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## A. System Equipment and Software

### A.1 Survey Vessels

#### A.1.1 M/V Atlantic Surveyor

<i>Vessel Name</i>	M/V Atlantic Surveyor	
<i>Hull Number</i>	M/V Atlantic Surveyor	
<i>Description</i>	<p>Leidos employed the survey vessel M/V Atlantic Surveyor, a 110-foot steel hulled vessel outfitted with the following major data acquisition systems, for the survey effort:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. POS/MV 320 version V5 and IMU type 36</li> <li>2. Teledyne RESON SeaBat T50 multibeam echo sounder (MBES)</li> <li>3. Klein 3000 dual frequency side scan sonar (SSS)</li> <li>4. AML Oceanographic (AML) Moving Vessel Profiler 30 (MVP30) sound speed profile (SSP) acquisition system</li> </ol> <p>The M/V Atlantic Surveyor (Figure 1) was equipped with shipboard systems including an autopilot, non-survey echo sounder, Differential Global Positioning System (DGPS), radars, Automatic Identification System (AIS), and two 40 kilowatt (kW) diesel generators. Accommodations for up to twelve surveyors were available within three cabins. For survey operations, the SSS winch and four International Organization for Standardization (ISO) containers were secured on the aft deck. The first 20-foot container was used as the real-time survey data acquisition office, the second 20-foot container was used for the onboard data processing office, the third 20-foot container was used for spares storage, maintenance, and repairs, and the fourth 10-foot ISO container mounted on the aft deck housed a 110 kW generator that provided dedicated power to the SSS winch, ISO containers, and all survey equipment. The POS/MV IMU was mounted approximately amidships, below the main deck, port of the vessel's keel. The MBES transducer and collocated AML MicroX surface sound speed sensor were hull-mounted approximately amidships, port of the vessel's keel. The SSS was towed from a stern mounted A-frame. The MVP30 was mounted on the starboard stern quarter. Configuration parameters, offsets, and installation diagrams for all equipment are included in the following sections of this Report and the Appendices.</p>	
<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>LOA</i>	110 ft
	<i>Beam</i>	26 ft
	<i>Max Draft</i>	9 ft
<i>Most Recent Full Static Survey</i>	<i>Date</i>	2019-01-31
	<i>Performed By</i>	Leidos



Figure 1: M/V Atlantic Surveyor

### A.1.2 R/V Oyster Bay II

<i>Vessel Name</i>	R/V Oyster Bay II	
<i>Hull Number</i>	R/V Oyster Bay II	
<i>Description</i>	<p>Leidos employed the survey vessel, the R/V Oyster Bay II, a 30-foot aluminum hulled vessel, which was outfitted with the following major data acquisition systems for the survey effort:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. POS/MV 320 version V5 and IMU type 36</li> <li>2. Teledyne RESON SeaBat 7125 SV1 MBES (2020 data)</li> <li>3. Teledyne RESON SeaBat T50 MBES (2021 data)</li> <li>4. Klein 4900 dual frequency SSS</li> <li>5. AML Oceanographic BaseX2 SSP acquisition systems</li> </ol> <p>The R/V Oyster Bay II (Figure 2) was equipped with shipboard systems including an autopilot, non-survey echo sounder, DGPS, radar, and a 7 kW gas generator. The SSS was bow mounted. The MBES with collocated AML MicroX surface sound speed sensor were pole mounted on the port side off the aft main deck and gunwale. The POS/MV IMU was mounted on the MBES pole mount assembly, approximately on the vessel centerline. The SSS was bow-mounted. Configuration parameters, offsets, and installation diagrams for all equipment are included in the following sections of this Report and the Appendices.</p>	
<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>LOA</i>	30 ft
	<i>Beam</i>	9 ft
	<i>Max Draft</i>	3 ft

<i>Most Recent Full Static Survey</i>	<i>Date</i>	2020-06-14
	<i>Performed By</i>	Leidos



*Figure 2: R/V Oyster Bay II*

## **A.2 Echo Sounding Equipment**

### **A.2.1 Multibeam Echosounders**

#### **A.2.1.1 RESON SeaBat T50**

A RESON SeaBat T50 with an AML MicroX surface sound speed sensor was used for all MBES data collection onboard the M/V Atlantic Surveyor and the R/V Oyster Bay II for data acquired in 2021. The RESON SeaBat T50 can be operated in Equi-Angle, Equi-Distant, or Intermediate Modes with a sliding



scale of 10 to 1024 beams. In all configurations the beams were dynamically focused resulting in a 0.5 degree across-track receive beam width and a 1.0 degree along-track transmit beam width with up to a 150 degree coverage angle in Equi-Distant and Intermediate Modes and up to a 165 degree coverage angle in Equi-Angle Mode.

The RESON SeaBat T50 was primarily set to the 256 beams Intermediate Mode during survey operations, with a 120 degree swath set by the coverage angle in the controller; and was primarily in use as single frequency system operating at 400 kilohertz (kHz). The maximum ping rate was manually set to 30 hertz (Hz). The achievable maximum ping rate was controlled by the range scale, which was typically chosen automatically with the use of tracker mode in the RESON Sonar User Interface (UI). The tracker mode was configured to automatically select the range, power, gain, absorption, spreading, and pulse length. The resulting settings and real-time data quality were continuously monitored by the watchstanders. If ever deemed necessary, a watchstander could disable the automatic tracker mode and manually adjust the system settings based on real-time quality monitoring. During item investigations, the RESON SeaBat T50 was set to either 256 beams Intermediate or 512 beams Intermediate mode, with occasional adjustments to focus the coverage angle. To ensure least depths on items were captured, adaptive depth gates were disabled during item line data acquisition.

The RESON SeaBat T50 receiver and transducer were installed on the M/V Atlantic Surveyor's hull 2020-06-11 (JD 163). Alignments were confirmed via a Patch Test on 2020-06-20 (JD 172) and 2020-06-21 (JD173). Details of the arrays in use are captured in the Table below; refer to the DAPR Appendices for further information on the Patch Tests performed.

The RESON SeaBat T50 receiver and transducer were installed on the R/V Oyster Bay II on 2021-03-13 (JD 072). Alignments were confirmed via a Patch Test on 2021-03-17 (JD 076). Details of the arrays in use are captured in the Table below; refer to the DAPR Appendices for further information on the Patch Tests performed.

<i>Manufacturer</i>	RESON				
<i>Model</i>	SeaBat T50				
<i>Inventory</i>	<i>M/V Atlantic Surveyor</i>	<i>Component</i>	SonarProcessor	Projector	Receiver
		<i>Model Number</i>	T50-R	TC2181	EM7218
		<i>Serial Number</i>	3716025	2117070	3216025
		<i>Frequency</i>	200-400 kHz	200-400 kHz	200-400 kHz
		<i>Calibration</i>	2020-06-23	2020-06-23	2020-06-23
		<i>Accuracy Check</i>	2020-06-23	2020-06-23	2020-06-23
	<i>R/V Oyster Bay II</i>	<i>Component</i>	SonarProcessor	Projector	Receiver
		<i>Model Number</i>	T50-R	TC2181	EM7218
		<i>Serial Number</i>	3716025	2117070	3216025
		<i>Frequency</i>	200-400 kHz	200-400 kHz	200-400 kHz
		<i>Calibration</i>	2021-03-17	2021-03-17	2021-03-17
		<i>Accuracy Check</i>	2021-03-17	2021-03-17	2021-03-17

### A.2.1.2 RESON SeaBat 7125 SV1

A RESON SeaBat 7125 with an AML MicroX surface sound speed sensor was used for all MBES data collection onboard the R/V Oyster Bay II acquired in 2020. The RESON SeaBat 7125 SV1 is a single frequency system operating at 400 kHz. It has three beam mode configurations: 256 Equi-Angle, 512 Equi-Angle, or 512 Equi-Distant. In all configurations the beams are dynamically focused resulting in a 0.5 degree across-track receive beam width and a 1.0 degree along-track transmit beam width with a 130 degree swath. The RESON SeaBat 7125 SV1 was primarily set to the 512 beams Equi-Distant mode during survey operations. The maximum ping rate was manually set to 30 hertz (Hz) with the maximum ping rate being controlled by the selected range used. During item investigations to ensure least depths on items were captured, adaptive depth gates were disabled during item line data acquisition.

