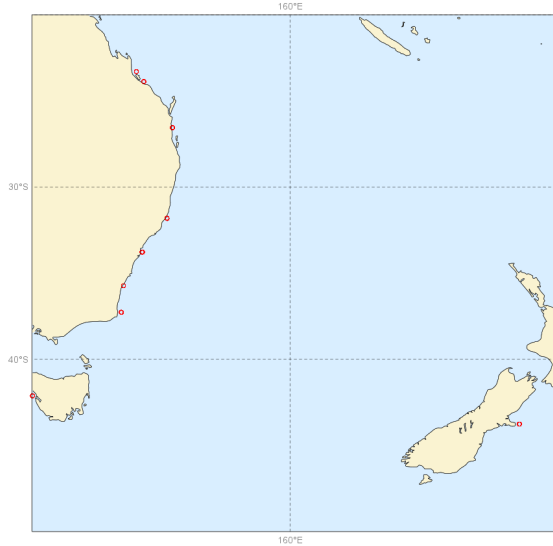
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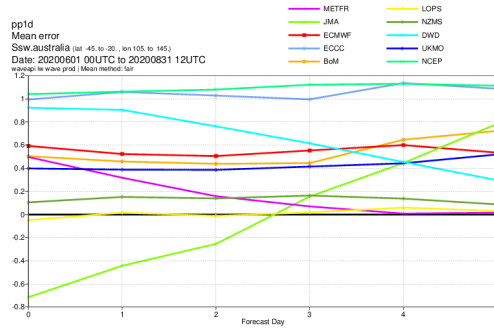
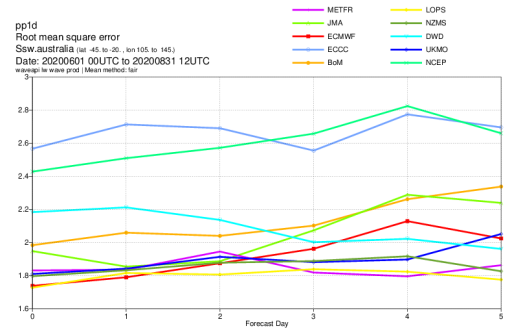
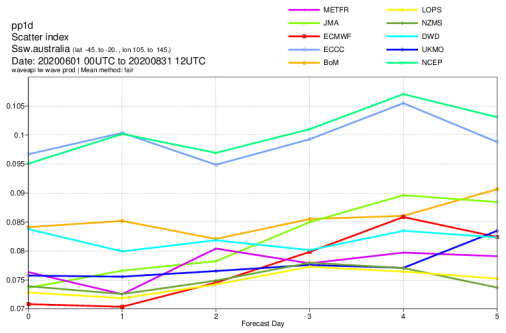
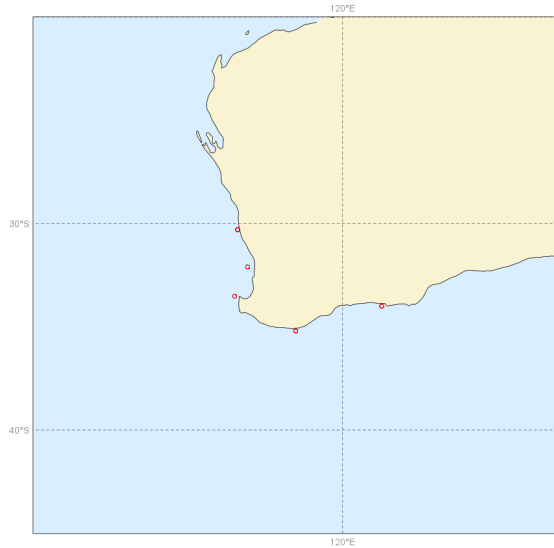
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Buoys observations - from 20200601 to 20:



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