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## Comment on os-2020-121

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Referee comment on "Preface: Developments in the Science and History of Tides" by Philip L. Woodworth et al., Ocean Sci. Discuss., <https://doi.org/10.5194/os-2020-121-RC3>, 2021

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This is the preface to the special issue on tides. It briefly summarises the history of the Liverpool Tidal Institute, founded in 1919, then introduces each of the special issue papers by topic, including those with less connections to the history. I did check carefully that none have been missed out! Section 2.3 gets a bit stilted, but I admit I'm not sure how it could be better laid out.

Just a couple of comments:

Since other references are also included in this introduction, can I suggest that where the special issue papers are cited in the text, they are marked in some distinctive way, perhaps as eg †Agnew 2020. This will avoid awkward sentences whether or not a paper is in the special issue.

Section 2.1 "History of tidal science" perhaps? History of tides would be strictly speaking the changes to the tides themselves.

Sorry for such a brief review, time has caught up with me on this occasion and I suspect you'd rather get it published. Let me know if there's specific aspects you want rechecking.  
Jo