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Directionality in historical reports of rogue waves and measurements with extreme waves

The disbelief in rogue wave reports by seafarers in earlier times came to an end only after the famous Draupner wave was recorded in the North Sea on 1. January 1995. Still one may put in doubt some details in the descriptions. Anyhow, we cannot overlook the possibility of Rogue waves in open sea. An overview is given of historical reports, and directional effects are studied from observations during storms at Ekofisk, a platform complex in central North Sea with an extended set of wave instruments.

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