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Baltic Sea Chart Datum 2000

**common vertical reference system
in the Baltic Sea**

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**CHART DATUM, WATER LEVEL AND
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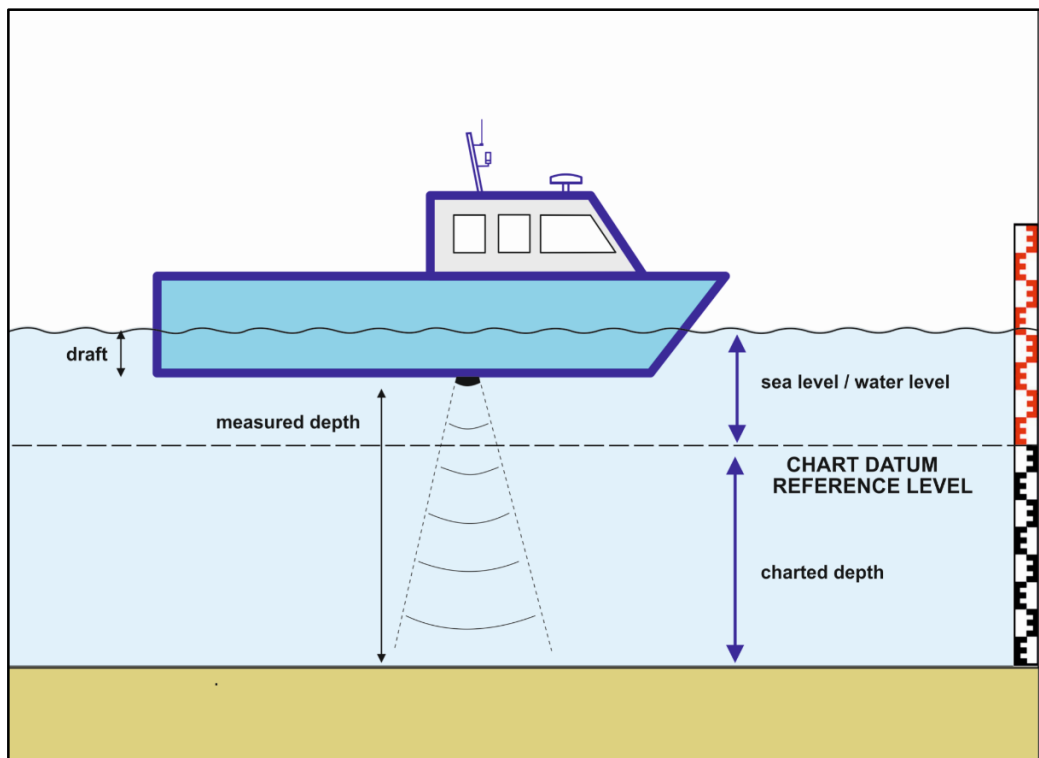
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Why do we need a chart datum?



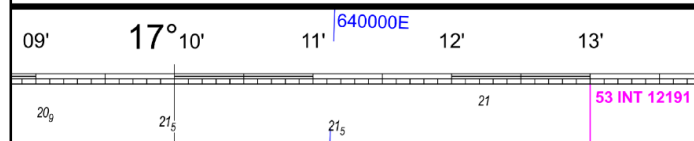
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Heights and depths: in metres. They are reduced to Baltic Sea Chart Datum 2000 (PL-EVRF2007-NH).

Projection: Mercator.

Horizontal datum: WGS 84.

Navigational marks: IALA Maritime Buoyage System - Region A.



$$d_{\text{charted}} = d_{\text{measured}} + \text{corrections}$$

corrections:

- sea level
- draft
- squad
- calibration
- sound velocity
- refraction

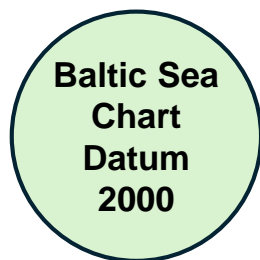


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Brief History

- **2005:** the Baltic Sea Hydrographic Commission (BSHC) recognized the issue of the incompatible chart datums in the Baltic Sea and established the Chart Datum Working Group (CDWG),
- **2013:** concept of the common reference vertical system based on EVRF was established, BSHC has approved the name and the adoption of the Baltic Sea Chart Datum 2000 and the abbreviation BSCD2000,
- **2020:** BSCD2000 has been registered as Chart Datum number 44 in the IHO Geospatial Information (GI) Registry and can therefore be used as a reference datum in all nautical products.



