

Interactive comment on “The improvements of the Ships Of Opportunity Program in MFSTEP” by G. M. R. Manzella et al.

Anonymous Referee #1

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Overall the document is very informative and mostly well written. There are a few places where the English is not quite right, but I assume editors will pick this up.

The introduction describes the data handling procedures of the early program quite well and notes that because they were able to send full resolution data ashore that some changes were needed in the quality control procedures. These changes were not well described and are of interest to me. So, for example, the authors note that the temperature range check used in the early system had a maximum of 34 degrees. However, I know that near Israel, it is possible to see temperatures warmer than this. In the changes made, was the range check extended?

I also noted that the calibrations done on the XBTs produced results that I believe are

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within the specifications of the XBTs. I think it is worth noting this.

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