Chesapeake Bay Maryland (CBM) **NERR Meteorological Metadata**
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I. Data Set and Research Descriptors

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2) Entry verification –

Data are uploaded from the CR1000 data logger to a personal computer with a Windows 7 or newer operating system. Files are exported from LoggerNet in a comma-delimited format and uploaded to the CDMO where they undergo automated primary QAQC and become part of the CDMO's online provisional database. During primary QAQC, data are flagged if they are missing or out of sensor range. The edited file is then returned to the Reserve where it is opened in Microsoft Excel and processed using the CDMO's NERRQAQC Excel macro. The macro inserts station codes, creates metadata worksheets for flagged data and summary statistics, and graphs the data for review. It allows the user to apply QAQC flags and codes to the data, append files, and export the resulting data file to the CDMO for tertiary QAQC and assimilation into the CDMO's authoritative online database. For more information on QAQC flags and QAQC codes, see Sections 11 and 12. Processing, data verification, and data upload to the CDMO server was performed by Lauren Cunningham.

3) Research objectives –

The principal objectives are to record meteorological information for the Chesapeake Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in Maryland in support of the National Estuarine Research Reserve's (NERR) System Wide Monitoring Program (SWMP). This information is available for the following: 1) to track and record atmospheric and meteorological conditions useful to help understand and explain additional data collected concurrently, 2) to create a database capable of detecting long-term changes in weather patterns, and 3) to record and identify the impact of storms, hurricanes, heavy rain and other episodic weather events capable of influencing other environmental conditions such as water quality (as monitored by the SWMP effort) and to collect ancillary data in support of other research efforts

4) Research methods –

Campbell Scientific data telemetry equipment was installed at the Chesapeake Bay Maryland NERR Jug Bay station in August 2000 and transmits data to the NOAA GOES satellite, NESDIS ID #3B0071EA. The transmissions are scheduled hourly and contain four (4) data sets reflecting fifteen minute data sampling intervals. Upon receipt by the CDMO, the data undergoes the same automated primary QAQC process detailed in Section 2 above. The "real-time" telemetry data become part of the provisional dataset until undergoing secondary and tertiary QAQC and assimilation in the CDMO's authoritative online database. Provisional and authoritative data are available at http://cdmo.baruch.sc.edu.

The Campbell Scientific weather station samples every 5 seconds continuously throughout the year. Data are used by the CR1000 to produce 15 minutes averages, maximums, minimums, and totals. Data are manually downloaded on site, or is telemetered via cellular technology to a desktop PC at the MD DNR Annapolis Field Office. Typically, data are transferred or uploaded once monthly throughout the year. The reports, graphs and queries of meteorological data are reviewed and any errors or anomalous data are further investigated and the data are corrected, deleted (if necessary), or commented on and left unchanged. Data are collected in Eastern Standard Time (EST) for the entire year.

The 15 minute Data are collected in the following formats for the **CR1000:**

- Averages from 5-second data:
  - Air Temperature (°C), Relative Humidity (%), Barometric Pressure (mb), Wind Speed (m/s), Wind Direction (degrees), Battery Voltage (volts)
- Maximum and Minimum Air Temperature (°C) and their times from 5-second data (these data are available from the Reserve)
- Maximum Wind Speed (m/s) and time from 5-second data
- Wind Direction Standard Deviation (degrees)
- Totals:
  - Precipitation (mm), PAR (millimoles/m^2), and Cumulative Precipitation (mm) (Cumulative precipitation is no longer available via export from the CDMO. Please contact the Reserve or the CDMO for more information or to obtain these data.)

