

CHARA 2017: Year 13 Science Review – Adaptive Optics and Open Access

Observing Report for 2016

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Observing Report Topics

- Observing statistics
- Nights attempted 2006-2016
- Nights with data 2016
- Nights without data 2016
- Why We Didn't Collect Data
- Hindrances to Data Collection
- Seeing trends in 2016
- Who were the Winners?















Observing Statistics

- 220 nights scheduled in 2016. We started in mid-May to get as much of the AO installations done at the telescopes.
- 163 nights with at least one observation
- 74.1% success rate
- 57 nights without data
- 0 nights without a report!
- Best seeing reported: July 15, 16.34cm mean
- 22.0cm 10min. avg., 24.9cm instantaneous.















Observing Statistics

• Best stretches of nights with data:

41 nights from July 25 to September 327 nights from to June 26 to July 22

- Worst stretch of nights with no data:
- 8 nights from December 16 to 23
- Worst equipment failure: Tiptilt camera controller
- 1 night lost, November 30













Nights Attempted 2006-2016







Nights with Data 2016





Nights Without Data 2016







Hindrances to Data Collection





Sand Fire Santa Clarita July 22























































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Seeing trends for 2016

Nights above 10cm Mean Seeing



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Seeing trends for 2016

Best Seeing Each Month



Who were the Winners?

- July 15 16.34cm MIRC Gail
- July 25 16.00cm VEGA Nicholas and Fred
- July 10 14.34cm FRIEND Philippe and Marc-Antoine
- October 8 14.13cm MIRC Ryan
- September 8 14.06cm MIRC Ryan
- July 17 13.98cm MIRC Gail and Alexandre •
- July 19 13.96cm MIRC Gail and Alexandre
- July 8 13.87cm FRIEND Philippe, Marc-Antoine & Roxanne
- September 7 13.78cm MIRC Ryan
- August 5 13.68cm CLASSIC/PAVO Tabby and Kaspar
- October 21 13.44cm MIRC Narsi and Claire
- November 14 13.31cm MIRC Gail











