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To: Francis Mitchell <Francis.Mitchell@noaa.gov>
cc: Clifford Merz <cmerz@seas.marine.usf.edu>
Subject: Re: COMPS Coastal Station Sample Monthly Archival Data Set


Hi Francis,

Thanks for your reply with regards to your preference on the file format
of COMPS data archive. As desired, I have put the nfballobs.log file which
contains Northwest Florida Bay station data for the period from 07/05/2001
2000h to 08/05/2001 2300h (one month archive) in our comps ftp server. You
should be able to access the file via anonymous ftp to
comps.marine.usf.edu. Go directly to the directory pub/cmp and you will
find the nfballobs.log file as well as the README.fmt file. Hope this
helps you to setup a procedure to grab the data from the ftp server and
give it a try. If you have any problems in accessing the data please
e-mail me.

Thanks,

Vembu Subramanian

On Thu, 9 Aug 2001, Francis Mitchell wrote:

> Hi Vembu;
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> Thanks for your sample files and formats; it looks like the
> format nfsballobs.log would be the simplest for us.
> Please send  us some  data (or put it where we can capture it from here)
> so we may give it a try.
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> Thanks a lot.
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> FRANCIS
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> At 06:49 PM 7/29/01 , you wrote:
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> >Hi Francis,
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> >I have some sample data files of the archive that we have for you to look
> >at. I have created a directory called francis in our comps ftp server and
> >the URL for the same is ftp://comps.marine.usf.edu/pub/. You can also
> >point your browser directly to ftp://comps.marine.usf.edu/pub/francis/.
> >There you will find a directory called archive, and a README file. The
> >REDAME file explains the contents available in the directory.
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> >In the archive directory you will find the two data files and a README.fmt
> >file. The README.fmt file gives you the details of the format of the data

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> >contained in the data files and the disclaimer.
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> >Two data files are:
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> >(1) cmpallobs.log - This file contains the archive of meteorological data
> >observations for the past hour of all operational COMPS stations.
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> >(2) nfballobs.log - This file contains the archive of meteorological data
> >observations for the past hour of Northwest Florida Bay station. We also
> >archive other stations data just like the Northwest Florida Bay and I have
> >only put the Northwest Florida Bay as a sample for you to look at.
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> >Please access the files and have a look at the same. We look forward to
> >your response on which one of the above file format you prefer for us to
> >make it available in the comps ftp server in order for you to setup an
> >experimental ftp acquisition. If you face any problems in accessing these
> >files from the ftp server and have any comments/suggestions, please send
> >an e-mail.
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> >Thanks and regards
> >
> >Vembu Subramanian
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> > > Hi Francis,
> > >
> > > At present, COMPS has 3 floating buoys and 6 fixed real time coastal
> > > stations.  The underwater sites are not real time and as such are not
> > > available in a similar data format or time frame.  My discussions with
Mike
> > > Crane indicated that your office wanted to access one of our monthly
> > archive
> > > files for the purpose of establishing an experimental ftp acquisition
> > > routine.  This in support of possibly becoming a long term data
archival
> > > site.  This still being the case, I think the best starting point would
be
> > > acquiring our June 2001COMPS hourly data archive file.
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> > > I have discussed your request with our COMPS data manager, Mr. Vembu
> > > Subramanian.  Vembu will be in contact with you to determine the best
> > way to
> > > make this file (along with the associated readme file) transfer happen.
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> > > I will be on annual leave for a couple of weeks, if you have any
questions
> > > please contact Vembu directly and Cc me on all correspondence.  I'll
> > contact
> > > you when I get back.  We look forward to working with you on this
project.
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> > > Take care,
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> > > Cliff Merz
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> > > >Dear Mr. Merz:    We (NODC) would be happy to acquire your data,
> > beginning as
> > > >                  as an experimental ftp acquisition so we may
> > understand and
> > > >                  document what you have available. It is my
> > understanding
> > > >that
> > > >                  you have 34 sites , divided into three classes,
> > > >floating, underwater,
> > > >                  and coastal and that the data is separated by data
> > > >parameter.
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> > > >                     Thanks again,
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> > > >                       Francis Mitchell
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> > > Visit the COMPS Web Site at: http://comps.marine.usf.edu
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The data for Anna Maria station from 11/98 to 09/00 can either be accessed via anonymous ftp to comps.marine.usf.edu (go directly to the directory pub/anm) or point your web browser to URL ftp://comps.marine.usf.edu/pub/. The format details are available in the ann.fmt file. Hope this helps and if you have any questions further e-mail me.