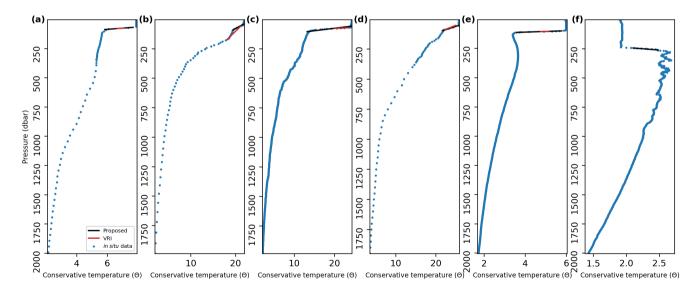


**Figure S1.** Relative difference of the MLD results (a) HT09 - proposed methodology, (b) B04 - proposed methodology and (c) B04 - HT09. The largest differences are shown in (b) and (c), where B04 overestimates the MLD calculations by 67% and 73% of the total, respectively.



**Figure S2.** Location of the thermocline in temperature profiles with the proposed method and the VRI method. (a)  $52.95^{\circ}$ S and  $90.05^{\circ}$ W on 01/23/2003. (b)  $25.14^{\circ}$ S and  $93.48^{\circ}$ W on 01/12/2013. (c)  $1.90^{\circ}$ S and  $126.07^{\circ}$ W on 05/25/2013. (d)  $20.02^{\circ}$ N and  $41.15^{\circ}$ W on 12/15/2015. (e)  $49.00^{\circ}$ N and  $174.70^{\circ}$ W on 12/13/2017. (f)  $60.00^{\circ}$ S and  $116.86^{\circ}$ W on 08/12/2015.