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Data Acquisition and Processing Report

R/V Bay Hydro II
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A.1 Survey Vessels

A.1.1 R/V Bay Hydro II

Name	R/V Bay Hydro II
Hull Number	S5401
Description	R/V BAY HYDRO II was used for the acquisition and post-processing of all side scan-sonar (SSS) data, single beam echo sounder (SBES) data, shallow-water multibeam (SWMB) data, sound speed profiles (SVP) and detached positions (DP'S) unless otherwise noted in the Descriptive Report. Vessel configuration and offset measurements are included in Appendix 1 of this report.
Utilization	Three sonar systems (SBES, SWMB and SSS) were used to acquire data on this project. The methods and systems used to meet full-coverage was determined by the Hydrographer, and are in accordance with guidance provided in the Hydrographic Survey Project Instructions, NOAA's Hydrographic Surveys Specifications & Deliverables and NOAA's Field Procedures Manual. Bathymetric data were acquired using either SBES or SWMB systems. Side scan sonar was utilized for imagery and object detection.

Dimensions	*LOA*	17.3 meters
	Beam	6.33 meters
	Max Draft	1.8 meters

Most Recent Full Static Survey	*Date*	2009-03-23
	Performed By	H. Stewart Kuper Jr., NGS
	Discussion	An NGS survey of R/V Bay Hydro II was performed on 23 March 2009 using optical levels.

Most Recent Partial Static Survey	Partial static survey was not performed.

Most Recent Full Offset Verification	Full offset verification was not performed.	
Most Recent Partial Offset Verification	Partial offset verification was not performed.	
Most Recent Static Draft Determination	*Date*	2011-01-04
	Method Used	Steel Measuring Tape and Lead Line
	Discussion	Static draft was measured daily during MBES data acquisition. The value was calculated by:1) measuring from the benchmark on top of the multibeam strut, down to the waterline, then 2) subtracting the fixed distance from the benchmark to the reference point. The result is the distance from the reference point, to the water line.
Most Recent Dynamic Draft Determination	*Date*	2011-10-06
	Method Used	Echosounder Technique
	Discussion	Dynamic Draft values were determined on 6-Oct-2011, using the echo sounder technique outline in the Field Procedures manual section 1.4.2.1.2.1. See Appendix 3 for the full report.

Figure 1: R/V Bay Hydro II

A.2 Echo Sounding Equipment

A.2.1 Side Scan Sonars

A.2.1.1 L3 Klein 5000

Manufacturer	L3 Klein
Model	5000

Description	The Klein High Speed, High Resolution Side Scan Sonar (SSS) system is a beam-forming acoustic imagery device that is towed behind the R/V Bay Hydro II via an armored cable and a hydraulic A-frame. The KLEIN 5000 towfish operates at a frequency of 455 kHz with a vertical beam angle of 40°, and can resolve up to 5 discreet received beams per transducer stave. The integrated system includes a KLEIN 5000 light weight towfish, a tow cable telemetry system, and a Transceiver/Processing Unit (TPU).
	
	Positioning of the Towfish is calculated using CARIS SIPS, and is derived from the amount of cable out, the towfish depth (from the towfish pressure gage), the vessel's Course Made Good (CMG), and the vessels heading. Towfish altitude is maintained between 8% and 20% of the range scale. Vessel speed is adjusted during SSS acquisition to ensure that object detection density is met. Confidence checks are performed by noting changes in linear bottom features extending to the outer edges of the digital side scan image, and by verifying aids to navigation or other known features on the side scan record.
	The resolution of the system is:
	  Along Track:
	10cm out to 38 meters
	20cm out to 75 meters
	36 cm out to 150 meters
	  Across Track: 3.75 cm
	
	Side Scan data from the Klein 5000 was used to provide object detection.

Serial Numbers	*Vessel Installed On*	S5401
	TPU s/n	139
	Towfish s/n	320

Specifications	Frequency	455 kilohertz			
	Along Track Resolution	Resolution	10 centimeters	20 centimeters	36 centimeters
		Min Range	0 meters	38 meters	75 meters
		Max Range			
	Across Track Resolution	0.0375 meters			
	Max Range Scale	100 meters			
Manufacturer Calibrations	Manufacturer calibration was not performed.				

Figure 2: Klein 5000 light weight towfish

A.2.2 Multibeam Echosounders

A.2.2.1 RESON SeaBat 7125

Manufacturer	RESON
Model	SeaBat 7125
Description	The RESON SeaBat 7125 system is a single-frequency, digital recording Multibeam echo sounder, which is pole mounted on retractable arm. The integrated system includes a 400 kHz Projector unit, a Receiver unit, a Link Control Unit (LCU), and a topside 7-P Sonar Processor Unit (TPU). The projector and receiver are set up in

a Mills Cross configuration, and the pole arm is deployed through a bomb bay door located on the center line of the vessel.

The 7-P Sonar Processor Unit has the following software versions installed:
7K Center: Version 3.7.11.11
7K IO: Version 3.4.1.11
7K UI: Version 3.1.2.8.3

Bathymetric data from the RESON 7125 is used to provide least depths over features, and to provide object detection in areas of Complete Multibeam.

Due to an compatibility issue between the Reson7125 hardware and the Reson7125 firmware, 512 equidistant beams per ping cannot be collected without freezing the system. Therefore, 256 equal angular beams per ping are collected to alleviate this freezing issue. It should also be noted, that the Reson7125 interface does not have a 256 equidistant option.

Serial Numbers	Vessel Installed On	S5401	
	Processor s/n	2708006	
	Transceiver s/n	none	
	Transducer s/n	51515	
	Receiver s/n	0808037	
	Projector 1 s/n	0908167	
	Projector 2 s/n	None	
Specifications	Frequency	400 kilohertz	
	Beamwidth	Along Track	1.0 degrees
		Across Track	0.5 degrees
	Max Ping Rate	50 hertz	
	Beam Spacing	Beam Spacing Mode	N/A
		Number of Beams	512
	Max Swath Width	128 degrees	
	Depth Resolution	0.003 meters	
	Depth Rating	Manufacturer Specified	50 meters
		Ship Usage	38 meters
Manufacturer Calibrations	Manufacturer calibration was not performed.		

System Accuracy Tests	Vessel Installed On	S5401	S5401
	Methods	Comparison to Vertical Beam Echosounder	Patch Test
	Results	On 4-Jan-2012, soundings from the RESON SeaBat 7125 were compared to soundings from the ODOM Vertical Beam Echo sounder. The average difference between depths was 4cm.	On 6-Oct-2011 the MBES system was patch tested, in order to resolve residual biases between the sonar reference frame, and the positioning system reference frame.
Snippets	Sonar has snippets logging capability.		

