Ocean Observations In Support of Decision-Making for Maritime Operations



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Coastal Data Information Program

- Based at SIO since 1975
- 58 Wave Stations
 LIDAR & In-Situ Beach
 Surveys
- 17 People
- Major Funding by:

USACE, DPR

Partners
 (IOOS, NOAA
 CA Coastal Conservancy
 ONR/NAVY...)

CDIP Mission:

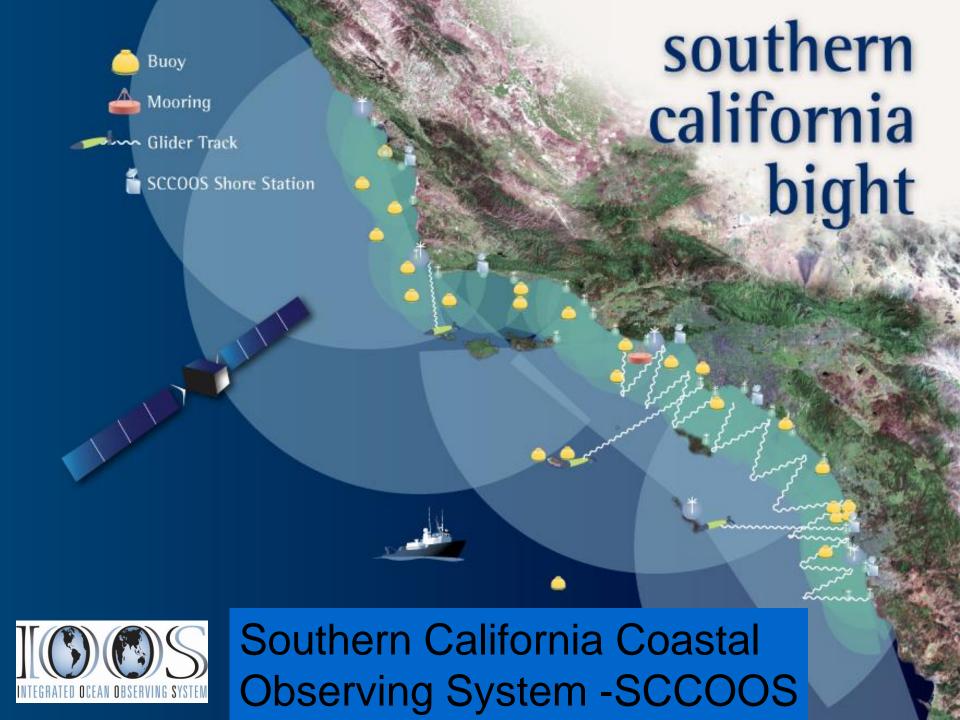
Monitor and predict nearshore waves and shoreline change.

CDIP Wave Buoys - NAVIGATION

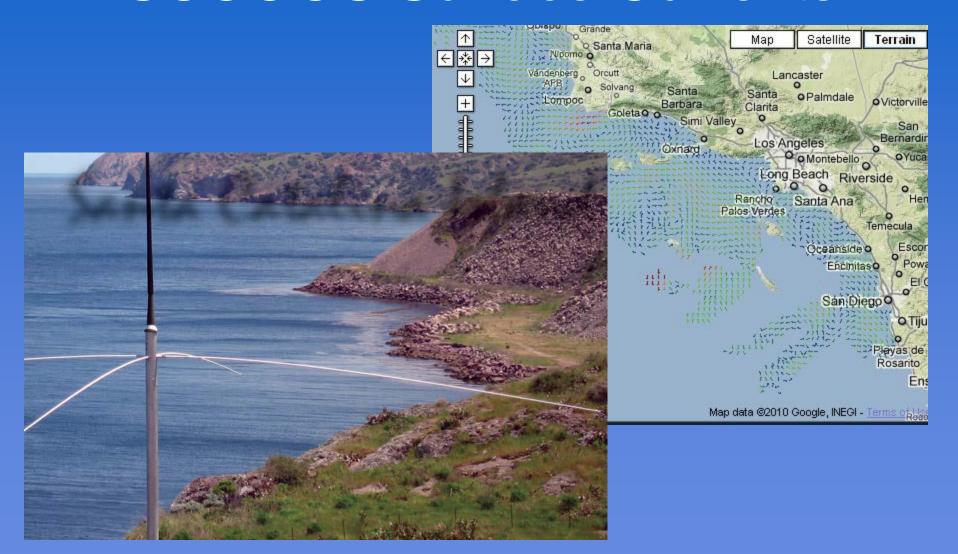


http://cdip.ucsd.edu

4.4 million page views from Jun 2013 – Jun 2014 Data sent to NDBC @ 30 min and distributed to NWS



