WaMoS® II is a proven radar-based wave and surface current monitoring system developed by OceanWaveS GmbH. In comparison to conventional wave rider buoys and current profiling devices that generate single point measurements, WaMoS® II offers the advantages of presenting this information for a broad area, and in a richer context.

WaMoS® II’s measurements are constantly refreshed while a vessel is underway, providing real time data relevant to the local operational area as compared to conditions reported at a closest available point of reference. High definition images of wave fields combined with numerical data and intuitive graphical reporting keep the operator well informed in assessing environmental risk and identifying safe operational windows.

As a complement to an existing sensor or as a primary system, WaMoS® II provides higher fidelity information with comparable accuracy, at lower lifecycle costs.

PROVEN ACCURACY & RELIABILITY

In industry-sponsored trials, data comparisons between WaMoS® II and wave rider buoys have independently verified its accuracy as well as the additional value provided in monitoring a full 360° range. WaMoS® II is presently supporting operational decision making applications including: offshore construction, diver support, safe helideck operations, and navigation in extreme current and sea states. Long term deployments on several unmanned, remote coastal installations monitoring wave action and coastal erosion attest to its reliability.

FIG 1 – Three month time series data comparing wave height measurements obtained by WaMoS® II and a wave rider buoy.

FIG 2 – 1D Frequency spectrum graph showing two clear energy peaks from two wave systems.

FIG 3 – A corresponding 2D frequency-direction spectrum indicating two wave systems, one coming from the North-North-West and one from the West.

WAMOS® II EARN INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION

OceanWaveS and WaMoS® II have a large and diverse reference list. As the acceptance of X-band radar as a wave and current measuring device gains international reference and citation, the reference list of applications of WaMoS® continues to grow. Installations of WaMoS® II are found around the world. A partial list of installation sites includes Norway, Denmark, Germany, Thailand, China, Canada and the USA.
WAMOS® II measures and displays all the essential wave field parameters including significant wave height (Hs), Peak wave period (Tp), Peak wave length (λp), Peak wave direction (θp) as well as surface current speed (U) and surface current direction (θU).

Performance and Operating Range

The operating range of WAMOS® II extends to 4.0 km depending on X-Band radar type and installation geometry. The average range for vessel-based installations is approximately 3.0 km. Requiring a minimum wind speed of 3 m/s and a minimum wave height of 0.5 m – 0.75 m, the system easily detects wave lengths from 15 m – 600 m and covers periods from 3 sec – 18 sec.

Sea State Alarming

Sea state alarms can be set to trigger for three different conditions:
- when significant wave height exceeds a specified value;
- if peak wave lengths fall outside a specified range; or
- if the encounter angle between the wave system and the ship’s course moves outside a specified range.

Data Sharing and Recording

Advanced recording capability enables operators to review and confirm conditions in the event of an incident or regulatory enquiry. WAMOS® II can be exported for integration in other data base, meteorological and environmental systems. It can also provide NMEA output to conning and decision support systems.

High Resolution Current and Bathymetry Imaging

This optional functionality displays high resolution current (HRC) for deep and shallow waters, bathymetric measurements are available for water depths to 30 metres. Surface current and bathymetry maps are generated in a grid structure by the HRC software.
WaMoS® II connects to most commercially available marine radars, enabling customers to extract additional value and effectiveness from their existing assets. Should you require it, we supply the option to provide a dedicated high performance radar solution as an input sensor. It is now possible to combine WaMoS® II with Rutter Inc.’s sigma S6 Oil Spill Detection, SeaFusion Data Integration, Ice Navigator™ and Small Target Surveillance systems.

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**Note:** WaMoS® II accepts serial inputs from navigational instruments (NMEA 0183). NMEA navigational data including ship speed over ground, track over ground, Gyro compass, GPS position, GPS time, and water depth are required for moving vessel installations.

Information about end user training, product support, product combinations, performance modelling, product references and reliability measures can be provided by emailing your request to support@oceanwaves.de

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