

# WIND DATA REPORT

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

All the work presented in this Wind Data Report including installation and decommissioning of the meteorological tower and instrumentation, and the data analysis and reporting was performed by the Renewable Energy Research Laboratory (RERL) at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Wind monitoring equipment was installed in Plymouth in May 2007. The base of the 50m meteorological tower is installed 41m above sea level. Anemometers and wind direction vanes are installed at 38 and 50 m (125 and 164 ft) above the tower base. There are redundant anemometers at both heights. There is a temperature sensor installed near the base of the tower.

This report summarizes the wind data collected during the summer of 2007, between June 2007 and August 2007. The mean recorded wind speed was 5.02 m/s (11.2 mph) at 50m and the prevailing wind direction was from the south-southwest. The average wind shear exponent was 0.28. The average turbulence intensity at 50m was 0.17.

The gross data recovery percentage (the actual percentage of expected data received) was 99.97% and the net data recovery percentage (the percentage of expected data which passed all of the quality assurance tests) was 99.89%.

Additional information about interpreting the data presented in this report can be found in the Fact Sheet, "Interpreting Your Wind Resource Data," produced by RERL and the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative (MTC). This document is found through the RERL website:

[http://www.ceere.org/rerl/about\\_wind/RERL\\_Fact\\_Sheet\\_6\\_Wind\\_resource\\_interpretation.pdf](http://www.ceere.org/rerl/about_wind/RERL_Fact_Sheet_6_Wind_resource_interpretation.pdf)

\* 1 m/s = 2.237 mph.

## SECTION 1

## - Station Location

The Plymouth monitoring tower is located in a cornfield owned by the Plymouth County Sherriff's Office, and is used by the nearby Plymouth County Correctional Facility. The 50 m (164 ft) tower is located at 41°-56'-10.69" North, 70°-39'-02.46" West , shown below in Figure 1. The tower base is 41 m (135 ft) above sea level.