SCCOOS Surface Currents



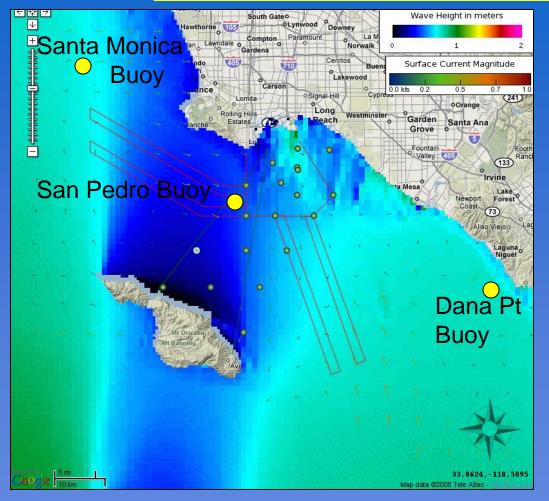
HF Radar, Santa Catalina provides surface currents

Case Examples demonstrating the value of Ocean Observations in PREPARING for a Resilient MTS

Metrics Safety, Economics, Environment

Los Angeles/Long Beach San Francisco Mouth of the Columbia Kaumalapau, Lanai

NAVIGATION – Ports of LA/LB



http://www.sccoos.org/data/harbors/lalb/fullscreen.php

CDIP providing wave observations, nowcasts and forecasts.

SCCOOS providing HF Radar surface currents

USACE – LA District
Catalina Express
Los Angeles Bar
Pilots
Long Beach Bar
Pilots
NOAA - Navigation
San Pedro Marine
Exchange
Sause Brothers
US Coast Guard







