

## ***Interactive comment on “High-latitude obliquity forcing drives the agulhas leakage” by T. Caley et al.***

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Having read the paper, and to a lesser extent the referees' comments, I feel that the data presented are an extraordinarily valuable contribution to the regional dataset, and that the authors should be given every opportunity to rewrite the manuscript. My impression is that the paper was initially submitted to Nature or Science, and was thus over-marketed, focussing almost exclusively on one aspect of the record's value, and how it links to a particular, topical field of inquiry. This approach detracts from the simple, fundamental value of the data presented, which, based on comparisons with other regional datasets, seems to be of good quality, and is desperately needed by researchers of the region.

I would suggest that the paper be remodelled as a simple presentation and contextu-  
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alisation of the data: what is it, how does it fit, and what might it mean.

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