

Development of an Application to Track Missing Persons at Sea

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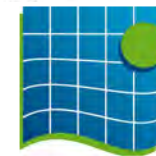
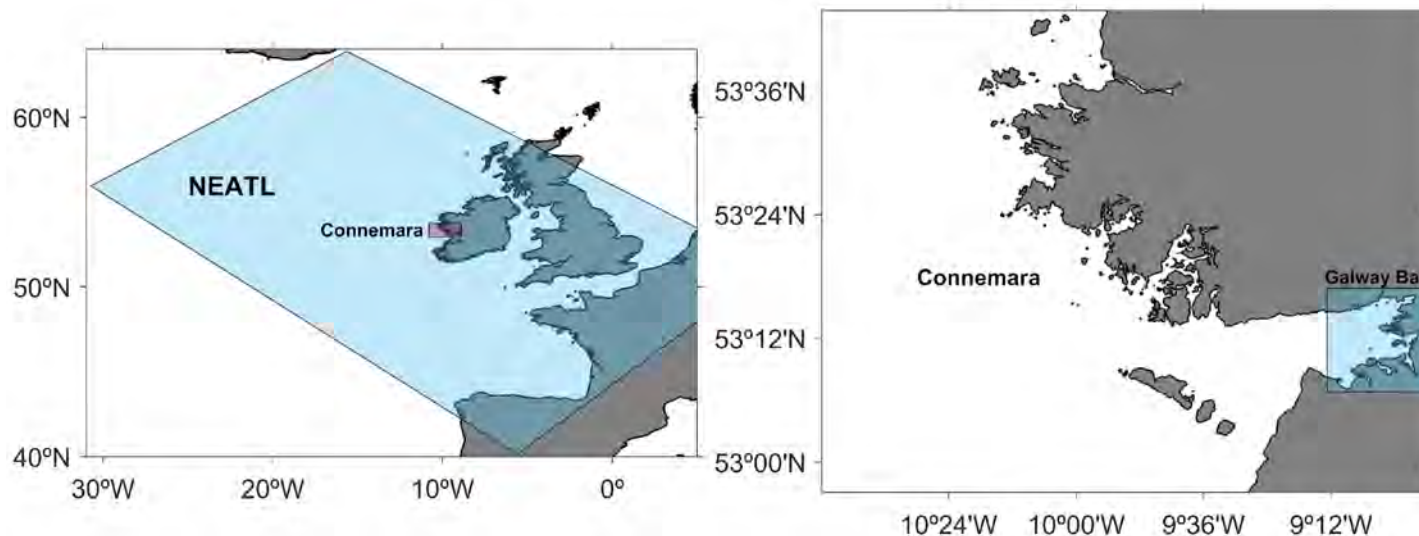
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Search & Rescue Operations: need for an operational system

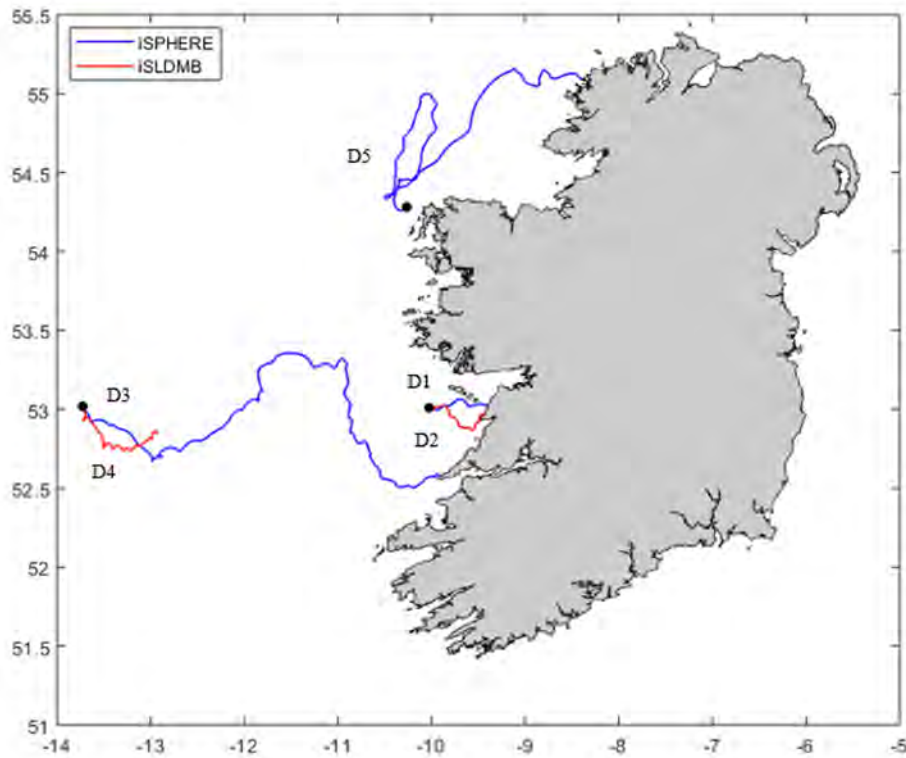
Importance of particle-tracking model parameters (e.g. windage)

