

Interactive comment on “Possible signals of poleward surface ocean heat transport, of Arctic basal ice melt, and of the twentieth century solar maximum in the 1904–2012 Isle of Man daily timeseries” by J. B. Matthews and J. B. R. Matthews

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As an editor, I am happy that the Discussion part of Ocean Science provides a forum where authors can present and publish original ideas outside, or even opposing, the mainstream of science. The success and value of science critically depend on the possibility for scientists to carry out independent research and free pursuit of knowledge. Therefore, the authors and referees comments are published in OSD without

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any editorial control.

However, the author comments AC C38, AC C54 and AC C193 published by J.B. Matthews and J.B.R. Matthews contain factual errors that need to be corrected.

- The authors claim that their companion paper “os-2013-56 : In situ measurement of tropical Pacific evaporation heat trap supports alpha/beta ocean global warming through asymmetric poleward heat transport and basal icemelt” did not appear in Ocean Science “due to change of Topic Editor”. They also write that “the editors abruptly withdrew this essential Pacific companion paper containing unique scientific ground truth”. The truth is, as stated in the e-mail sent to the authors on the 27th of December 2013 to explain the rejection of their manuscript, that the submitted manuscript lacked a clear focus. The message was blurred by too many details and too much information that have little to do with the scientific message conveyed by the manuscript. The authors were then invited to prepare a more focused manuscript that would benefit the readers of Ocean Science and could be commented by referees. So far, such a manuscript has not been submitted to Ocean Science.
- The authors benefit from a full waiver of publication fees for their manuscript os-2013-57 although such waivers are normally only offered to support invited submissions and to promote access to the journal, especially from developing countries or from new fields with lack of formal support. Since the authors do not really fit these criteria, there were some hesitations and the waiver was not granted to the authors until the authors presented their arguments to the Chief Editor. Therefore, the complaint about “the stressful withdrawal of the fee waiver agreed at initial submission” is unfounded.

I deeply regret that the authors used the forum of the Discussion part of Ocean Science to publish comments that have nothing to do with science and apologize to the readers

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