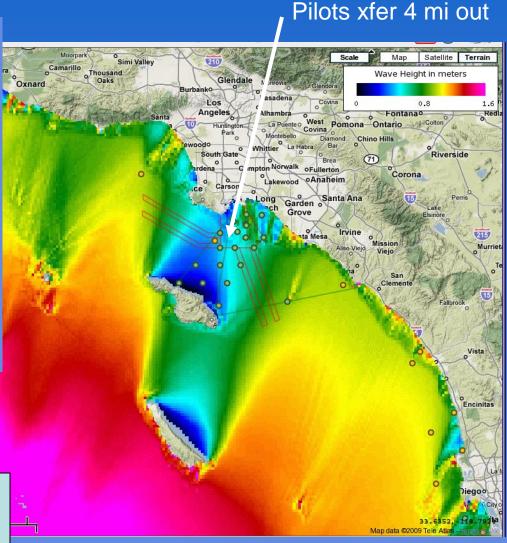


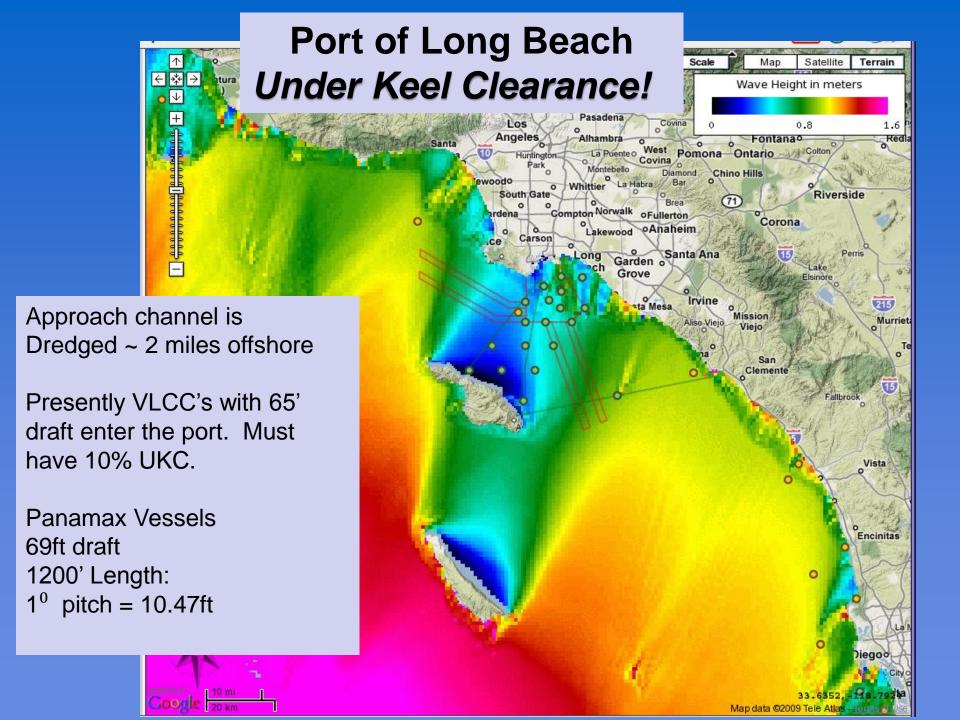
PORT of Los Angeles and Long Beach

CDIP's high resolution wave models allows for accurate forecasts.

Spatial variation due to island shadowing allows coastal variability. Wave heights Differ according to direction of the waves.

Big waves, big trouble?
headline in
Occounty.com, Jul 24, 2009



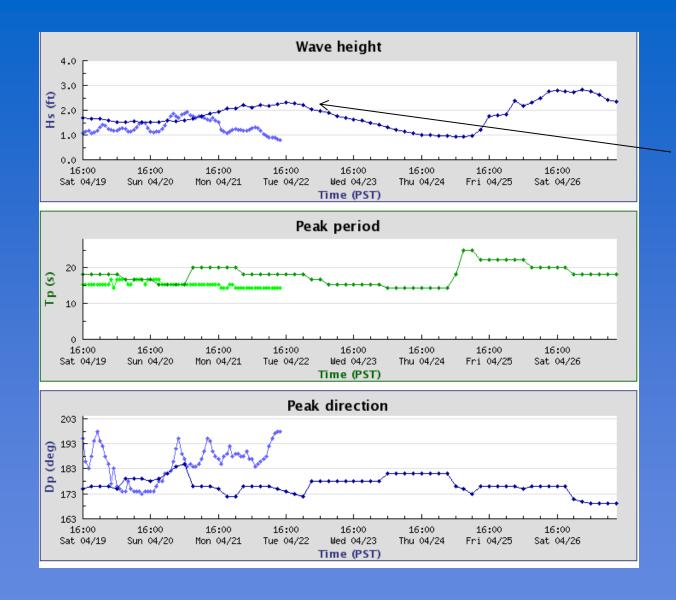


VLCC – 1200 ft length



June 2014 - San Pedro Wave Buoy measured 21ft peak, at 13-14 sec. An ATC Oil Tanker rolled 10 degrees at the Long Beach Breakwater entrance. The vessel had a 55 ft draft, 160 ft wide.

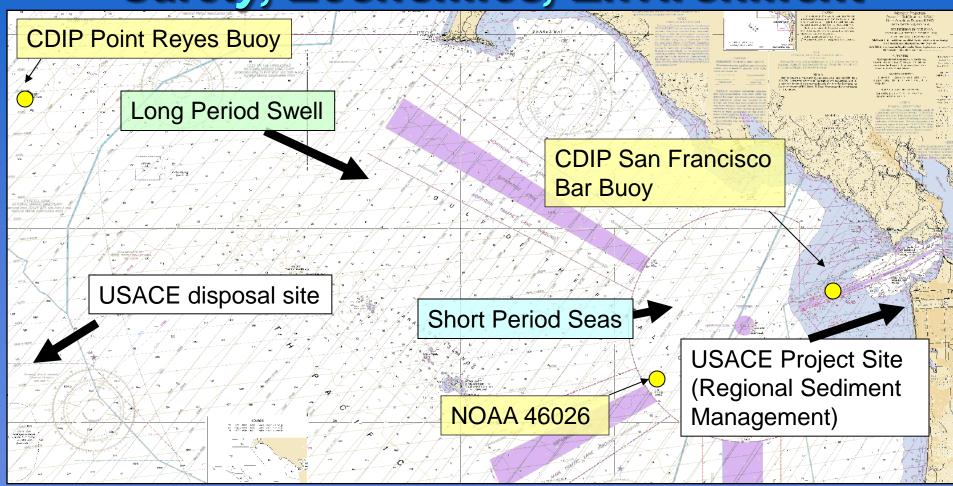
The roll increased the draft to 64 feet. (Channel currently dredged to 69ft)