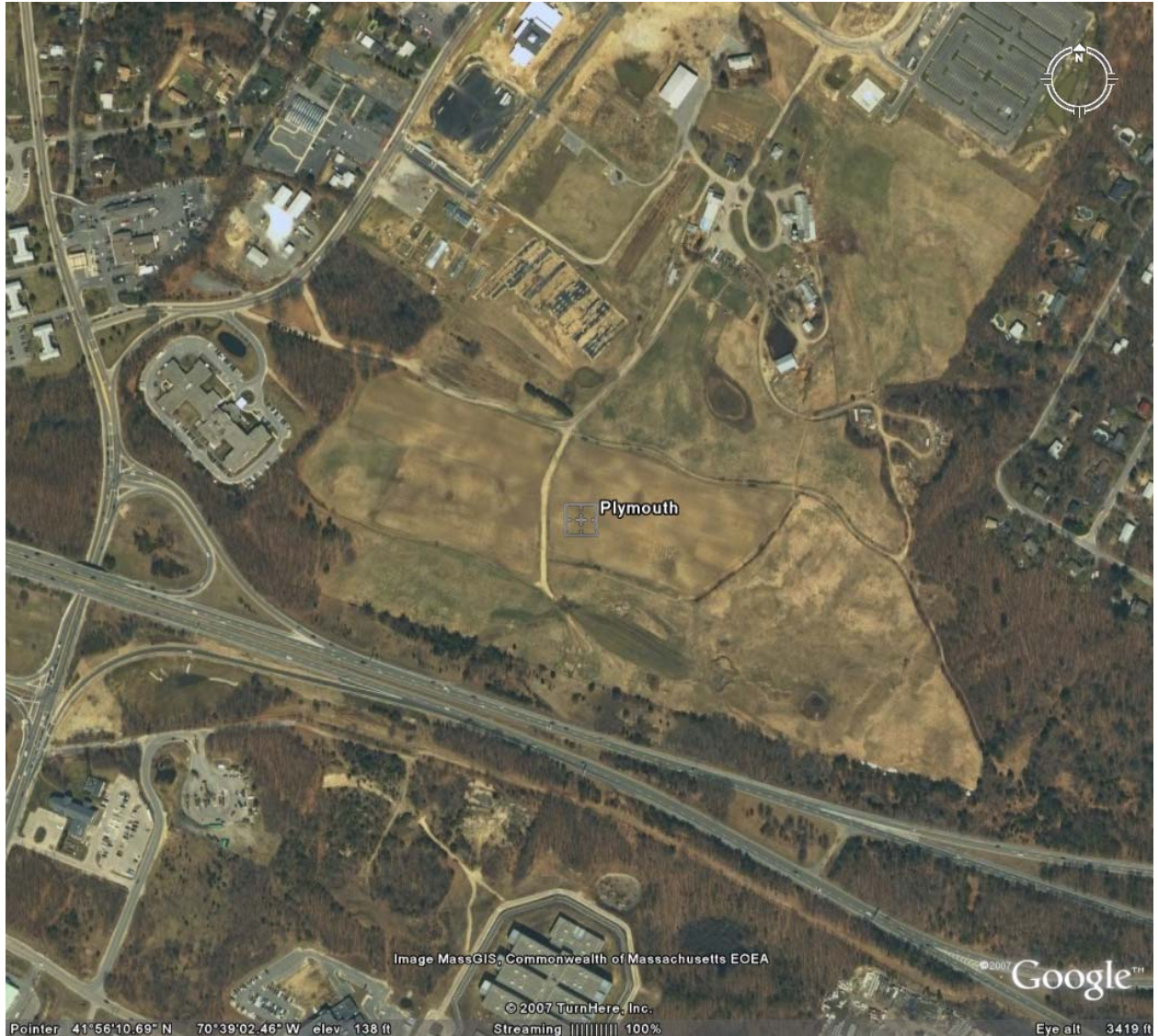


Figure 1 – Site Location

## **SECTION 2 - Instrumentation and Equipment**

The 50 m (164 ft) monitoring tower is supplied by SecondWind, the sensors and logger are supplied by NRG systems. The wind speed and direction were measured at both 38 and 50 m height. The monitoring equipment consists of the following items:

- Symphony Data Logger, serial #3204
- SecondWind 50m tower
- 4-#40 Anemometers, standard calibration (Slope 0.765, Offset 0.350)
- 2-#200P Wind direction vanes (Slope 1.0, Offset 0.0)
- #110S Temperature sensor (Slope 0.138, Offset -86.383)
- 4- Sensor booms for anemometers, 54" length
- 2- Sensor booms for vanes, 44" length
- Lightning rod and grounding cable
- Shielded sensor wire

The logger samples data from the sensors once every two seconds. These samples are combined into 10-minute averages and are put into a binary file along with the standard deviation for each 10-minute interval. These binary files are stored on a data card that is mailed to the University of Massachusetts, Amherst on a regular basis. Using the NRG software BaseStation®, the binary files are converted into ASCII text files.

## **SECTION 3- Data Summary**

A summary of the wind speeds and wind directions measured during the reporting period is included in Table 1. Table 1 includes the mean wind speeds measured at each measurement height, the maximum instantaneous wind speed measured at each measurement height and the prevailing wind direction measured at each measurement height. These values are provided for each month of the reporting period and for the whole reporting period.

**Table 1. Wind Speed and Direction Data Summary**

Date	Mean Wind Speed	Max Wind Speed	Prevailing Wind Direction	Mean Wind Speed	Max Wind Speed	Prevailing Wind Direction
Height Units	50 m [m/s]	50 m [m/s]	50 m [-]	38 m [m/s]	38 m [m/s]	38 m [-]
Jun 2007	5.48	11.5	SW	5.08	10.9	SW
Jul 2007	4.8	14	SSW	4.44	13.3	SSW
Aug 2007	4.8	14.1	SSW	4.39	13.2	SSW
<b>Jun 2007-Aug 2007</b>	<b>5.02</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>SSW</b>	<b>4.63</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>SSW</b>

Wind data statistics in the table are reported when more than 90% of the data during the reporting period are valid. In cases when a larger amount of data are missing, the percent of the available data that are used to determine the data statistics is noted.

No measurement of wind speed or direction can be perfectly accurate. Wind speed measurement errors occur due to anemometer manufacturing variability, anemometer calibration errors, the response of anemometers to turbulence and vertical air flow and due to air flows caused by the anemometer mounting system. Every effort is made to reduce the sources of these errors. Nevertheless, the values reported in this report have an expected uncertainty of about  $\pm 2\%$  or  $\pm 0.2$  m/s, whichever is greater. Wind direction measurement errors occur due to sensor measurement uncertainty, tower effects, boom alignment measurement errors and twisting of pipe sections during the raising of a pipe tower. Efforts are also made to reduce these errors, but the reported wind directions are estimated to have an uncertainty of  $\pm 5$  degrees.

A summary of the turbulence intensity and mean wind shear measured at each measurement height during the reporting period is included in Table 2. These values are provided for each month of the reporting period and for the whole reporting period. Turbulence Intensity is calculated by dividing the standard deviation of the wind speed by the mean wind speed and is a measure of the gustiness of a wind resource. Lower turbulence results in lower mechanical loads on a wind turbine. Turbulence intensity varies with wind speed. The average turbulence intensity presented in Table 2 is the mean turbulence intensity when the wind speed at each measurement height is between 10 and 11 m/s.

