



Freak waves in 2006-2010

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Nowadays the crucial role of freak waves in many accidents that led to ships damages and people losses is certain. That is why it is important to collect and to analyse all existing data of freak wave events. An attempt to create such a catalogue for freak waves occurred in the World in 2005 was made by Didenkulova et al. (2006), who analysed all freak events, reported in the mass media. It helped to realize the existence and importance of freak waves at the coast. Here we extend this study for freak waves in 2006-2010. The information about freak waves occurred in the World in 2006-2010 is collected and analysed. All freak waves are split into two groups: freak waves in the open sea and coastal freak wave. The annual and seasonal statistics of freak waves in each group and overall statistics of freak wave occurrence is discussed. The geography of freak wave events is analysed.