

# Kseniia Safonova

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## Education

**The University of Rostock** now

PhD Student

Planned thesis: Development of Baltic Sea marine heatwaves in the past and future

**Russian State Hydrometeorological University** Sep 2017 – Jul 2019

MA in Oceanography

Thesis: The North Atlantic sea ice concentration variability

**Russian State Hydrometeorological University** Sep 2013 – Jul 2017

BA in Applied oceanography

Thesis: Sea ice concentration change in the Barents Sea within modern climate change

**Yekaterinburg Power Engineering training college** Sep 2008 – Jul 2012

Environmental technician

## Research experience

**Doctoral researcher** January 2025 – now

*The Department of Physical Oceanography and Instrumentation of The Leibniz Institute for Baltic Sea Research*

*Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Markus Meier*

The research of marine heatwaves in the Baltic Sea.

**Research assistant** April 2024 – December 2024

*The Department of Physical Oceanography and Instrumentation of The Leibniz Institute for Baltic Sea Research*

*Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Markus Meier*

The research study of marine heatwaves in the Baltic Sea on climate projections data.

**Research assistant** July 2022 – Dec 2023

*The Department of Physical Oceanography and Instrumentation of The Leibniz Institute for Baltic Sea Research*

*Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Markus Meier*

The research study of marine heatwaves in the Baltic Sea on long-term data sets.

**Research assistant** Dec 2020 – June 2021 (as a guest until June 2022)

*The Department of Physical Oceanography and Instrumentation of The Leibniz Institute for Baltic Sea Research*

*Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Markus Meier*

Comparing the historical sea level observations and hindcast simulation, observations and future sea level rise under different RCPs, visualization of results.

**Research engineer** Sep 2020 – Dec 2021

*Plastic Pollution Research Laboratory of Russian State Hydrometeorological University*

*Supervisor: Dr. Tatiana Eremina*

Validation of the biogeochemical benthos coupled GOTM/ERSEM model output in the Gulf of Finland region, visualization of results, taking part in report preparation.

**Student researcher**

Mar 2015 – Mar 2016

*Satellite Oceanography Laboratory of Russian State Hydrometeorological University*

*Supervisor: Dr. Aleksey Zimin*

Visual detection of eddies on satellite images of Barents and Kara sea, measurements of eddies parameters, statistical calculations, presentation of results on "Modern Problems of Remote Sensing of the Earth from Space" conference (Space Research Institute, Moscow).

**Internships, schools, additional education**

**ICTP-CLIVAR Summer School on Marine Heatwaves** 2023

**Global Phenomena with Regional Impacts**

ICTP, Trieste, Italy

**Multi-Scales and -Processes Integrated Modelling, Observations and Assessment** 2021

**for Environmental Applications – Online Young Scientist School MEGAPOLIS 2021**

Lomonosov Moscow State University, Helsinki University

**5th International Summer School on Climate of Baltic Sea Region** 2019

Baltic Earth at Askö Laboratory of Stockholm University, Sweden

**The Winter Limnology school and workshop** 2019

Lammi Biological Station, University of Helsinki

**Summer internship** 2018

Department of improving the Ice Information System,  
Arctic and Antarctic Research Institute, Saint Petersburg

**International course The Baltic Sea environment** 2013

Russian State Hydrometeorological University and  
Baltic University, Saint Petersburg

**List of publications**

**Summer heatwaves on the Baltic Sea seabed contribute to oxygen deficiency in shallow areas**

*Kseniia Safonova, H. E. Markus Meier, Matthias Gröger*

*Commun Earth Environ* 5, 106 (2024). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s43247-024-01268-z>

**Oceanographic regional climate projections for the Baltic Sea until 2100**

*H. E. Markus Meier, Christian Dieterich, Matthias Gröger, Cyril Dutheil, Florian Börgel, Kseniia Safonova, Ole B. Christensen, and Erik Kjellström*

*Earth Syst. Dynam.*, 13, 159–199, 2022. <https://doi.org/10.5194/esd-13-159-2022>