

# National Tidal & Sea Level Facility

## Licence Agreement

### Preamble

It is BODC's policy to encourage the use of its data holdings. Oceanographic data are expensive to collect and, in particular, resources are required to maintain them and to make them available. DEFRA, the funders of the UK National Tide Gauge Network, and BODC are committed to providing data from January 2000 free of charge with a delay of three months for processing. However, it is important that users of the data co-operate in making known their intended use of the data and in reporting back on the outcome of that use. Such information is required by BODC as evidence to a) justify the continued maintenance of the data and b) demonstrate the scientific and economic value of making the data available.

### Conditions of use

- 1) Users must not pass on the data to third parties, but instead direct interested parties to the NTSLF (National Tidal and Sea level Facility) Web site.
- 2) BODC, NERC and DEFRA give no warranty as to the accuracy of the data or as to the suitability of the data for their intended use by the recipient and shall not be responsible for any errors or omissions, or for the use of, or results obtained from the use of this information
- 3) Publications resulting from the use of the data shall include acknowledgement to BODC and DEFRA (Suggested text "The data were supplied by the British Oceanographic Data Centre as part of the function of the National Tidal & Sea Level Facility, hosted by the Proudman Oceanographic Laboratory and funded by the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs and the Natural Environment Research Council").
- 4) The recipient shall:
  - a) Inform BODC of the outputs to which the data have contributed e.g. references to scientific publications or reports.
  - b) Offer to BODC, if requested and without charge, a copy of any value added data set or product derived from the data.
  - c) Inform BODC of any inaccuracies or errors detected in the data.
- 5) BODC is entitled to terminate the licence at any time if the Conditions of Use are not observed and may revoke privileges in future if there is unauthorised redistribution of the data.
- 6) All intellectual property rights in the data and information supplied to you whether owned by NERC or third parties (e.g. DEFRA) will continue to be owned by the respective parties.