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The Irish Meteorological Service

Storm Henk

Marine Storm Report

Marine Unit

Report Date: 01 September 2025

Report Time: 13:32 UTC

Marine Observations Summary

Data Sources

- **Buoy 62093** (M3 Buoy): 51.22°N, 6.70°W
- **Buoy 62094** (M4 Buoy): 51.69°N, 6.70°W
- **Buoy 62095** (M5 Buoy): 53.06°N, 7.90°W

Peak Conditions Observed

- **Maximum Wind Speed:** 28.5 knots (52.7 km/h) at Buoy 62095
- **Maximum Significant Wave Height (Hm0):** 5.9 m at Buoy 62095
- **Maximum Wave Height (Hmax):** 10.5 m at Buoy 62095
- **Minimum Pressure:** 971.5 hPa at Buoy 62093
- **Temperature Range:** 7.4°C (Buoy 62093) to 12.2°C (Buoy 62095)
- **Total Observations:** 473 records from 3 stations (QC good data only)

Station-by-Station Analysis

Buoy 62093 - M3 Buoy

- **Location:** 51.22°N, 6.70°W
- **Peak Wind Speed:** 27.7 knots (51.3 km/h)
- **Peak Significant Wave Height (Hm0):** 5.2 m

- **Peak Maximum Wave Height (Hmax):** 7.9 m
- **Minimum Pressure:** 971.5 hPa
- **Data Quality:** Excellent (100.0% good data)
- **Observations:** 91 records (QC good data only)

Buoy 62094 - M4 Buoy

- **Location:** 51.69°N, 6.70°W
- **Peak Wind Speed:** 27.8 knots (51.5 km/h)
- **Peak Significant Wave Height (Hm0):** 4.7 m
- **Peak Maximum Wave Height (Hmax):** 8.0 m
- **Minimum Pressure:** 978.9 hPa
- **Data Quality:** Excellent (100.0% good data)
- **Observations:** 188 records (QC good data only)

Buoy 62095 - M5 Buoy

- **Location:** 53.06°N, 7.90°W
- **Peak Wind Speed:** 28.5 knots (52.7 km/h)
- **Peak Significant Wave Height (Hm0):** 5.9 m
- **Peak Maximum Wave Height (Hmax):** 10.5 m
- **Minimum Pressure:** 974.8 hPa
- **Data Quality:** Excellent (100.0% good data)
- **Observations:** 194 records (QC good data only)

Meteorological Analysis

Wind Analysis

The storm produced maximum sustained winds of **28.5 knots** (52.7 km/h).

Wind Categories:

- Force 7 — Near gale: 28–33 kn (50–61 km/h)
- Force 8 — Gale: 34–40 kn (62–74 km/h)
- Force 9 — Severe gale (aka Strong gale): 41–47 kn (75–88 km/h)
- Force 10 — Storm: 48–55 kn (89–102 km/h)
- Force 11 — Violent storm: 56–63 kn (103–117 km/h)
- Force 12 — Hurricane force: ≥64 kn (≥118 km/h)

Wave Analysis

Significant Wave Heights (Hm0): Peak values reached **5.9 m**, representing **very rough**.

Maximum Wave Heights (Hmax): Individual wave heights peaked at **10.5 m**. Note: Hmax values represent individual wave heights and are not used for sea state classification.

Wave Height Relationship: The Hmax/Hm0 ratio was **1.79**, within normal range (1.3-1.8).

Sea State Classification (Hm0):

- Rough: 2.5-4.0 m
- Very Rough: 4.0-6.0 m
- High: 6.0-9.0 m
- Very High: 9.0-14.0 m
- Phenomenal: >14.0 m

Wave Height Definitions:

- **Hm0 (Significant Wave Height):** Average height of the highest one-third of waves
- **Hmax (Maximum Wave Height):** Highest individual wave recorded during the period

Quality Control Summary

Total Records: 473

QC Status Distribution:

- Good Data (QC=1): 473 records (100.0%)
- Adjusted Data (QC=5): 0 records (0.0%)
- Missing Data (QC=9): 0 records (0.0%)
- No QC (QC=0): 0 records (0.0%)

Data Sources and Logger Information

Active Logger Information During Storm Period

Buoy 62093 (M3 Buoy):

- Logger(s) used: 189_Wavesense , 12144_CR6

Buoy 62094 (M4 Buoy):

- Logger(s) used: 12142_CR6 , 12143_CR6

Buoy 62095 (M5 Buoy):

- Logger(s) used: 12145_CR6 , 341_Wavesense

Note: This report uses only quality-controlled data (QC indicators 1 and 5) for meteorological analysis. Logger information shows which data acquisition systems were active during the storm period.

