

## Cover

The cover figure shows a true colour SeaWiFS image from 19 March 1999 of the northern part of the South China Sea and is taken from figure 1 of the Technical Note on upstream and downstream solitary wavetrains by Quanan Zheng *et al.*, which is published in this issue (see pages 4433–4440). Aerosol contamination is evident to the west of Hainan Island. Two groups of white wave clouds on the two sides of the island are interpreted as signatures of upstream ( $P_1$ ) and downstream ( $P_2$ ) solitary wavetrains generated in the atmosphere by topographic effects. The red line represents the wind direction at 850 mb.