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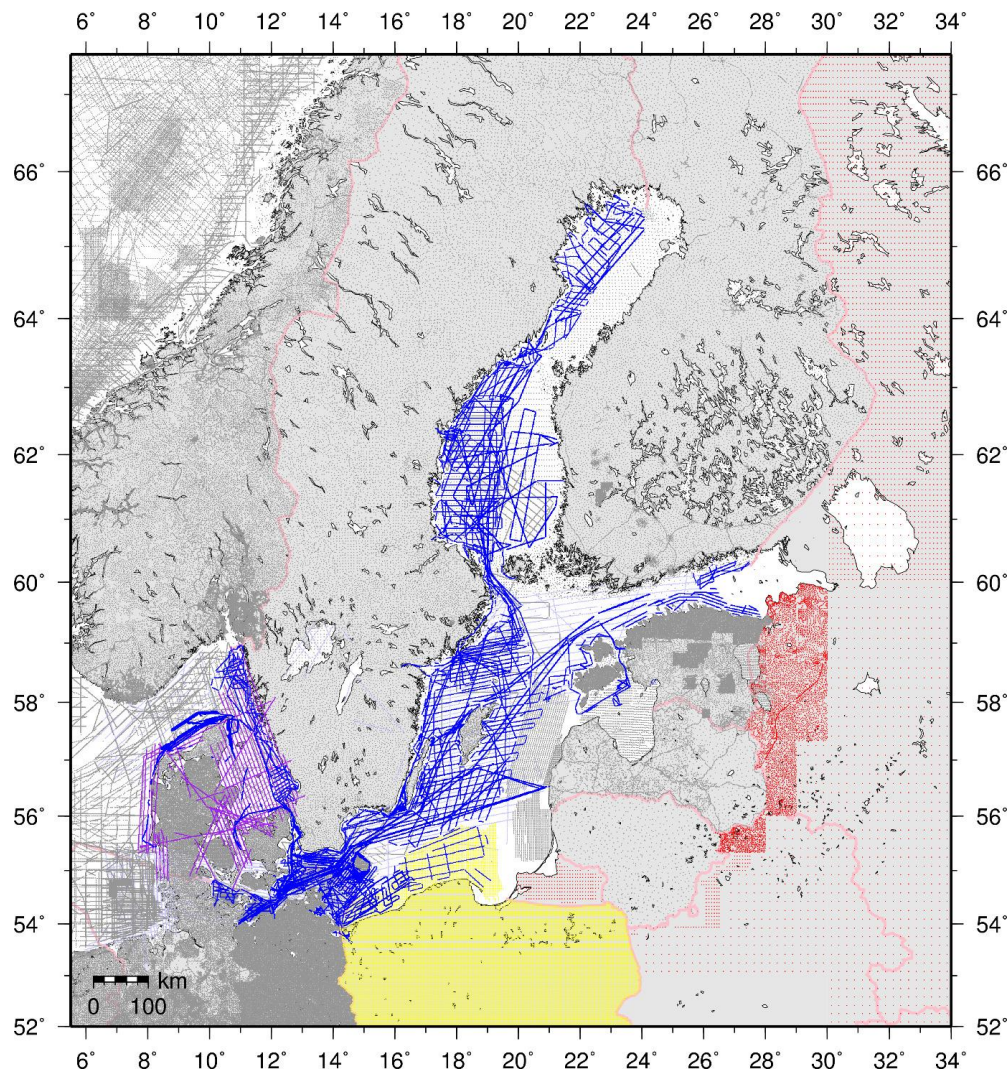
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Brief History