Shear coefficients provide a measure of the change in wind speed with height. When data at multiple heights are available, shear coefficients,  $\alpha$ , have been determined. They can be



used in the following formula to estimate the average wind speed,  $U(z)$ , at height  $z$ , when the average wind speed,  $U(z_r)$ , at height  $z_r$  is known:

$$U(z) = U(z_r) \left( \frac{z}{z_r} \right)^\alpha$$

The change in wind speed with height is a very complicated relationship related to atmospheric conditions, wind speed, wind direction, time of day and time of year. This formula will not always provide the correct answer at any given site. Nevertheless the calculated shear coefficient, based on measurements at two heights, can be used to characterize the degree of increase in wind speed with height at a site.

The mean wind shear coefficient that is provided here is calculated based on the mean wind speeds in Table 1, where  $z_{high}$  and  $z_{low}$  are the heights of the higher and lower mean wind speeds used in the calculation and  $U(z_{low})$  and  $U(z_{high})$  are the mean wind speeds at the two heights.

$$\alpha = \log \left( \frac{U(z_{high})}{U(z_{low})} \right) / \log \left( \frac{z_{high}}{z_{low}} \right)$$

**Table 2. Shear and Turbulence Intensity Data Summary**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Turbulence Intensity at 10 m/s</b>	<b>Turbulence Intensity at 10 m/s</b>	<b>Mean Wind Shear Coefficient, <math>\alpha</math></b>
<b>Height Units</b>	<b>50 m [-]</b>	<b>38 m [-]</b>	<b>Between 50 m and 38 m [-]</b>
Jun 2007	0.16	0.17	0.28
Jul 2007	0.17	0.20	0.28
Aug 2007	0.19	0.22	0.36
<b>Jun 2007-Aug 2007</b>	<b>0.17</b>	<b>0.19</b>	<b>0.30</b>

## SECTION 4- Graphs

This report contains several types of wind data graphs. Unless otherwise noted, each graph represents data from 1 quarter (3 months). The following graphs are included:

- Time Series – 10-minute average wind speeds are plotted against time.
- Wind Speed Distribution – A histogram plot giving the percentage of time that the wind is at a given wind speed.
- Monthly Average – A plot of the monthly average wind speed over a 12-month period. This graph shows the trends in the wind speed over the year.
- Diurnal – A plot of the average wind speed for each hour of the day.
- Turbulence Intensity – A plot of turbulence intensity as a function of wind speed. Turbulence Intensity is calculated as the standard deviation of the wind speed divided by the wind speed and is a measure of the gustiness of a wind resource. Lower turbulence results in lower mechanical loads on a wind turbine.
- Wind Rose – A plot, by compass direction showing the percentage of time that the wind comes from a given direction and the average wind speed in that direction.

As this monitoring tower was installed directly prior to the beginning of this quarter, the monthly averages included are only those of this quarter. The wind speed distribution shows a peak centered between 4 and 5 m/s (9.0 and 11.2 mph). The wind rose shows the dominant prevailing direction to be SSW.

Data for the wind speed histograms, monthly and diurnal average plots, and wind roses are included in APPENDIX B.