Figure 3: Mills cross multibeam projector and receiver configuration on retractable arm

A.2.3 Single Beam Echosounders

A.2.3.1 ODOM Echotrac CV 200 Vertical Beam Echosounder CV-200

Manufacturer	ODOM Echotrac CV 200 Vertical Beam Echosounder

Model	CV-200				
Description	The Odom Echotrac CV-200 is a dual frequency digital recording echosounder, mounted to the starboard pontoon of the R/V bay Hydro II.				
Serial Numbers	*Vessel*	S5401			
	Processor s/n	003071			
	Transducer s/n	TR5444			
Specifications	*Frequency*	200 kilohertz		24 kilohertz	
	Beamwidth	*Along Track*	10 degrees	*Along Track*	10 degrees
		Across Track	12 degrees	*Across Track*	12 degrees
	Max Ping Rate	20 hertz		20 hertz	
	Depth Resolution	0.01 meters		0.01 meters	
	Depth Rating	*Manufacturer Specified*	200 meters	*Manufacturer Specified*	1500 meters
		Ship Usage	38 meters	*Ship Usage*	38 meters
Manufacturer Calibrations	Manufacturer calibration was not performed.				
System Accuracy Tests	*Vessel Installed On*	S5401			
	Methods	Comparison to Lead Line			
	Results	On 26-Jan-2012, soundings from the ODOM Vertical Beam Echo sounder were compared to soundings read off a leadline. The average difference between depths was 4cm.			

Figure 4: Starboard VBES Sonar

A.2.4 Phase Measuring Bathymetric Sonars

No phase measuring bathymetric sonars were utilized for data acquisition.

A.2.5 Other Echosounders

No additional echosounders were utilized for data acquisition.

A.3 Manual Sounding Equipment

A.3.1 Diver Depth Gauges

No diver depth gauges were utilized for data acquisition.

A.3.2 Lead Lines

Manufacturer	N/A	
Model	N/A	
Description	The R/V Bay Hydro II is equipped with a non-traditional lead-line fabricated from Amsteel® brand line and an eight inch tall mushroom anchor. This lead line was newly fabricated on 16 June 2009 by LT Michael C. Davidson, and re-calibrated on 4 Jan 2011.	
Serial Numbers	N/A	
Calibrations	Serial Number	N/A
	Date	2012-01-26
	Procedures	The 8lbs mushroom anchor was removed, and replaced with an in-line scale. The line was then pulled taunt until a force of 8lbs registered on the in line scale. The graduations were then checked using a steel measuring tape. Performed 26-Jan-2012. See Appendix 2 for the full report.

Accuracy Checks	Serial Number	none
	Date	2012-01-26
	Procedures	On 26-Jan-2012, soundings from the leadline was compared to soundings from the ODOM Vertical Beam Echosounder. The average difference between depths was 4mm. See Appendix 2 for the full report.
Correctors	Correctors were not determined.	
Non-Standard Procedures	Non-standard procedures were not utilized.	
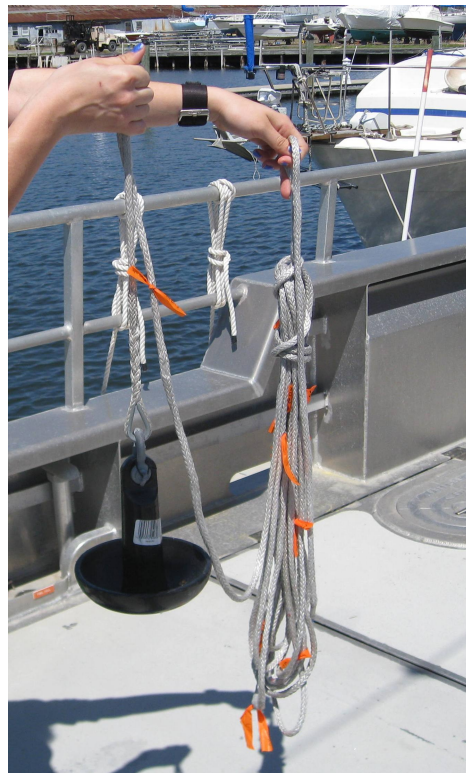
Figure 5: Leadline with mushroom anchor

A.3.3 Sounding Poles

No sounding poles were utilized for data acquisition.

A.3.4 Other Manual Sounding Equipment

No additional manual sounding equipment was utilized for data acquisition.

A.4 Positioning and Attitude Equipment

A.4.1 Applanix POS/MV

Manufacturer	Applanix (a Trimble company)
Model	v.4
Description	The POS M/V is a GPS-aided inertial positioning system that provides position and orientation data to external equipment. It is composed of an Inertial Measurement Unit, two GNSS receivers, and a POS Computing System (PCS) unit. Roll, pitch, and heave values are measured by the Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU). Position is derived from the tightly-coupled GPS/IMU integration. Heading is determined by blending data from the GNSS antennas, with heading estimates by the IMU.

PCS			
	Manufacturer	Applanix (a Trimble company)	
	Model	v.4	
	Description	The PCS blends raw acceleration measurements from the IMU, with positional information from the GPS antennas and RTCM beacon, creating a tightly-coupled position and orientation solution. The PCS also provides the one Pulse Per Second (PPS) signal used by integrated systems to accurately time-stamp data.	
	Firmware Version	4.1-7	
	Software Version	3.4.0.0	
	Serial Numbers	Vessel Installed On	5401
		PCS s/n	3954

IMU	*Manufacturer*	Applanix (a Trimble company)		
	Model	v4		
	Description	The POS M/V Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU) is used to record the amount of heave, pitch, and roll experienced by the vessel. The Unit is located at the vessel's central reference point, and is strapped down to the vessel. Since the IMU is fixed to the vessel, the motion experienced by the IMU is, by definition, the same motion experienced by the vessel. The IMU housing contains three orthogonally placed accelerometers, which sense acceleration in the x, y, and z directions. It also contains three orthogonally placed gyros, which sense angular rate of motion around the three axis. The measured amount of acceleration and rate of rotation is then used to find the degree of pitch, roll, and heave experienced by the vessel. Data from the IMU is also combined with data from the GNSS antennas to calculate vessel heading.		
	Serial Numbers	*Vessel Installed On*	5401	
		IMU s/n	1023	
	Certification	IMU certification report was not produced.		
Antennas	*Manufacturer*	Applanix (A Trimble Company)		
	Model	Zephyr Model 2		
	Description	The POS M/V system includes two GNSS antennas, each of which provides carrier phase level positioning information. In addition to providing robust positional information, the antenna's level of accuracy is also used to improve the system's heading accuracy. By using carrier phase level positioning, the system has enough resolution to position one antenna relative to the other. The positions are then used to calculate the North-East-Down vector between the Primary and the Secondary antennas. Combining the North-East-Down vector with the measured distance between antennas allows the system to resolve the IMU's heading. These heading estimates are blended with heading estimates made by the IMU, providing an extremely accurate heading solution.		
	Serial Numbers	*Vessel Installed On*	S5401	S5401
		Antenna s/n	1440911819	1440918106
		Port or Starboard	Port	Starboard
		Primary or Secondary	Primary	Secondary
GAMS Calibration	*Vessel*	S5401		
	Calibration Date	2012-01-04		