Model is over predicting by >1 ft Significant Wave height.

San Pedro Buoy observation vs WW3 Model Predictions April 2014

San Francisco Safety, Economics, Environment

















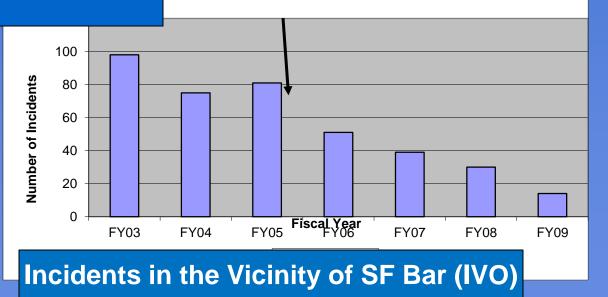
San Francisco - SAFETY

Fiscal	Surf	IVO of SF	Total
Year (FY)	Cases	Bar	
FY03	32	98	130
FY04	28	75	103
FY05	29	81	110
FY06	18	51	69
FY07	20	39	59
FY08	19	30	49
FY09	11	14	25
TOTAL:	157	388	545

Marine Incidents (rescues) near SF Bar

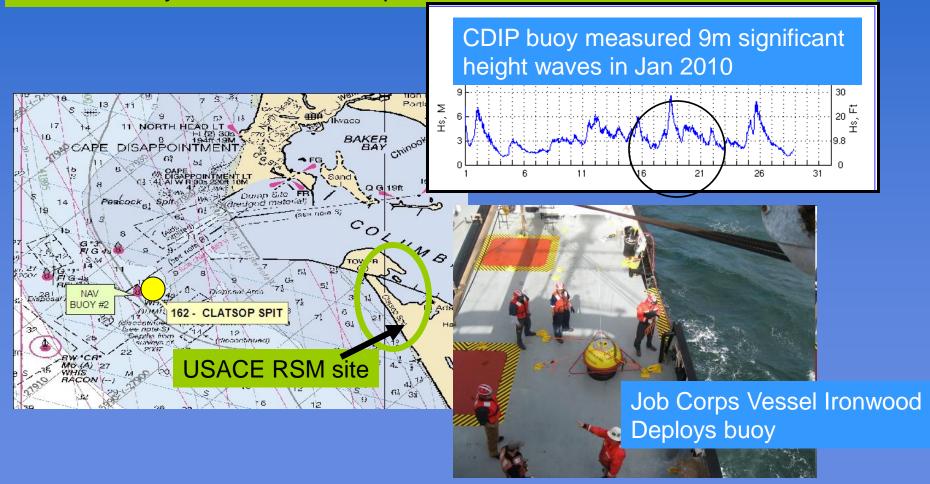
Bar Forecast Begun by MTR

Data supplied by the Coast Guard. Assimilated and Disseminated by the SF NWS Office.