## Wind Speed Time Series

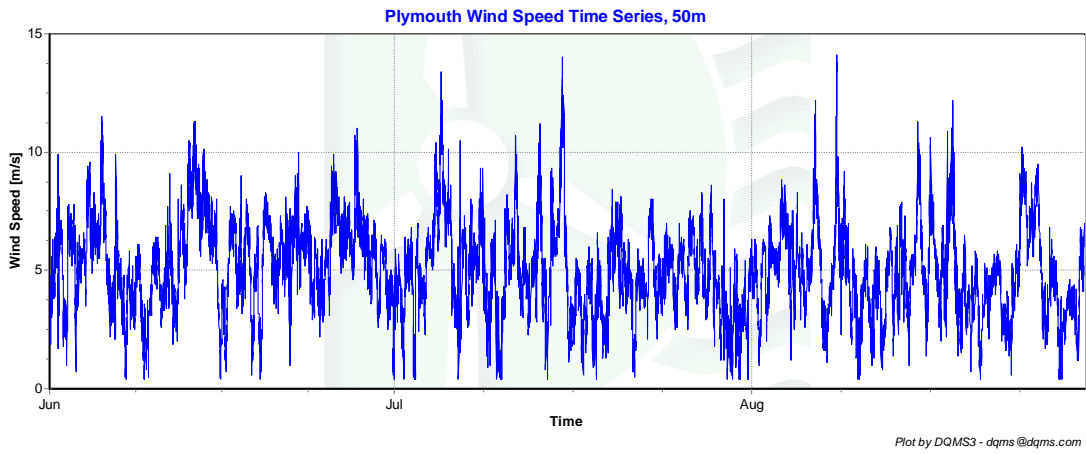


Figure 2 – Wind Speed Time Series, June 2007 - August 2007

## Wind Speed Distributions

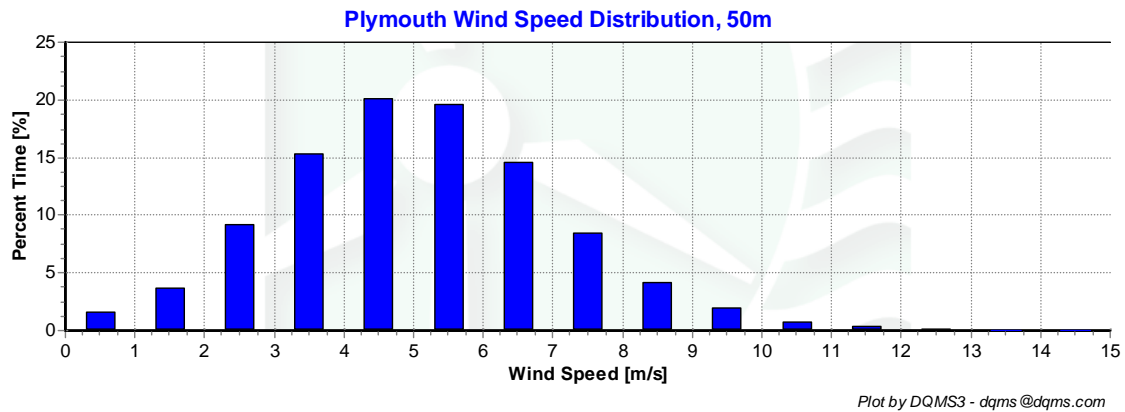


Figure 3 – Wind Speed Distribution, June 2007 - August 2007