Example of an operational system: the Marine Institute's ADRIFT, linked to 3-day forecasts from:

- Northeast Atlantic model
- Connemara model
- Galway Bay model



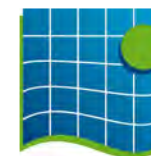
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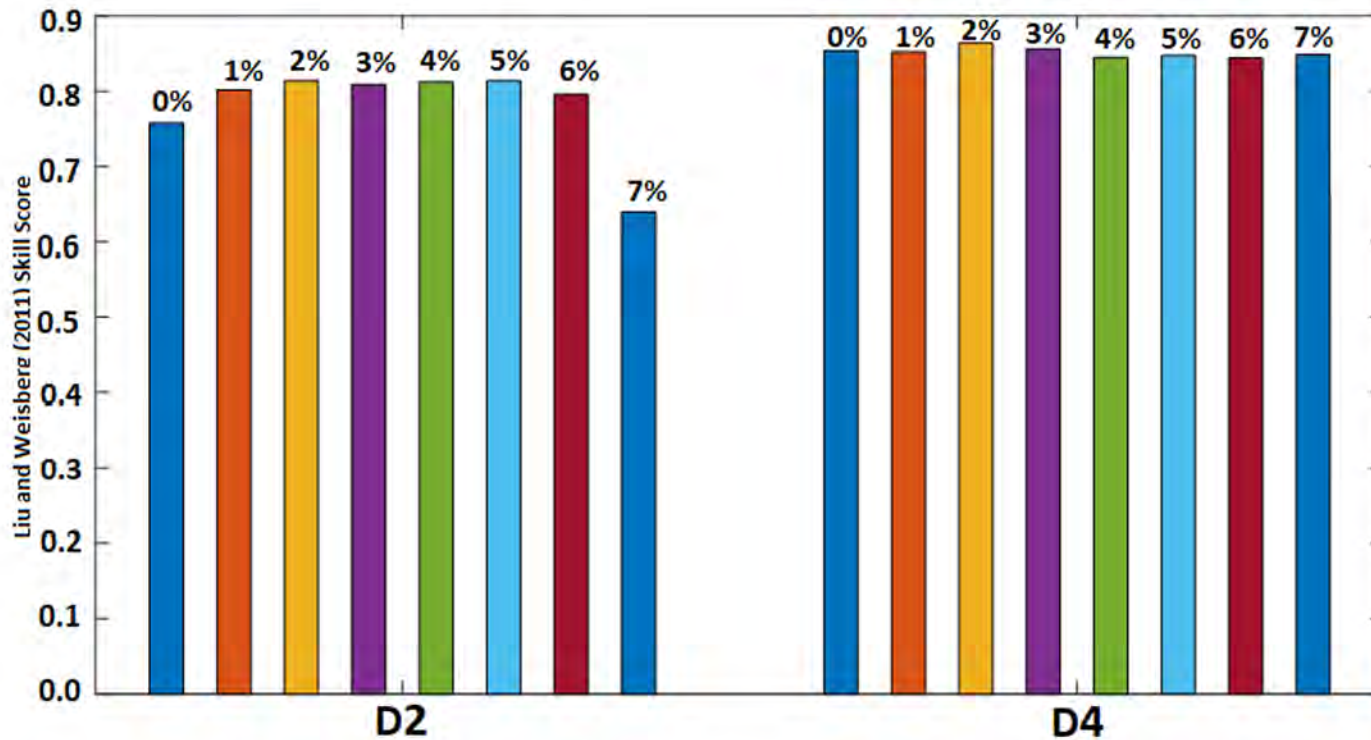
Submerged drifter (iSLDMB)