| Configuration Reports | Vessel | S5401 |
| | Report Date | 2012-03-27 |

Figure 6: POS MV Topside Unit

A.4.2 DGPS

Description	Trimble	
Antennas	Manufacturer	Trimble
	Model	27207-00
	Description	This combined antenna features two elements, a L1 GPS antenna and a Beacon H-Field Loop antenna. The L1 GPS antenna is an active antenna element that filters out unwanted signals and amplifies the L1 signal. The Beacon H-field Loop antenna works as a preamplifier for filtering out interference an amplifies the Beacon signal.
	Serial Numbers	Vessel Installed On S5401
		Antenna s/n 0220172421

Receivers	Manufacturer	Trimble	
	Model	DSM212L	
	Description	This DGPS receiver allows for submeter vessel positioning during hydrographic survey.	
	Firmware Version	1.32 242.11	
	Serial Numbers	Vessel Installed On	5401
		Antenna s/n	0220177299

A.4.3 Trimble Backpacks

Manufacturer	Trimble		
Model	GeoExplorer 2008 Series GeoXH		
Description	The Trimble backpack is used to collect geographic positions on shoreline features.The unit can use both an internal GPS antenna, as well as an external antenna. Both antennas receive GPS positions and carrier code data. Raw DGPS positions are recorded using the hand held, then differentially correct during post processing.		
Serial Numbers	4713435892		
Antennas	Manufacturer	Trimble	
	Model	Zephyr, Model 2	
	Description	The Zephyr is the optional external antenna.	
	Serial Numbers	1441132114	
Receivers	No receivers were installed.		
Field Computers	No field computers were utilized for data acquisition.		
DQA Tests	DQA test was not performed.		

Figure 7: Handheld GeoXH

A.4.4 Laser Rangefinders

Manufacturer	Laser Technology Inc
Model	Impulse
Description	The Impulse uses sensors to measure distances and vertical angles, and menu-driven software to convert sensor readings to meaningful measurements.
Serial Numbers	ii08463
DQA Tests	DQA test was not performed.

Figure 8: Impulse laser rangefinder

A.4.5 Other Positioning and Attitude Equipment

No additional positioning and attitude equipment was utilized for data acquisition.

A.5 Sound Speed Equipment

A.5.1 Sound Speed Profiles

A.5.1.1 CTD Profilers

A.5.1.1.1 Sea-Bird Electronics CTD SBE 19 Plus 05M

Manufacturer	Sea-Bird Electronics CTD
Model	SBE 19 Plus 05M
Description	The R/V Bay Hydro II uses a Sea-Bird Electronics SeaCat SBE19+ Conductivity, Temperature, and Depth (CTD) profiler to collect sound velocity profiles.

	Temperature is measured directly. Salinity is calculated from measured electrical conductivity. Depth is calculated from strain gauge pressure.	
Serial Numbers	*Vessel Installed On*	S5401
	CTD s/n	19P37217-4677
Calibrations	*CTD s/n*	19P37217-4677
	Date	2012-01-12
	Procedures	Calibration performed by SEABIRD Electronics

Figure 9: CTD SBE 19 Plus

A.5.1.2 Sound Speed Profilers

No sound speed profilers were utilized for data acquisition.

A.5.2 Surface Sound Speed

A.5.2.1 DIGIBAR PRO 1.12

Manufacturer	DIGIBAR PRO

Model	1.12	
Description	The Digibar Pro is a sing-around transducer, measuring the speed of sound in water by finding the time needed for a ping of sound to travel a known distance.	
Serial Numbers	*Vessel Installed On*	S5401
	Sound Speed Sensor s/n	98376-121610
Calibrations	*Sound Speed Sensor s/n*	98376-121610
	Date	2012-12-27
	Procedures	Performed by Teledyne ODOM

Figure 10: Digibar Pro 19+

A.6 Horizontal and Vertical Control Equipment

A.6.1 Horizontal Control Equipment

No horizontal control equipment was utilized for data acquisition.

A.6.2 Vertical Control Equipment

No vertical control equipment was utilized for data acquisition.

A.7 Computer Hardware and Software

A.7.1 Computer Hardware

Manufacturer	Dell	
Model	Precision T3400	
Description	Hypack Computer using an Intel Core2 Quad CPU Q6700 that processes at 2.66 GHz and has 3 GB of RAM. This computer is used to operate the HyPack/HySweep interface, as well as to view the POS M/V interface during acquisition.	
Serial Numbers	*Computer s/n*	7FH43H1
	Operating System	Microsoft Windows XP Professional, Version 2002 Service Pack 3
	Use	Acquisition

Manufacturer	Dell	
Model	Precision T3400	
Description	Sonar Pro Computer (OCS-W-NSD716681) using an Intel Core2 Quad CPU Q6600 that processes at 2.40 GHz and has 3.25 GB of RAM. This computer is used for the SonarPro interface.	
Serial Numbers	*Computer s/n*	4HJRTK1
	Operating System	Microsoft Windows XP Professional, Version 2002 Service Pack 3
	Use	Acquisition

Manufacturer	Dell	
Model	Precision T3500	
Description	OCS-W-001772559 uses an Intel Xeon CPU that processes at 3.07GHz and has 6.00GB of RAM. This computer is used for post-processing and development of deliverables, using the following programs: CARIS HIPS/SIPS, CARIS Bathy DataBASE , Pydro, Velocipy, and the full Microsoft Office Suite.	
Serial Numbers	*Computer s/n*	HJ9KYQ1
	Operating System	Microsoft Windows 7, Service Pack 1
	Use	Processing

Manufacturer	Dell
Model	Precision T3500

Description	OCS-W-001670305 uses an Intel Xeon CPU that processes at 3.07GHz and has 6.00GB of RAM. This computer is used for post-processing and development of deliverables only, using the following programs: CARIS HIPS/SIPS, CARIS Bathy DataBASE, Pydro, Velocipy, and the full Microsoft Office Suite.

