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## Interactive comment on "Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler observations in the southern Caspian Sea: shelf currents and flow field off Freidoonkenar Bay, Iran" by P. Ghaffari and V. Chegini

## Anonymous Referee #1

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I very endorse the publication of this paper dispite the discussed measurements were conducted relatively long ago and covered small area.

I am studing the processes affect the oil spill transport in the Caspian Sea with a use of numerical models. Déhe reproducing circulation of the Caspian Sea is very difficult issue in the study. Numerical models give wind-driven circulation resonably well but thermohaline circulation is to hard to predict more or less accuratively. Therefore any field observations filling a gap in structure of Caspian circulation is very valuable. Particularly in the Iranian waters where such measurements and field data are very

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