The RESON SeaBat 7125 SV1 receiver and transducer were installed on the R/V Oyster Bay II pole mount on 2020-06-30 (JD 182) and confirmed by a patch test conducted 2020-07-02 (JD 184). During the course of survey operations, the RESON SeaBat 7125 SV1 was lifted from its deployed survey position, and the receiver array was removed from the transducer mount in order to replace the receiver cable. After the RESON SeaBat 7125 SV1 was reinstalled, alignments were confirmed via a Patch Test on 2020-10-29 (JD 303). Details of the arrays in use are captured in the Table below; refer to the DAPR Appendices for further information on the Patch Tests performed.

<i>Manufacturer</i>	RESON				
<i>Model</i>	SeaBat 7125 SV1				
<i>Inventory</i>	<i>R/V Oyster Bay II</i>	<i>Component</i>	SonarProcessor	Projector	Receiver
		<i>Model Number</i>	7215 SV1	TC2160	EM7216
		<i>Serial Number</i>	18172210015	4709011	2210031
		<i>Frequency</i>	400 kHz	400 kHz	400 kHz
		<i>Calibration</i>	2020-07-08	2020-07-08	2020-07-08
		<i>Accuracy Check</i>	2020-10-29	2020-10-29	2020-10-29

### A.2.2 Single Beam Echosounders

No single beam echosounders were utilized for data acquisition.

### A.2.3 Side Scan Sonars

#### A.2.3.1 Klein Marine Systems Inc. 3000

A Klein 3000 conventional dual frequency side scan sonar (SSS) system was used for all SSS data collection onboard the M/V Atlantic Surveyor. The 16-Bit digital SSS data were collected at 100 kHz and 500 kHz concurrently. All SSS data delivered are 16-Bit digital data.

The SSS ping rate is automatically set by the TPU based on the range scale setting selected by the user. During OPR-E350-KR-20, the SSS range scale was set by the watchstander at either 25-meters, 50-meters, or 75-meters based on the planned survey areas, the observed water depths and the observed environmental conditions. The following list the ping rate at SSS range scale:

- 25-meter SSS = 30Hz
- 50-meter SSS = 15Hz
- 75-meter SSS = 10Hz

Based on these ping rates, maximum survey speeds were established for each range scale setting to ensure coverage requirements were met in accordance with Section 6.1.2.2 of the HSSD. During survey operations, the Klein 3000 was towed from the M/V Atlantic Surveyor's A-Frame while the SSS towfish altitude was controlled with the cable payout set by a watchstander via a Sea Mac winch's remote controller. The cable payout was continuously monitored with a MacArtney sheave sensor and logged by ISS-2000.

<i>Manufacturer</i>	Klein Marine Systems Inc.					
<i>Model</i>	3000					
<i>Inventory</i>	<i>M/V Atlantic Surveyor</i>	<i>Component</i>	Klein Transceiver Processing Unit (TPU)	Klein Transceiver Processing Unit (TPU)	Towfish	Towfish
		<i>Model Number</i>	N/A	N/A	3000	3000
		<i>Serial Number</i>	418	420	534	535
		<i>Frequency</i>	N/A	N/A	100kHz and 500 kHz concurrently	100kHz and 500 kHz concurrently
		<i>Calibration</i>	2020-06-23	2020-06-23	2020-06-23	2020-06-23
		<i>Accuracy Check</i>	2020-06-23	2020-06-23	2020-06-23	2020-06-23

### A.2.3.2 Klein Marine Systems Inc. 4900

A Klein 4900 conventional dual frequency SSS system was used for all SSS data collection onboard the R/V Oyster Bay II. The 32-Bit digital SSS data were collected at 455 kHz and 900 kHz concurrently depending on the set range scale. All SSS data delivered are 32-Bit digital data.

The SSS ping rate is automatically set by the TPU based on the range scale setting selected by the user. During OPR-E350-KR-20, the SSS range scale was set by the watchstander at either 25-meters, 50-meters, or 75-meters based on the planned survey areas, the observed water depths and the observed environmental conditions. The following list the ping rate at SSS range scale:

- 25-meter SSS = 24Hz
- 50-meter SSS = 12Hz
- 75-meter SSS = 8Hz

Based on these ping rates, maximum survey speeds were established for each range scale setting to ensure coverage requirements were met in accordance with Section 6.1.2.2 of the HSSD. During survey operations, the Klein 4900 was pole mounted from the bow of the R/V Oyster Bay II.

<i>Manufacturer</i>	Klein Marine Systems Inc.			
<i>Model</i>	4900			
<i>Inventory</i>	<i>R/V Oyster Bay II</i>	<i>Component</i>	Klein Transceiver Processing Unit (TPU)	Towfish
		<i>Model Number</i>	14105729-01	4900
		<i>Serial Number</i>	072	070
		<i>Frequency</i>	N/A	455 kHz and 900 kHz concurrently
		<i>Calibration</i>	2020-07-08	2020-07-08
		<i>Accuracy Check</i>	2021-03-17	2021-03-17

#### **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**

No lead lines were utilized for data acquisition.

#### **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 Horizontal and Vertical Control Equipment**

### **A.4.1 Base Station Equipment**

No base station equipment was utilized for data acquisition.

### **A.4.2 Rover Equipment**

No rover equipment was utilized for data acquisition.

### **A.4.3 Water Level Gauges**

No water level gauges were utilized for data acquisition.

### **A.4.4 Levels**

No levels were utilized for data acquisition.

## **A.4.5 Other Horizontal and Vertical Control Equipment**

No other equipment were utilized for data acquisition.

## **A.5 Positioning and Attitude Equipment**

### **A.5.1 Positioning and Attitude Systems**

#### **A.5.1.1 Applanix POS/MV-320 Position and Orientation System Version 5**

The Applanix POS/MV-320 Position and Orientation System Version 5 was used as the primary positioning and attitude sensor. POS/MV is a GNSS-aided inertial positioning and orientation system designed to provide georeferencing and motion compensation solutions to hydrographic survey platforms. The system is comprised of a rack-mounted POS Computer system (PCS) unit, an Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU), and two GNSS antennas. On both the M/V Atlantic Surveyor and the R/V Oyster Bay II, the port antenna was configured as the primary and the starboard antenna as secondary. Refer to the table below and Figure 3 for the POS/MV system details.

On the M/V Atlantic Surveyor, a GPS Azimuth Measurement System (GAMS) calibration was conducted on 2020-06-20 (JD 172) which confirmed the Baseline Vector values from the sensor dimensional offset survey of 2019-01-31 (JD 031). On the R/V Oyster Bay II, a GAMS calibration was conducted on 2020-07-02 (JD

184), which confirmed the Baseline Vector values from the sensor dimensional offset survey of 2020-06-14 (JD 166). Following a shutdown period and integration of the RESON SeaBat T50, a GAMS calibration was conducted on 2021-03-14 (JD 073) and 2021-03-18 (JD 077) on the R/V Oyster Bay II. Refer to the Appendices of this Report for the calibration and configuration reports.