Serial Numbers	Computer s/n	C3SMZQ1
	Operating System	Microsoft Windows 7, Service Pack 1
	Use	Processing

A.7.2 Computer Software

Manufacturer	HYPACK, Inc
Software Name	Hypack 2012
Version	12.0.0.1
Service Pack	none
Hotfix	none
Installation Date	2012-02-15
Use	Acquisition
Description	HYPACK Hypack is used to acquire VBES data in a *.raw format, and detached positions, in a *.tgt format. It is also used for vessel navigation during data acquisition. HYSWEEP Hysweep is a module for Hypack used to acquire RESON 7125 MBES data in a *.HSX format. It receives input from The Reson 7125, the Digibar Pro, and the Applanix POS/MV systems.

Manufacturer	Applanix
Software Name	POSVIEW
Version	5.1.0.2
Service Pack	none
Hotfix	none
Installation Date	2011-05-05
Use	Acquisition
Description	POSVIEW is used to monitor positional accuracy and log positional and inertial data while displaying the attitude accuracy details

Manufacturer	Applanix
Software Name	MMS
Version	5.3.3838.25021
Service Pack	3

Hotfix	none
Installation Date	2011-01-05
Use	Processing
Description	POSPac MMS is used to process POSPac files, which are recorded in a .000 format.

Manufacturer	Caris
Software Name	HIPS and SIPS
Version	7.1
Service Pack	2
Hotfix	1-6
Installation Date	2012-02-26
Use	Processing
Description	CARIS HIPS (Hydrographic Information Processing System) is used for the initial processing of Multibeam and singlebeam echosounder data. The program applies vessel offsets to the raw sonar data, corrects for tide and sound velocity, and calculates a Total Propagated Uncertainty (TPU) for each sounding. Individual soundings are then processed into CUBE (Combined Uncertainty and Bathymetry Estimator) grids. CARIS SIPS (Side-Scan Information Processing System) is used for processing of side-scan sonar imagery, including cable layback correction, slant range correction, contact selection, tow point entry, and mosaic generation.

Manufacturer	NOAA OCS HSTP
Software Name	PYDRO
Version	v12.9
Service Pack	r4095
Hotfix	
Installation Date	2012-03-01
Use	Processing
Description	HSTP PYDRO is a program for the classification of side-scan sonar and Multibeam bathymetry contacts, and for the creation of preliminary smooth sheets. Multibeam contacts (designated soundings), side-scan sonar contacts, and detached position contacts are analyzed, grouped, and assigned S-57 classifications. The bathymetric grid is imported for comparison between surveyed and charted depths, and to the side scan contacts. The sounding selection interval is dependent on the survey scale. The final product is a Preliminary Smooth Sheet file (PSS), which is delivered to the Atlantic Hydrographic Branch as part of the final submission package. PYDRO is also used for chart comparisons, generation of chartlets, generation of Danger to Navigation reports, generation of appendices to the Descriptive Report, compilation of survey statistics, and generation of standard NOAA forms such as the Descriptive Report cover sheet.

Manufacturer	NOAA OCS HSTP
Software Name	VELOCIPY
Version	v12.9
Service Pack	r4095
Hotfix	
Installation Date	2012-03-01
Use	Processing
Description	HSTP VELOCIPY is a program used for processing sound velocity casts. This program converts the hexadecimal SeaCat data into ASCII data, then converts the ASCII data into a depth-binned sound velocity file. The resulting .svp files are applied to MBES and VBES data during post processing to correct for sound velocity variation within the water column

Manufacturer	PitneyBowes
Software Name	MAPINFO Professional
Version	11
Service Pack	
Hotfix	
Installation Date	2012-02-16
Use	Acquisition
Description	MapInfo is the Geographic Information System (GIS) software package used to plan survey lines, review hydrographic data, and create preliminary chartlet plots. HYDRO_MI is a OCS HSTP product and exists as a set of tools that aid hydrogrpahic aquisition planning.

A.8 Bottom Sampling Equipment

A.8.1 Bottom Samplers

A.8.1.1 Unknown Unknown

Manufacturer	Unknown
Model	Unknown

Description	Ponar-type grab sampler is used to verify assigned charted seafloor bottom type

B Quality Control

B.1 Data Acquisition

B.1.1 Bathymetry

B.1.1.1 Multibeam Echosounder

All Multibeam data is logged using Hypack Hysweep in the .HSX format. During acquisition, the hydrographer:

· Monitors the Reson SeaBat interface for errors and data quality;

· Adjusts range scale, power, gain, pulse width, swath width, absorption, spreading, and gates to ensure maximum data quality;

. Monitors the Hysweep interface using the following sub-windows: 3-D sounding points, Multibeam Waterfall-Solid TIN, and Profile Window-Beam Pattern;

· Monitors vessel speed and adjusted as necessary to ensure density specifications.

B.1.1.2 Single Beam Echosounder

All Vertical Beam Data is logged using Hypack in the .bin and .RAW formats. During acquisition, the hydrographer:

· Monitors real-time data in Odom's eChart interface;

· Adjusts gain and power as needed to ensure data quality.

B.1.1.3 Phase Measuring Bathymetric Sonar

Phase measuring bathymetric sonar bathymetry was not acquired.

B.1.2 Imagery

B.1.2.1 Side Scan Sonar

All Side Scan Sonar data is logged using Klein SonarPro, in the .SDF format. During acquisition, the hydrographer:

· Monitors: range, fish height, heading, pitch, roll, latitude, longitude, speed, pressure, and temperature;

· Adjust towfish height, in accordance with Field Procedures Manual, and manually record in Sonar Pro.

B.1.2.2 Phase Measuring Bathymetric Sonar

Phase measuring bathymetric sonar imagery was not acquired.

B.1.3 Sound Speed

B.1.3.1 Sound Speed Profiles

All Sound velocity profiles are acquired using a Sea-Bird SeaCat SBE19+ CTD. Casts are acquired once per week for VBES acquisition, and once every 2 - 4 hours for MBES. Profiles are collected more frequently when transiting more than 1 nautical mile between survey areas, or when current and weather conditions warrant. Sound velocity casts are applied to all bathymetric data during post processing.

The Sea-Bird CTD is sent for factory calibration annually. Calibration Reports can be found in Separate II of this report.

Figure 11: Sound Speed Profiling Device

B.1.3.2 Surface Sound Speed

An ODOM Digibar Pro is used to find sound speed values at the transducer face. Accuracy of the transducer is checked against the data point closest to the transducer depth on every CTD cast.

The Digibar Pro is sent for factory calibration annually. Calibration Reports can be found in Separate II of this report.

B.1.4 Horizontal and Vertical Control

B.1.4.1 Horizontal Control

The Bay Hydro II uses DGPS to establish horizontal position, using an assigned U.S. Coast Guard Maritime DGPS Services beacon. The frequency of the assigned beacon is programmed into the Trimble DGPS receiver using the program TSIP Talker. The minimum number of satellites, their minimum elevation above the horizon, and the age of pseudo range corrects are also set in TSIPs Talker.

