

EDITORIAL

Manuscripts should be submitted to one of the editors, who are each independently responsible to conduct their review. While an author may submit directly to any one of the editors, the review process will be facilitated if papers are directed as follows: tropical oceanography and small-scale physics to Dr. Katz; coastal oceanography and air-sea interaction to Dr. Mooers; middle latitude and high latitude oceanography to Dr. Moore.

Our policy is to publish all papers that two peer reviewers agree describe new results or ideas in the field of physical oceanography, both precisely and comprehensibly. Physical oceanography is defined here as research related to the physics of the interior of the oceans and of the processes operating at its boundaries: the air-sea interface, the ocean floor, and along the coastline. Studies in rivers, lakes, laboratory tanks, and of fluid dynamics itself should only be submitted if there is a direct and articulated relevance to the oceans.

Papers that deal primarily with methodology or technology, though relevant to physical oceanography, are best submitted to other journals of the American Meteorological Society, as this journal is limited to their application in the advancement of our understanding of the oceans. Authors reporting developments in instrumentation, techniques for data acquisition and interpretation, information processing systems, and algorithms are encouraged to submit their manuscripts to the *Journal of Atmospheric and Oceanic Technology (JTECH)*. Papers on numerical techniques or methods of data assimilation should be submitted to *JTECH* or *Monthly Weather Review*. Papers on ocean model validation may be appropriate for either the *Journal of Physical Oceanography* or the *Journal of Climate*.

We sincerely thank the 387 anonymous reviewers, who last year gave, at least once, freely and magnanimously of their time and expertise. Their suggestions to the authors significantly improved the clarity and completeness of the articles, notes, and correspondence that we proudly published. We only ask those few reviewers who take inordinate time to return reviews to follow the Golden Rule and *do unto authors as you would have reviewers do unto you*.

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