During acquisition on both the M/V Atlantic Surveyor and the R/V Oyster Bay II, the POS/MV was configured for use of the Wide Area Augmentation System (WAAS) to improve accuracy of the real-time navigation solution. Navigation data were post-processed to be in accordance with Section 3.5 of the HSSD. All post-processed navigation data used for application to final survey data were fully reviewed in SABER's Time-Series Viewer (TSView) program and were found to meet all accuracy and quality standards. Details on the PCS and Antenna units are captured in the Table below; refer to Section A.5.2 and Section C.3.1.2 for further details on the use of DGPS over the course of survey operations.

<i>Manufacturer</i>	Applanix					
<i>Model</i>	POS/MV-320 Position and Orientation System Version 5					
<i>Inventory</i>	<i>M/V Atlantic Surveyor</i>	<i>Component</i>	IMU	PCS	Antenna	Antenna
		<i>Model Number</i>	IMU36	MV-320 Version 5	GA830	GA830
		<i>Serial Number</i>	3308	7958	11307	10177
		<i>Calibration</i>				
	<i>R/V Oyster Bay II</i>	<i>Component</i>	IMU	PCS	Antenna	Antenna
		<i>Model Number</i>	IMU36	MV-320 Version 5	GA830	GA830
		<i>Serial Number</i>	3620	7585	7898	7903
		<i>Calibration</i>				

<b>POS/MV-320 Position and Orientation System Version 5 (Primary Positioning)</b>		
<b>System</b>	<b>Version/Model/SN</b>	<b>Version/Model/SN</b>
MV-320	Version 5	Version 5
Serial Number	7958	7585
Hardware	1.4-12	1.4-12
Firmware	10.30	10.30
ICD	10.30	10.30
Operating System	6.4.1	6.4.1
IMU Type	36	36
Primary GPS Type	BD982	BD982
Options	RTK-0, THV-0, DPW-0	RTK-0, THV-0, DPW-0

Figure 3: POS/MV Systems

## A.5.2 DGPS

### A.5.2.1 Applanix POS/MV-320 Position and Orientation System Version 5

On both the M/V Atlantic Surveyor and the R/V Oyster Bay II, the primary POS/MV navigation system was configured for the use of the WAAS. Refer to Section C.3.1.2 for further details on the use of DGPS over the course of survey operations.

<i>Manufacturer</i>	Applanix		
<i>Model</i>	POS/MV-320 Position and Orientation System Version 5		
<i>Inventory</i>	<i>M/V Atlantic Surveyor</i>	<i>Component</i>	DGPS Receiver
		<i>Model Number</i>	MV-320
		<i>Serial Number</i>	7958
		<i>Calibration</i>	
	<i>R/V Oyster Bay II</i>	<i>Component</i>	DGPS Receiver
		<i>Model Number</i>	MV-320
		<i>Serial Number</i>	7585
		<i>Calibration</i>	

### A.5.2.2 Oceaneering C-Nav 3050

On both the M/V Atlantic Surveyor and the R/V Oyster Bay II, the secondary C-Nav navigation system was configured for the use of the WAAS. Refer to Section C.3.1.2 for further details on the use of DGPS over the course of survey operations.

<i>Manufacturer</i>	Oceaneering		
<i>Model</i>	C-Nav 3050		
<i>Inventory</i>	<i>M/V Atlantic Surveyor</i>	<i>Component</i>	WAAS Receiver
		<i>Model Number</i>	3050
		<i>Serial Number</i>	23469
		<i>Calibration</i>	
	<i>R/V Oyster Bay II</i>	<i>Component</i>	WASS Receiver
		<i>Model Number</i>	3050
		<i>Serial Number</i>	23464
		<i>Calibration</i>	

### A.5.3 GPS

#### A.5.3.1 Oceanering C-Nav 3050

On both the M/V Atlantic Surveyor and the R/V Oyster Bay II, an Oceanering C-Nav 3050 Global Positioning System (GPS) Receiver was configured as a secondary positioning sensor and used for real-time QC of the primary (POS/MV) positioning systems. During acquisition, real-time differences in the positioning solution between the POS/MV and C-Nav units were continuously calculated and plotted, with periodic checks for discrepancies by the watchstander. Raw observables from the C-Nav unit were recorded for use in the event that issues were observed during processing of primary positioning data.

<i>Manufacturer</i>	Oceanering		
<i>Model</i>	C-Nav 3050		
<i>Inventory</i>	<i>M/V Atlantic Surveyor</i>	<i>Component</i>	WAAS Receiver
		<i>Model Number</i>	3050
		<i>Serial Number</i>	23469
		<i>Calibration</i>	
	<i>R/V Oyster Bay II</i>	<i>Component</i>	WASS Receiver
		<i>Model Number</i>	3050
		<i>Serial Number</i>	23464
		<i>Calibration</i>	

#### A.5.4 Laser Rangefinders

Laser rangefinders were not utilized for data acquisition.

#### A.5.5 Other Positioning and Attitude Equipment

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

### A.6 Sound Speed Equipment

#### A.6.1 Moving Vessel Profilers

##### A.6.1.1 AML Oceanographic MVP30

On the M/V Atlantic Surveyor, an MVP30 and an AML MVP•X instrument were the primary sound speed equipment used to determine sound speed profiles (SSP) for corrections to MBES data. The MVP30 allows



for efficient acquisition of underway sound speed profiles. During survey operations, the MVP•X unit was outfitted with sound velocity, pressure, and temperature Xchange sensors, then housed in a towbody and towed by the vessel to allow for regular MVP deployments. On the M/V Atlantic Surveyor, the MVP30 was mounted on the starboard stern quarter of the vessel. The deck unit consisted of an electrical winch, control box, remote control pendant and overboard sheave. The deck unit was interfaced to a control box inside the real-time acquisition van and to the MVP Controller software on a notebook computer which was monitored by a watchstander.

<i>Manufacturer</i>	AML Oceanographic		
<i>Model</i>	MVP30		
<i>Inventory</i>	<i>M/V Atlantic Surveyor</i>	<i>Component</i>	MVP System
		<i>Model Number</i>	MVP30
		<i>Serial Number</i>	M12037
		<i>Calibration</i>	

## A.6.2 CTD Profilers

No CTD profilers were utilized for data acquisition.

## A.6.3 Sound Speed Sensors

### A.6.3.1 AML Oceanographic MVP•X

The AML MVP•X instrument, compatible with the AML sound velocity, pressure, and temperature Xchange sensors noted above, was used in conjunction with the MVP30 for primary sound speed profile (SSP) acquisition on the M/V Atlantic Surveyor.

The individual sound velocity, pressure, and temperature Xchange sensors are directly connected to the head of the MVP•X instrument. The MVP•X instrument is then connected to the MVP30 control box system via the tow cable.

<i>Manufacturer</i>	AML Oceanographic				
<i>Model</i>	MVP•X				
<i>Inventory</i>	<i>M/V Atlantic Surveyor</i>	<i>Component</i>	Probe	Probe	Probe
		<i>Model Number</i>	MVP•X	MVP•X	MVP•X
		<i>Serial Number</i>	008688	009032	009038
		<i>Calibration</i>			

### A.6.3.2 AML Oceanographic Base•X2

AML Base•X2 instruments, compatible with AML sound velocity and pressure Xchange sensors, were the primary sound speed equipment used to determine sound speed profiles for corrections to MBES data on the R/V Oyster Bay II. Additionally, Base•X2 instruments were maintained onboard the M/V Atlantic Surveyor for the duration of the survey season to augment and compare to the MVP30. The Base•X2 provides a lightweight and compact form of sound speed profiling technology, allowing for over-the-side hand deployments and wireless transmission of data for expedited cast application.