During acquisition, differential correctors are sent to the Applanix POS M/V via serial connection. Total positional accuracy is then monitored inside the MV-POSView window.

B.1.4.2 Vertical Control

During data acquisition, bathymetric data is initially reduced to Mean Lower-Low Water (MLLW) using preliminary (observed) water level data. Water level stations and zone files, or TCARI grids, are assigned by the Center for Operational Oceanographic Products and Services (CO-OPS). Preliminary water levels are downloaded though the CO-OPS website in six-minute intervals and applied to the data at the end of each day. After acquisition is complete, preliminary tide levels and zoning are examined for veracity by CO-OPS, and all bathymetric data is then re-reduced to the verified levels.

B.1.5 Feature Verification

The following work flow is used to develop features:

· The locations of all potentially significant features are exported to MapInfo. Any indication of shoaling found in the VBES data is also noted, and the area
   outlined in MapInfo;

· A development line plan is created using MapInfo, creating line spacing that will ensonify all features with nadir beams;

· Object Detection level MBES data is collected over all SSS contacts, VBES designated soundings, and all possible shoals. Quality of data is controlled through:

   · Real time monitoring during acquisition to ensure that all features are covered by nadir beams;
   · Post Processing inspection of the CUBE surface's Density and Uncertainty layers;

· All developments are examined for significance. Objects found to be significant are flagged with a designated sounding, and imported into HSTP Pydro for
   reporting.

B.1.6 Bottom Sampling

Bottom Samples are collected according to the sample diagram contained in the Project Instructions. A Van veen grab sampler is used to take samples.

B.1.7 Backscatter

Backscatter data were not acquired.

B.1.8 Other

No additional data were acquired.

B.2 Data Processing

B.2.1 Bathymetry

B.2.1.1 Multibeam Echosounder

Convert MBES data using CARIS HIPS,

· Apply True Heave; correct for tide and speed of sound; compute Total Propagated Uncertainty

· Uncertainty values in the HVF follow recommendations of FPM, Appendix 4,
    · With the exception of MRU alignment uncertainties, which are calculated using the standard
 deviation of all angular biases found during a patch
      test;
    · For tidal zoning and speed of sound error modeling, refer to section B.2.2 of the Descriptive Report;

· Scan Navigation and Attitude data, flagging erroneous data as rejected;

· Initial data cleaning using Swath Editor to reject gross flyers;

· Create CUBE grids.

Grid resolution is dictated by the type of coverage required (Complete Coverage vs. Object Detection) and
 the depth of the water. Disambiguation method is NOAA Cube Parameters 2010. Compliance with HSSD
 gridding requirements is strictly observed,

· Review the CUBE grids for holidays;

· Create an initial holiday line plan;

· Review the uncertainty layer of each CUBE grid. Address each area where uncertainly falls outside of the
 standards set by HSSD;

· Review the density layer of each CUBE grid for compliance with HSSD specified density requirements,
      · Add areas of rarefaction to the holiday line plan;

· Examine all surfaces for erroneous surface designation and evidence of systematic errors, for features, and
 for evidence shoaling,

· Significant features are flagged 'designated', forcing the CUBE algorithm honor the depth of the sounding
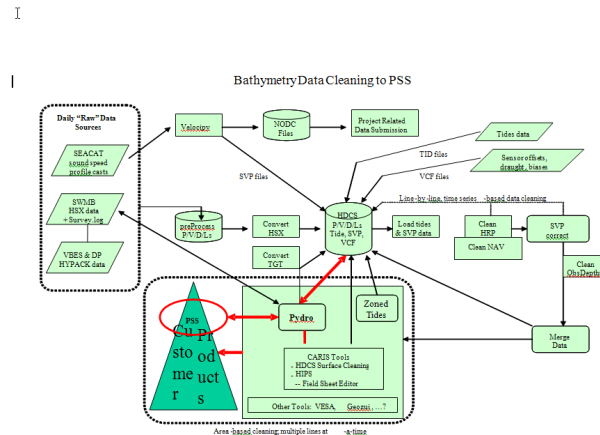
Figure 12: Bathymetry Data Cleaning to PSS

B.2.1.2 Single Beam Echosounder

VBES Data

· Convert VBES data using CARIS HIPS;

· Scan Navigation and Attitude data, flagging erroneous data as rejected;

· Apply tide and speed of sound corrections, compute Total Propagated Uncertainty values in the HVF
 follow recommendations of NOAA Field
  Procedures Manual (FPM), Appendix 4,
       · With the exception of MRU alignment uncertainties, which are calculated using the standard deviation of all
        angular biases found during a patch test;

· For tidal zoning and speed of sound error modeling, refer to section B.2.2 of the Descriptive Report;

· Clean data using CARIS Single Beam Editor, flagging data from the water column and sub-bottom returns
 as rejected;

· When definition of the true bottom is ambiguous, the full water column data can be inspected by viewing
 the HYPACK created .bin files;

· Create CARIS BASE Uncertainty Weighted Grids at 4 meter resolution;

· Analyze grids for features and for areas of shoaling, flagging them for development by a Multibeam sonar.
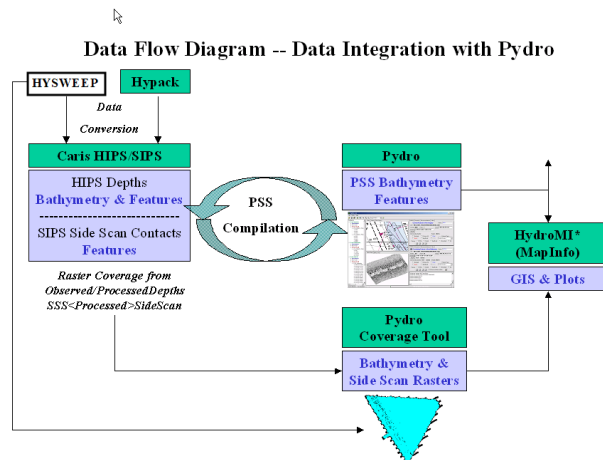
Figure 13: Data Flow Diagram

B.2.1.3 Phase Measuring Bathymetric Sonar

Phase measuring bathymetric sonar bathymetry was not processed.

B.2.1.4 Specific Data Processing Methods

B.2.1.4.1 Methods Used to Maintain Data Integrity

All bathymetric data is moved through the CARIS HIPS processing pipeline using a step-by-step method. No scripts or batch files are used. Data integrity is maintained through the use of processing logs, which tracks: Conversion of the data; Examination of ancillary sensor(navigation and attitude); and Application of heave, tides, SVP, and TPU.