- ☐ gravimetric measurements
- ☐ geoid modelling
- co-financed by the EU
- Project FAMOS - Finalizing Surveys for the Baltic Motorways of the Sea

INVOLVED INSTITUTIONS

- DTU Space at the Technical University of Denmark
- BSHC – Baltic Sea Hydrographic Commission
- NKG – Nordic Geodetic Commission



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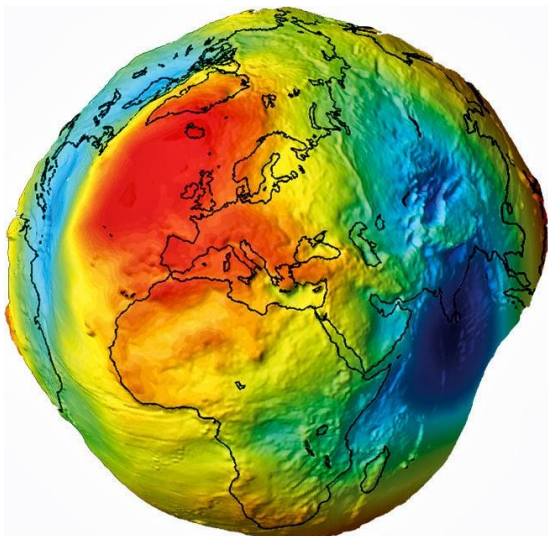


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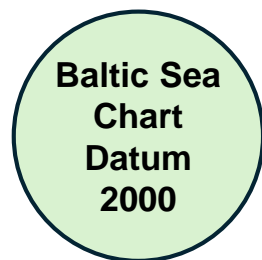
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What is it?

- geodetic reference system adopted for Baltic Sea hydrographic surveying, hydrographic engineering, nautical charts and publications,
- it is based on the definitions for the European Vertical Reference System (EVRS),
- the height reference surface of BSCD2000 is the equipotential surface of the Earth's gravity field,
- the zero level of BSCD2000 is in accordance with the Normaal Amsterdams Peil (NAP),



source: Deepeartsince..com



National Implementation

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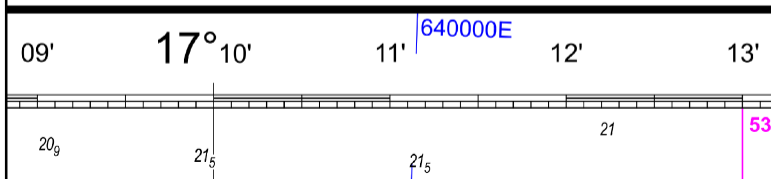
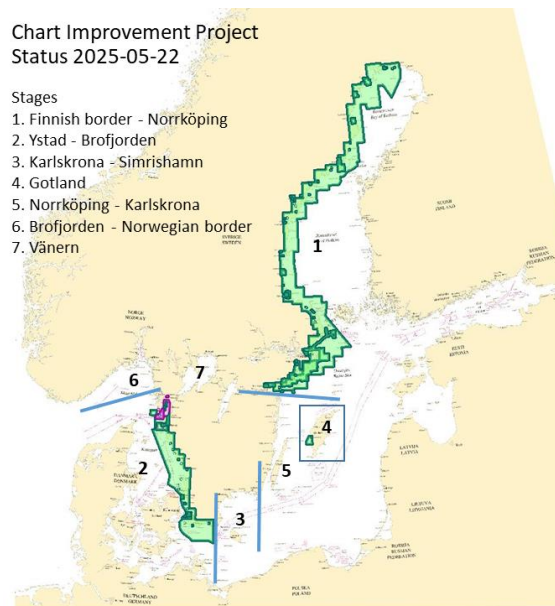


Chart Improvement Project
Status 2025-05-22

Stages

1. Finnish border - Norrköping
2. Ystad - Brofjorden
3. Karlskrona - Simrishamn
4. Gotland
5. Norrköping - Karlskrona
6. Brofjorden - Norwegian border
7. Vänern