Recommended calibration frequency for the MET station sensors:

- Temperature/Humidity- yearly recalibration
- Precipitation Gauge- yearly recalibration
- Wind Speed/Direction- every 2 years recalibration
- Barometric Pressure- every 2 years recalibration
- PAR- every 2 years recalibration
- CR1000-every 5 years (required beginning 2014, one year initial grace period)

A minimum of monthly maintenance is conducted on the sensors, probes, and weather station in accordance with NERR guidelines. At this time, sensors on the weather station are inspected for damage, debris, and or/fouling and cleaned as needed. Monthly maintenance log sheets are also completed and sensors are checked with a handheld Kestrel 4000 or a local National Weather Station to ensure comparative readings. Additional checks are often done bi-weekly specifically to check the rain gauge for fouling. The rain gauge frequently tends to collect debris and is, therefore, checked as often as possible, with suggested checks prior to onset of storm events. Simultaneous rain data are also recorded by the Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary daily, providing supplemental rain data. Old sensors are sent back to Campbell Scientific for calibration and are rotated every year or two years to maintain current calibration requirements.

5) Site location and character –

The Chesapeake Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in Maryland consists of three components; Otter Point Creek on the Bush River along the upper western shore of the Chesapeake Bay, Jug Bay along the Patuxent River in the middle Bay, and Monie Bay on the lower eastern shore of the Chesapeake Bay. The weather station is located at the Jug Bay Component of the Reserve, specifically at the Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary. The station is situated on the north end of the Jug Bay marsh, along a tidal creek that feeds the Patuxent River. The weather station is situated at 38° 46.846 N and 76° 42.492 W. The station is housed in a small bird blind situated at the end of a boardwalk in the Jug Bay marsh. The boardwalk extends about 50m from an elevated old railroad track out into the marsh. The CR1000 and BP sensor are in a weatherproof box situated on the inside of the building, while the other probes are fixed to the roof or side of the building so as not to be impacted by the structure. The probes are approximately 5m above mean water and are not shaded. The wind speed and direction sensor and PAR sensors are mounted directly to the roof of the blind. The temperature/relative humidity sensor is mounted directly below those sensors on the side of the building. The tipping rain gauge is mounted on the boardwalk railing, a few meters from the other sensors.

Sensor heights from the marsh surface (meters):
Temperature/humidity: 3.9
PAR: 5.2
Wind speed/direction: 5.4
Rain bucket: 3.9
BP: 3.4

Wind speed may be slightly altered at the site due to proximity of the historic railroad bridge that splits the marsh. The old railroad bridge is on an elevated berm that sits about 2-2.5m above mean water. The berm runs east to west and the boardwalk that houses the weather station runs perpendicular to the berm in the north/south direction. From 1995-2002, the weather station was also the site of a YSI datalogger that recorded water quality at the site. Due to problems with the shallow nature of the site, the water quality component was moved in 2003, approximately 500m westward, from the tidal creek to the mainstem of the Patuxent River.

SWMP Station Timeline

Station Code	SWMP Status	Station Name	Location	Active Dates	Reason Decommissioned	Notes
CBMJBMET	P	Jug Bay	38°46.846 N 76°42.492 W	07/01/2003 – present	NA	NA

6) Data collection period –

Meteorological data have been collected at the Chesapeake Bay Maryland NERR Jug Bay site since August 2000. The current weather station has been operational since this time. Weather data at the JUG Bay site for 2019 was collected from 01/01/2019 00:00:00 to 12/31/2019 23:45:00.

Start and end date and times of 2019 raw data files submitted to the CDMO:
CBMJBMET121218.csv : 12/12/2018 00:09:15 – 01/30/2019 09:30:00
CBMJBMET013019.csv : 01/30/2019 09:45:00 – 04/03/2019 07:45:00
CBMJBMET040319.csv : 04/03/2019 08:00:00 – 04/17/2019 08:00:00
CBMJBMET041719.csv : 04/17/2019 08:15:00 – 05/15/2019 07:45:00
CBMJBMET051519.csv : 05/15/2019 08:00:00 – 07/18/2019 08:00:00
CBMJBMET071819.csv : 07/18/2019 08:15:00 – 10/18/2019 08:30:00
CBMJBMET101819.csv : 10/18/2019 09:45:00 – 12/05/2019 10:15:00
CBMJBMET120519.csv : 12/05/2019 10:45:00 – 01/23/2020 09:45:00

