

## ***Interactive comment on “Brief Communication: Freak wave occurrences in 2013” by P. C. Liu***

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First my apology for using the term "freak" without explanation which is a portmanteau word I coined and started using some years ago to simplify the use of "freak or rogue" in many cases. While some colleagues went along, it was mostly being ignored. It's just a personal preference, just like some use "freak", some use "rogue", I prefer to use "freak" waves to indicate the out of the blue, totally unexpected waves occur in the ocean.

Next Referee#1 pointed correctly a rather awkward situation: I prepared the manuscript based on the information mostly from a blog I authored. I did not know what's the best way to handle it gracefully so I tried to treat them separately. Referee#1 found it "dodgy", I am open for what's an appropriate way to best handle it!

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I sincerely appreciate the editorial corrections, it will be duly corrected.

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