Use of ECMWF products for:

- Weatherrouteing
- Offshore forecasting
- Strategy weatherrouteing

by

Janne Hansen



Maritime Service Danish Meteorological Institute (DMI)

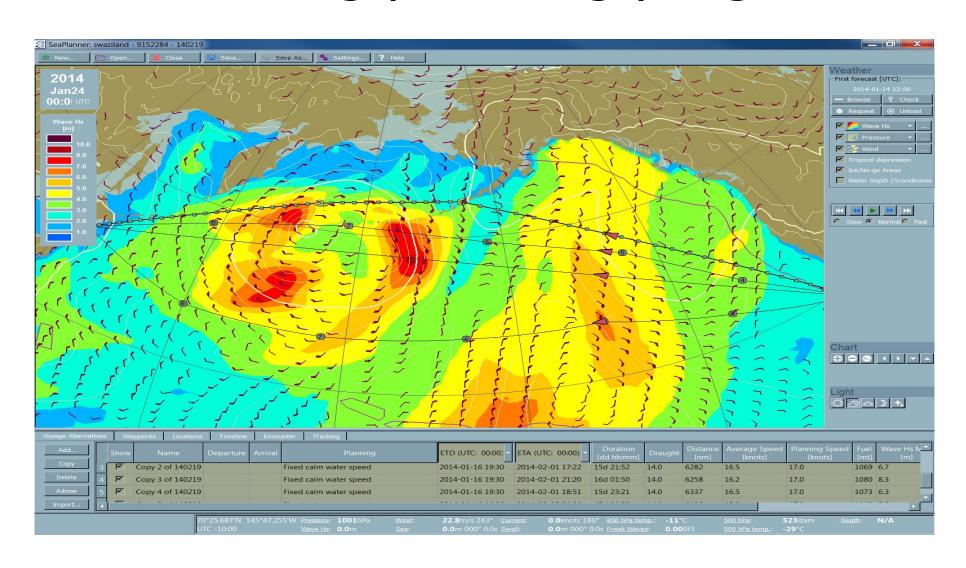
DMI provides meteorological services in the Commonwealth of the Realm of Denmark, the Faroe Islands, Greenland, and surrounding waters and airspace.

Maritime Service is a commercial section of DMI, working worldwide. Most of our customers is in



the shipping and energy industry

ECMWFs deterministic forecast is used in our routeing planning program

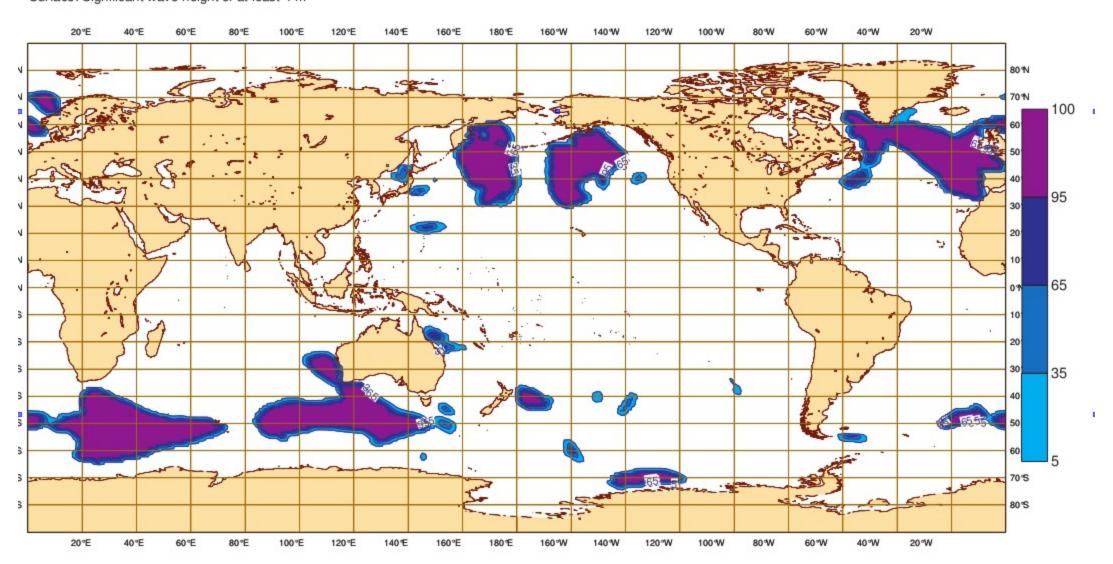


This exemple is weatherrouting of Maersk Swaziland from Lazaro Cardenas, Mexico to Vostochny, Russia.