7) Distribution –

NOAA retains the right to analyze, synthesize and publish summaries of the NERRS System-wide Monitoring Program data. The NERRS retains the right to be fully credited for having collected and process the data. Following academic courtesy standards, the NERR site where the data were collected should be contacted and fully acknowledged in any subsequent publications in which any part of the data are used. The data set enclosed within this package/transmission is only as good as the quality assurance and quality control procedures outlined by the enclosed metadata reporting statement. The user bears all responsibility for its subsequent use/misuse in any further analyses or comparisons. The Federal government does not assume liability to the Recipient or third persons, nor will the Federal government reimburse or indemnify the Recipient for its liability due to any losses resulting in any way from the use of this data.

> Requested citation format:
> NOAA National Estuarine Research Reserve System (NERRS). System-wide Monitoring Program. Data accessed from the NOAA NERRS Centralized Data Management Office website: http://www.nerrsdata.org/; *accessed* 12 October 2019.

NERR meteorological data and metadata can be obtained from the Research Coordinator at the individual NERR site (please see Principal Investigators and Contact Persons), from the Data Manager at the Centralized Data Management Office (please see personnel directory under the general information link on the CDMO home page) and online at the CDMO home page www.nerrsdata.org. Data are available in comma delimited format.

8) Associated researchers and projects –
As part of the SWMP long-term monitoring program, CBM NERR also monitors 15-minute water quality data and monthly grab and diel samples for nutrient data which may be correlated with this meteorological dataset. These data are available at www.nerrsdata.org.

Meteorological data are most commonly used in support of the SWMP and to help explain the relationships between water quality, nutrients, and meteorological conditions. Three of the four CBM SWMP water quality sites are located at the Jug Bay component of the Reserve and, therefore, the collection of meteorological data provides additional information helpful for analyzing and detecting trends in water quality and nutrient data that are collected by the Reserve.

Additional research and data that is available at the Jug Bay component of the Reserve is sediment erosion data and water quality data collected by Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary staff. Various sediment erosion tables (SET) are installed and monitored at the site annually to track changes in sedimentation levels. These can be obtained through the Research Coordinator.

II. Physical Structure Descriptors

9) Sensor specifications –

Parameter: Temperature
Units: Celsius
Sensor type: Platinum resistance temperature detector (PRT)
Model #: HMP45C Temperature and Relative Humidity Probe
Operating Temperature: -40°C to +60°C
Range: -40°C to +60°C
Accuracy: ± 0.2 °C @ 20°C
Serial Number: Y1120038
Date of Calibration: 09/17/2018
Dates of Sensor Use: 10/17/2018 – current as of 12/31/2019

Parameter: Relative Humidity
Units: Percent
Sensor type: Vaisala HUMICAP© 180 capacitive relative humidity sensor
Model #: HMP45C Temperature and Relative Humidity Probe
Range: 0-100% non-condensing
Accuracy at 20°C: +/- 2% RH (0-90%) and +/- 3% (90-100%)
Temperature dependence of RH measurement: +/- 0.05% RH/°C
Serial Number: Y1120038
Date of Calibration: 09/17/2018
Dates of Sensor Use: 10/17/2018 – current as of 12/31/2019

Parameter: Barometric Pressure
Units: millibars (mb)
Sensor type: Vaisala Barocap © silicon capacitive pressure sensor
Model #: CS-105
Operating Range: Pressure: 600 to 1060 mb; Temperature: -40°C to +60°C;
Humidity: non-condensing
Accuracy: ± 0.5 mb @ 20°C; +/- 2 mb @ 0°C to 40°C; +/- 4 mb @ -20°C to 45°C; +/- 6 mb @ -40°C to 60°C
Stability: ± 0.1 mb per year
Serial Number: P5050004
Date of Calibration: 05/11/2017
Dates of Sensor Use: 06/08/2017 – 10/18/2019