## Monthly Average Wind Speeds

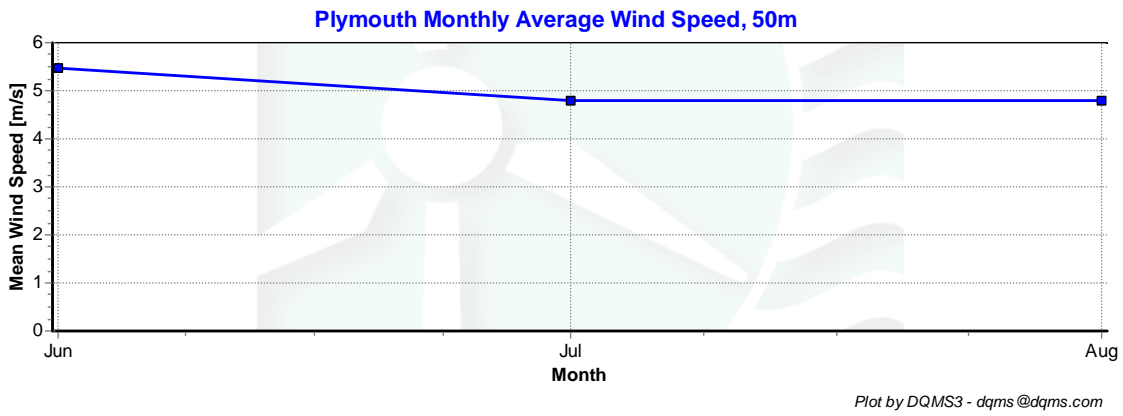


Figure 4 – Monthly Average Wind Speed, June 2007 – August 2007

## Diurnal Average Wind Speeds

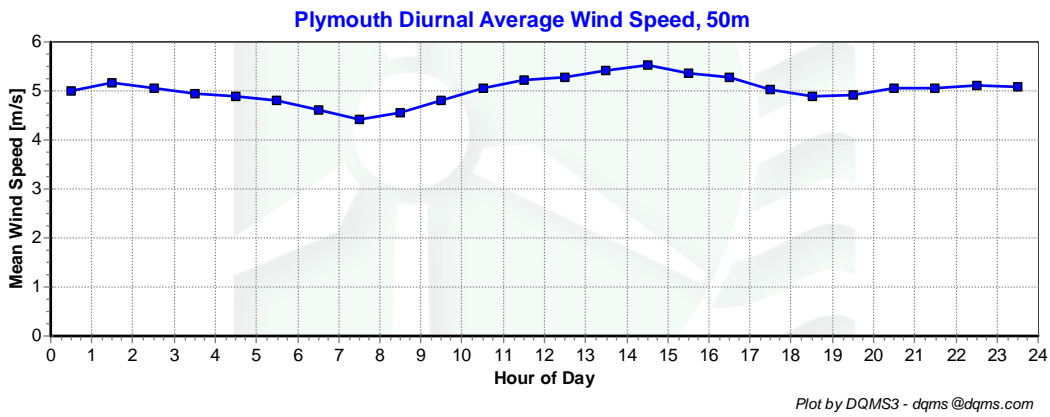
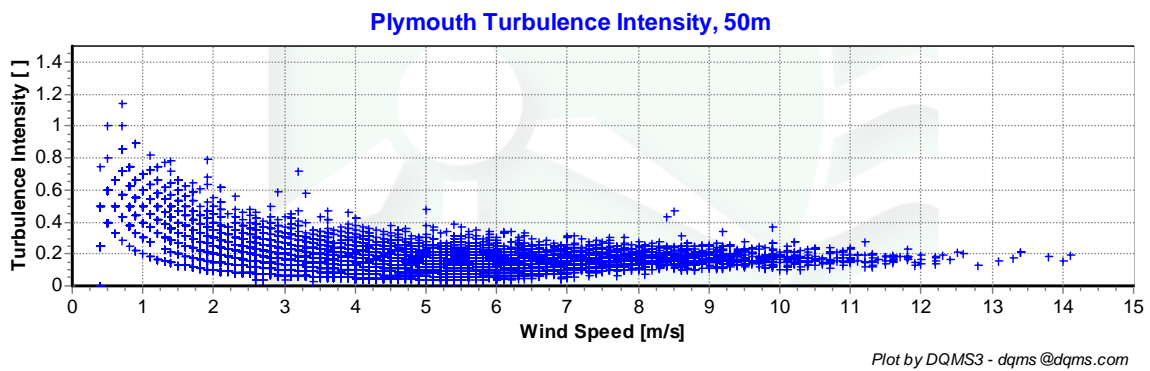