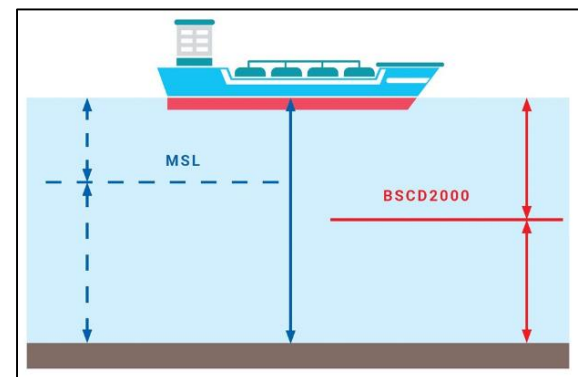
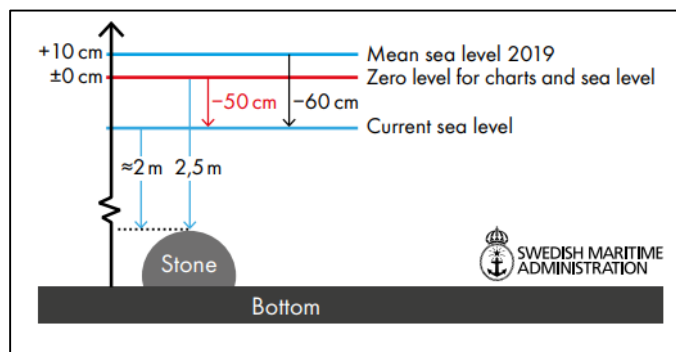


No.	MS	national realization of the BSCD2000
1.	Denmark	DVR90
2.	Estonia	EH2000
3.	Finland	N2000
4.	Lithuania	LAS07
5.	Latvia	LAS2000
6.	Germany	DHHN2016
7.	Poland	PL-EVRF2007-NH
8.	Sweden	RH2000

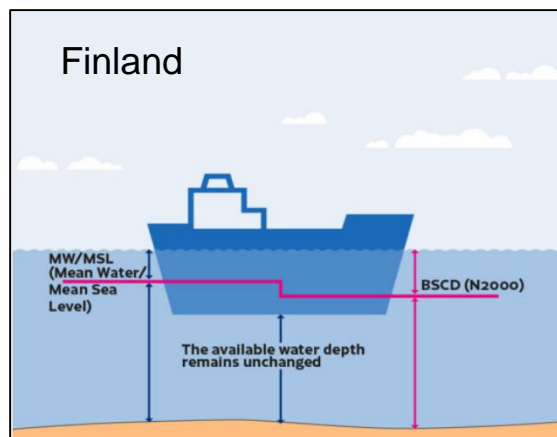
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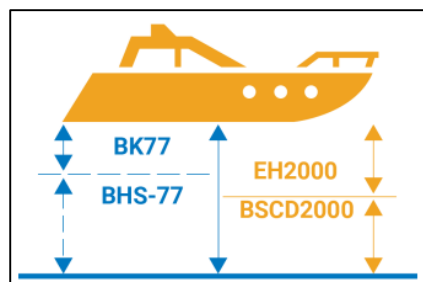
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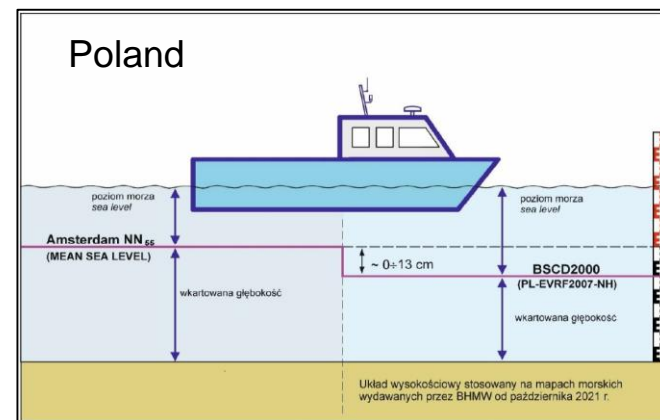
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Estonia