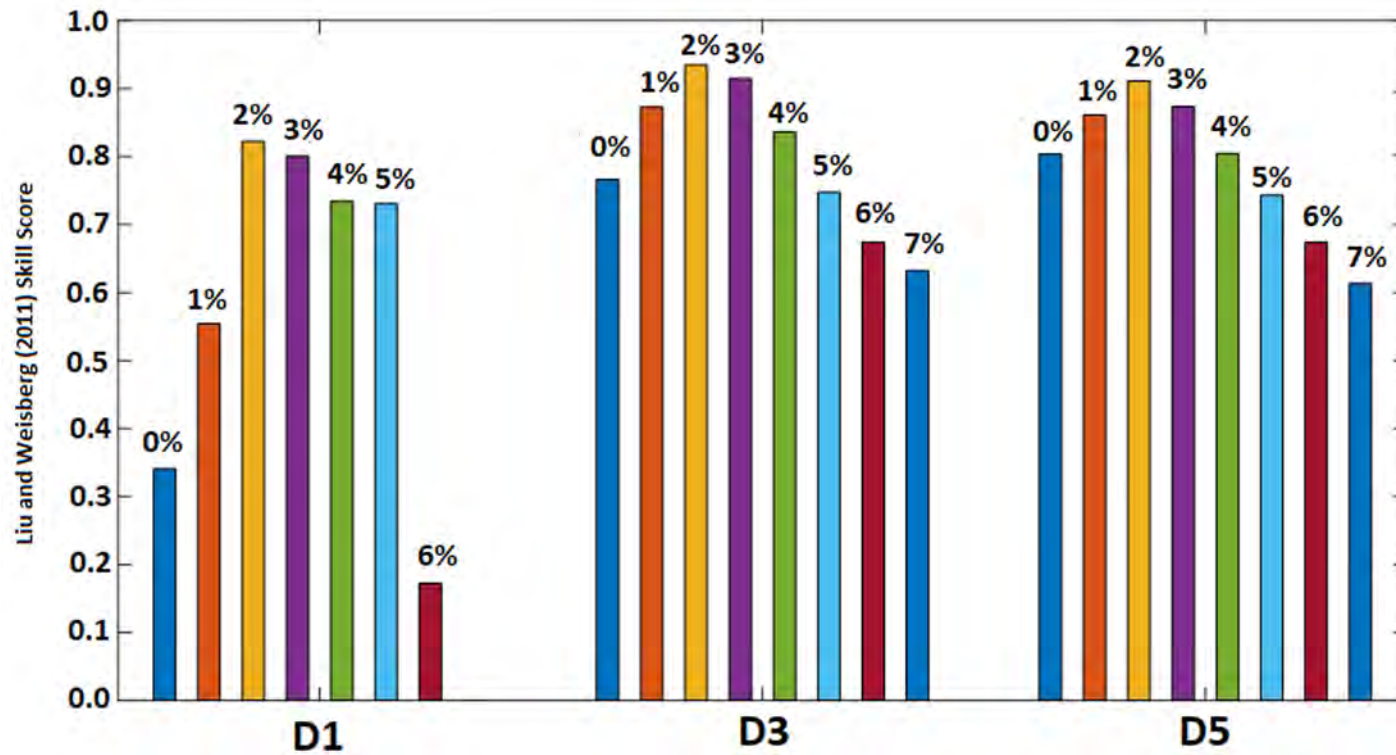
Wind-exposed drifter (iSPHERE)