Parameter: Barometric Sensor
Units: millibars (mb)
Sensor type: Vaisala Barocap © silicon capacitive pressure sensor
Model #: CS-106
Operating Range: Pressure: 600 to 1060 mb; Temperature: -40°C to +60°C;
Humidity: non-condensing
Accuracy: ± 0.5 mb @ 20°C; +/- 2 mb @ 0°C to 40°C; +/- 4 mb @ -20°C to 45°C; +/- 6 mb @ -40°C to 60°C

Stability: ± 0.1 mb per year
Serial Number: R0440840
Date of Calibration: 01/24/2019
Dates of Sensor Use: 10/18/2019 – current as of 12/31/2019

Parameter: Wind speed
Units: meter per second (m/s)
Sensor type: 18 cm diameter 4-blade helicoids propeller molded of polypropylene
Model #: R.M. Young 05106 Wind Monitor
Range: 0-60 m/s (134 mph); gust survival 100 m/s (220 mph)
Accuracy: +/- 0.3 m/s
Serial Number: WM146507
Date of Calibration: 01/20/2016
Dates of Sensor Use: 11/06/2017 – current as of 12/31/2019

Parameter: Wind direction
Units: degrees
Sensor type: balanced vane, 38 cm turning radius
Model #: R.M. Young 05106 Wind Monitor
Serial Number: WM146507
Date of Calibration: 01/20/2016
Dates of Sensor Use: 11/06/2017 – current as of 12/31/2019

Parameter: Photosynthetically Active Radiation (PAR)
Units: mmoles m-2 (total flux)
Sensor type: anodized aluminum with cast acrylic diffuser
Model #SQ110 Apogee Quantum Sensor
Light spectrum waveband: 410 to 655 nm
Temperature dependence: 0.06+/-0.06% per °C
Stability: <±2% change over 1 yr
Operating Temperature: -40°C to 70°C; Humidity 0 to 100%
Cosine Response: 45° zenith angle: +/- 2%; 75° zenith angle: +/- 5%
Sensitivity: 0.2mV per µmol s-1 m-2
Multiplier: 0.025

Serial Number: SQ-110_20223
Date of Calibration: 09/19/2016
Dates of Sensor Use: 06/08/2017 – 10/18/2019

Serial Number: SQ-110_22476
Date of Calibration: 09/27/2019
Dates of Sensor Use: 10/18/2019 - current as of 12/31/2019

Parameter: Precipitation (specify if heated rain gauge)
Units: millimeters (mm)
Sensor type: Tipping Bucket Rain Gauge
Model #: TE525
Rainfall per tip: 0.01 inch
Operating range: Temperature: 0° to 50°C; Humidity: 0 to 100%
Accuracy: +/- 1.0% up to 1 in./hr; +0, -3% from 1 to 2 in./hr; +0, -5% from 2 to 3 in./hr
Serial Number: N/A
Date of Calibration: 09/14/2016

Dates of Sensor Use: 09/14/2016 – 09/06/2018
Date of Calibration: 09/06/2018
Dates of Sensor Use: 09/06/2018 – current as of 12/31/2019

The CR1000 has 2 MB of Flash EEPROM that is used to store the Operating System. Another 128 K Flash is used to store configuration settings. A minimum of 2 MB SRAM is (4 MB optional upgrade) available for program storage (16K), operating system use, and data storage. Additional storage is available by using a compact flash card in the optional CFM100 Compact Flash Module.
Date CR1000 Installed: 10/31/2006
Date CR1000 Calibrated: unknown

Serial Number: 5080
Date CR1000 Installed: 02/11/2015
Date CR1000 Calibrated: 02/06/2015
Dates CR1000 in use: 02/11/2015 – current as of 12/31/2019

CR1000 Firmware Version (s): Std. 22 Installed 11/04/2007
CR1000 Program Version(s): CBMJBMET_6.0.2_110617.CR1
CBMJBMET_CR1000_6.0.2_110617.CR1
CBMJBMET_CR1000_6.0.3_101819.CR1
CBMJBMET_CR1000_6.0.4_120219.CR1