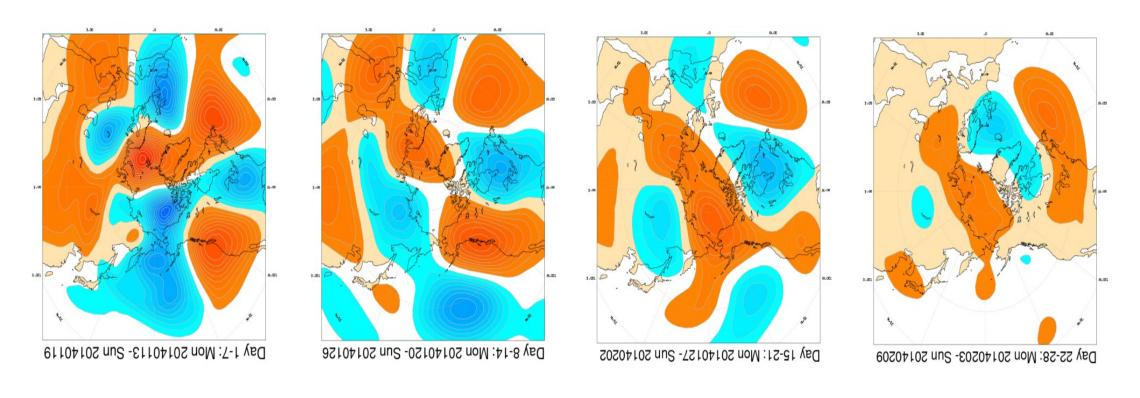
We are using wind, sea and swell

In our weatherrouteing we also uses significant waves heights probability, to navigate outside areas with high probability

Tuesday 28 January 2014 00UTC ©ECMWF Forecast probability t+012 VT: Tuesday 28 January 2014 12UTC Surface: Significant wave height of at least 4 m

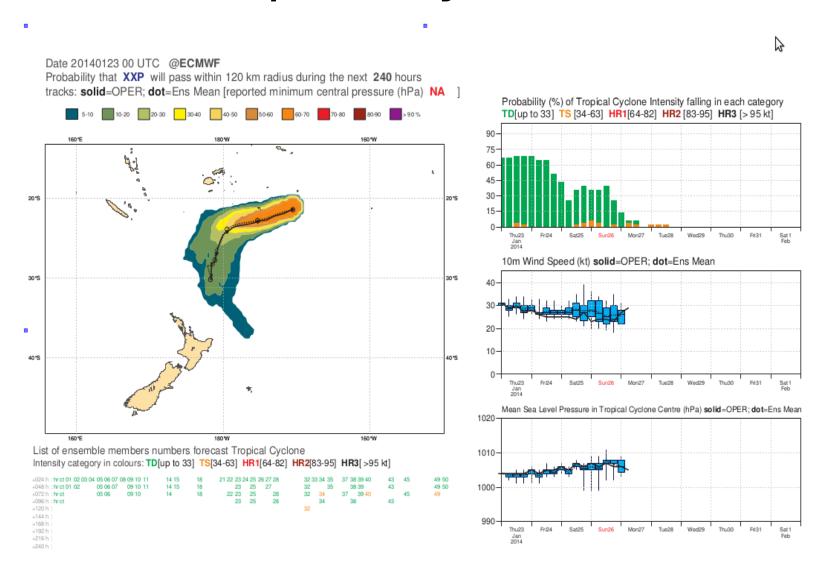


For weatherrouteing beyond +240h (mainly the Pacific), we use strategy weatherrouteing based on the weekly mean 500hPa

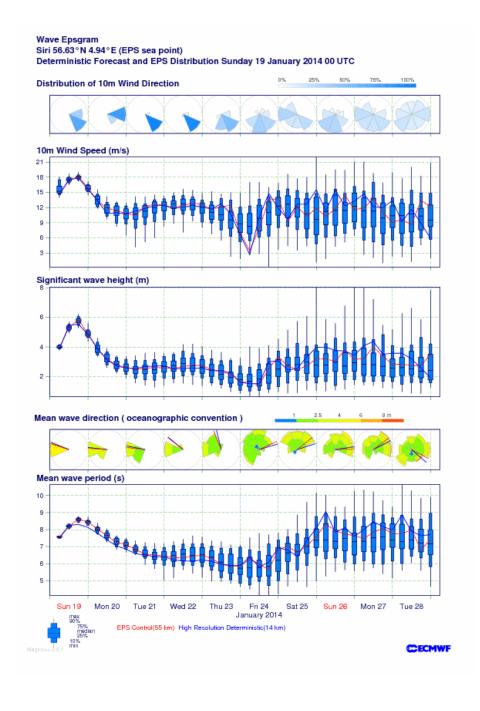


From the end of January a trend of rising mean pressure can be seen in the weekly mean ensemble charts (the two charts to the right). In week 3-4 probably less deep lows near the Aleut islands and over the northern Pacific, while lows may track north from Japan towards eastern Siberia Northerly routes via the Aleutian islands then seems favorable

Where vessels or offshore sites is affected by tropical cyclones, we among others uses ECMWF's tropical cyclone forecast



At many of our offshore sites the significant wave height is a criteria and ECMWFs



EPSgram are very usefull to estimate the accuracy of the prognosis