<i>Manufacturer</i>	AML Oceanographic			
<i>Model</i>	Base•X2			
<i>Inventory</i>	<i>M/V Atlantic Surveyor</i>	<i>Component</i>	Probe	
		<i>Model Number</i>	Base•X2	
		<i>Serial Number</i>	025586	
		<i>Calibration</i>		
	<i>R/V Oyster Bay II</i>	<i>Component</i>	Probe	Probe
		<i>Model Number</i>	Base•X2	Base•X2
		<i>Serial Number</i>	025410	026114
		<i>Calibration</i>		

### A.6.3.3 AML Oceanographic MicroX

One AML MicroX SV probe, compatible with the AML SV Xchange sensors noted above, was collocated with each MBES system, mounted adjacent to the transducer head, in order to allow for real-time application of sound speed.

<i>Manufacturer</i>	AML Oceanographic			
<i>Model</i>	MicroX			
<i>Inventory</i>	<i>M/V Atlantic Surveyor</i>	<i>Component</i>	Sensor	
		<i>Model Number</i>	MicroX	
		<i>Serial Number</i>	11702	
		<i>Calibration</i>		
	<i>R/V Oyster Bay II</i>	<i>Component</i>	Sensor	
		<i>Model Number</i>	MicroX	
		<i>Serial Number</i>	12014	
		<i>Calibration</i>		

#### A.6.3.4 AML Oceanographic SV Xchange

An AML SV Xchange sensor is a field-swappable sound velocity sensor, compatible with the above listed housing units, capable of providing time of flight sound velocity measurements accurate to (+/-) 0.025 m/s.

Refer to the Appendices of this Report for calibration details of all SV, P, and T Xchange sensors used during OPR-E350-KR-20.

<i>Manufacturer</i>	AML Oceanographic													
<i>Model</i>	SV Xchange													
<i>Inventory</i>	<i>Component</i>	SV Sensor	SV Sensor	SV Sensor	SV Sensor	SV Sensor	SV Sensor	SV Sensor	SV Sensor	SV Sensor	SV Sensor	SV Sensor	SV Sensor	SV Sensor
	<i>Model Number</i>	SV Xchange	SV Xchange	SV Xchange	SV Xchange	SV Xchange	SV Xchange	SV Xchange	SV Xchange	SV Xchange	SV Xchange	SV Xchange	SV Xchange	SV Xchange
	<i>Serial Number</i>	04453	20614	20624	20624	20641	20651	20651	20651	20651	20719	20966	20966	20966
	<i>Calibration</i>	2021-01-23	2023-01-23	2020-09-22	2020-09-22	2021-01-22	2023-01-23	2023-01-23	2020-09-22	2020-09-22	2021-01-22	2023-01-23	2023-01-23	2023-01-23

#### A.6.3.5 AML Oceanographic P Xchange

An AML Oceanographic P Xchange sensor is a field-swappable pressure sensor, compatible with the above listed housing units, capable of providing pressure measurements accurate to (+/-) 0.05% FS.

Refer to the Appendices of this Report for calibration details of all SV, P, and T Xchange sensors used during OPR-E350-KR-20.

<i>Manufacturer</i>	AML Oceanographic									
<i>Model</i>	P Xchange									
<i>Inventory</i>	<i>Component</i>	Depth Sensor	Depth Sensor	Depth Sensor	Depth Sensor	Depth Sensor	Depth Sensor	Depth Sensor	Depth Sensor	Depth Sensor
	<i>Model Number</i>	P Xchange	P Xchange	P Xchange	P Xchange	P Xchange	P Xchange	P Xchange	P Xchange	P Xchange
	<i>Serial Number</i>	304601	305331	305555	305557	305558	305598	305840	307039	307039
	<i>Calibration</i>	2021-01-22	2020-02-22	2020-09-22	2021-01-22	2021-01-22	2021-01-22	2021-01-22	2020-09-22	2021-01-22

#### A.6.3.6 AML Oceanographic T Xchange

An AML T Xchange sensor is a field-swappable temperature sensor, compatible with the above listed housing units, capable of providing temperature measurements accurate to (+/-) 0.005°C.

Refer to the Appendices of this Report for calibration details of all SV, P, and T Xchange sensors used during OPR-E350-KR-20.

<i>Manufacturer</i>	AML Oceanographic						
<i>Model</i>	T Xchange						
<i>Inventory</i>	<i>Component</i>	Temperature Sensor	Temperature Sensor	Temperature Sensor	Temperature Sensor	Temperature Sensor	Temperature Sensor
	<i>Model Number</i>	T Xchange	T Xchange	T Xchange	T Xchange	T Xchange	T Xchange
	<i>Serial Number</i>	404004	404370	404395	404397	404438	40575
	<i>Calibration</i>	2020-02-12	2021-01-22	2020-09-17	2021-01-22	2020-09-17	2021-01-21

#### A.6.4 TSG Sensors

No surface sound speed sensors were utilized for data acquisition.

#### A.6.5 Other Sound Speed Equipment

No surface sound speed sensors were utilized for data acquisition.

## A.7 Computer Software

<i>Manufacturer</i>	<i>Software Name</i>	<i>Version</i>	<i>Use</i>
Leidos	ISS-2000 with Survey Planning	5.5.0.3.1	Acquisition
Leidos	SABER with Survey Planning	5.4.0.35.0	Processing
Leidos	iNavLog	2.7	Acquisition
Klein	SonarPro	14.1v96	Acquisition
AML Oceanographic	MVP30 Controller	2.48	Acquisition
AML Oceanographic	Seacast	4.3.1	Acquisition
Spectra Precision	Survey Pro Max	6.3.1.10	Acquisition
Applanix	POS/MV POSView	10.3	Acquisition
Applanix	POSPac MMS	8.6	Processing
Trimble	Business Center	5.30	Processing
SOLIDWORKS	Premium 2018	SP5.0	Processing
Teledyne CARIS	HIPS and SIPS	10.4	Processing
ESRI	ArcGIS	10.6.1	Processing
NOAA	Extended Attribute Files	2021	Processing
NOAA and University of New Hampshire (UNH) Center for Coastal Ocean Mapping (CCOM)	Sound Speed Manager	2019.2.3	Processing
National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)	Panoply	4.10.12	Processing
AutoCAD	Civil 3d	2020	Processing
AutoCAD	Map 3D	2020	Processing
Altova	XMLSpy	2021r2	Processing

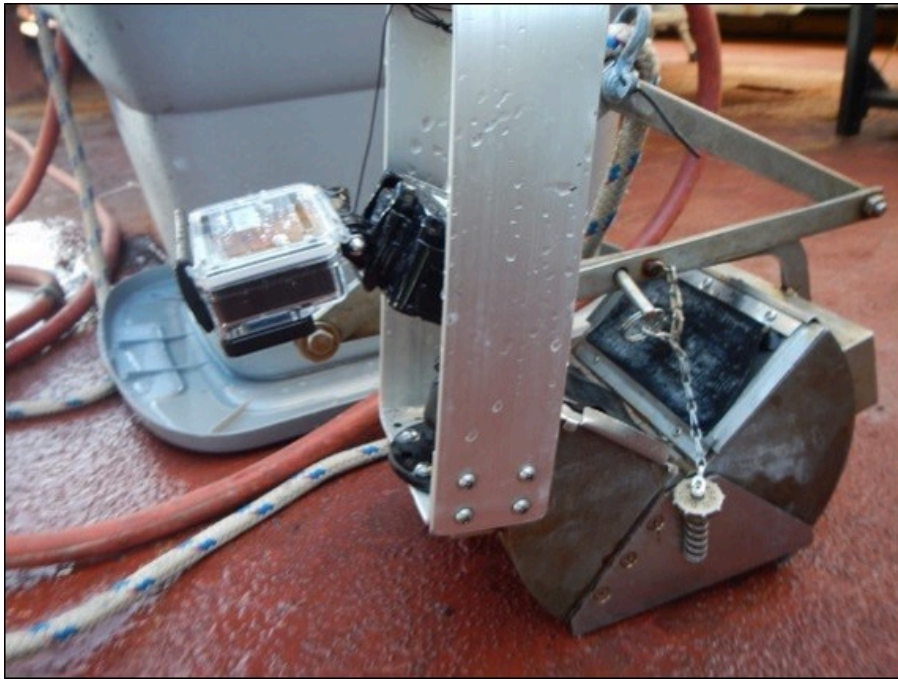
## A.8 Bottom Sampling Equipment

### A.8.1 Bottom Samplers

#### A.8.1.1 WILDCO Petite Ponar Grab 7128-G40

A Wildco Petite Ponar grab sampler (Figure 4) was used to obtain bottom samples and determine sediment characteristics. The grab sampler is a stainless steel unit with a self-releasing pinch-pin. Additionally, a

