

An evaluation of long-term physical and hydrochemical measurements at the Sylt Roads Marine Observatory (1973–2019), Wadden Sea, North Sea

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Abstract. The Sylt Roads pelagic time series covers physical and hydrochemical parameters at five neighboring stations in the Sylt-Rømø bight, Wadden Sea, North Sea. Since the beginning of the time series in 1973, sea surface temperature (SST), salinity, ammonium, nitrite, nitrate, and soluble reactive phosphorus (SRP) have been measured twice a week. The other parameters were introduced later (dissolved silicate (Si) since 1974, pH since 1979, dissolved organic nitrogen (DON) since 1996, dissolved organic phosphorus (DOP) since 2001, chlorophyll a since 1979, and suspended particulate matter (SPM) since 1975), and in the case of dissolved oxygen, were already discontinued (1979-1983). In the years 1977, 1978, and 1983, no sampling took place. Since the start of the continuous sampling in 1984, the sea surface temperature in the bight has risen by +1.11 °C, with the highest increases during the autumn months, while the pH and salinity decreased by 0.23 and 0.33 units, respectively. Summer and autumn salinities are generally significantly elevated compared to spring and winter conditions. Dissolved nutrients (ammonium, nitrite, nitrate, and SRP) have displayed periods of intense eutrophication (1973–1998) and de-eutrophication since 1999. Silicate has shown significantly higher winter levels since 1999. Interestingly, phytoplankton parameters did not mirror these large changes in nutrient concentrations, as a seasonal comparison of the two eutrophication periods showed no significant differences with regard to chlorophyll a. This phenomenon might be triggered by an important switch in nutrient limitation during the time series. With regard to nutrients, the phytoplankton was probably primarily limited by silicate until 1998, while, since 1999, the SRP limitation has become increasingly important. All data are available in Rick et al. (2017b-e, 2020a-o) from https://doi.org/10.1594/PANGAEA.150032, https://doi.org/10.1594/PANGAEA.873549, https://doi.org/10.1594/PANGAEA.873545, https://doi.org/10.1594/PANGAEA.873547, https://doi.org/10.1594/PANGAEA.918018, https://doi.org/10.1594/PANGAEA.918032, https://doi.org/10.1594/PANGAEA.918027,

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1 Introduction

The Sylt–Rømø bight (SRB) has been a marine protected area (MPA) in the Wadden Sea UNESCO World Heritage area since 2009. It is a large tidal lagoon (ca. 400 km^2) in the northern part of the Wadden Sea (SE North Sea). In the previous century, two causeways connecting the islands of Rømø and Sylt with the mainland were built. Since then, a narrow inlet between Sylt and Rømø has been the only connection with the open German Bight through which almost 50% of the bights' water is exchanged during each tidal cycle. Local riverine discharge is estimated to be 0.1% of the total water input. Tides are semidiurnal, with a range of about 2 m. At mean low tide, 33% of the bight is exposed, 10% of the remainder comprises deep channels with a maximum depth of 40 m, and 57% is a shallow subtidal area with depths less than 5 m (Gätje and Reise, 1998; Fig. 1).

In 1973, the Sylt Roads Long Term Ecological Research time series (Sylt Roads LTER) was initiated in this hydrographically and ecologically interesting area. This consists of twice-weekly sampling of oceanographic, hydrochemical, and biological (phytoplankton, zooplankton, and fish) parameters. Meanwhile, most of these Sylt Roads data (> 1000 data sets) have been published online in the open-access data bank PANGAEA (https://www.pangaea.de, last access: 1 March 2023). In this work, we summarize, for the first time, the information on the physical and hydrochemical parameters of this time series and provide a brief overview of the development over the last 45 years.

2 Data coverage and parameters measured

The data coverage is from $55.01250-55.05670^{\circ}$ N to $8.43830-8.52000^{\circ}$ E. The location names and positions, in addition to the start and end dates and times, are as follows:

- LL is List_Reede (Lister_Ley), Sylt–Rømø bight, Wadden Sea, and the North Sea (55.03000° N, 8.46000° E).
- L2 is List_2, Sylt–Rømø bight, German Bight, Wadden Sea, and the North Sea (55.01250° N, 8.49000° E).
- L3 is List_3, Sylt–Rømø bight, German Bight, Wadden Sea, and the North Sea (55.05670° N, 8.52000° E).

- KH is List_Entrance_Königshafen, Sylt-Rømø bight, German Bight, Wadden Sea, and the North Sea (55.03830° N, 8.43830° E).
- FT is List_Ferry_Terminal, Sylt–Rømø bight, German Bight, Wadden Sea and the North Sea (55.01553° N, 8.43990° E).
- Date (yyyy-mm-dd) and time of start is 1973-06-28 at 00:00:00 UTC.
- Date (yyyy-mm-dd) and time of end is 2019-12-31 at 00:00:00 UTC.

3 Instrumentation and methods

Sea surface temperature (SST), salinity, ammonium (NH_4^+) , nitrite (NO_2^-) , nitrate (NO_3^-) , soluble reactive phosphorus (SRP), and reactive silicate (Si) measurements were started in 1973 and interrupted temporarily in the years 1977, 1978, and 1983. Temperatures of the sea surface (SST) were gathered using reversing thermometers (Thomas and Dorey, 1967). For the period 1973–1982, the inductive salinometer method was used for salinity measurements (Brown and Hamon, 1961). Since 1983, we have measured the salinity using a Guildline Autosal 8400B salinometer (Kawano, 2010). pH measurements were initiated in 1979. Until 1984, diverse pH meters were applied, and since 1985, a WTW pH 3000 m has been in use. Dissolved oxygen was measured only during the period from 1979-1983 using the Winkler method (e.g., Culberson et al., 1991). Table 2 gives an overview of the methods applied within the time series for several chemical analyses on nutrient components and chlorophyll a. For both DON and dissolved organic phosphorus (DOP) filtration we used precombusted GF/C filters (Whatman microfiber glass filters), and the filtrates were frozen at -20 °C, while for chlorophyll a analysis, untreated GF/C filters were employed instead. For gravimetric suspended matter (SPM) analyses, we have used precombusted GF/C filters from 1975 to 1998; since 1999, 0.4-0.45 µm nucleopore filters have been employed.

Since the start of the Sylt Roads time series, six analysts have been engaged in the hydrochemical analyses (Table 3).

Sampling was mostly conducted from small research vessels (RV *Mya* until 2012 and RV *Mya II* since 2013), or sometimes, in severe weather conditions, it was land based at the



Figure 1. Map of the German Bight, with the sampling area (Sylt–Rømø bight) enlarged with the main sampling stations of the Sylt Roads LTER time series and their geographical position. LL is Lister Ley or Lister Reede, KH is the entrance of Königshafen, FT is the LL ferry terminal, and L2 and L3 are the Lister 2 and 3 stations sampled in the early part (until 1991) of the time series only.

Table 1. Compilation of the physical and hydrochemical parameters at the Sylt Roads observatory (short name, units, and information on sample preparation).

Parameter	Short name	Unit	Comment
Date/time	DATE/Time		Geocode
Depth, water	Depth water	Μ	Geocode
Salinity	Sal		
Temperature, water	Temp	°C	
pH	pН		
Dissolved oxygen	O ₂	μ mol L ⁻¹	
Chlorophyll a	Chl a	$\mu g L^{-1}$	Filtered through GF/C (Whatman), stored frozen (-20 °C), extracted by acetone
Phosphate	[PO ₄] ³⁻	μ mol L ⁻¹	Filtered 0.4 µm nucleopore, stored frozen (-20 °C)
Silicate	Si(OH) ₄	μ mol L ⁻¹	Filtered 0.4 μ m nucleopore, stored frozen (-20 °C)
Ammonium	$[NH_4]+$	μ mol L ⁻¹	Filtered 0.4 μ m nucleopore, stored frozen (-20 °C)
Nitrite	$[NO_2]^-$	μ mol L ⁻¹	Filtered 0.4 μ m nucleopore, stored frozen (-20 °C)
Nitrate	[NO ₃] ⁻	μ mol L ⁻¹	Filtered 0.4 μ m nucleopore, stored frozen (-20 °C)
Nitrogen, organic, dissolved	DON	μ mol L ⁻¹	Filtered precombusted GF/C, stored frozen $(-20 ^{\circ}\text{C})$
Phosphorus, organic, dissolved	DOP	μ mol L ⁻¹	Filtered precombusted GF/C, stored frozen $(-20 ^{\circ}\text{C})$
Suspended matter	SPM	mgL^{-1}	Filtered 0.4 μ m nucleopore, stored frozen, dried (60 °C)

List ferry terminal. Figure 1 provides an overview of the geographical position of the main sampling locations in the Sylt– Rømø bight (SRB).

