

Beaufort & seastate scale

Seastate	Probable wave height in metres*	Probable max. wave height in metres*	Sea descriptive terms
0	-	-	Calm (glassy)
1	0.1	0.1	Calm (rippled)
2	0.2	0.3	Smooth (wavelets)
3	0.6	1.0	Slight
3-4	1.0	1.5	Slight - Moderate
4	2.0	2.5	Moderate
5	3.0	4.0	Rough
5-6	4.0	5.5	Rough- Very rough
6-7	5.5	7.5	Very rough - High
7	7.0	10.0	High
8	9.0	12.5	Very High
8	11.5	16.0	Very High
9	14+	-	Phenomenal

* These values refer to well-developed wind waves of the open sea. The lag effect between the wind getting up and the sea increasing should be borne in mind.