camera was affixed to the grab sampler by a supplemental metal housing to allow for high-resolution video acquisition in applicable areas. Bottom samples were typically acquired with the grab sampler via a line and block setup through an over-the-side davit.



*Figure 4: Bottom Sampler with Camera Attachment*

## **B. System Alignment and Accuracy**

### **B.1 Vessel Offsets and Layback**

#### **B.1.1 Vessel Offsets**

A static dimensional survey was conducted in January 2019 for the M/V Atlantic Surveyor, and separately in June 2020 for the R/V Oyster Bay II, whereby each vessel reference frame was determined, as well as installation locations for all hydrographic survey sensors. On each vessel, the POS/MV IMU Target was established as the reference point, and all offset measurements were determined using the IMU reference point as the vessel reference point.

On the M/V Atlantic Surveyor, the MBES was hull-mounted approximately amidships, just port of the keel. On the R/V Oyster Bay II, the MBES was pole mounted on the port side off the aft main deck and gunwale. For each vessel and individual static dimensional survey, offset measurements were made from the POS/MV IMU reference point to the acoustic center of the MBES system's transducer array, as well as all other sensor and antenna locations used for hydrographic survey. Both the navigation and heave solutions were translated to the acoustic center location of the MBES system via configuration of the POS/MV controller software.

Figure 5 shows the M/V Atlantic Surveyor sensor configuration and the vessel offsets for the RESON SeaBat T50. The M/V Atlantic Surveyor vessel offsets are tabulated in Figure 6 which documents sensor offsets that were entered into the POS/MV software and ISS-2000. Figure 7 shows the R/V Oyster Bay II sensor configuration and the vessel offsets for the RESON SeaBat 7125 SV1. The R/V Oyster Bay II (RESON 7125 SV1) vessel offsets are tabulated in Figure 8 which documents sensor offsets that were entered into the POS/MV software and ISS-2000. Figure 9 shows the R/V Oyster Bay II sensor configuration and the vessel offsets for the RESON SeaBat T50. The R/V Oyster Bay II (RESON T50) vessel offsets are tabulated in Figure 10 which documents sensor offsets that were entered into the POS/MV software and ISS-2000. The offsets in POS/MV software are referenced to the IMU and in ISS-2000 are referenced to the sonar acoustic center. All measurements are in meters. Both the Leidos ISS-2000 and the POS/MV software utilize a coordinate system where “Z” is defined as positive down, “X” is defined as positive forward, and “Y” is defined as positive to starboard.

Details on each vessel offset survey and results are provided in the DAPR Appendices.

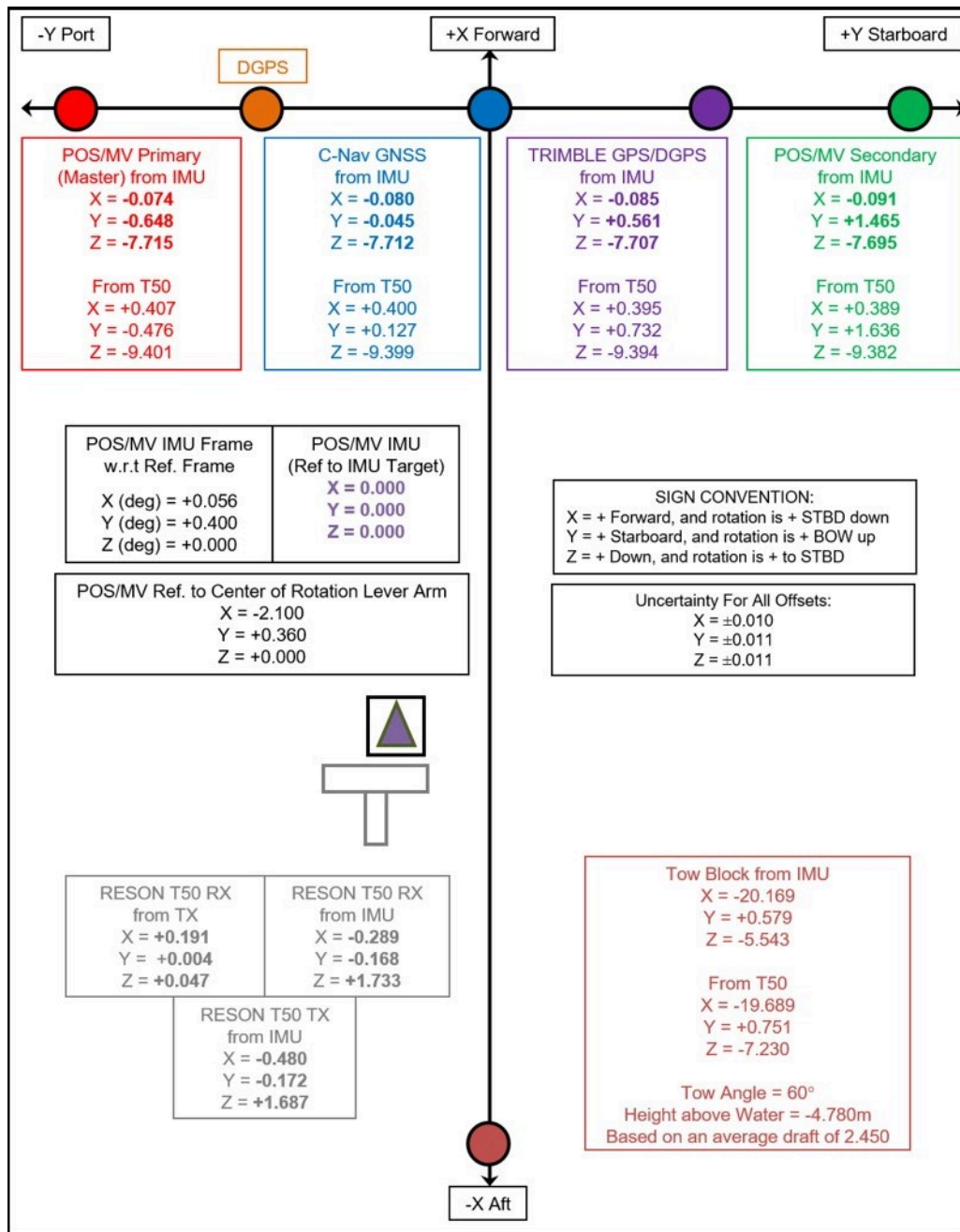


Figure 5: Configuration and Offsets of M/V Atlantic Surveyor Sensors (Measurements in Meters with 1-Sigma Uncertainty), RESON T50