Statistical analyses were performed using the Analyseit tool for Microsoft Excel 6.15 (build 8265.19231). For the correlation and principal component analyses (PCAs), seasonal averages (3-month means; winter is December– February) were calculated for each parameter. Prior to PCAs, these data were standardized so that each variable had a variance of 1.

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Parameter	Time period	Analysis
Soluble reactive phosphate (SRP)	1973–1983	Koroleff (1976a)
Reactive Si (Si)	1974–1982	Koroleff (1976b)
Ammonium (NH_4^+)	1973-1982	Grasshoff and Johannsen (1972)
Nitrite (NO_2^-)	1973-1982	Bendschneider and Robinson (1952)
Nitrate (NO_3^{-})	1973-1982	Grasshoff and Johannsen (1974)
SRP, Si, NH_4^+ , NO_2^- , NO_3^-	1984–ongoing	Grasshoff (1983)
Dissolved organic nitrogen (DON)	1996–ongoing	Grasshoff (1983)
Dissolved organic phosphorus (DOP)	2001-ongoing	Grasshoff (1983)
Chlorophyll <i>a</i> (Chl <i>a</i>)	1979–ongoing	Jeffrey and Humphrey (1975)

Table 3. Analyses within the Sylt Roads hydrochemistry time series.

Analysis	Time period (mm/yyyy)	Years, months
1	1973-09/1977	4 years, 9 months
2	10/1978-01/1992	13 years, 4 months
3	09/1992-08/1994	1 year, 11 months
4	10/1994-02/1999	4 years, 5 months
5	05/1999-12/2000	1 year, 7 months
6	Since 05/2001	> 18 years

4 Data sets and discussion

4.1 General description of the basic data

Ship-based sampling was carried out with the research vessels Mya (until 2013) and Mya II (2014-ongoing). The Lister Ley station (LL) and the Königshafen station (KH) were visited most frequently, while stations List 2 and 3 (L2 and L3) were sampled only during the early periods (1973–1976 and 1987–1991) of the time series. Since 1999, the List ferry terminal station (FT) has been used as a backup when shipbased sampling was not possible due to adverse weather conditions. Until 20 December 2019, 43712 data (SST, salinity, pH, nutrients, chlorophyll, and SPM) were collected during 5133 RV Mya and Mya II samplings and 150 land-based campaigns at the List ferry terminal. Figure 2 provides an overview of the seasonal sampling efforts summarized for all stations. Generally, the number of samples per season varied during the first part of the time series; since 1999, the seasonal sampling has been more homogenous. The inserted box plots compare the earlier with the more recent parts of the time series. For winter and summer sampling, significant differences in sampling effort are obvious (Fig. 2; Table A1).

Most of the measured parameters are shown as original data in Fig. 3a–j. Due to the physical proximity of stations and the extremely well-mixed waters in the SRB, data from all sampling stations (Fig. 1) were included in the graphs. Most of the parameters, even salinity (Fig. 3a), show seasonal signals.

For salinity, this is mainly triggered by the enhanced freshwater runoff in late winter and spring. Seasonal patterns are most evident for the SST (Fig. 3b), the associated oxygen content of the waters (data not shown) and for the major inorganic nutrients such as NH_4^+ , NO_2^- , NO_3^- , SRP, and reactive silicate (Fig. 3c–g). Not too much should be read into the nutrient data from earlier years, since some (e.g., NH_4^+ and SRP) show quite high variability or exceptionally low values (Si, NO_3^-), especially in the initial period (1973–1975). From 1992 to 1994, all NH_4^+ numbers were also exceptionally low, which coincided with a specific analyst (Table 3) and are obviously erroneous. All questionable values were eliminated from the graph (Fig. 3c).

Dissolved inorganic nutrients display an opposite behavior compared to the SST, with high values in winter/early spring and minimal numbers during summer. As expected, chlorophyll a, pH (Fig. 3h, i), and dissolved organic nutrients (data not shown) are inversely related to levels of inorganic nutrients due to the nutrient uptake by the phytoplankton.

High SPM is mostly found in winter due to the large amounts of sediment mixed into the water column by wind forcing (Fig. 3j; Bayerl et al., 1998). In summer, SPM decreases to minimum values. A deviation from this pattern was seen in the period from 1993–1997, which is likely due to inaccurate sample treatment: following the filtration process, the sea salt retained by the filter material is normally leached out using distilled water. When the salt is not completely removed in this process, the measured SPM load will be biased. This was probably the case for the 1993–1998 SPM measurements, and the respective data should not be used and, consequently, have been omitted from the graph.

The nutrient plots (e.g., Fig. 3e, f) indicate a change in the eutrophication status of the bight. Until 1998, nitrate and SRP concentrations were high; since 1999, they have been decreasing. This is in line with several observations from the southern North Sea area and mainly due to strong reductions in phosphorus and nitrogen loads in the rivers Rhine, Ems, Weser, and Elbe (e.g., Carstensen et al., 2006; van Beusekom et al., 2005, 2017, 2019).



Figure 2. Seasonal sampling efforts summarized for all Sylt Roads stations in the SRB (1973–2019). The inserts compare the seasonal efforts from the early days (1973/1974–1998) with the most recent part (1999–2019) of the time series.

Table 4. Pearson's *r* values (**a**) from a correlation analysis of Sylt Roads LTER physical and hydrochemical parameters based on seasonal averages (1984–2019). Values > 0.4 and < -0.4 are in bold. (**b**) Variance and (cumulative) proportion of principal components. Physical and hydrochemical parameters in the Sylt Roads LTER time series, with seasonal averages (1984–2019).

(a) Pearson's r	Salinity	SST	pH	NH ₄	NO ₂	NO ₃	PO ₄	Si	Chl	SPM
Salinity	_									
SST	0.64	-								
pН	-0.08	0.14	_							
NH ₄	-0.28	-0.62	-0.47	-						
NO ₂	-0.32	-0.61	-0.22	0.76	-					
NO ₃	-0.63	-0.81	0.02	0.36	0.43	-				
PO ₄	-0.10	-0.29	0.16	0.23	0.23	0.59	-			
Si	-0.60	-0.83	-0.33	0.65	0.56	0.72	0.23	-		
Chl	-0.19	-0.05	0.62	-0.43	-0.22	0.02	-0.18	-0.25	-	
SPM	-0.45	-0.70	0.09	0.31	0.38	0.87	0.61	0.62	0.01	_
	(b) Cor	(b) Component		Propo	ortion C	Cumulati	ve propor	tion		
	1		4.797	0.4	0.480		0.480			
	2		2.109	9 0.211		0.691				
	3		1.190	0.1	19	0.810				
	4		0.7237	0.0	72	0	0.882			
	5		0.4103	0.0	41	0).923			
	6		0.2651	0.0	27	0).949			
	7		0.2223	0.0	22	0).972			
	8		0.1347	0.0	13	0).985			
	9		0.09610	0.0	10	0).995			
	10		0.05286	0.0	05	1	.000			



Figure 3.

A much higher variability in nutrient values was evident in the high eutrophication period (1973–1998), compared with more recent times (1999–2019) of reduced nutrient loads. This high variability might be partly related to the fact that, until 1998, only unfiltered nutrient samples were analyzed; from 1999 on, the samples were finally filtered (van Beusekom et al., 2009). The early eutrophication period was additionally characterized by intense marine or inshore construction and dredging activities. Sediments originating from the Sylt–Rømø bight were intensively used for dike building (e.g., the polders Margarethenkoog and Rickelsbüller Koog), the Hoyer lock was constructed, the Ruttebüll Lake dredged out, and the river Vidå renatured. All these activities certainly have influenced, e.g., the loads of SRP and contributed potentially to the high variability in nutrient concentrations. An intense blue mussel fishery in the early period of the time se-



NO₃



Figure 3.

ries, with its associated dredging impact, and the shutdown of the List sewage plant in 2005 might have played an important role in nutrient variability too.

To evaluate more generalized relationships between all the parameters, we calculated seasonal averages (3 months each; winter is December–February) for the years and have performed (1) a correlation analysis and (2) a principal component analysis (PCA) on these data since the start of the continuous sampling in 1984. For the PCA, the data were standardized so that each variable had a variance of 1 (Table 4a, b).