Figure 5 – Diurnal Average Wind Speed, June 2007 – August 2007

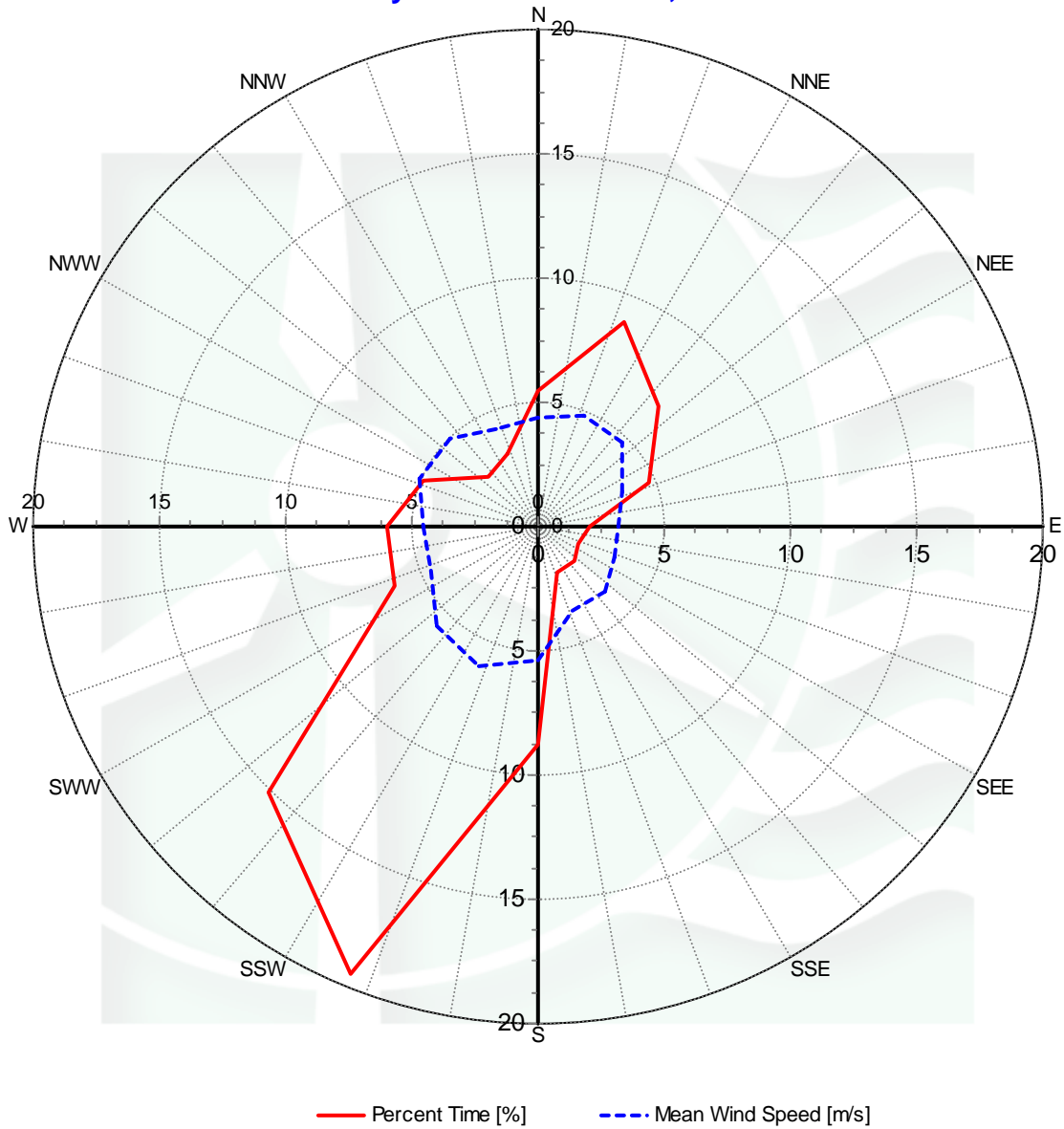
## Turbulence Intensities



**Figure 6 – Turbulence Intensity, June 2007 – August 2007**

# Wind Roses

## Plymouth Wind Rose, 50m



Plot by DQMS3 - dqms@dqms.com

Figure 7 – Wind Rose, June 2007 – August 2007

## SECTION 5 - Significant Meteorological Events

Summer of 2007 experienced, on average, normal winds and precipitation, though August was significantly drier than normal. There are no major wind events shown in the wind speed time series.

Source: <http://www.erh.noaa.gov/box/MonthlyClimate2.shtml>.

## SECTION 6 - Data Collection and Maintenance

The following maintenance/equipment problems occurred during the report period, and the following corrective actions taken:

- At approximately 9:15am on 08/31 the two highest anemometers and the lower primary anemometer stopped reporting data, likely due to vandalism. The small amount of missing data during this quarter is inconsequential to the results of this report. The sensors were reattached during the next quarter.

## SECTION 7 - Data Recovery and Validation

All raw wind data are subjected to a series of tests and filters to weed out data that are faulty or corrupted. Definitions of these quality assurance (QA) controls are given below under Test Definitions and Sensor Statistics. These control filters were designed to automate the quality control process and used many of the previous hand-worked data sets made at UMass to affect a suitable emulation. The gross percentage of data recovered (ratio of the number of raw data points received to data points expected) and net percentage (ratio of raw data points which passed all QA control tests to data points expected) are shown below.

Gross Data Recovered [%]	99.97
Net Data Recovered [%]	99.89

### Test Definitions

All raw data were subjected to a series of validation tests, as described below. The sensors tested and the parameters specific to each sensor are given in the Sensor Performance Report which is included in APPENDIX A. Data which were flagged as invalid were not included in the statistics presented in this report.

**MinMax Test:** All sensors are expected to report data values within a range specified by the sensor and logger manufacturers. If a value falls outside this range, it is flagged as invalid. A data value from the sensor listed in Test Field 1 (TF1) is flagged if it is less

than Factor 1 (F1) or greater than Factor 2. This test has been applied to the following sensors (as applicable): wind speed, wind speed standard deviation, wind direction, temperature, and solar insolation.

$$F1 > TF1 > F2$$

**MinMaxT Test:** This is a MinMax test for wind direction standard deviation with different ranges applied for high and low wind speeds. A wind direction standard deviation data value (TF1) is flagged either if it is less than Factor 1, if the wind speed (TF2) is less than Factor 4 and the wind direction standard deviation is greater than Factor 2, or if the wind speed is greater than or equal to Factor 4 and the wind direction standard deviation is greater than Factor 3.

$$\begin{aligned} & (TF1 < F1) \\ & \text{or } (TF2 < F4 \text{ and } TF1 > F2) \\ & \text{or } (TF2 \geq F4 \text{ and } TF1 > F3) \end{aligned}$$