Sensor	Offset in ISS-2000		Offset in POS/MV	
Ref. to IMU Target (POS/MV IMU Top Dead Center)			X	0.000m
			Y	0.000m
			Z	0.000m
POS/MV IMU Frame w.r.t Ref. Frame (POS/MV IMU Mounting Angles)			X	+0.056 degrees
			Y	+0.400 degrees
			Z	+0.000 degrees
Ref. to Primary GNSS Lever Arm (IMU to Master GA830 Antenna L1)			X	-0.074m
			Y	-0.648m
			Z	-7.715m
Ref. to Vessel Level Arm (IMU to RESON T50 Transducer)			X	-0.480m
			Y	-0.172m
			Z	+1.687m
Ref. to Center of Rotation Lever Arm (IMU to vessel CG)			X	-2.100m
			Y	+0.360m
			Z	+0.000m
Ref. to Sensor 1 Lever (IMU to RESON T50 Transducer)			X	-0.480m
			Y	-0.172m
			Z	+1.687m
RESON T50 RX from TX	X	+0.191m		
	Y	+0.004m		
	Z	+0.047m		
Navcom C-Nav 3050 GPS Antenna from RESON T50 Transducer	X	+0.400m		
	Y	+0.127m		
	Z	-9.399m		
A-Frame Tow Block (X and Y from RESON T50 Transducer. Z is height above water).	X	-19.689m		
	Y	+0.751m		
	Z	-4.780m		

Figure 6: M/V Atlantic Surveyor Offsets, RESON T50 (Measurements in Meters with 1-Sigma Uncertainty)

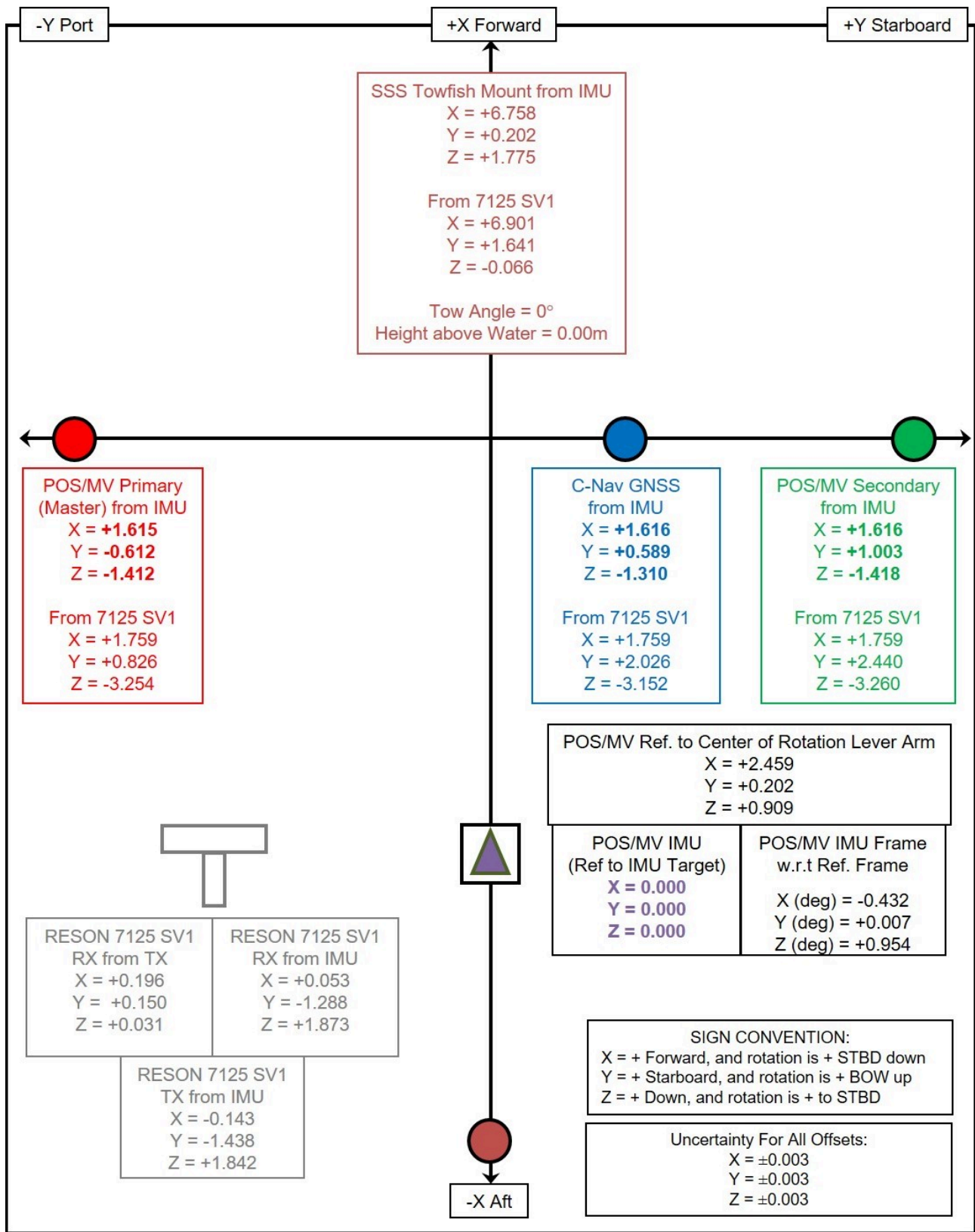


Figure 7: Configuration and Offsets of R/V Oyster Bay II Sensors (Measurements in Meters with 1-Sigma Uncertainty), RESON 7125 SV1

Sensor	Offset in ISS-2000		Offset in POS/MV	
Ref. to IMU Target (POS/MV IMU Top Dead Center)			X	0.000m
			Y	0.000m
			Z	0.000m
POS/MV IMU Frame w.r.t Ref. Frame (POS/MV IMU Mounting Angles)			X	-0.432 degrees
			Y	+0.007 degrees
			Z	+0.954 degrees
Ref. to Primary GNSS Lever Arm (IMU to Master GA830 Antenna L1)			X	+1.615m
			Y	-0.612m
			Z	-1.412m
Ref. to Vessel Level Arm (IMU to RESON 7125 SV1 Transducer)			X	-0.143m
			Y	-1.438m
			Z	+1.842m
Ref. to Center of Rotation Lever Arm (IMU to vessel CG)			X	+2.459m
			Y	+0.202m
			Z	+0.909m
Ref. to Sensor 1 Lever (IMU to RESON 7125 SV1 Transducer)			X	-0.143m
			Y	-1.438m
			Z	+1.842m
RESON 7125 SV1 RX from TX	X	+0.196m		
	Y	+0.150m		
	Z	+0.031m		
Navcom C-Nav 3050 GPS Antenna from RESON 7125 SV1 Transducer	X	+1.759m		
	Y	+2.026m		
	Z	-3.152m		
SSS Towfish Mount (X and Y from RESON 7125 SV1 Transducer. Z is height above water).	X	+6.901m		
	Y	+1.641m		
	Z	0.000m		

Figure 8: R/V Oyster Bay II Offsets, RESON 7125 SV1 (Measurements in Meters with 1-Sigma Uncertainty)