The correlation table (Table 4a) shows the Pearson's r values for all parameters in the correlation analysis. Salinity is highly correlated with SST and negatively correlated to nutri-



Figure 3. Data of the five sampling stations at Sylt Roads (Fig. 1) are included in all subgraphs of Fig. 3. (**a**) Salinity time series at Sylt Roads. (**b**) Sea surface temperature (SST). (**c**) Ammonium time series; data from 1973–1978 and 1993–1994 were biased and are not shown in the graph. (**d**) Nitrite time series. (**e**) Nitrate time series. (**f**) Phosphate time series. (**g**) Silicate time series. (**h**) Development of chlorophyll *a* concentration at Sylt Roads. (**i**) pH development; data from before 1984 and from 1992 were biased and are not included in the graph. (**j**) Suspended particulate matter (SPM) concentrations at Sylt Roads. No data are shown for the period of biased handling (1993–1998).

ents illustrating the dominance of nutrient-poor open North Sea waters during warmer seasons. All dissolved nutrients and SPM are negatively correlated to salinity and SST, displaying the importance of the elevated freshwater inflow and the higher storm frequency during cold seasons. The primarily river-born components of nitrate and silicate show the most negative correlation to both salinity and SST. Generally, all nutrients are highly correlated to each other. A strong connection between pH and chlorophyll is obvious, underlining the importance of the biogenic decalcification process in aquatic photosynthesis.

The PCA variance table (Table 4b) shows the amount of variance in the original data described by each principal component. The first three principal components explain more that 80% of the variance in the data. All results are consistent with those of the correlation analysis. PC1 is mostly determined by SST, Si, NO₃, SPM, NH₄, and NO₂, PC2 by pH and chlorophyll, while PO₄ dominates PC3 (Table A2).



Figure 4. PCA correlation monoplot of the first two principal components. Sylt Roads LTER time series with physical and hydrochemical parameters and seasonal averages are shown. Areas covering > 83% of the data points are displayed for each season.

A correlation monoplot of the first two principal components representing 69% of the variability in the data set is shown in Fig. 4. Most parameters are represented very well, with the exception of PO₄ (short arrow), which is the most dominant feature in the third component (see Table A2). The small angle between the salinity and SST vectors shows their close correlation. NO₃, SPM, and (PO₄) display a complete negative correlation with salinity. All nutrients are strongly negatively correlated with SST, with the highest numbers for Si and NO₃. The close similarity of the chlorophyll and pH vectors again shows the strong influence of the photosynthesis on the pH. Both parameters do not have any correlation to either salinity and SST or SPM, PO₄, and NO₃, while they are slightly negatively correlated to Si, NO₂, and NH₄.

Additionally, point areas representing data for the seasons are shown. The provided percentages describe the amount of the seasonal data within the respective area. Summer seasons are characterized by high temperature and SST combined with low nutrient and SPM values. The opposite is the case for winter seasons. Spring seasons show chlorophyll and pH as major factors, highlighting the importance of the phytoplankton spring bloom in the SRB. Autumn is characterized by medium salinity and SST levels. Additionally, the intermediate nitrogen components NH_4 and NO_2 are the most important in autumn, which points to an increased relevance of remineralization processes during this season.

4.2 Nutrients, chlorophyll *a*, nutrient ratios, and SPM

Since most of the parameters show seasonal signals, it was considered to be appropriate to focus on changes for the four main seasons in the course of the time series. Figure 5a and b give an example for the nutrient SRP. For each year in the time series, seasonal averages are presented together with their respective standard errors. As already seen to some extent in Fig. 3f, a first period (1984-1998) of relatively high values shifts towards a second one (1999-2019) with much lower SRP concentrations. A comparison of both periods using a t test (two-sided and different variances assumed) results in significantly lower (p is 0.0003, i.e., 1.1×10^{-10}) and much fewer variable SRP values for all seasons in the period of low eutrophication (1999-2019; Fig. 5b; Table A1a). Dissolved inorganic nitrogen (DIN; i.e., the sum of nitrate, nitrite, and ammonium) shows a similar pattern, although the respective t tests yielded significant differences for spring (p is 0.017) and winter (p is 0.001) seasons only (Fig. 6; Table A1b).

Silicate (Si), a nutrient important for diatoms, shows a completely different pattern (Fig. 7; Table A1c). The more recent (1999–2019) low eutrophication winters and autumns (N and P) showed significantly (*p* is 1.16×10^{-6} and 0.026) elevated Si values compared with the respective data of high eutrophication (1973–1998). For the spring comparison, Si values remained in the same range. In summer (*p* = 0.001), the low eutrophication set showed a significantly lower value. Generally, the variability in Si was a lot higher in the period from 1973–1998 compared to 1999–2019 (Fig. 7; Table A1c). Interestingly, the silicate anomaly from 1988 (Raabe and Wiltshire, 2009) shows its imprint (highlighted in Fig. 3g) in the Sylt Roads data too.

Despite these large changes in nutrient concentrations, phytoplankton parameters such as chlorophyll *a* (Figs. 3h, 8; Table A1i) or phytoplankton carbon (Rick et al., 2017a) did not shift accordingly, as one would probably have expected (e.g., Cadee and Hegeman, 2002).

Planktonic algae are not solely influenced by the total concentrations of single nutrients; rather, the ratios of the nutrients have a decisive influence too (Dugdale, 1967). For most algae, the DIN/SRP ratio (Fig. 9; Table A1j) is of major importance (Redfield, 1934, 1958), and diatoms are additionally affected by the DIN/Si (Fig. 10; Table A1k) ratio (Brzezinski, 1985). In Figs. 9 and 10, the optimal nutrient ratios, based on molar concentrations, are highlighted as gray bars.

Generally, the DIN/SRP ratio, in most cases, is significantly elevated in the low eutrophication period when compared with the high eutrophication period (Fig. 9).



Figure 5. Development of SRP over the course of continuous measurements (1984–2019) within the Sylt Roads LTER time series. (a) Seasonal averages (December, January, February – winter; March, April, May – spring; June, July, August – summer; September, October, November – autumn) are displayed with standard error of the mean (SEM) as error bars. (b) Seasonal comparison of SRP concentrations $(\mu mol L^{-1})$ for high and low eutrophication periods. Box plots give median values, with quartiles 1 and 3 attached as boxes and min and max values shown as endpoints of the error bars. All data, including possible outliers, are shown in the graph. The *p* values of the respective *t* tests are given in the upper right.

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Figure 6. Seasonal comparison (box plots and *t* test *p* values) of dissolved inorganic nitrogen (DIN) concentrations (μ mol L⁻¹) for high and low eutrophication periods. Detailed information is available in Fig. 5b.



Figure 7. Seasonal comparison of reactive silicate concentrations $(\mu mol L^{-1})$ for high and low eutrophication periods.



Figure 8. Seasonal comparison of chlorophyll *a* concentration $(\mu g L^{-1})$ for high and low eutrophication periods.

For winter and spring, this change moved the ratio towards an increasing phosphorus limitation, while for summer and autumn it diminished the N limitation during the high eutrophication period.

The winter DIN/Si ratio (Fig. 10; Table A1k) changed significantly (p = 0.018), from higher (1984–1998) to more balanced values (1999–2019). For the summer and autumn comparisons, DIN/Si remained close to a ratio of 1. The comparison for the spring seasons shows no significant change but has been characterized by clearly lowered minimum and maximum DIN/SRP values in more recent years.

Diatoms are the most prominent phytoplankton group in the bight during all seasons (Rick and Wiltshire, 2016; Rick et al., 2017a, 2018). In addition to diatoms, the prymnesiophyte *Phaeocystis globosa* Scherffel, 1899 may add substantially to the photosynthetic biomass in late spring and early summer (Rick et al., 2017a). During the period of high phosphorus and nitrogen loads (1984–1998), initial winter silicate (Fig. 9, lower right panel) was probably not available in sufficient amounts, with the result that the diatoms were, at least for the following spring bloom, limited by silicate. Since the decline in SRP and DIN in the second half of the time series (1999–2019), silicate limitation has been replaced by a limitation of phosphorus.

This explains the almost unchanged chlorophyll a pattern, despite the strong nutrient changes (Fig. 8; Table A1i). These results are in accordance with the findings of Loebl et al. (2009), who studied patterns of phytoplankton limitation along the southern North Sea coast for the period 1990 to 2005. The authors concluded that, aside from underwater

light, silicate limitation of the phytoplankton was most common, followed by the restraining effects of low phosphorus concentrations.

A comparison of seasonal SPM data for both eutrophication periods is given in Fig. 11 and Table A1h. Despite the omission of the biased values (1993–1997), a *t* test comparison for all seasons resulted in significantly lower values for the low eutrophication period (1999–2019). This cannot be explained either by lowered plankton biomass (Rick et al., 2017a) or by less sediment input into the water during these years. We assume that a change in the SPM methodology might be the cause. Since 1999, nucleopore filters have been used instead of GF/C filters. Therefore, comparisons of recent and earlier SPM data should be avoided.