**Icing Test:** An icing event occurs when ice collects on a sensor and degrades its performance. Icing events are characterized by the simultaneous measurements of near-zero standard deviation of wind direction, non-zero wind speed, and near- or below-freezing temperatures. Wind speed, wind speed standard deviation, wind direction, and wind direction standard deviation data values are flagged if the wind direction standard deviation (CF1) is less than or equal to Factor 1 (F1), the wind speed (TF1) is greater than Factor 2 (F2), and the temperature (CF2) is less than Factor 3 (F3). To exit an icing event, the wind direction standard deviation must be greater than Factor 4.

$$CF1 \leq F1 \text{ and } TF1 > F2 \text{ and } CF2 < F3$$

**CompareSensors Test:** Where primary and redundant sensors are used, it is possible to determine when one of the sensors is not performing properly. For anemometers, poor performance is characterized by low data values. Therefore, if one sensor of the pair reports values significantly below the other, the low values are flagged. At low wind speeds (Test Fields 1 and 2 less than or equal to Factor 3) wind speed data are flagged if the absolute difference between the two wind speeds is greater than Factor 1. At high wind speeds (Test Fields 1 or 2 greater than Factor 3) wind speed data are flagged if the absolute value of the ratio of the two wind speeds is greater is greater than Factor 2.

$$\begin{aligned} & [ TF1 \leq F3 \text{ and } TF2 \leq F3 \text{ and } \text{abs}(TF1 - TF2) > F1 ] \\ & \text{or } [ (TF1 > F3 \text{ or } TF2 > F3) \text{ and } (\text{abs}(1 - TF1 / TF2) > F2 \text{ or } \text{abs}(1 - TF2 / TF1) > F2) ] \end{aligned}$$



## Sensor Statistics

A summary of the results of the data collection and filtering are given in the Sensor Performance Report which is included in APPENDIX A. The following categories of information, tabulated for each sensor, are included in that report.

**Expected Data Points:** the total number of sample intervals between the start and end dates (inclusive).

**Actual Data Points:** the total number of data points recorded between the start and end dates.

**% Data Recovered:** the ratio of actual and expected data points (this is the *gross data recovered percentage*).

**Hours Out of Range:** total number of hours for which data were flagged according to MinMax and MinMaxT tests. These tests flag data which fall outside of an expected range.

**Hours of Icing:** total number of hours for which data were flagged according to Icing tests. This test uses the standard deviation of wind direction, air temperature, and wind speed to determine when sensor icing has occurred.

**Hours of Fault:** total number of hours for which data were flagged according to CompareSensors tests. These tests compare two sensors (e.g. primary and redundant anemometers installed at the same height) and flag data points where one sensor differs significantly from the other.

**% Data Good:** the filter results are subtracted from the gross data recovery percentage to yield the *net data recovered percentage*.

# APPENDIX A - Sensor Performance Report

## Test Definitions

TestOrder	TestField1	TestField2	TestField3	CalcField1	CalcField2	CalcField3	TestType	Relation	Factor1	Factor2	Factor3	Factor4
1							TimeTest Insert					
4	Etmp2aDEGC						MinMax		-30	60		
5	EtmpSD2aDEGC						MinMax		-30	60		
10	Anem50aMS						MinMax		0	90		
11	Anem50bMS						MinMax		0	90		
12	Anem38aMS						MinMax		0	90		
13	Anem38bMS						MinMax		0	90		
14	Anem50yMS						MinMax		0	90		
15	Anem38yMS						MinMax		0	90		
20	AnemSD50aMS						MinMax		0	4		
21	AnemSD50bMS						MinMax		0	4		
22	AnemSD38aMS						MinMax		0	4		
23	AnemSD38bMS						MinMax		0	4		
24	AnemSD50yMS						MinMax		0	4		
25	AnemSD38yMS						MinMax		0	4		
30	Vane50aDEG						MinMax		0	359.9		
31	Vane38aDEG						MinMax		0	359.9		
50	Turb50zNONE						MinMax		0	2		
51	Turb38zNONE						MinMax		0	2		
60	Wshr0zNONE						MinMax		-100	100		
70	Pwr50zWMC						MinMax		0	5000		
71	Pwr38zWMC						MinMax		0	5000		
200	VaneSD50aDEG	Anem50yMS					MinMaxT		0	100	100	10
201	VaneSD38aDEG	Anem38yMS					MinMaxT		0	100	100	10
300	Anem50aMS	AnemSD50aMS	Vane50aDEG	VaneSD50aDEG	Etmp2aDEGC		Icing		0.5	1	2	4
301	Anem50bMS	AnemSD50bMS	Vane50aDEG	VaneSD50aDEG	Etmp2aDEGC		Icing		0.5	1	2	4
302	Anem38aMS	AnemSD38aMS	Vane38aDEG	VaneSD38aDEG	Etmp2aDEGC		Icing		0.5	1	2	4
303	Anem38bMS	AnemSD38bMS	Vane38aDEG	VaneSD38aDEG	Etmp2aDEGC		Icing		0.5	1	2	4
400	Anem50aMS	Anem50bMS					CompareSensors		1	0.25	3	0
401	Anem38aMS	Anem38bMS					CompareSensors		1	0.25	3	0
500	Amax50aMS						MinMax		0	90		
501	Amin50aMS						MinMax		0	90		
502	Amax50bMS						MinMax		0	90		
503	Amin50bMS						MinMax		0	90		
504	Amax38aMS						MinMax		0	90		
505	Amin38aMS						MinMax		0	90		
506	Amax38bMS						MinMax		0	90		
507	Amin38bMS						MinMax		0	90		
508	Vmax50aDEG						MinMax		0	359.9		
509	Vmin50aDEG						MinMax		0	359.9		
510	Vmax38aDEG						MinMax		0	359.9		
511	Vmin38aDEG						MinMax		0	359.9		
512	Etmp2aDEGC						MinMax		-30	60		