B.2.1.4.2 Methods Used to Generate Bathymetric Grids

After initial processing the bathymetric data is gridded into BASE surfaces.

VBES data is gridded using an Uncertainty Weighted algorithm, set to 4 meter resolution. This type of grid calculates a horizontal and vertical uncertainty for each sounding, derived from the combined uncertainty from each of the sensors that contributes data to the sounding (e.g water levels, tide zoning, attitude sensor error, navigation sensor horizontal position error, and sound velocity profile error). Individual soundings are then propagated to grid nodes, which takes on a depth value as well as an uncertainty value based on all the soundings that contribute to the node. The influence of a sounding on a grid node is limited to 0.707 times the grid resolution.

MBES data is gridded using the CUBE algorithm. Resolution is dictated by the Project Instructions, as well as section 5.2.2 of the HSSD. The disambiguation method used is always Density and Local. The settings used for Capture Distance Scale, Horizontal Error Scaler, and Capture Distance Minimum are those listed in section 4.2.1.1.1.1 of the FPM.

After creation, Uncertainty and CUBE grids go through a quality control process. During this process, the Depth, Uncertainty, and Density child layers are examined for compliance with NOAA specifications. After the grids passes quality control, they are finalized. Uncertainty values for finalized surface come from the greater of either Uncertainty, or Standard Deviation.

B.2.1.4.3 Methods Used to Derive Final Depths

Methods Used	Cleaning Filters
	Gridding Parameters
	Surface Computation Algorithms
Description	Gridding parameters are dictated by section

B.2.2 Imagery

B.2.2.1 Side Scan Sonar

SSS Data
· Convert SSS data using CARIS SIPS;

· Scan Navigation and Attitude data, flagging erroneous data as rejected;

· Re-Compute towfish navigation. This is when tow point offsets and horizontal layback is applied to the data;

· Slant Range correct each line of data;

· A primary reviewer scans each line for significant contacts,

· A secondary reviewer makes an independent check-scan of all lines, verifying contacts and checking for missed contacts;

· If the Project Instructions call for 200% Side Scan coverage, the scanners check for correlation of contacts between 100% and 200% coverage;

· Correlation is also used to reveal systematic errors, particularly if a contact shows up on lines collected in opposite or orthogonal directions;

· Create individual mosaics for 100% and 200% coverage. Examine for coverage,

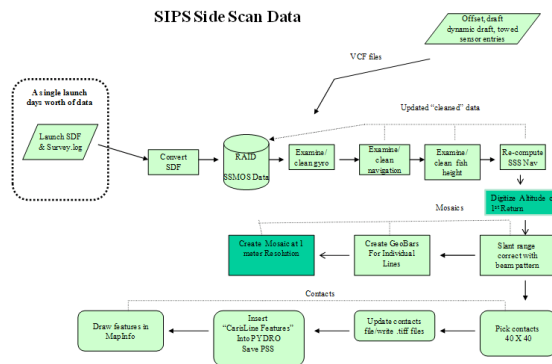· If necessary, create a holiday line plan.

Figure 14: Side Scan Sonar Workflow

B.2.2.2 Phase Measuring Bathymetric Sonar

Phase measuring bathymetric sonar imagery was not processed.

B.2.2.3 Specific Data Processing Methods

B.2.2.3.1 Methods Used to Maintain Data Integrity

Daily confidence checks were completed to insure integrity of data. These checks were completed by ensonifing a target in the outer limits of the range scale on either side of towfish. When this target was seen on the trace within ten meters of the targets actual position (the positional accuracy of a towed system), is was understood that data integrity was maintained.

B.2.2.3.2 Methods Used to Achieve Object Detection and Accuracy Requirements

R/V BAY HYDRO II achieved object detection and accuracy requirements by limiting vessel speed to insure that a minimum of three independent pings occurred per meter traveled in the along track direction, as well as by insuring the towfish was positioned between eight and twenty percent of the range scale off of the bottom.

B.2.2.3.3 Methods Used to Verify Swath Coverage

Mosaics were created after SSS acquisition was completed. These mosaics were placed onto a brightly colored background in the CARIS window so that holidays were easily visible. If holidays were found to exist, a new line plan was created to address them.

B.2.2.3.4 Criteria Used for Contact Selection

R/V BAY HYDRO II followed the contact height of one meter in twenty meter water depth criteria as set forth in the HSSD section 6.3.2.

B.2.2.3.5 Compression Methods Used for Reviewing Imagery

No compression methods were used for reviewing imagery.

B.2.3 Sound Speed

B.2.3.1 Sound Speed Profiles

Sound speed profiles were acquired with a SeaBird Electronics SeaCat SBE19plus profiler. Raw conductivity, temperature, and pressure data were processed using Velocipy, which generates sound speed profiles in a format readable by CARIS HIPS/SIPS. Sound speed correctors were applied to MBES and VBES data in CARIS HIPS during post processing.

The speed of sound through the water column was determined by a minimum of one cast every 2-4 hours of MBES acquisition, and one cast every week for VBES acquisition.

B.2.3.1.1 Specific Data Processing Methods

B.2.3.1.1.1 Caris SVP File Concatenation Methods

All SVP casts are processed using HSTP Velocipy. Casts are concatenated into a project master file.
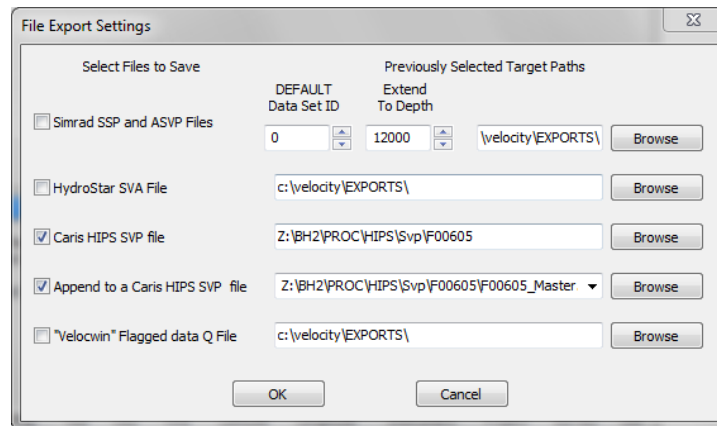
Figure 15: Velocipy GUI

B.2.3.2 Surface Sound Speed

Surface sound speed data were not processed.

B.2.4 Horizontal and Vertical Control

B.2.4.1 Horizontal Control

Position accuracy and quality were monitored in real time using the MV-POSView Controller software
to ensure positioning accuracy requirements in the NOS Hydrographic Surveys Specifications and
Deliverables were met.