4.3 Development of sea surface temperature, salinity, and pH

Figure 12a and b describe the temperature development at Sylt Roads. SST has risen since the start of continuous measurements in 1984 until 2019 by 1.11 °C, which is close to the temperature development at Heligoland Roads (Wiltshire and Manly, 2004). Summers warmed by 1.24 °C, spring seasons by 1.14 °C, and autumn seasons by 2.04 °C, but winters even cooled slightly by -0.16 °C (Fig. 12a). Figure 12b and Table A1d show a t test comparison of identical seasons for the two periods defined in the previous chapter. For all seasons, the period 1999-2019 shows higher average SST values compared with the earlier years of the time series. This finding is significant for summer (p is 0.043) and autumn data (p is 0.0004). Figure 13 and Table A1f give an all-season comparison of salinity values for the entire time series. Generally, the salinities in winter and spring are highly significantly lower compared to summer and autumn. Additionally, the summers show slightly significantly higher salinities compared to autumn data.

This overall picture is explained by the more prominent freshwater impact in winter and spring on the area (Pätsch and Lenhart, 2004; van Beusekom et al., 2017). Comparisons of seasonal salinities for the high and low eutrophication periods yielded no significant differences at all (Table A1e).

On average, the pH has decreased since the start of continuous measurements in 1984 until 2019 by 0.23 units (Fig. 14a, b). This was evident for all seasons, with summer, autumn, and spring showing the most pronounced declines (-0.36, -0.24, and -0.18). A *t* test comparing pH values from 1984–1998 with values from 1999–2019 yielded significant differences for the winter, summer, and autumn seasons (p < 0.001; Fig. 14b; Table A1g). Progressively declining pH levels in coastal regions have been documented elsewhere, e.g., from the USA East Coast (Waldbusser et al., 2011; Wallace et al., 2014).



Figure 9. Seasonal comparison of DIN/SRP molar ratios for high and low eutrophication periods. The optimum value around 16 is highlighted as a gray bar. The black box in the spring plot has been magnified.



Figure 10. Seasonal comparison of DIN/Si molar ratios for high and low eutrophication periods. The optimum value around 1 is highlighted as a light gray bar. Note the log-scaled *y* axes.

Table 5. Data access table. Descriptions of the data (LR – List Reede or List Roads station; KH – Königshafen station; FT – ferry terminal station) are given, along with the respective DOI and the abbreviation of the data publication used in the text.

No.	DOI	Reference	Description
1	https://doi.org/10.1594/PANGAEA.150032	Rick et al. (2017b)	Hydrochemistry links to data sets 1973–2013
2	https://doi.org/10.1594/PANGAEA.873549	Rick et al. (2017c)	Hydrochemistry LR 2014
3	https://doi.org/10.1594/PANGAEA.873545	Rick et al. (2017d)	Hydrochemistry KH 2014
4	https://doi.org/10.1594/PANGAEA.873547	Rick et al. (2017e)	Hydrochemistry FT 2014
5	https://doi.org/10.1594/PANGAEA.918018	Rick et al. (2020a)	Hydrochemistry LR 2015
6	https://doi.org/10.1594/PANGAEA.918032	Rick et al. (2020b)	Hydrochemistry KH 2015
7	https://doi.org/10.1594/PANGAEA.918027	Rick et al. (2020c)	Hydrochemistry FT 2015
8	https://doi.org/10.1594/PANGAEA.918023	Rick et al. (2020d)	Hydrochemistry LR 2016
9	https://doi.org/10.1594/PANGAEA.918033	Rick et al. (2020e)	Hydrochemistry KH 2016
10	https://doi.org/10.1594/PANGAEA.918028	Rick et al. (2020f)	Hydrochemistry FT 2016
11	https://doi.org/10.1594/PANGAEA.918024	Rick et al. (2020g)	Hydrochemistry LR 2017
12	https://doi.org/10.1594/PANGAEA.918034	Rick et al. (2020h)	Hydrochemistry KH 2017
13	https://doi.org/10.1594/PANGAEA.918029	Rick et al. (2020i)	Hydrochemistry FT 2017
14	https://doi.org/10.1594/PANGAEA.918025	Rick et al. (2020j)	Hydrochemistry LR 2018
15	https://doi.org/10.1594/PANGAEA.918035	Rick et al. (2020k)	Hydrochemistry KH 2018
16	https://doi.org/10.1594/PANGAEA.918030	Rick et al. (2020l)	Hydrochemistry KH 2018
17	https://doi.org/10.1594/PANGAEA.918026	Rick et al. (2020m)	Hydrochemistry LR 2019
18	https://doi.org/10.1594/PANGAEA.918036	Rick et al., 2020n)	Hydrochemistry KH 2019
19	https://doi.org/10.1594/PANGAEA.918031	Rick et al. (2020o)	Hydrochemistry KH 2019



Figure 11. Seasonal comparison of SPM values $(mg L^{-1})$ for high and low eutrophication periods.

5 Data availability

All data sets can be found in Table 5.

6 Related data sets

Over the years, several data sets closely related to this physical-hydrochemical time series were compiled at the Sylt Marine Observatory.

The Sylt Roads zooplankton time series was initiated by Peter Martens. Quantification of abundant zooplankton (> 50 species or groups) occurred weekly from 1979 to 2011. For this time period, all data (32 years) have been stored in the open-access repository PANGAEA (e.g., Martens, 2007, 2012). Due to the retirement of the lead scientist, the series has been on hold since 2012. Zooplankton samples are still taken weekly and stored for further analysis.

The Sylt Roads quantitative microplankton time series was started in June 1992 by Wolfgang Hickel. Mostly on a twiceweekly basis, microplankton abundance and related biomass parameters, such as plankton biovolume and carbon, were recorded. All data until 2013 are compiled in the PANGAEA repository (Rick et al., 2017a).

In 1987, the Sylt Roads semiquantitative microplankton time series was initiated by Gerhard Drebes, Malte Elbrächter, and Hannelore Halliger. Weekly in-depth microscopic and regular electron microscopic analyses of living plankton and fixed samples, respectively, resulted in highquality data sets (> 700 taxa) that have been compiled in PANGAEA until 2020 (Rick et al., 2018; Castillo-Ramírez et al., 2021).

In 1994, the planktonic primary productivity and respiration time series was started by Ragnhild Asmus. Monthly measurements based on the oxygen method (Gaarder and Gran, 1927), using oxygen-sensitive electrodes (WTW Ox-



Figure 12. Development of SST over the course of the Sylt Roads LTER time series. Seasonal averages are shown, with the standard error of the mean (SEM) given as error bars. Data on linear seasonal trends (1984–2019) are shown in boxes. Panel (**b**) compares seasonal SST values ($^{\circ}$ C) for the early and recent part of the time series.



Figure 13. All-season comparison of salinity values for the entire time series.

iCal), were performed in the List–Königshafen area until 2020. All data, including 2014, are archived in PANGAEA (Asmus and Hussel, 2010; Asmus and Asmus, 2016).

The Sylt Roads gelatinous zooplankton time series was also initiated by Ragnhild Asmus. The data have been available on a weekly basis since May 2009 (Asmus et al., 2017a, b).

The Sylt Roads bivalve larvae time series was established in 1996 by Matthias Strasser (Strasser and Günther, 2001). Twice-weekly sampling is ongoing, and the data are currently available via PANGAEA until the year 2014 (e.g., Asmus, 2010, 2016).

The Sylt Roads meroplankton time series was established in 1996 by Ragnhild Asmus. Sampling (twice a week) is ongoing, and the data are available in PANGAEA until the year 2021 (Strasser et al., 2022).

The Sylt Roads fish survey was established in 2007 by Harald Asmus in order to analyze the Wadden Sea fish fauna, with special focus on migration changes, species composition, and feeding habits. Seven stations are sampled monthly inside the bight, while two additional reference stations, one outside the bight and one close to the Danish border, are sampled four times a year. The data from 2007 to 2020 are stored in the PANGAEA repository (Asmus et al., 2020).



Figure 14. (a, b) pH development over the course of the Sylt Roads LTER time series. Seasonal averages are shown, with the standard error of the mean (SEM) given as error bars. Data on linear seasonal trends are shown in the boxes. Panel (b) shows a seasonal comparison of pH values for high and low eutrophication periods.

Appendix A

Table A1. Descriptive statistics related to box plot figures (5, 6–11, 12, 13, and 14), with p values of the associated t tests (two-sided and unequal variances assumed) comparing seasonal data for two time periods within the Sylt Roads LTER characterized by different eutrophication potential (high during 1978–1998; low during 1999–2019; note that the century has been omitted from the range of years given in the table). In case of salinity (part **e** in the Table), the seasons are compared to each other for the complete series (1973–2019). Q1 is the first quartile, Q3 is the third quartile, SEM is the standard error of the mean, SD is for the standard deviation, H is for highly significantly different, S is for significantly different, M is for marginally significantly different, and N is for not significantly different.