## Sensor Statistics

Sensor	Expected Data Points	Actual Data Points	% Data Recovered	Hours Out of Range	Hours of Icing	Hours of Fault	% Data Good
Etmp2aDEGC	13105	13057	99.634	0	0	0	99.634
EtmpSD2aDEGC	13105	13105	100	0	0	0	100
Anem50aMS	13105	13105	100	0.167	0	0	99.992
AnemSD50aMS	13105	13105	100	0.167	0	0	99.992
Anem50bMS	13105	13105	100	0.167	0	0	99.992
AnemSD50bMS	13105	13105	100	0.167	0	0	99.992
Anem38aMS	13105	13105	100	0.167	0	7.833	99.634
AnemSD38aMS	13105	13105	100	0.167	0	7.833	99.634
Anem38bMS	13105	13105	100	0.167	0	8.833	99.588
AnemSD38bMS	13105	13105	100	0.167	0	1	99.947
Vane50aDEG	13105	13105	100	0	0	0	100
VaneSD50aDEG	13105	13105	100	0	0	0	100
Vane38aDEG	13105	13105	100	0.167	0	0	99.992
VaneSD38aDEG	13105	13105	100	0.167	0	0	99.992
Total	183470	183422	99.974	1.667	0	25.5	99.885

## APPENDIX B - Plot Data

### Wind Speed Distribution Data

Bin Center Wind Speed [m/s]	Percent of Time [%]
0.5	1.62
1.5	3.74
2.5	9.14
3.5	15.35
4.5	20.11
5.5	19.63
6.5	14.59
7.5	8.41
8.5	4.12
9.5	2.01
10.5	0.79
11.5	0.34
12.5	0.09
13.5	0.04
14.5	0.02
15.5	0.00
16.5	0.00
17.5	0.00
18.5	0.00
19.5	0.00
20.5	0.00
21.5	0.00
22.5	0.00
23.5	0.00
24.5	0.00

### Monthly Average Wind Speed Data

Month	Average Wind Speed [m/s]
Jun	5.48
Jul	4.8
Aug	4.8

### **Diurnal Average Wind Speed Data**

<b>Bin Center Hour</b>	<b>Average Wind Speed [m/s]</b>
0.5	5.00
1.5	5.18
2.5	5.06
3.5	4.93
4.5	4.89
5.5	4.80
6.5	4.62
7.5	4.42
8.5	4.57
9.5	4.82
10.5	5.07
11.5	5.22
12.5	5.28
13.5	5.42
14.5	5.53
15.5	5.36
16.5	5.29
17.5	5.03
18.5	4.89
19.5	4.92
20.5	5.06
21.5	5.06
22.5	5.11
23.5	5.08

### Wind Rose Data

<b>Direction</b>	<b>Percent Time [%]</b>	<b>Mean Wind Speed [m/s]</b>
<b>N</b>	5.46	4.42
<b>NNE</b>	8.87	4.80
<b>NE</b>	6.80	4.75
<b>ENE</b>	4.72	3.62
<b>E</b>	2.02	3.17
<b>ESE</b>	1.74	3.30
<b>SE</b>	2.01	3.71
<b>SSE</b>	2.04	3.66
<b>S</b>	8.79	5.35
<b>SSW</b>	19.48	6.06
<b>SW</b>	15.09	5.69
<b>WSW</b>	6.14	4.58
<b>W</b>	6.01	4.56
<b>WNW</b>	4.89	5.12
<b>NW</b>	2.78	4.96
<b>NNW</b>	3.18	4.27