10) Coded variable definitions -

Sampling station:	Sampling site code:	Station code:
Jug Bay	JB	cbmjbmet

11) QAQC flag definitions –

QAQC flags provide documentation of the data and are applied to individual data points by insertion into the parameter's associated flag column (header preceded by an F_). During primary automated QAQC (performed by the CDMO), -5, -4, and -2 flags are applied automatically to indicate data that is above or below sensor range, or missing. All remaining data are then flagged 0, as passing initial QAQC checks. During secondary and tertiary QAQC 1, -3, and 5 flags may be used to note data as suspect, rejected due to QAQC, or corrected.

-5 Outside High Sensor Range
-4 Outside Low Sensor Range
-3 Data Rejected due to QAQC
-2 Missing Data
-1 Optional SWMP supported parameter
0 Passed Initial QAQC Checks
1 Suspect Data
2 *Open - reserved for later flag*
3 *Open - reserved for later flag*
4 Historical Data: Pre-Auto QAQC
5 Corrected Data

12) QAQC code definitions –

QAQC codes are used in conjunction with QAQC flags to provide further documentation of the data and are also applied by insertion into the associated flag column. There are three (3) different code categories, general, sensor, and comment. General errors document general problems with the CR1000, sensor errors are sensor specific, and comment codes are used to further document conditions or a problem with the data. Only one general or sensor error and one comment code can be applied to a particular data point, but some comment codes (marked with an * below) can be applied to the entire record in the F_Record column.

General Errors

GIM	Instrument malfunction
GIT	Instrument recording error, recovered telemetry data
GMC	No instrument deployed due to maintenance/calibration
GMT	Instrument maintenance
GPD	Power down
GPF	Power failure / Low battery
GPR	Program reload
GQR	Data rejected due to QA/QC checks
GSM	See metadata

Sensor Errors

SDG	Suspect due to sensor diagnostics
SIC	Incorrect calibration constant, multiplier or offset
SIW	Incorrect wiring
SMT	Sensor maintenance
SNV	Negative value
SOC	Out of calibration
SQR	Data rejected due to QAQC checks
SSD	Sensor drift
SSN	Not a number / unknown value
SSM	Sensor malfunction
SSR	Sensor removed

Comments

CAF	Acceptable calibration/accuracy error of sensor
CCU	Cause unknown
CDF	Data appear to fit conditions
CML	Snow melt from previous snowfall event
CRE*	Significant rain event
CSM*	See metadata
CVT*	Possible vandalism/tampering
CWE*	Significant weather event

13) Other remarks/notes –

Data are missing due to equipment or associated specific sensors not being deployed, equipment failure, time of maintenance or calibration of equipment, or repair/replacement of a sampling station platform. Any NANs in the dataset stand for "not a number" and are the result of low power, disconnected wires, or out of range readings. If additional information on missing data is needed, contact the Research Coordinator at the reserve submitting the data.

Small negative PAR values and slightly elevated nighttime PAR values measured with the Apogee PAR sensor are flagged and coded as suspect, <1> CSM.

Relative Humidity data greater than 100 are within range of the sensor accuracy of +/-3% and are flagged and coded as suspect, <1> (CAF). Values greater than 103 are rejected <-3>.

Data recorded for all parameters (with the exception of cumulative precipitation) at the midnight timestamp (00:00) are the 15 minute averages and totals for the 23:45-23:59 time period of the previous day. Cumulative precipitation data at the midnight timestamp (00:00) are the sum of raw (unrounded) precipitation data from 00:00 to 23:59 of the previous day. Summing each individual 15-minute total precipitation value from the same period will result in small differences from cumulative precipitation due to rounding. It is especially important to note how data at the midnight timestamp are recorded when using January 1st and December 31st data. **Note: Cumulative precipitation is no longer available via export from the CDMO. Please contact the Reserve or the CDMO for more information or to obtain these data.**

Total precipitation data for the following dates and times were corrected in the data. The associated cumulative precipitation data for the remainder of the day were also corrected but are not listed. Field personnel were cleaning the rain gauge at these times.