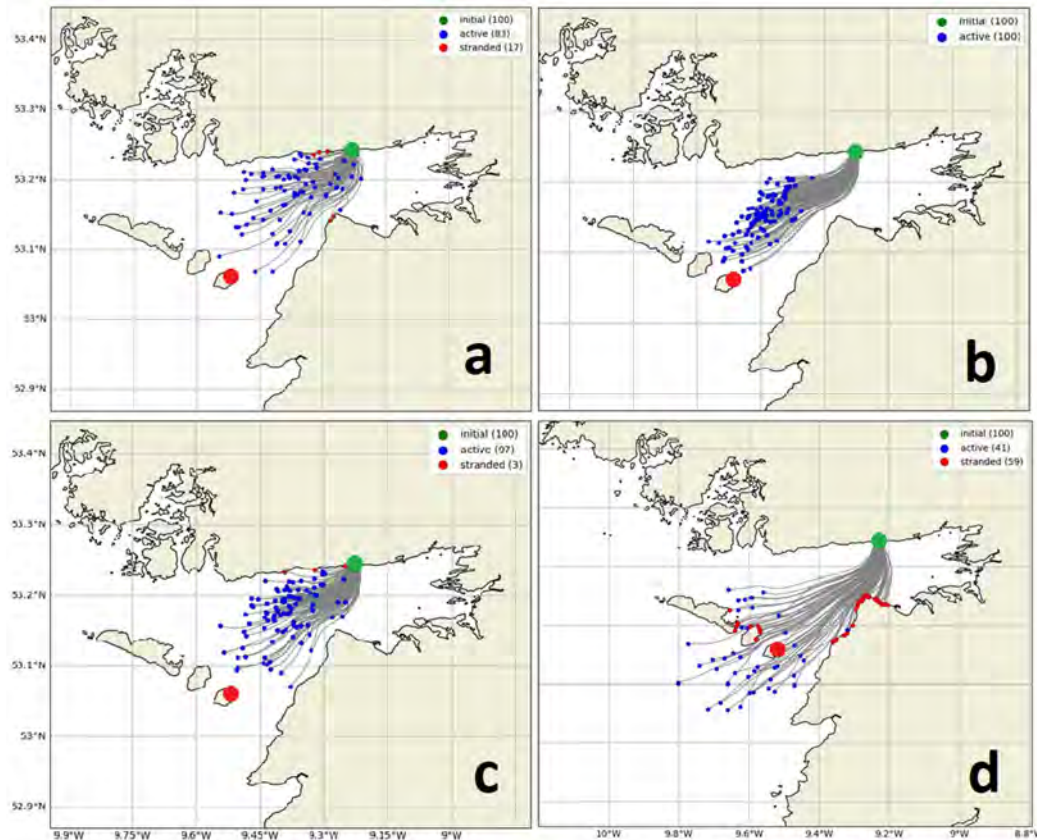
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The importance of windage: the August-2020 Galway Bay case