(a) SRP	Min	Q1	Median	Q3	Max	Average	Median	SEM	SD	Variance	п	р	Remarks
Spring 84–98	0.670	1.249	1.541	1.895	2.529	1.583	1.541	0.413	0.511	0.261	14	2 18 E 07	
99–19	0.077	0.145	0.205	0.338	0.513	0.250	0.205	0.101	0.121	0.015	21	2.18 E-07	н
Summer 84–98	0.582	0.795	0.873	1.286	3.585	1.185	0.873	0.456	0.708	0.501	15	0.0003	ц
99–19	0.120	0.194	0.252	0.293	0.497	0.243	0.252	0.068	0.089	0.008	20	0.0003	11
Autumn 84–98	0.264	0.388	0.484	0.601	1.317	0.513	0.484	0.210	0.280	0.079	14	10 F-6	н
99–19	0.046	0.091	0.131	0.170	0.372	0.133	0.131	0.053	0.072	0.005	20	1.0 L 0	11
Winter 84–98	2.111	2.457	2.578	3.036	3.913	2.755	2.578	0.412	0.487	0.237	15	1 1 E-10	н
00–19	0.618	0.741	0.873	1.056	1.336	0.866	0.873	0.157	0.189	0.036	20	1.1 1 10	
(b) DIN	Min	<i>Q</i> 1	Median	Q3	Max	Average	Median	SEM	SD	Variance	п	р	Remarks
Spring 84–98	16.616	27.897	42.565	48.694	122.825	44.042	42.565	15.528	24.888	619.434	14	0.017	c
99–19	11.094	17.817	22.847	28.455	44.126	25.246	22.847	7.261	8.855	78.413	21	0.017	3
Summer 84–98	1.049	1.943	2.676	3.314	5.641	2.834	2.676	0.935	1.218	1.484	15	0.070	м
99–19	0.566	1.204	1.756	2.146	58.325	1.787	1.756	0.842	1.194	1.425	20	0.079	111
Autumn 84–98	3.010	7.945	9.339	13.889	16.655	10.202	9.339	3.561	4.193	17.584	14	0.584	N
99–18	3.513	7.391	9.518	11.234	15.508	9.081	9.518	2.642	3.310	10.954	20	0.584	1
Winter 84–98	25.271	46.666	51.586	61.329	82.092	51.623	51.586	11.646	15.309	234.367	15	0.010	c
00–18	28.448	38.568	42.246	44.744	50.021	41.256	42.246	4.463	5.712	32.623	20	0.010	3
(c) Si	Min	Q1	Median	Q3	Max	Average	Median	SEM	SD	Variance	n	р	Remarks
Spring 84–98	0.163	6.603	7.933	13.567	16.226	8.501	7.933	3.896	4.691	22.002	14	0.510	
99–19	1.962	5.908	8.451	12.011	19.196	9.943	8.451	3.959	4.937	24.375	21	0.718	N
Summer 84–98	1.434	2.536	3.156	4.236	8.480	3.449	3.156	1.273	1.709	2.919	15	0.001	
99–19	0.962	1.282	1.616	2.015	3.060	1.677	1.616	0.489	0.606	0.368	20	0.001	н
Autumn 84-98	0.369	2.191	4.268	5.150	7.035	3.874	4.268	1.558	1.849	3.420	14	0.026	C
99–19	0.965	3.626	6.134	7.276	9.940	5.588	6.134	2.113	2.447	5.988	20	0.026	3
Winter 84-98	13.185	19.282	20.635	24.317	32.853	21.880	20.635	3.843	4.802	23.060	15	1.16 E.06	
99–19	16.742	31.893	33.473	34.832	40.717	32.980	33.473	3.717	5.552	30.828	20	1.10 E-00	н
(d) SST	Min	Q1	Median	Q3	Max	Average		SEM	SD	Variance	п	р	Remarks
Spring 84–98	2.486	6.635	7.112	7.917	9.463	7.061	7.112	1.065	1.604	2.573	15	0.022	0
99–19	5.465	7.271	8.447	9.100	10.199	8.271	8.447	0.972	1.197	1.433	20	0.022	5
Summer 84–98	15.084	16.389	17.181	17.401	18.864	17.000	17.181	0.687	0.868	0.754	15	0.010	C.
99–19	16.526	17.113	17.692	18.216	19.251	17.693	17.692	0.594	0.722	0.521	20	0.018	3
Autumn 84-98	7.899	8.759	9.471	10.643	14.284	9.814	9.471	1.190	1.573	2.473	14	0.001	
99–18	10.391	11.003	11.397	12.166	13.632	11.598	11.397	0.718	0.897	0.805	20	0.001	н
Winter 84-98	-0.660	2.216	2.929	3.779	4.789	2.974	2.929	1.086	1.382	1.909	15	0.027	N
99–18	0.624	1.830	3.339	3.878	4.440	2.970	3.339	0.971	1.135	1.289	20	0.857	IN
(e) Salinity (1)	Min	<i>Q</i> 1	Median	Q3	Max	Average	Median	SEM	SD	Variance	п	р	Remarks
Spring 84–98	26.244	28.053	28.903	29.248	30.222	28.535	28.903	0.832	1.011	1.021	15	0.105	
99–19	26.399	27.824	28.210	28.377	29.476	28.106	28.210	0.466	0.640	0.410	21	0.136	N
Summer 84–98	28.408	29.794	30.926	31.670	31.996	30.528	30.926	0.987	1.121	1.258	15	0.1.0	N.T.
99–19	28.727	29.591	30.052	30.699	31.274	30.127	30.052	0.519	0.639	0.408	20	0.140	N
Autumn 84–98	27.261	29.110	29.645	30.838	31.532	29.804	29.645	1.052	1.258	1.582	13		
99–18	27.959	28.758	29.449	30.019	31.475	29.407	29.449	0.804	0.945	0.893	20	0.443	Ν
Winter 84–98	24.989	27.677	28.450	29.605	30.469	28.532	28.450	1.006	1.316	1.731	15	0.10-	N.T.
99–18	26.584	27.763	28.284	28.585	29.860	28.213	28.284	0.661	0.817	0.668	21	0.433	Ν

Table A1. Continued.