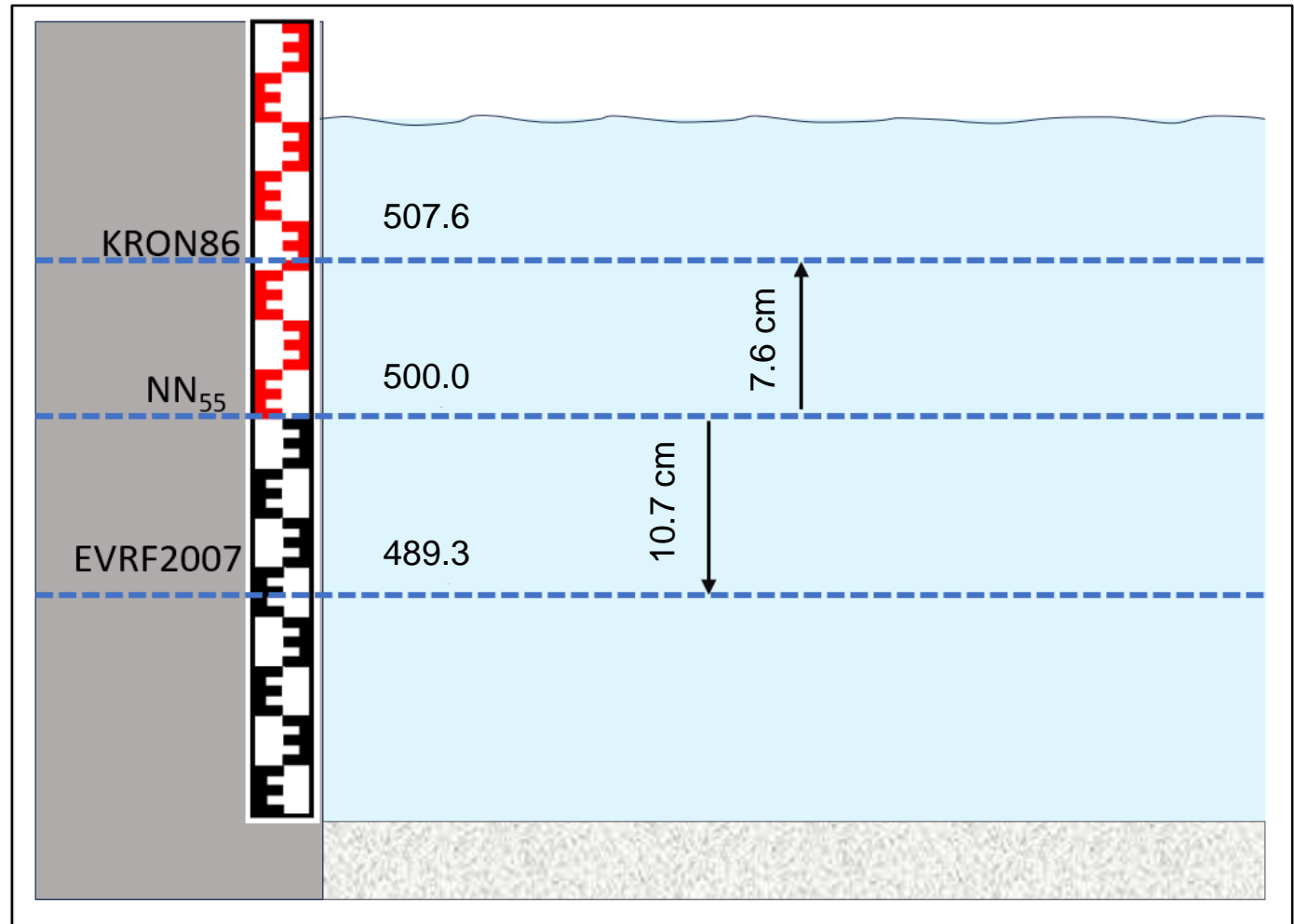


Poland



Gdynia Tide Gauge

Vertical systems relationship





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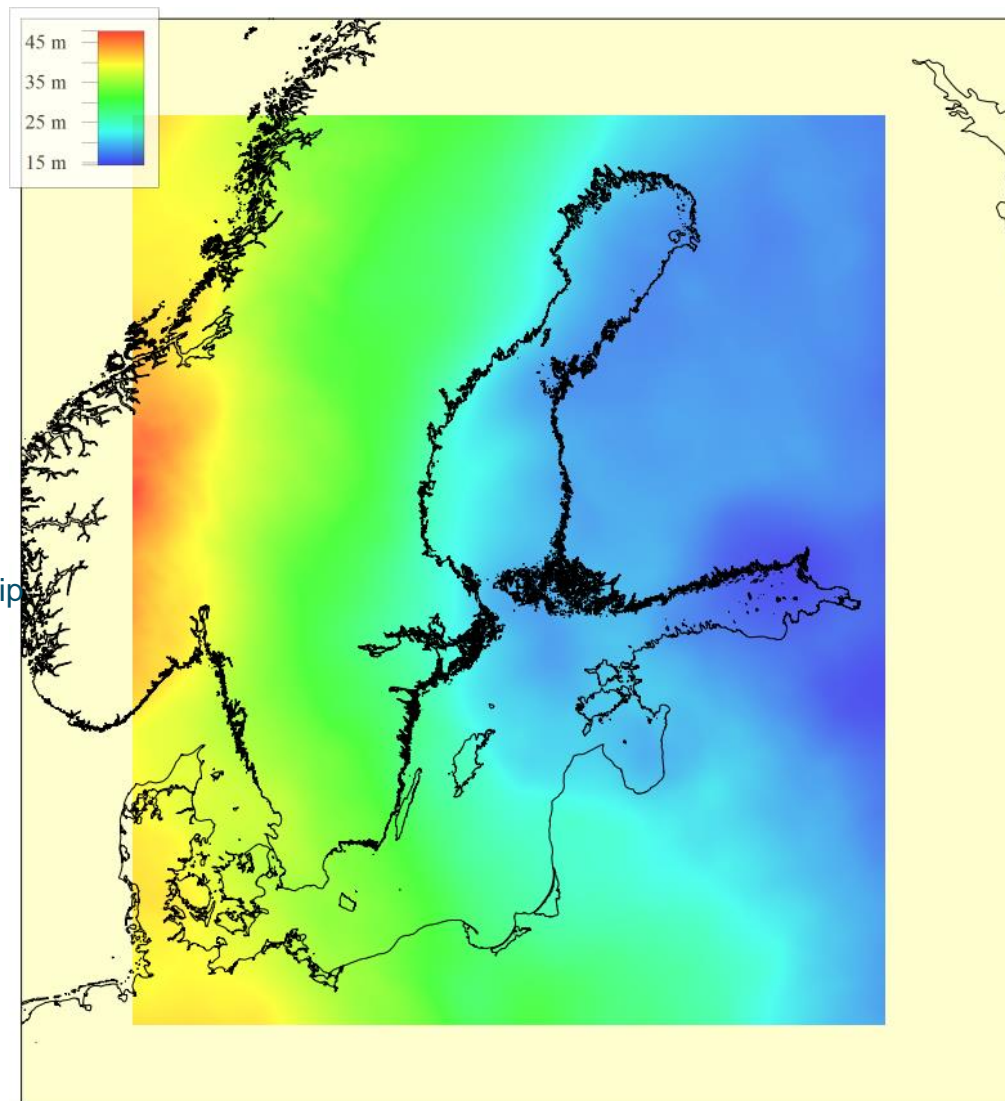
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52.700000	18.110000	31.370
52.700000	18.120000	31.353

SOPOT:

54.45111897 18.56246429 29.201





elipsoid
WGS-84

distance form geoid model
to elipsoid
(Sopot: 29.201 m)

