



Improved parameterization of the drag coefficient in NEDWAM

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The NEDWAM model is a regional version of the WAM model adapted especially for wave forecasts in the North Sea area. A new parameterization of the wind input, dissipation, and sea drag based on a wind-over-waves coupling theory, has been implemented in the model. Furthermore an error in the wind wave/swell separation scheme has been corrected. The performance of different configurations of the model was assessed for the period September 2003 – April 2004, which is characterized by periods of strong winds. The model output for swell and wind sea wave parameters is compared to observations from buoys. A detailed analysis of the results is given.