(f) Salinity (2)													
	Min	Q1	Median	Q3	Max	Average	Median	SEM	SD	Variance	n	р	Remarks
Autumn	26.244	27.838	28.226	28.943	30.222	28.284	28.226	0.640	0.848	0.719	33	1.40 5.00	
Spring	27 261	28 810	29.606	30 226	31 532	29 567	29.606	0.900	1 091	1 191	36	1.48 E-06	н
Summar	28 408	20.584	20.160	20.002	31.006	20 212	20.160	0.770	0.015	0.827	25		
Summer	20.400	29.364	30.100	30.993	31.990	30.512	30.100	0.770	0.913	0.857	35	0.004	Н
Autumn	27.261	28.810	29.606	30.226	31.532	29.567	29.606	0.900	1.091	1.191	33		
Summer	28.408	29.584	30.160	30.993	31.996	30.312	30.160	0.770	0.915	0.837	35	3 41 E 14	ы
Spring	26.244	27.838	28.226	28.943	30.222	28.284	28.226	0.640	0.848	0.719	36	5.41 E-14	11
Summer	28,408	29.584	30.160	30.993	31,996	30.312	30.160	0.770	0.915	0.837	35		
Winter	24 080	27 713	28 330	29.024	30 / 69	28 208	28 330	0.801	1.065	1 135	36	3.61 E-12	Н
Automa	27.202	27.715	20.550	29.024	21,522	20.290	20.550	0.001	1.005	1.155	22		
Autumn	27.201	28.810	29.606	30.226	31.532	29.567	29.606	0.900	1.091	1.191	33	9.1 E-06	н
Winter	24.989	27.713	28.330	29.024	30.469	28.298	28.330	0.801	1.065	1.135	36		
Winter	24.989	27.713	28.330	29.024	30.469	24.989	27.713	28.330	29.024	30.469	36	0.05100	N
Spring	26.244	27.838	28.226	28.943	30.222	26.244	27.838	28.226	28.943	30.222	36	0.93100	1
(g) pH	Min	Q1	Median	Q3	Max	Average	Median	SEM	SD	Variance	п	р	Remarks
Spring 84–98	8 170	8 263	8 359	8 4 8 2	8 635	8 380	8 359	0.130	0 148	0.022	13		
00 10	0.170	8 208	8 272	8 2 4 5	9 41 3	8 272	8 272	0.063	0.073	0.022	21	0.060	М
99-19	0.102	0.200	0.275	0.545	0.413	0.272	0.275	0.005	0.075	0.005	21		
Summer 84–98	8.120	8.314	8.351	8.449	8.532	8.361	8.351	0.091	0.115	0.013	14	0.00002	н
99–19	8.049	8.118	8.166	8.195	8.234	8.158	8.166	0.043	0.051	0.003	20		
Autumn 84–98	8.035	8.134	8.211	8.294	8.465	8.211	8.211	0.097	0.117	0.014	14	0.0000	
99_19	7 998	8 051	8 083	8 101	8 221	8 085	8 083	0.038	0.050	0.003	20	0.0009	н
Winter 8/1_08	8 016	8 007	8 182	8 273	8 305	8 176	8 182	0.085	0.007	0.000	14		
Winter 04-90	7.074	8.097	0.102	0.273	8.303	0.170	0.102	0.085	0.057	0.009	20	0.0004	Н
00–19	7.974	8.007	8.044	8.083	8.149	8.048	8.044	0.043	0.050	0.003	20		
(h) SPM	Min	Q1	Median	Q3	Max	Average	Median	SEM	SD	Variance	п	р	Remarks
Spring 84–92	20.448	24.721	27.551	36.204	61.743	33.677	27.551	10.077	12.809	164.071	8	0.015	
00-19	9.486	13.019	16.943	20.631	26.581	16.936	16.943	4.054	4.770	22.753	20	0.015	3
Summer 84-92	11 343	16 153	16 437	16 682	25 519	16 901	16 437	2 381	3 661	13 406	9		
00 10	2 624	16.155	6 205	6 804	0 6 20	6 117	6 205	1.006	1 454	2 115	20	2.0 E-5	Н
00-19	5.624	4.014	0.293	0.894	8.028	0.117	0.293	1.220	1.434	2.115	20		
Autumn 84–92	5.407	7.540	7.908	9.225	12.996	8.126	7.908	1.988	2.435	5.927	8	0 243	Ν
99–18	2.347	5.613	7.847	8.877	13.275	7.422	7.847	2.198	2.773	7.690	20	0.215	11
Winter 84-92	20.339	37.672	44.247	49.250	65.783	40.977	44.247	8.916	11.777	138.687	9	0.007	C
99–19	18.897	24.425	27.762	31.819	44.512	28.515	27.762	5.342	6.613	43.738	20	0.007	S
(i) Chl a	Min	Q1	Median	03	Max	Average	Median	SEM	SD	Variance	п	p	Remarks
()				2-									
	6 692	0 5 2 5	10.625	16 579	41 707	14.011	10.625	6 100	0 0 1 7	70 760	14		
Spring 84–98	6.683	8.525	10.625	16.578	41.797	14.911	10.625	6.199	8.847	78.268	14	0.175	Ν
Spring 84–98 99–19	6.683 3.300	8.525 9.085	10.625 10.314	16.578 12.194	41.797 19.795	14.911 11.060	10.625 10.314	6.199 2.287	8.847 3.205	78.268 10.274	14 21	0.175	Ν
Spring 84–98 99–19 Summer 84–98	6.683 3.300 3.461	8.525 9.085 4.229	10.625 10.314 5.233	16.578 12.194 6.946	41.797 19.795 10.493	14.911 11.060 6.042	10.625 10.314 5.233	6.199 2.287 1.859	8.847 3.205 2.200	78.268 10.274 4.839	14 21 15	0.175	N
Spring 84–98 99–19 Summer 84–98 99–19	6.683 3.300 3.461 3.523	8.525 9.085 4.229 4.226	10.625 10.314 5.233 4.867	16.578 12.194 6.946 5.426	41.797 19.795 10.493 6.913	14.911 11.060 6.042 5.286	10.625 10.314 5.233 4.887	6.199 2.287 1.859 1.250	8.847 3.205 2.200 2.248	78.268 10.274 4.839 5.055	14 21 15 21	0.175 0.390	N N
Spring 84–98 99–19 Summer 84–98 99–19 Autumn 84–98	6.683 3.300 3.461 3.523 1.163	8.525 9.085 4.229 4.226 1.302	10.625 10.314 5.233 4.867 1.513	16.578 12.194 6.946 5.426 2.340	41.797 19.795 10.493 6.913 3.740	14.911 11.060 6.042 5.286 1.810	10.625 10.314 5.233 4.887 1.513	6.199 2.287 1.859 1.250 0.629	8.847 3.205 2.200 2.248 0.759	78.268 10.274 4.839 5.055 0.577	14 21 15 21 14	0.175 0.390	N N
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Spring 84–98 99–19 Summer 84–98 99–19 Autumn 84–98 99–18	6.683 3.300 3.461 3.523 1.163 0.755	8.525 9.085 4.229 4.226 1.302 1.165	10.625 10.314 5.233 4.867 1.513 1.465	16.578 12.194 6.946 5.426 2.340 1.774	41.797 19.795 10.493 6.913 3.740 2.321	14.911 11.060 6.042 5.286 1.810 1.488	10.625 10.314 5.233 4.887 1.513 1.465	6.199 2.287 1.859 1.250 0.629 0.366	8.847 3.205 2.200 2.248 0.759 0.435	78.268 10.274 4.839 5.055 0.577 0.189	14 21 15 21 14 20	0.175 0.390 0.099	N N N
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Spring 84–98 99–19 Summer 84–98 99–19 Autumn 84–98 99–18 Winter 84–98 99–19 (j) DIN/SRP Spring 84–98	6.683 3.300 3.461 3.523 1.163 0.755 1.276 2.622 Min 10.231	8.525 9.085 4.229 4.226 1.302 1.165 3.313 3.035 Q1 23.279 23.279	10.625 10.314 5.233 4.867 1.513 1.465 4.320 3.582 Median 36.167	16.578 12.194 6.946 5.426 2.340 1.774 5.003 3.937 <i>Q</i> 3 54.111	41.797 19.795 10.493 6.913 3.740 2.321 5.753 5.261 Max 206.208	14.911 11.060 6.042 5.286 1.810 1.488 3.911 3.625 Average 51.74	10.625 10.314 5.233 4.887 1.513 1.465 4.320 3.582 Median 36.17	6.199 2.287 1.859 1.250 0.629 0.366 1.175 0.502 SEM 29.90	8.847 3.205 2.200 2.248 0.759 0.435 1.379 0.627 SD 47.21	78.268 10.274 4.839 5.055 0.577 0.189 1.903 0.394 Variance 2229.11	14 21 15 21 14 20 15 20 <i>n</i> 14	0.175 0.390 0.099 0.314 <i>p</i> 2.8 E-5	N N N Remarks H
Spring 84–98 99–19 Summer 84–98 99–19 Autumn 84–98 99–18 Winter 84–98 99–19 (j) DIN/SRP Spring 84–98 99–19	6.683 3.300 3.461 3.523 1.163 0.755 1.276 2.622 Min 10.231 19.640	8.525 9.085 4.229 4.226 1.302 1.165 3.313 3.035 Q1 23.279 157.680	10.625 10.314 5.233 4.867 1.513 1.465 4.320 3.582 Median 36.167 264.042	16.578 12.194 6.946 5.426 2.340 1.774 5.003 3.937 <i>Q</i> 3 54.111 424.961	41.797 19.795 10.493 6.913 3.740 2.321 5.753 5.261 Max 206.208 964.970	14.911 11.060 6.042 5.286 1.810 1.488 3.911 3.625 Average 51.74 343.38	10.625 10.314 5.233 4.887 1.513 1.465 4.320 3.582 Median 36.17 264.04	6.199 2.287 1.859 1.250 0.629 0.366 1.175 0.502 SEM 29.90 188.76	8.847 3.205 2.200 2.248 0.759 0.435 1.379 0.627 SD 47.21 238.16	78.268 10.274 4.839 5.055 0.577 0.189 1.903 0.394 Variance 2229.11 56720.9	14 21 15 21 14 20 15 20 <i>n</i> 14 21	0.175 0.390 0.099 0.314 <u>p</u> 2.8 E-5	N N N Remarks H