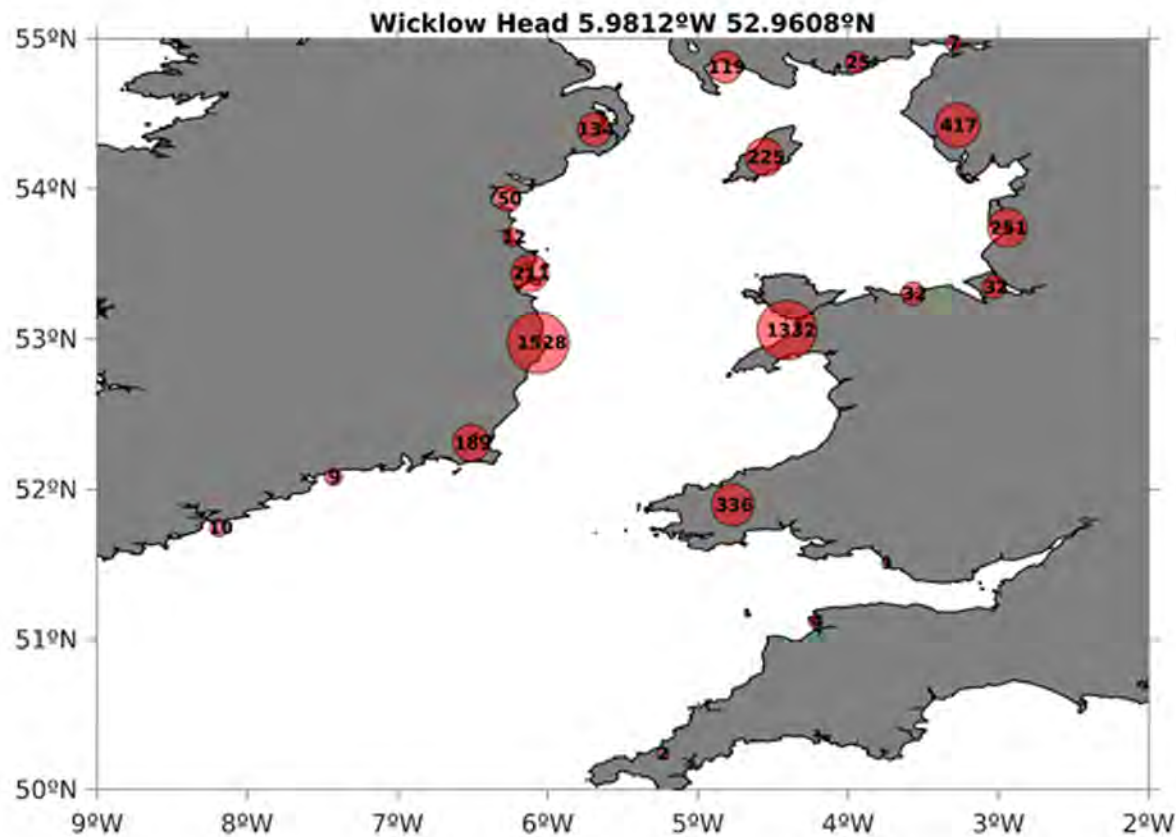


OpenDrift (Dagestad et al., 2018)

Specific leeway, downwind, and crosswind coefficients for different floating objects:

- a. PIW unknown state
- a. PIW deceased
- a. Surf board
- a. No-ballast life-raft without drogue

Recent OpenDrift test cases: experiments in the Irish Sea



The new ADRIFT

ADRIFT

Marine Institute predicted sea surface tracking.

Enter New Project Start Location or drag marker

Latitude

53.256302

Longitude

-9.005189

Start Time

Apr 06 1:00 AM

Duration

12 hours

Radius 250 metres

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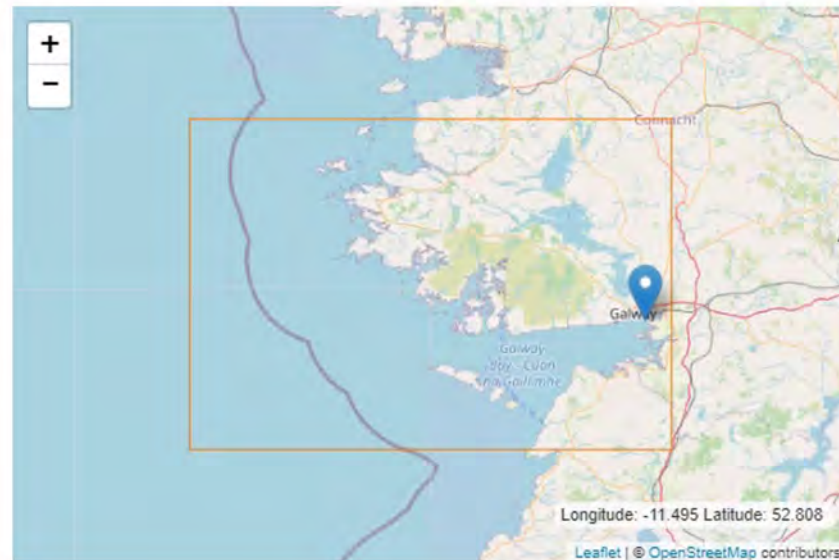
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Drifter

PIW-1 Person-in-water (PIW), unknown state (mean values)

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