01/09/2019 11:00 0.508 mm corrected to 0 mm
02/06/2019 09:00 3.048 mm corrected to 0 mm
04/03/2019 07:45 1.016 mm corrected to 0 mm
04/17/2019 08:30 1.016 mm corrected to 0 mm
06/20/2019 07:45 0.254 mm corrected to 0 mm
07/31/2019 08:00 2.032 mm corrected to 0 mm
08/14/2019 08:15 1.016 mm corrected to 0 mm
10/30/2019 08:45 0.254 mm corrected to 0 mm
12/18/2019 08:45 0.254 mm corrected to 0 mm

Field personnel affected the movement of the wind sensor on 05/02/2019 around 07:47 while cleaning off spider webs. Spider webs were not affecting the movement of the sensor. All wind related parameters are rejected <-3>[SMT](CSM) for 08:00.

Field personnel wiped down the surface of the PAR sensor on 05/02/2019 around 07:47. PAR is rejected <-3>[SMT](CSM) for 08:00.

An updated program (no changes to program – only updated filename) was sent to the station on 05/15/2019 at 07:54. All data for 08:00 is rejected <-3>[GPR](CSM) as it is not a full 15 minutes of data.

All date stamps between 8/17/2019 at 12:15 through 12/5/2019 at 10:15 have been corrected from the raw file, indicated by the record comment {CSM}. At 12:15 on 8/17/2019, the malfunctioning TX312 transmitter at the weather station began working again and synced time with the CR1000, as it is directed to do once a day by a line of code in the program. Because of the malfunction, however, the transmitter synced a date/time stamp of 1/1/2000 12:15. The date and time continued from the 1/1/2000 12:15 timestamp until, on the true 12/5/2019 at 10:32, when a new program (6.0.4) was sent to the station with a temporary fix of commenting out the above mentioned line of code in the program (Until a new transmitter is able to be purchased and installed on site). The station clock was synced with the laptop on 12/5/19 at 10:34:17 in order to restore the station to the correct date and time. A data collection was done at the station on 12/5/2019 beginning at 10:20, resulting in

missing data for the 10:30 timestamp <-2>[GMT](CSM). All data is rejected on 12/5/2019 at 10:45 <-3> [GPR](CSM) due to the program reload.

All temperature and relative humidity data is rejected on 8/27/2019 at 08:45 due to field personnel cleaning dirt off of sensor. <-3>[SMT](CSM)

A data collection was performed at the station on 10/18/2019 beginning at 08:43 and completed at 09:04. Newly calibrated BP (serial # R0440840) and PAR sensors (serial # SQ-110_22476) were installed at the station on 10/18/2019 between 09:13 and 09:28. A new program (6.0.3) to reflect changing from a CS-105 BP sensor to a CS-106 BP sensor was sent to the station on 10/18/2019 at 09:30, resulting in missing data from 08:45 to 09:30 <-2>[GMT](CSM). All data is rejected on 10/18/2019 at 09:45 <-3> [GPR](CSM) due to the program reload.

There was a noticeable drop in PAR values from at the end of November and through the beginning of December. PAR data from 11/25/2019 00:15 – 12/15/2019 00:00 are coded with CSM to bring attention to those data. Rain, clouds, or fog may have contributed to the lower PAR readings.

All temperature and relative humidity data is rejected beginning on 12/18/2019 at 08:45 until the end of the year on 12/31/2019 at 23:45 due to a sensor malfunction <-3>[SSM](CSM). While at the field office viewing data that was collected on 1/23/2020, it was found that the T/RH sensor was malfunctioning. A technician revisited the station on 1/24/2020 and found that the T/RH sensor was slightly pulled out of the base, with the pins not making a complete connection. The problem was corrected on 1/24/2020 at 10:35.