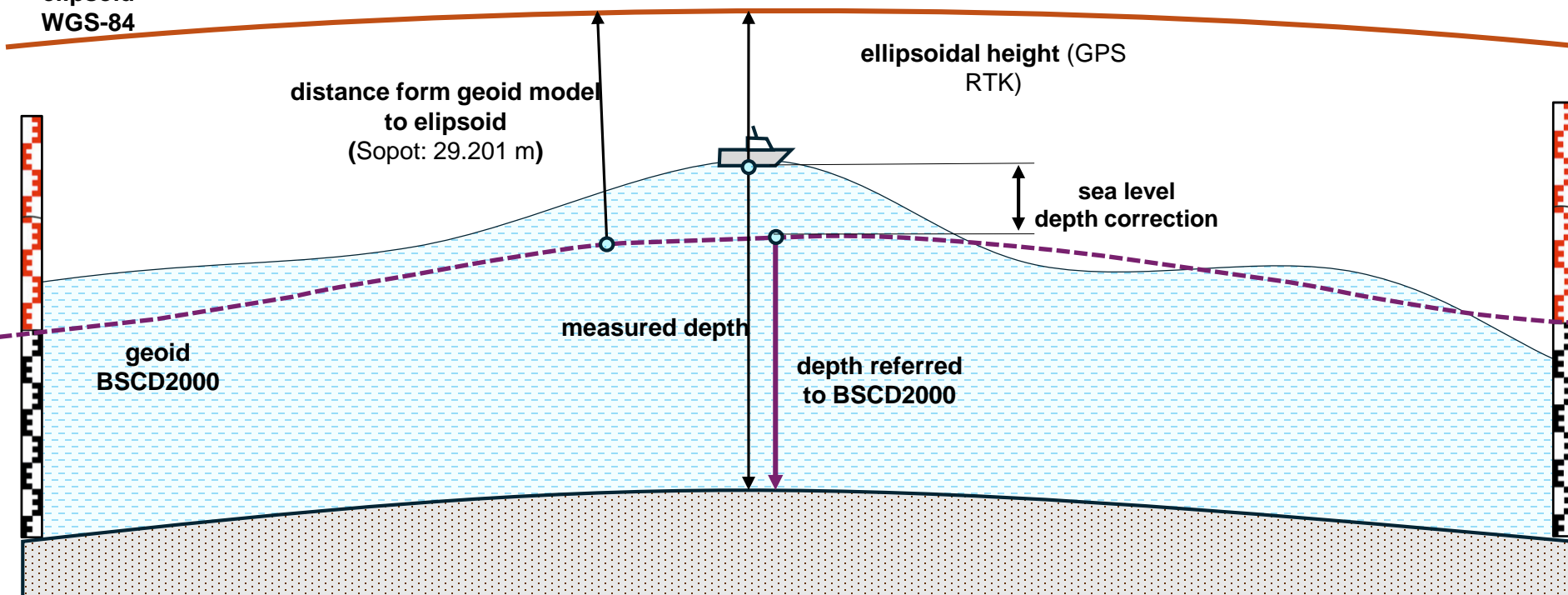
ellipsoidal height (GPS
RTK)