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Spring 84–98 99–19 Summer 84–98 99–19 Autumn 84–98 99–18 Winter 84–98 99–19 (j) DIN/SRP Spring 84–98 99–19 Summer 84–98 99–19	6.683 3.300 3.461 3.523 1.163 0.755 1.276 2.622 Min 10.231 19.640 1.670 3.235	8.525 9.085 4.229 4.226 1.302 1.165 3.313 3.035 Q1 23.279 157.680 3.059 6.901	10.625 10.314 5.233 4.867 1.513 1.465 4.320 3.582 Median 36.167 264.042 5.059 12.770	16.578 12.194 6.946 5.426 2.340 1.774 5.003 3.937 Q 3 54.111 424.961 9.899 28.299	41.797 19.795 10.493 6.913 3.740 2.321 5.753 5.261 Max 206.208 964.970 22.039 65.835	14.911 11.060 6.042 5.286 1.810 1.488 3.911 3.625 Average 51.74 343.38 7.984 20.174	10.625 10.314 5.233 4.887 1.513 1.465 4.320 3.582 Median 36.17 264.04 5.059 12.770	6.199 2.287 1.859 1.250 0.629 0.366 1.175 0.502 SEM 29.90 188.76 4.872 14.832	8.847 3.205 2.200 2.248 0.759 0.435 1.379 0.627 SD 47.21 238.16 6.009 17.846	78.268 10.274 4.839 5.055 0.577 0.189 1.903 0.394 Variance 2229.11 56720.9 36.114 318.492	14 21 15 21 14 20 15 20 <i>n</i> 14 21 15 20	0.175 0.390 0.099 0.314 <u>P</u> 2.8 E-5 0.007	N N N Remarks H S
Spring 84–98 99–19 Summer 84–98 99–19 Autumn 84–98 99–18 Winter 84–98 99–19 (j) DIN/SRP Spring 84–98 99–19 Summer 84–98 99–19 Autumn 84–98	6.683 3.300 3.461 3.523 1.163 0.755 1.276 2.622 Min 10.231 19.640 1.670 3.235 2.393	8.525 9.085 4.229 4.226 1.302 1.165 3.313 3.035 <i>Q</i> 1 23.279 157.680 3.059 6.901 4.614	10.625 10.314 5.233 4.867 1.513 1.465 4.320 3.582 Median 36.167 264.042 5.059 12.770 5.661	16.578 12.194 6.946 5.426 2.340 1.774 5.003 3.937 <i>Q</i> 3 54.111 424.961 9.899 28.299 7.593	41.797 19.795 10.493 6.913 3.740 2.321 5.753 5.261 Max 206.208 964.970 22.039 65.835 8.806	14.911 11.060 6.042 5.286 1.810 1.488 3.911 3.625 Average 51.74 343.38 7.984 20.174 5.558	10.625 10.314 5.233 4.887 1.513 1.465 4.320 3.582 Median 36.17 264.04 5.059 12.770 5.661	6.199 2.287 1.859 1.250 0.629 0.366 1.175 0.502 SEM 29.90 188.76 4.872 14.832 1.719	8.847 3.205 2.200 2.248 0.759 0.435 1.379 0.627 SD 47.21 238.16 6.009 17.846 1.992	78.268 10.274 4.839 5.055 0.577 0.189 1.903 0.394 Variance 2229.11 56720.9 36.114 318.492 3.970	14 21 15 21 14 20 15 20 <i>n</i> 14 21 15 20 14	0.175 0.390 0.099 0.314 <u>P</u> 2.8 E-5 0.007	N N N Remarks H S
Spring 84–98 99–19 Summer 84–98 99–19 Autumn 84–98 99–18 Winter 84–98 99–19 (j) DIN/SRP Spring 84–98 99–19 Summer 84–98 99–19 Autumn 84–98 99–18	6.683 3.300 3.461 3.523 1.163 0.755 1.276 2.622 Min 10.231 19.640 1.670 3.235 2.393 5.985	8.525 9.085 4.229 4.226 1.302 1.165 3.313 3.035 <i>Q</i> 1 23.279 157.680 3.059 6.901 4.614 9.018	10.625 10.314 5.233 4.867 1.513 1.465 4.320 3.582 Median 36.167 264.042 5.059 12.770 5.661 10.794	16.578 12.194 6.946 5.426 2.340 1.774 5.003 3.937 Q3 54.111 424.961 9.899 28.299 28.299 7.593 14.957	41.797 19.795 10.493 6.913 3.740 2.321 5.753 5.261 Max 206.208 964.970 22.039 65.835 8.806 23.639	14.911 11.060 6.042 5.286 1.810 1.488 3.911 3.625 Average 51.74 343.38 7.984 20.174 5.558 12.167	10.625 10.314 5.233 4.887 1.513 1.465 4.320 3.582 Median 36.17 264.04 5.059 12.770 5.661 10.794	6.199 2.287 1.859 1.250 0.629 0.366 1.175 0.502 SEM 29.90 188.76 4.872 14.832 1.719 3.227	8.847 3.205 2.200 2.248 0.759 0.435 1.379 0.627 SD 47.21 238.16 6.009 17.846 1.992 3.981	78.268 10.274 4.839 5.055 0.577 0.189 1.903 0.394 Variance 2229.11 56720.9 36.114 318.492 3.970 15.845	14 21 15 21 14 20 15 20 <i>n</i> 14 21 15 20 14 20	0.175 0.390 0.099 0.314 <u>p</u> 2.8 E-5 0.007 2.4 E-6	N N N Remarks H S H
Spring 84–98 99–19 Summer 84–98 99–19 Autumn 84–98 99–18 Winter 84–98 99–19 (j) DIN/SRP Spring 84–98 99–19 Summer 84–98 99–19 Autumn 84–98 99–18	6.683 3.300 3.461 3.523 1.163 0.755 1.276 2.622 Min 10.231 19.640 1.670 3.235 2.393 5.985	8.525 9.085 4.229 4.226 1.165 3.313 3.035 <i>Q</i> 1 23.279 157.680 3.059 6.901 4.614 9.018	10.625 10.314 5.233 4.867 1.513 1.465 4.320 3.582 Median 36.167 264.042 5.059 12.770 5.661 10.794	16.578 12.194 6.946 5.426 2.340 1.774 5.003 3.937 <i>Q</i> 3 54.111 424.961 9.899 28.299 7.593 14.957 27.140	41.797 19.795 10.493 6.913 3.740 2.321 5.753 5.261 Max 206.208 964.970 22.039 65.835 8.806 23.639 20.406	14.911 11.060 6.042 5.286 1.810 1.488 3.911 3.625 Average 51.74 343.38 7.984 20.174 5.558 12.167 22.052	10.625 10.314 5.233 4.887 1.513 1.465 4.320 3.582 Median 36.17 264.04 5.059 12.770 5.661 10.794	6.199 2.287 1.859 1.250 0.629 0.366 1.175 0.502 SEM 29.90 188.76 4.872 14.832 1.719 3.227 4.406	8.847 3.205 2.200 2.248 0.759 0.435 1.379 0.627 SD 47.21 238.16 6.009 17.846 1.992 3.981	78.268 10.274 4.839 5.055 0.577 0.189 1.903 0.394 Variance 2229.11 56720.9 36.114 318.492 3.970 15.845 20.740	14 21 15 21 14 20 15 20 <i>n</i> 14 21 15 20 14 20	0.175 0.390 0.099 0.314 <i>p</i> 2.8 E-5 0.007 2.4 E-6	N N N Remarks H S
Spring 84–98 99–19 Summer 84–98 99–19 Autumn 84–98 99–18 Winter 84–98 99–19 (j) DIN/SRP Spring 84–98 99–19 Summer 84–98 99–19 Autumn 84–98 99–18 Winter 84–98	6.683 3.300 3.461 3.523 1.163 0.755 1.276 2.622 Min 10.231 19.640 1.670 3.235 2.393 5.985 11.838	8.525 9.085 4.229 4.226 1.302 1.165 3.313 3.035 <i>Q</i> 1 23.279 157.680 3.059 6.901 4.614 9.018 20.789	10.625 10.314 5.233 4.867 1.513 1.465 4.320 3.582 Median 36.167 264.042 5.059 12.770 5.661 10.794 24.408	16.578 12.194 6.946 5.426 2.340 1.774 5.003 3.937 Q3 54.111 424.961 9.899 28.299 7.593 14.957 27.149	41.797 19.795 10.493 6.913 3.740 2.321 5.753 5.261 Max 206.208 964.970 22.039 65.835 8.806 23.639 30.496	14.911 11.060 6.042 5.286 1.810 1.488 3.911 3.625 Average 51.74 343.38 7.984 20.174 5.558 12.167 22.953	10.625 10.314 5.233 4.887 1.513 1.465 4.320 3.582 Median 36.17 264.04 5.059 12.770 5.661 10.794 24.408	6.199 2.287 1.859 1.250 0.629 0.366 1.175 0.502 SEM 29.90 188.76 4.872 14.832 1.719 3.227 4.496	8.847 3.205 2.200 2.248 0.759 0.435 1.379 0.627 SD 47.21 238.16 6.009 17.846 1.992 3.981 5.545	78.268 10.274 4.839 5.055 0.577 0.189 1.903 0.394 Variance 2229.11 56720.9 36.114 318.492 3.970 15.845 30.749	14 21 15 21 14 20 15 20 <i>n</i> 14 21 15 20 <i>n</i> 14 20 14 20 14 20	0.175 0.390 0.099 0.314 <u>P</u> 2.8 E-5 0.007 2.4 E-6 1.0 E-10	N N N Remarks H S H
