

JCOMMOPS LimeSurvey

VOS Scheme Questionnaire

In order to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the international VOS Scheme the JCOMM* Ship Observations Team (SOT) would greatly appreciate your cooperation in completing the following questionnaire. The questionnaire should be completed by Captains, officers and crew of ships recruited to the VOS Scheme and who are actively submitting weather observations to their recruiting National Meteorological Service. The questionnaire applies only to ships which are manually reporting, and not to ships equipped with Automatic Weather Stations.

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Main

1 Ship Name

2 Call Sign

3 IMO Number

4 VOS Recruiting Country

5 Name of Master

6 Your Name

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Quality Feedback

7 I know who to contact in order to get feedback on the quality and timeliness of my weather observations, or on the accuracy of my meteorological instruments.

Choose one of the following answers

- Agree strongly
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Disagree strongly

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8 On average, how often do you receive feedback on the quality of your observations?

Choose one of the following answers

- Never
- Monthly
- Quarterly
- 6 Monthly
- Annually

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9 I receive regular feedback on the quality of my real time observations from a visiting Port Meteorological Officer or from my recruiting national meteorological service.

Choose one of the following answers

- Agree strongly
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Disagree strongly

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Training

10 My ship is regularly visited by a Port Meteorological Officer in the country that recruited our ship as VOS to check the calibration of our meteorological instruments and to provide training in the correct observational practices.

Choose one of the following answers

- Agree strongly
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Disagree strongly

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11 My ship is regularly visited by a Port Meteorological Officer of a country that didn't recruit our ship as VOS to check the calibration of our meteorological instruments and to provide training in the correct observational practices.

Choose one of the following answers

- Agree strongly
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Disagree strongly

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12 Overall, how often is your ship visited by a Port Meteorological Officer?

Choose one of the following answers

- Never
- Monthly
- Quarterly
- 6 Monthly
- Annually

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13 I received sufficient training at a nautical college or other maritime institute to enable me to take weather observations.

Choose one of the following answers

- Agree strongly
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Disagree strongly

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14 I understand how to use the electronic logbook software (e.g. TurboWin) provided to my ship for compiling my weather reports.

Choose one of the following answers

- Agree strongly
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Disagree strongly

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15 Which type of e-logbook software do you currently use? (e.g. TurboWin).

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Awareness

16 My observations provide a vital role in ensuring Safety of Life at Sea.

Choose one of the following answers

- Agree strongly
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Disagree strongly

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17 My observations could be made just as well by meteorological satellites or environmental buoys.

Choose one of the following answers

- Agree strongly
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Disagree strongly

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18 My shipping manager/owner recognises the importance of weather observations and actively encourages participation in the VOS Scheme.

Choose one of the following answers

- Agree strongly
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Disagree strongly

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19 My observations are shared internationally with all national meteorological services for the common good.

Choose one of the following answers

- Agree strongly
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Disagree strongly

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20 My weather observations need to be submitted in good time for use in forecast models.

Choose one of the following answers

- Agree strongly
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Disagree strongly

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21 How soon after taking your weather observations do you send them?

Choose one of the following answers

- < 10 mins
- < 30 mins
- 30 mins to 1 hour
- > 1 hour
- > 2 hours

Please enter your comment here:

22 On average how long does it take you to compile a weather observation?

Choose one of the following answers

- < 5 mins
- < 10 mins
- < 15 mins
- < 20 mins
- > 20 mins

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Instruments

23 The meteorological instruments supplied to, or used on, my ship for weather observations are accurate.

Choose one of the following answers

- Agree strongly
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Disagree strongly

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24 The meteorological instruments used for weather observing on my ship are returned for recalibration at the required intervals.

Choose one of the following answers

- Agree strongly
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Disagree strongly

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Data Transmission

25 I have no problems with transmitting my weather observations ashore.

Choose one of the following answers

- Agree strongly
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Disagree strongly

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26 Which method(s) do you most commonly use for sending your weather observations e.g. Inmarsat, email, web etc? (If more than one method, please list them in order from most used to least used).

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Satisfaction

27 Overall how would you rate the VOS Scheme?

Choose one of the following answers

- Very poor
- Poor
- Average
- Good
- Very good

Please enter your comment here:

28 I am happy to be a part of the VOS Scheme.

Choose one of the following answers

- Agree strongly
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Disagree strongly

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29 Other issues or problems you wish to mention concerning the VOS Scheme, or suggestions you may have on how it might be improved.