Figure 16: Real Time HORCON Monitoring Interface

B.2.4.2 Vertical Control

Heave accuracy and quality were monitored in real time using the MV-POSView Controller software
to ensure positioning accuracy requirements in the NOS Hydrographic Surveys Specifications and
Deliverables were met. Water level control were provided by CO-OPS.

Figure 16: Real Time Vertical Control Monitoring Interace

B.2.5 Feature Verification

Features were verified using MBES. Shoreline features were collected using detached positions. The vessel's position was recorded using Hypack, and the range to the object found using a laser range finder. Position, range, and azimuth were then input into Pydro.

Figure 17: Trimble GeoXH used to take detached positions

B.2.6 Backscatter

Backscatter data were not processed.

B.2.7 Other

No additional data were processed.

B.3 Quality Management

Prior to each Field Season the R/V Bay Hydro II performs an Annual Systems Preparation, during which all Multibeam sonars, Side Scan Sonars, lead lines, sound speed measuring devices, and positioning systems are calibrated. Additionally, a comparison is made between depths found by lead line, VBES, and the MBES.

During daily acquisition, a hydrographer monitors the cumulative uncertainties in position and attitude data, watches incoming data for errors, and compares the surface sound speed against full water column data for each CTD cast.

During post processing, Navigation and Attitude data is scanned using Caris HIPS & SIPS. Side Scan data is then scanned for significant features by two separate individuals. Multibeam data is binned into a BASE surface using the CUBE algorithm, then undergoes directed editing using the Standard Deviation, Depth, Uncertainty, and Hypothesis Count child layers. The Uncertainty layer is also used to ensure the data complies with IHO uncertainty standards.

B.4 Uncertainty and Error Management

TPU is computed for each sounding using the CUBE algorithm, using the NOAA specified CubeParams_2010 values. TPU for sound speed is set to 2 m/s for Measured, and is generally set to 0.20 m/s for Surface. However, if the hydrographer observes a significant halocline near the depth of the multibeam head, Surface TPU can be increased up to 2 m/s.

B.4.1 Total Propagated Uncertainty (TPU)

B.4.1.1 TPU Calculation Methods

TPU is computed using the CUBE algorithm in CARIS HIPS. The contributing estimates are pulled from Appendix 4 of the Field Procedures Manual, with the exception of MRU alignment. Those values are estimated by calculating the standard deviation of a large sample of angular bias values resolved with a patch test.

B.4.1.2 Source of TPU Values

Field Procedures Manual: Appendix 4

B.4.1.3 TPU Values

Vessel	R/V BAY HYDRO II
Echosounder	Reson SeaBat 7125 400 kilohertz

TPU Standard Deviation Values	Motion	Gyro	0.020 degrees
		Heave	5.0 % Amplitude
			0.050 meters
		Pitch	0.020 degrees
		Roll	0.020 degrees
	Navigation Position	1.0 meters	
	Timing	Transducer	0.005 seconds
		Navigation	0.005 seconds
		Gyro	0.005 seconds
		Heave	0.005 seconds
		Pitch	0.005 seconds
		Roll	0.005 seconds
	Offsets	x	0.002 meters
		y	0.002 meters
		z	0.002 meters
	MRU Alignment	Gyro	0.000 degrees
		Pitch	0.000 degrees
		Roll	0.000 degrees
	Vessel	Speed	0.257 meters/second
		Loading	0.100 meters
		Draft	0.020 meters
		Delta Draft	0.020 meters

B.4.2 Deviations

There were no deviations from the requirement to compute total propagated uncertainty.

C Corrections To Echo Soundings

C.1 Vessel Offsets and Layback

C.1.1 Vessel Offsets

C.1.1.1 Description of Correctors

An NGS survey of R/V BAY HYDRO II was performed on 23 March 2009 using optical levels. The survey established the vessel's Reference Point (RP), then found the X, Y, and Z distances for the GNSS antennas and mulitbeam sonar. On 26 February 2010 the crew surveyed in the Tow Point for the side scan sonar. On 18 March 2010 the crew surveyed in the vessel's singlebeam transducers.

C.1.1.2 Methods and Procedures

This original Sensor Components Spatial Relationship Survey was conducted using the TOPCON GPT 3002LW Series Total Station, and a SECO 25mm Mini Prism System. The vessel's Tow Point was established using a laser level and measuring tape. The singlebeam transducers were also surveyed using a level and measuring tape.

C.1.1.3 Vessel Offset Correctors

Vessel	R/V BAY HYDRO II		
Echosounder	Teledyne Odom Hydrographic Odom Echotrac CV-200 200 kilohertz		
Date	2010-03-18		
Offsets	*MRU to Transducer*	*x*	2.294 meters
		y	3.406 meters
		z	2.143 meters
		x2	
		y2	
		z2	
	Nav to Transducer	*x*	0.0 meters
		y	0.0 meters
		z	0.0 meters
		x2	
		y2	
		z2	
	Transducer Roll	*Roll*	0.000 degrees
		Roll2	
Vessel	R/V BAY HYDRO II		
Echosounder	Reson SeaBat 7125 400 kilohertz		
Date	2010-03-02		

Offsets	MRU to Transducer	x	0.110 meters
		y	-1.066 meters
		z	2.507 meters
		x2	
		y2	
		z2	
	Nav to Transducer	x	-0.043 meters
		y	-1.217 meters
		z	2.342 meters
		x2	
		y2	
		z2	
	Transducer Roll	Roll	0.000 degrees
		Roll2	

C.1.2 Layback

C.1.2.1 Description of Correctors

Layback on the R/V BAY HYDRO II is the offset from the Reference Point (RP), to the point where the tow cable departs the sheave at the top of the A-frame.

C.1.2.2 Methods and Procedures

During acquisition the amount of side scan cable out is visually observed, and the value is entered into the SonarPro acqusition program. The number is then included in the .sdf file. Actual positioning of the Towfish is calculated during post processing, using CARIS SIPS.

C.1.2.3 Layback Correctors

Vessel	R/V BAY HYDRO II		
Echosounder	L3 Communications / Klein Associates, Inc. 5000HSHRSSS Towfish, T5114 Transceiver Processing Unit (TPU) 455 kilohertz		
Date	2010-02-26		
Layback	Towpoint	x	-0.011 meters
		y	-9.979 meters
		z	-4.01 meters
	Layback Error	0.00 meters	

C.2 Static and Dynamic Draft

C.2.1 Static Draft

C.2.1.1 Description of Correctors

Static draft is measured daily, and entered into the HVF file.