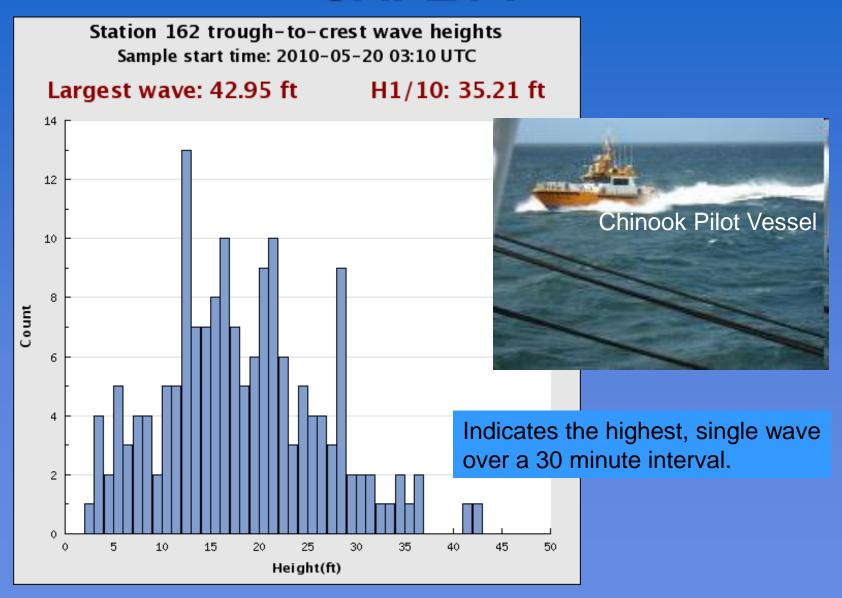


Mouth of the Columbia - SAFETY

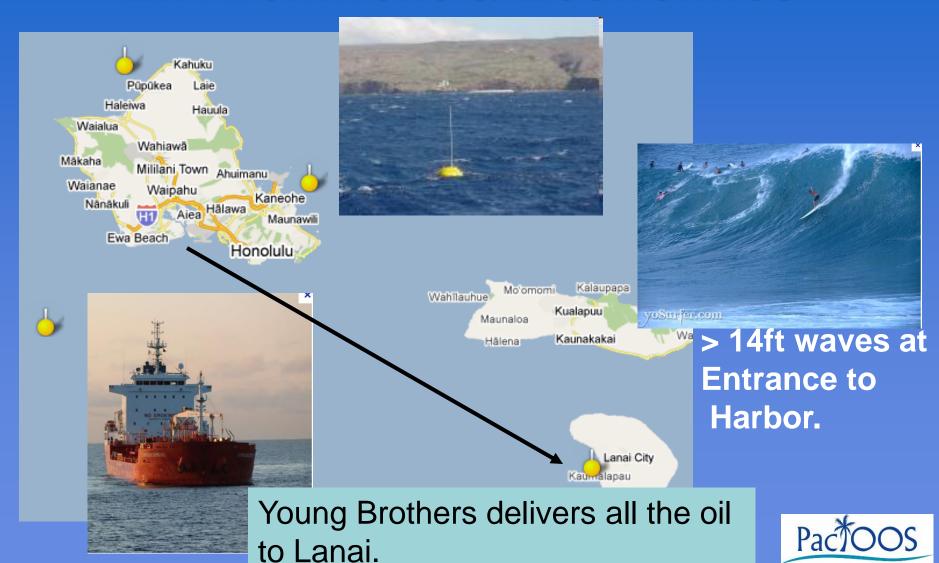
Mouth of the Columbia River installation supports projects as Regional Sediment Management (RSM) for the USACE Portland District, Bar Pilots and commercial fishing. This buoy is critical for safety and efficiency of maritime transportation.



Mouth of the Columbia River SAFETY



Kaumalapau, Lanai Environment & Economics



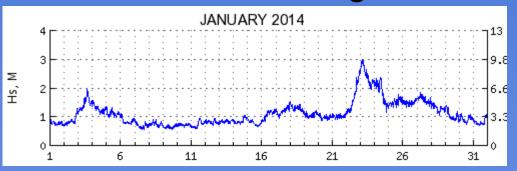
Pacific Islands Ocean Observing System

Kaumalapau, Lanai

Safety, Environment & Economics



Loading Dock





Kaumalapau Harbor

Before 1997, when the buoy was installed, the barge would have to abort without offloading in Harbor. Costs \$22,000 to divert MauiOil Barge back to Honolulu.

Resiliency (Operations/Climate)

It is critical that the ocean observation infrastructure is in place, providing baseline measurements, to assure the safety of our maritime community, to promote the economic health of maritime transportation and to protect our