Spring 84–98 99–19 Summer 84–98 99–19 Autumn 84–98 99–18 Winter 84–98 99–19 (j) DIN/SRP Spring 84–98 99–19 Summer 84–98 99–19 Autumn 84–98 99–18 Winter 84–98 99–19	6.683 3.300 3.461 3.523 1.163 0.755 1.276 2.622 Min 10.231 19.640 1.670 3.235 2.393 5.985 11.838 33.947	8.525 9.085 4.229 4.226 1.302 1.165 3.313 3.035 Q1 23.279 157.680 3.059 6.901 4.614 9.018 20.789 44.347	10.625 10.314 5.233 4.867 1.513 1.465 4.320 3.582 Median 36.167 264.042 5.059 12.770 5.661 10.794 24.408 48.459	16.578 12.194 6.946 5.426 2.340 1.774 5.003 3.937 Q 3 54.111 424.961 9.899 28.299 7.593 14.957 27.149 54.687	41.797 19.795 10.493 6.913 3.740 2.321 5.753 5.261 Max 206.208 964.970 22.039 65.835 8.806 23.639 30.496 79.728	$\begin{array}{c} 14.911\\ 11.060\\ 6.042\\ 5.286\\ 1.810\\ 1.488\\ 3.911\\ 3.625\\ \hline \end{array}$ Average $\begin{array}{c} 51.74\\ 343.38\\ 7.984\\ 20.174\\ 5.558\\ 12.167\\ 22.953\\ 51.408\\ \end{array}$	10.625 10.314 5.233 4.887 1.513 1.465 4.320 3.582 Median 36.17 264.04 5.059 12.770 5.661 10.794 24.408 48.459	6.199 2.287 1.859 1.250 0.629 0.366 1.175 0.502 SEM 29.90 188.76 4.872 14.832 1.719 3.227 4.496 7.747	8.847 3.205 2.200 2.248 0.759 0.435 1.379 0.627 SD 47.21 238.16 6.009 17.846 1.992 3.981 5.545 10.510	78.268 10.274 4.839 5.055 0.577 0.189 1.903 0.394 Variance 2229.11 56720.9 36.114 318.492 3.970 15.845 30.749 110.455	14 21 15 21 14 20 15 20 <i>n</i> 14 21 15 20 14 20 15 20	0.175 0.390 0.099 0.314 <i>p</i> 2.8 E-5 0.007 2.4 E-6 1.0 E-10	N N N Remarks H S H
Spring 84–98 99–19 Summer 84–98 99–19 Autumn 84–98 99–18 Winter 84–98 99–19 (j) DIN/SRP Spring 84–98 99–19 Summer 84–98 99–19 Autumn 84–98 99–18 Winter 84–98 99–18 Winter 84–98 99–19 (k) DIN/Si	6.683 3.300 3.461 3.523 1.163 0.755 1.276 2.622 Min 10.231 19.640 1.670 3.235 2.393 5.985 11.838 33.947 Min	8.525 9.085 4.229 4.226 1.302 1.165 3.313 3.035 <i>Q</i> 1 23.279 157.680 3.059 6.901 4.614 9.018 20.789 44.347 <i>Q</i> 1	10.625 10.314 5.233 4.867 1.513 1.465 4.320 3.582 Median 36.167 264.042 5.059 12.770 5.661 10.794 24.408 48.459 Median	16.578 12.194 6.946 5.426 2.340 1.774 5.003 3.937 <i>Q</i> 3 54.111 424.961 9.899 28.299 7.593 14.957 27.149 54.687 <i>Q</i> 3	41.797 19.795 10.493 6.913 3.740 2.321 5.753 5.261 Max 206.208 964.970 22.039 65.835 8.806 23.639 30.496 79.728 Max	14.911 11.060 6.042 5.286 1.810 1.488 3.911 3.625 Average 51.74 343.38 7.984 20.174 5.558 12.167 22.953 51.408 Average	10.625 10.314 5.233 4.887 1.513 1.465 4.320 3.582 Median 36.17 264.04 5.059 12.770 5.661 10.794 24.408 48.459 Median	6.199 2.287 1.859 1.250 0.629 0.366 1.175 0.502 SEM 29.90 188.76 4.872 14.832 1.719 3.227 4.496 7.747 SEM	8.847 3.205 2.200 2.248 0.759 0.435 1.379 0.627 SD 47.21 238.16 6.009 17.846 1.992 3.981 5.545 10.510 SD	78.268 10.274 4.839 5.055 0.577 0.189 1.903 0.394 Variance 2229.11 56720.9 36.114 318.492 3.970 15.845 30.749 110.455 Variance	14 21 15 21 14 20 15 20 <i>n</i> 14 21 15 20 14 20 15 20 <i>n</i> 14 20 15 20 <i>n</i>	0.175 0.390 0.099 0.314 <u>P</u> 2.8 E-5 0.007 2.4 E-6 1.0 E-10 <i>P</i>	N N N Remarks H S H H Remarks
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Spring 84–98 99–19 Summer 84–98 99–19 Autumn 84–98 99–18 Winter 84–98 99–19 (j) DIN/SRP Spring 84–98 99–19 Summer 84–98 99–19 Autumn 84–98 99–19 (k) DIN/Si Spring 84–98 99–19 Summer 84–98	6.683 3.300 3.461 3.523 1.163 0.755 1.276 2.622 Min 10.231 19.640 1.670 3.235 2.393 5.985 11.838 33.947 Min 4.656 0.517 0.269	8.525 9.085 4.229 4.302 1.165 3.313 3.035 Q1 23.279 157.680 3.059 6.901 4.614 9.018 20.789 44.347 Q1 5.699 11.661 0.856	10.625 10.314 5.233 4.867 1.513 1.465 4.320 3.582 Median 36.167 264.042 5.059 12.770 5.661 10.794 24.408 48.459 Median 17.727 20.777 1.949	16.578 12.194 6.946 5.426 2.340 1.774 5.003 3.937 Q3 54.111 424.961 9.899 28.299 7.593 14.957 27.149 54.687 Q3 89.838 28.856 8.357	41.797 19.795 10.493 6.913 3.740 2.321 5.753 5.261 Max 206.208 964.970 22.039 65.835 8.806 23.639 30.496 79.728 Max 935.061 50.656 97.664	14.911 11.060 6.042 5.286 1.810 1.488 3.911 3.625 Average 51.74 343.38 7.984 20.174 343.38 7.984 20.174 343.38 12.167 22.953 51.408 Average 158.576 22.338 15.361	10.625 10.314 5.233 4.887 1.513 1.465 4.320 3.582 Median 36.17 264.04 5.059 12.770 5.661 10.794 24.408 48.459 Median 17.727 20.777 1.949	6.199 2.287 1.859 1.250 0.629 0.366 1.175 0.502 SEM 29.90 188.76 4.872 14.832 1.719 3.227 4.496 7.747 SEM 197.078 9.369 18.789	8.847 3.205 2.200 2.248 0.759 0.435 1.379 0.627 SD 47.21 238.16 6.009 17.846 1.992 3.981 5.545 10.510 SD 264.416 11.782 26.587	78.268 10.274 4.839 5.055 0.577 0.189 1.903 0.394 Variance 2229.11 56720.9 36.114 318.492 3.970 15.845 30.749 110.455 Variance 69915.6 138.826 706.861	14 21 15 21 14 20 15 20 <i>n</i> 14 21 15 20 14 20 15 20 <i>n</i> 14 20 15 20 <i>n</i> 14 21 15 20 15 15 20 <i>n</i> 15 20 15 21 15 20 15 20 15 20 15 20 15 20 15 20 15 20 15 20 15 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20	0.175 0.390 0.099 0.314 <i>p</i> 2.8 E-5 0.007 2.4 E-6 1.0 E-10 <i>p</i> 0.110 0.102	N N N Remarks H S H H Remarks N N
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Parameters	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
Salinity	0.30	0.23	0.42	-0.25	0.69	-0.22	0.19	-0.20	-0.05	0.14		
SST	0.42	0.08	0.21	0.01	-0.30	-0.09	-0.24	0.16	0.57	0.52		
pН	0.10	-0.57	0.07	-0.40	-0.32	-0.47	0.37	-0.03	-0.16	0.07		
NH ₄	-0.33	0.36	-0.07	-0.37	-0.07	0.26	0.50	0.43	0.00	0.34		
NO ₂	-0.32	0.20	-0.10	-0.66	-0.04	-0.20	-0.57	-0.18	0.09	-0.07		
NO ₃	-0.40	-0.23	0.13	0.22	0.09	0.04	-0.22	-0.23	-0.34	0.71		
PO ₄	-0.23	-0.17	0.71	-0.12	-0.20	0.46	0.07	-0.23	0.20	-0.23		
Si	-0.41	0.10	-0.16	0.24	0.04	-0.33	0.36	-0.43	0.56	0,01		
Chl	0.09	-0.54	-0.38	-0.24	0.42	0.43	-0.01	-0.02	0.36	0.10		
SPM	-0.36	-0.25	0.27	0.15	0.31	-0.32	-0.16	0.66	0.19	-0.15		

Table A2. PCA coefficients of principal components for the tested physical and hydrochemical parameters, Sylt Roads time series, and seasonal averages (1984-2019). Coefficients >0,3 or <-0,3 are shown in bold.

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