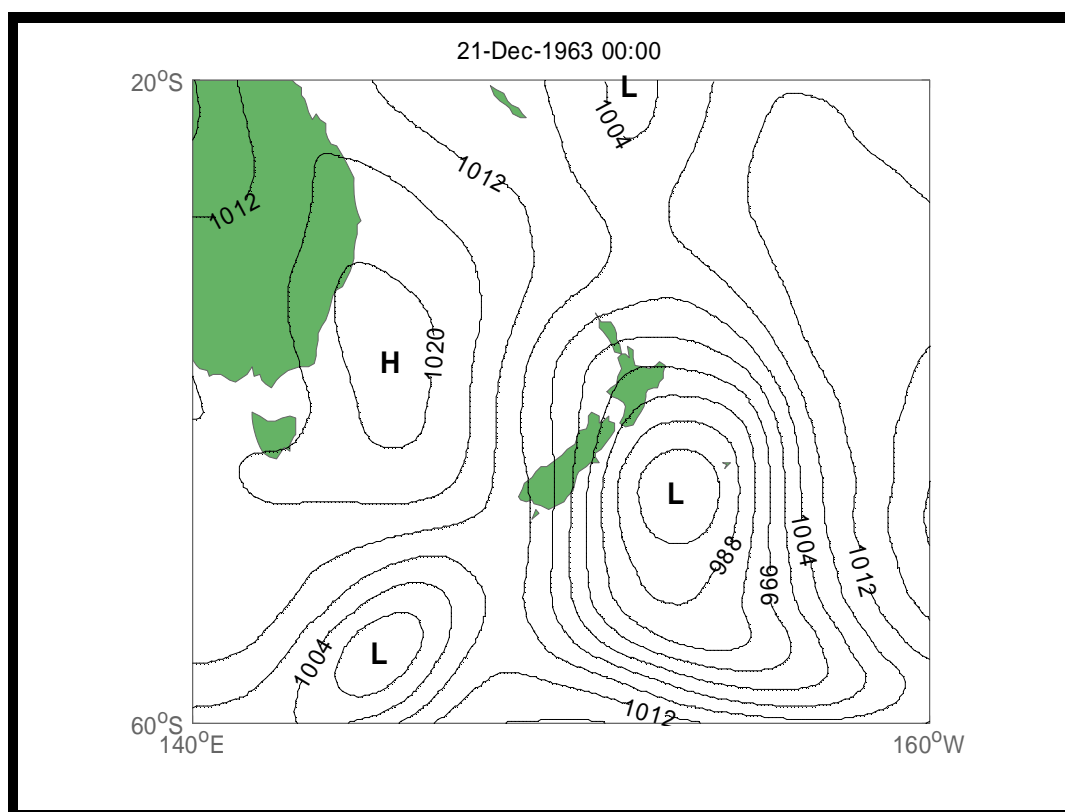


Coastal Storm Database - Event Summary

Date: 21 Dec 1963	Wind Direction: S
Event Type: Wind/Wave	Gisborne Duration (Hours): -
Location: Wellington	Wellington Duration (Hours): 15
Origin: Southern Ocean	Pressure Gradient: S
Type: Trough	



Synoptic Conditions

A cyclone developed in the southern ocean south of NZ and moved northward over the country between two anticyclones. On the 21st this system was well south of the Chatham Islands and a very strong southerly airstream on its western side swept over the eastern South Island and through Cook Strait.

Sea Conditions

Heavy seas off Wellington

Impact Area

Wellington

Impacts and Damages

- Waves were breaking over Marine Parade Drive in the Eastern Bays
- Yachts washed ashore at Lowry Bay by heavy southerly seas; several other boats broke their moorings
- Inter-island steamer Hinemoa trip from Wellington to Lyttelton unpleasant with pounding from huge waves

Data Source

- 1 Weather Holds up Cook Strait Race: Evening Post, 21/12/1963, p18
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- 3 Storms Delay Trains in Many Places: Evening Post, 21/12/1963, p18
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