Data Visualization

!Storm Overview

Figure 1: Marine meteorological analysis showing wind speed, wave height, atmospheric pressure, air temperature, wind direction, and wave period during Storm Henk.

Technical Notes

QC Methods Applied

- **Manual QC:** Visual inspection and expert validation
- **Automatic QC:** Range checks, spike detection, and flat-line identification

Data Quality Indicators

- 0: No QC performed
- 1: QC performed, data OK
- 4: QC performed, raw data not OK and not adjusted
- 5: QC performed, raw data not OK but value adjusted/interpolated
- 6: QC performed, data OK (Datawell Hmax sensor specific)
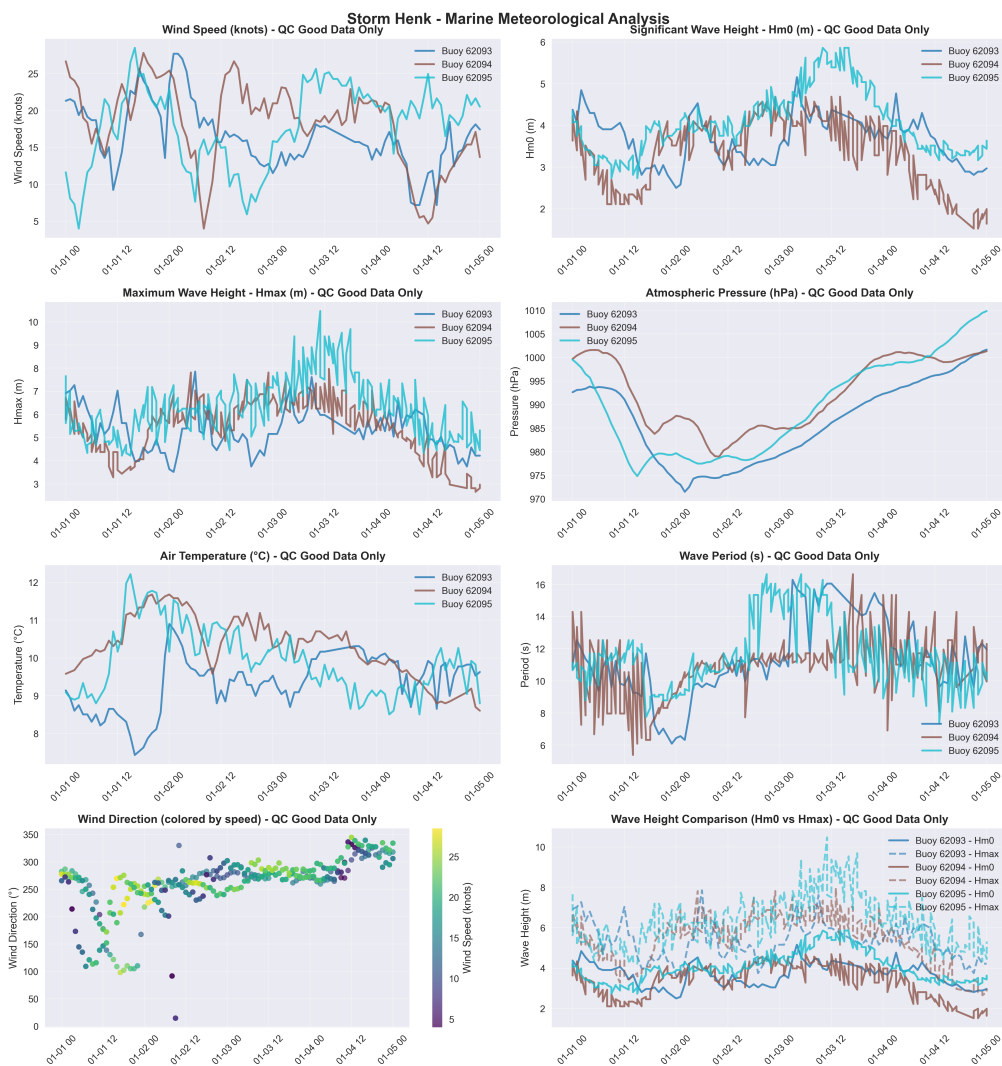- 9: Data missing

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Marine Meteorological Analysis

Figure 1: Marine meteorological observations during Storm Henk. Eight-panel analysis showing wind speed, significant wave height (Hm0), maximum wave height (Hmax), atmospheric pressure, air temperature, wave period, wind direction patterns, and comparative wave heights across the Irish Marine Data Buoy Network. Quality-controlled data only.

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