sea level
depth correction

geoid
BSCD2000

measured depth

depth referred
to BSCD2000

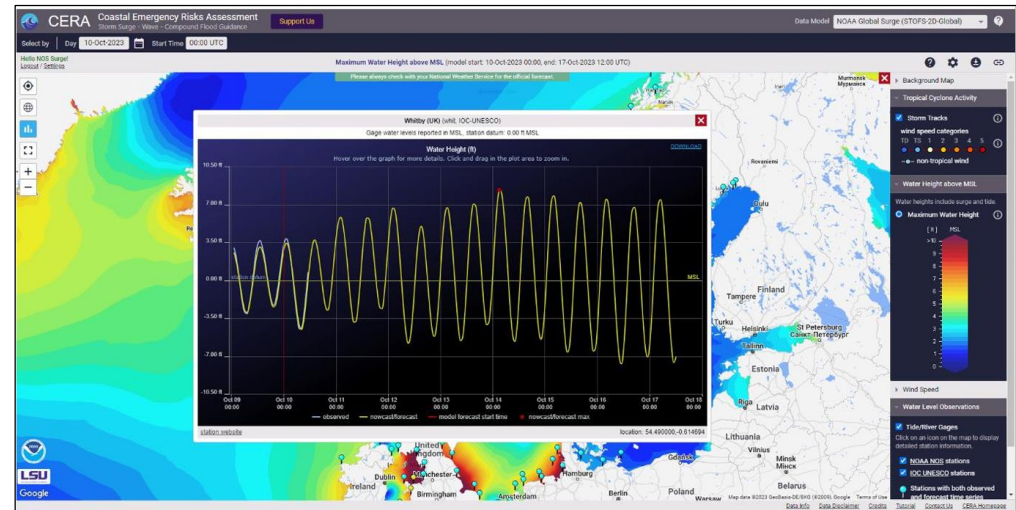


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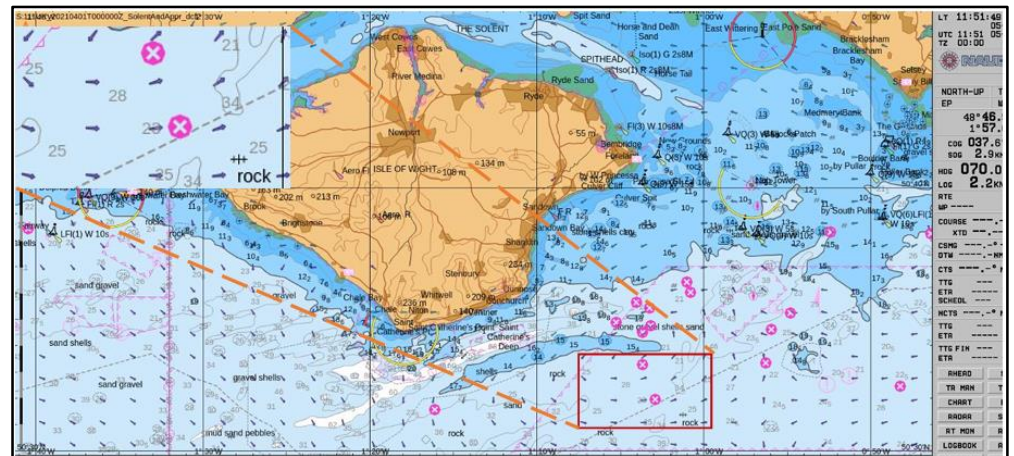


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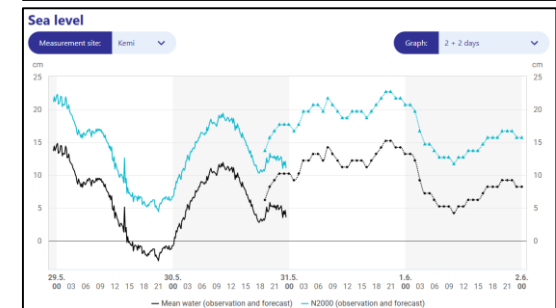
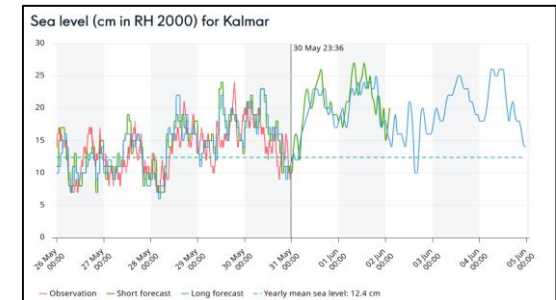
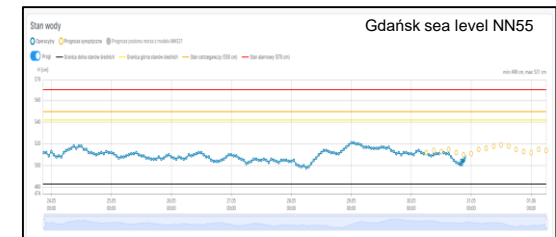
- live data?
- model 6h?

CURRENTS

- model 6h/12h/24h?



One vertical reference level for all Oceanographic Projects





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