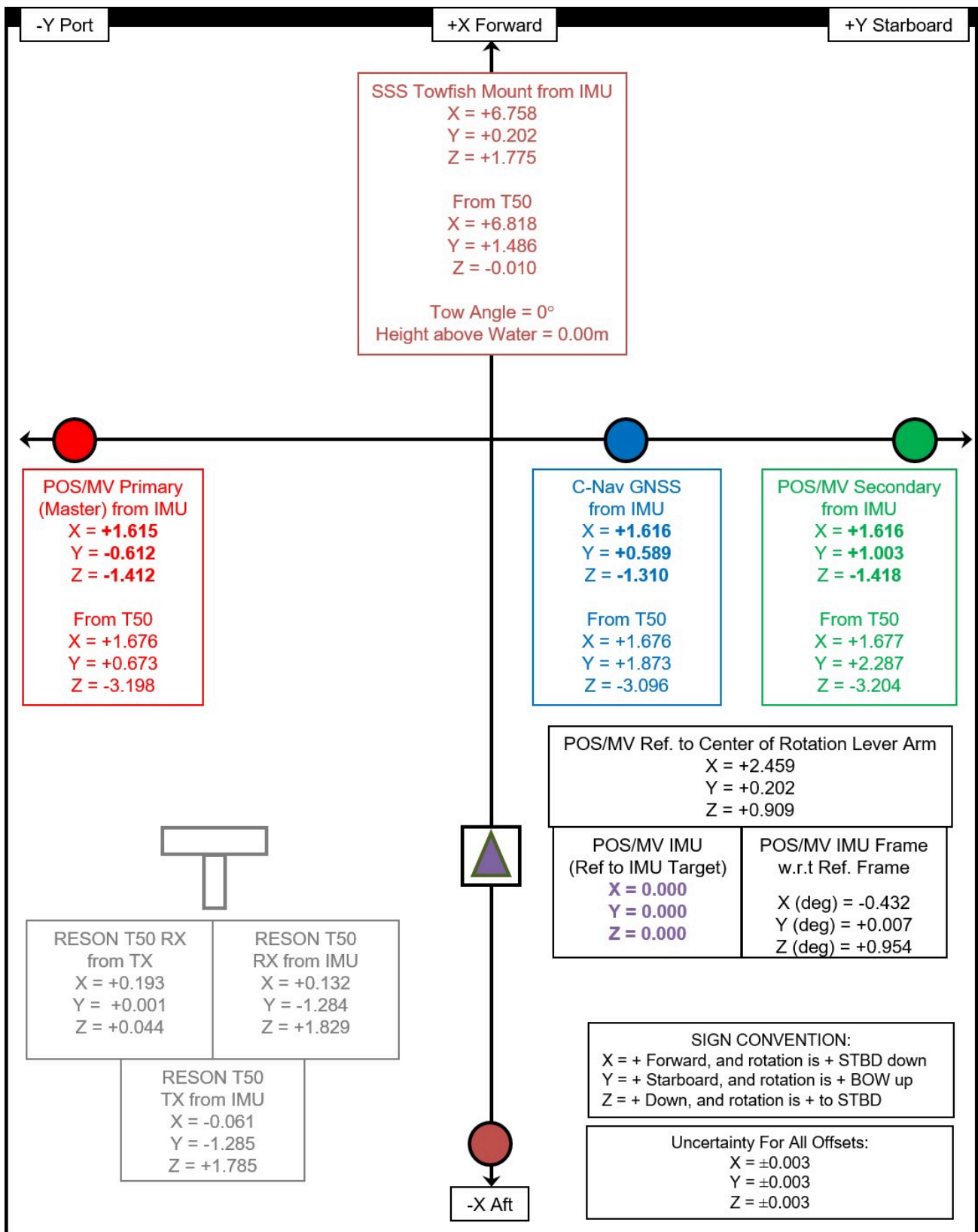


Figure 9: Configuration and Offsets of R/V Oyster Bay II Sensors (Measurements in Meters with 1-Sigma Uncertainty), RESON T50

Sensor	Offset in ISS-2000		Offset in POS/MV	
Ref. to IMU Target (POS/MV IMU Top Dead Center)			X	0.000m
			Y	0.000m
			Z	0.000m
POS/MV IMU Frame w.r.t Ref. Frame (POS/MV IMU Mounting Angles)			X	-0.432 degrees
			Y	+0.007 degrees
			Z	+0.954 degrees
Ref. to Primary GNSS Lever Arm (IMU to Master GA830 Antenna L1)			X	+1.615m
			Y	-0.612m
			Z	-1.412m
Ref. to Vessel Level Arm (IMU to RESON T50 Transducer)			X	-0.061m
			Y	-1.285m
			Z	+1.785m
Ref. to Center of Rotation Lever Arm (IMU to vessel CG)			X	+2.459m
			Y	+0.202m
			Z	+0.909m
Ref. to Sensor 1 Lever (IMU to RESON T50 Transducer)			X	-0.061m
			Y	-1.285m
			Z	+1.785m
RESON T50 RX from TX	X	+0.193m		
	Y	+0.001m		
	Z	+0.044m		
Navcom C-Nav 3050 GPS Antenna from RESON T50 Transducer	X	+1.676m		
	Y	+1.873m		
	Z	-3.096m		
SSS Towfish Mount (X and Y from RESON T50 Transducer. Z is height above water).	X	+6.818m		
	Y	+1.486m		
	Z	0.000m		

Figure 10: R/V Oyster Bay II Offsets, RESON T50 (Measurements in Meters with 1-Sigma Uncertainty)

**B.1.1.1 Vessel Offset Correctors**

<i>Vessel</i>	M/V Atlantic Surveyor			
<i>Echosounder</i>	Reson SeBat T50			
<i>Date</i>	2019-01-31			
<i>Offsets</i>	<i>MRU to Transducer</i>		<i>Measurement</i>	<i>Uncertainty</i>
		<i>x</i>	-0.480 meters	0.010 meters
		<i>y</i>	-0.172 meters	0.011 meters
		<i>z</i>	1.687 meters	0.011 meters
	<i>Nav to Transducer</i>	<i>x</i>	-0.480 meters	0.010 meters
		<i>y</i>	-0.172 meters	0.011 meters
		<i>z</i>	1.687 meters	0.011 meters
	<i>Transducer Roll</i>	<i>Roll</i>	0.000 degrees	

<i>Vessel</i>	R/V Oyster Bay II			
<i>Echosounder</i>	Reson SeBat 7125 SV1			
<i>Date</i>	2020-06-14			
<i>Offsets</i>	<i>MRU to Transducer</i>		<i>Measurement</i>	<i>Uncertainty</i>
		<i>x</i>	-0.143 meters	0.003 meters
		<i>y</i>	-1.438 meters	0.003 meters
		<i>z</i>	1.842 meters	0.003 meters
	<i>Nav to Transducer</i>	<i>x</i>	-0.143 meters	0.003 meters
		<i>y</i>	-1.438 meters	0.003 meters
		<i>z</i>	1.842 meters	0.003 meters
	<i>Transducer Roll</i>	<i>Roll</i>	0.000 degrees	

<i>Vessel</i>	R/V Oyster Bay II			
<i>Echosounder</i>	Reson SeBat T50			
<i>Date</i>	2020-06-14			
<i>Offsets</i>	<i>MRU to Transducer</i>		<i>Measurement</i>	<i>Uncertainty</i>
		<i>x</i>	-0.061 meters	0.003 meters
		<i>y</i>	-1.285 meters	0.003 meters
		<i>z</i>	1.785 meters	0.003 meters
	<i>Nav to Transducer</i>	<i>x</i>	-0.061 meters	0.003 meters
		<i>y</i>	-1.285 meters	0.003 meters
		<i>z</i>	1.785 meters	0.003 meters
	<i>Transducer Roll</i>	<i>Roll</i>	0.000 degrees	

### B.1.2 Layback

The M/V Atlantic Surveyor side scan towfish positioning was provided by ISS-2000 through a Catenary program that used vessel offsets, cable payout, and towfish depth to compute towfish positions. The tow point (or block) position was continually computed based on the vessel attitude, and the known offsets from the acoustic center of the multibeam system to the tow point (see Appendices of this Report). The towfish position was then calculated from the tow point position using the measured cable out (received by ISS-2000 from the cable payout sensor), the towfish depth (sent via a serial interface from the side scan sonar (SSS) system to ISS-2000), and the Course Made Good (CMG) of the vessel. See the DAPR Appendices for the vessel layback diagram. The calculated towfish position was sent to the SSS system via the TowfishNav module of ISS-2000, at least once per second where it was merged with the SSS data file in real-time during data acquisition. A remote winch controller inside the data acquisition ISO container allowed for cable adjustments to maintain acceptable SSS towfish altitudes and sonar record quality. Changes to the amount of cable out were automatically saved to the ISS-2000 message and payout files.