C.2.1.2 Methods and Procedures

Once the multibeam strut has been deployed, the distance from the benchmark to the waterline is measured using the vessel's lead line, and a steal measuring tape. The Z-axis difference between the benchmark and the RP is subtracted to get the true static draft. The new measurement is inserted into the HVF file for the Reson 7125 multibeam under that day number in the Waterline Height section.

C.2.2 Dynamic Draft

C.2.2.1 Description of Correctors

Change in draft measurement are used on the R/V BAY HYDRO II to account for the natural "settlement and squat" the vessel undergoes while changing speed while acquiring SWMB data.

C.2.2.2 Methods and Procedures

Using the Echosounder method, as described in the FPM section 1.4.2.1.2.1, a delta draft survey was conducted on 5 January 2011. A total of sixteen 1000m lines were run in opposite directions for each of eight different RPM's on the vessel's main engines. The initial two lines were run using a single engine, in order to maintain the slowest speed possible. The remaining fourteen lines were run using both engines. The evolution was completed by acquiring three drift lines, run orthogonal to the azimuth of the main lines. All multibeam data was processed using CARIS HIPS/SIPS 7.0 and then analyzed using the following methods: 20m X20m subset was defined at each drift line/main line intersection, all sounding inside subset were queried for depth, the median depth for lines run at the same RPM were calculated at each drift line reference area, the median depth of each drift line was calculated, and the delta draft at each line couplet at each reference point was calculated by subtracting the lines median depth from the median drift depth. The delta draft found at typical survey speeds was inserted into the Reson 7125 HVF under "TPU values, Standard Deviation, Delta Draft (m)".

C.2.2.3 Dynamic Draft Correctors

Vessel	R/V BAY HYDRO II
Date	2011-01-05

Dynamic Draft Table	*Speed*	1.029 meters/ second	2.6424 meters/ second	3.087 meters/ second	3.498 meters/ second	3.807 meters/ second	4.064 meters/ second	4.476 meters/ second	5.093 meters/ second
	Draft	-0.002 meters	0.007 meters	0.007 meters	0.002 meters	0.015 meters	0.031 meters	0.041 meters	0.042 feet

C.3 System Alignment

C.3.1 Description of Correctors

R/V BAY HYDRO II is configured for the "Precise Timing" setup for MBES operations. In this method of minimizing timing errors, a UTC serial time stamp is output from the POS/MV and received by Hysweep and the Reson processing unit. All data (navigation, heave, pitch, roll, and bathymetry) are time stamped according to this string at acquisition. Because these data are time-stamped at acquisition and the time stamp is honored in post-processing, the timing errors between navigation, heave, pitch, and roll are minimized.

C.3.2 Methods and Procedures

Patch tests were conducted throughout the year after any removal and replacement of the Reson 7125 MBES head due to the test and evaluation mission of the R/V BAY HYDRO II. These patch tests are designed to find any roll, pitch, and yaw biases and remaining time offset between the MB reference frame and the navigational reference frame. These Patch Tests are conducted in accordance with the Hydrographic Specifications and Deliverables section 5.2.4.1. In order to insure the highest quality of testing, the lines are post-processed and the CARIS Calibration Utility is performed by all R/V BAY HYDRO II crew members. The results of the three trials are averaged together and recorded in the Reson 7125 HVF under the appropriate columns in Swath 1 for the specific day number.

C.3.3 System Alignment Correctors

Vessel	R/V BAY HYDRO II	
Echosounder	Reson SeaBat 7125 400 kilohertz	
Date	2011-01-05	
Patch Test Values	*Navigation Time Correction*	0.0 seconds
	Pitch	2.1 degrees
	Roll	0.10 degrees
	Yaw	0.40 degrees
	Pitch Time Correction	0.00 seconds
	Roll Time Correction	0.00 seconds
	Yaw Time Correction	0.00 seconds
	Heave Time Correction	0.00 seconds
Vessel	S5401	
Echosounder	Reson SeaBat 7125 400 kilohertz	

Date	2011-01-31	
Patch Test Values	*Navigation Time Correction*	0.0 seconds
	Pitch	-2.0 degrees
	Roll	0.10 degrees
	Yaw	0.45 degrees
	Pitch Time Correction	0.00 seconds
	Roll Time Correction	0.00 seconds
	Yaw Time Correction	0.00 seconds
	Heave Time Correction	0.00 seconds
Vessel	S5401	
Echosounder	Reson SeaBat 400 kilohertz	
Date	2011-05-09	
Patch Test Values	*Navigation Time Correction*	0.0 seconds
	Pitch	2.20 degrees
	Roll	0.10 degrees
	Yaw	1.70 degrees
	Pitch Time Correction	0.00 seconds
	Roll Time Correction	0.00 seconds
	Yaw Time Correction	0.00 seconds
	Heave Time Correction	0.00 seconds

Additional Discussion

The Bay Hydro II's MBES system was originally patched on 5 Jan 2011. A potential navigation timing error was found, and the system was re-patched on 31 Jan 2011. In May 2011, the POS M/V system was upgraded, and the MBES was repatched.

C.4 Positioning and Attitude

C.4.1 Description of Correctors

Applying positioning and attitude data to Raw MBES and VBES data.

C.4.2 Methods and Procedures

The blended positional solution from the POS/MV is recorded to the "C" drive of the Hypack acquisition computer. This file is merged with the Raw data file in CARIS SIPS using the "Load True Heave" utility.

C.5 Tides and Water Levels

C.5.1 Description of Correctors

Sounding were reduced to Mean Lower-Low Water (MLLW) using final, approved zoned tide data (unless otherwise noted in the DR) from each tide station applicable for a specific survey sheet.

C.5.2 Methods and Procedures

All tide data were obtained from the Center for Operational Oceanographic Products and Services (CO-OPS) program Fetchtides.py. These data were used to create a CARIS HIPS Tide file (.tid) and were applied to MBES and VBES data within CARIS HIPS. Refer to individual Descriptive Reports for further information regarding water levels specific to each survey.

C.6 Sound Speed

C.6.1 Sound Speed Profiles

C.6.1.1 Description of Correctors

Speed of sound measurements in the water column are used to correct for the effects of salinity, temperature, and conductivity changes within the water column.

C.6.1.2 Methods and Procedures

CTD casts taken using the SeaBird CTS and are processed using HSTP's VELOCIPY software. The Profile created is then applied to MBES, SSS, and VBES data in CARIS HIPS using the Sound Velocity Corrections utility.

C.6.2 Surface Sound Speed

C.6.2.1 Description of Correctors

Speed of sound measurements at the Reson 7125 transducer face are used by the unit to correctly form it's beams.

C.6.2.2 Methods and Procedures

The R/V BAY HYDRO II use the Digibar Pro to acquire speed of sound at the face of the RESON 7125 transducer, and the data is sent real time to the RESON processor unit.

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