

The authors have responded to the reviewers' comments and appropriately revised their manuscript.

This is an excellent contribution to HGSS.

Before uploading the final version the authors may wish to fix a very few extremely minor typos etc.

Line 166: something seems missing here; perhaps this could read "...Figure 2 and Figures A1 and A2 of Appendix..."

Amended. We apologise, as this was due to the inadvertent disappearance of Figure A1 (the map of ERA-20C winds) and A2 (the sensitivity testing figure) in the clean version (they were visible in the marked-up version). This has been fixed, with the reference to Figure A1 clarified, and all figure numbers and references updated.

Lines 75, 93, 264, 291, 391, 404: Italicize "Endurance"

Amended.

Line 381: "J Geophys Res."

Amended.

Line 116: "Appendix A1" (or change all the references throughout to "Appendix A")

Amended to "Appendix A1".

For the Pawlowicz reference, I think the journal style requires a note be added that the "last access was on [date]"

Added to in-text and bibliography entries.

Additional private note (visible to authors and reviewers only):

Thank you for submitting your manuscript to HGSS.

We appreciate the Editor's time and are happy that the manuscript is seen as a worthwhile contribution.