On the R/V Oyster Bay II, the side scan towfish positioning was also provided by ISS-2000 through the Catenary program described above to compute towfish positions. For this vessel, the tow point (bow mount) position was continually computed based on the vessel attitude, and the known offsets from the acoustic center of the multibeam system to the tow point. The towfish position was then calculated from the tow point (bow mount) position using a manually set cable out value of 0.0 meters in ISS-2000, the known tow angle of the bow mount, and the CMG of the vessel. The calculated towfish position was sent to the SSS system via the TowfishNav module of ISS-2000, at least once per second where it was merged with the SSS data file in real-time during data acquisition.

Refer to the DAPR Appendices for a layback diagram and the vessel layback reports from SAT verifications.

### B.1.2.1 Layback Correctors

<i>Vessel</i>	M/V Atlantic Surveyor		
<i>Echosounder</i>	Klein Marine Systems Inc. 3000		
<i>Frequency</i>	kHz		
<i>Date</i>			
<i>Layback</i>	<i>Towpoint</i>	<i>x</i>	-19.689 meters
		<i>y</i>	0.751 meters
		<i>z</i>	-4.780 meters
	<i>Layback Error</i>	0.011 meters	

<i>Vessel</i>	R/V Oyster Bay II		
<i>Echosounder</i>	Klein Marine Systems Inc. 4900		
<i>Frequency</i>	kHz		
<i>Date</i>			
<i>Layback</i>	<i>Towpoint</i>	<i>x</i>	6.901 meters
		<i>y</i>	1.641 meters
		<i>z</i>	0.000 meters
	<i>Layback Error</i>	0.003 meters	

## B.2 Static and Dynamic Draft

### B.2.1 Static Draft

The RESON SeaBat T50 transducer was hull-mounted on the M/V Atlantic Surveyor approximately 4.36 meters below surveyed draft measurement points on the port and starboard rails of the vessel's main deck (Figure 11). To determine the draft, a metal draft bar was bolted into the draft measurement points on each rail and oriented to extend outboard far enough to allow a direct measurement with draft cord to the water line. Specifically, the distance from the bottom of the metal bar to the water surface was measured and then subtracted from the transducer hull depth to determine the draft of the transducer's acoustic center. For the M/V Atlantic Surveyor, static draft measurements were taken at the port and starboard sides of the vessel at every port call; prior to departure and after arrival, in order to prorate a daily draft accounting for fuel and water consumption.

The RESON SeaBat 7125 SV1 was pole mounted on the R/V Oyster Bay II, from the port side off the aft main deck and 1.643 meters below a surveyed draft measurement point on the gunwale MBES pole mount assembly (Figure 12). The RESON SeaBat T50 was pole mounted on the R/V Oyster Bay II, from



the port side off the aft main deck 1.587 meters below a surveyed draft measurement point on the gunwale MBES pole mount assembly (Figure 13). To determine the draft, the distance from the reference point to the water surface was measured and then subtracted from the transducer depth to determine the draft of the transducer's acoustic center. On the R/V Oyster Bay II the static draft measurements were taken daily, both before departure and upon arrival at dock.

The measurements and resulting draft value were recorded in the "Watchstander Logs" as well as in a separate vessel "Draft Log." If the static draft value changed from the previously noted value, the new value was entered into the ISS-2000 system. The observed static draft for each survey is included with the survey data in Separates I of the DR for each sheet.

An initial processing step of the Leidos data processing pipeline is to apply, if necessary, prorated static draft values to all bathymetric data. This was done to account for the change in the survey vessel draft during consecutive survey days, primarily due to fuel and water consumption to ensure proper SSP application. A prorated static draft value for each survey day were applied in post processing to all depth data from the individual days, when applicable. When the JD rollover occurred in the middle of a survey line, the first file of the new day was given the same prorated draft as the previous day. This procedure ensured that the static draft for every survey line was constant and did not introduce a vertical step in the survey depths at the JD boundary. This method was only used when continuous multiday survey operations were conducted between the static draft measurements observed immediately prior to departure and immediately upon arrival to port. This method assumed a constant amount of fuel and onboard water was consumed per day of continuous survey operations, thereby providing the ability to calculate a constant rate of change in the survey vessel draft per day.

The Apply Correctors Offsets tool within SABER was used to apply the calculated prorated static draft value to multibeam GSF files as appropriate. This process of applying a new prorated draft offset to the multibeam data was captured within the history record of each multibeam GSF file.

The Apply Correctors Offsets tool within SABER was used to report all the current offsets applied to the data within the multibeam GSF files. This was done to ensure the expected prorated static draft values were correctly applied to all multibeam data.

The table below details the first static draft value measurement made for OPR-E350-KR-20. The observed and prorated (if applicable) static draft for each survey is included with the survey data in Separates I of each sheet's DR. The static draft applied to each individual GSF file is reported in the "Multibeam Processing Log" for each sheet.

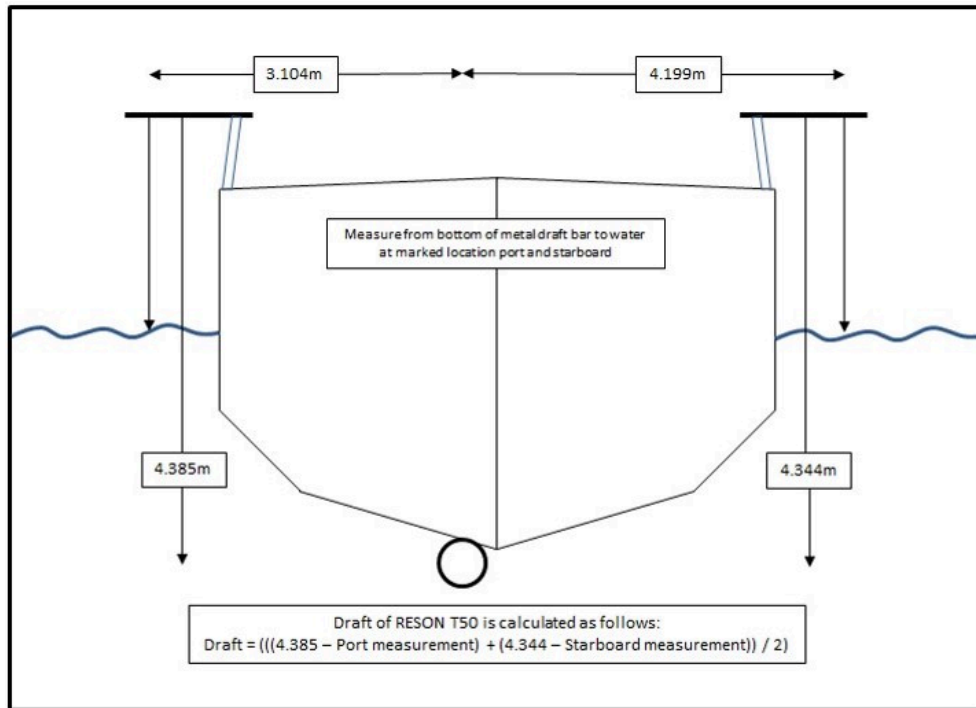


Figure 11: M/V Atlantic Surveyor RESON SeaBat T50 Draft Determination

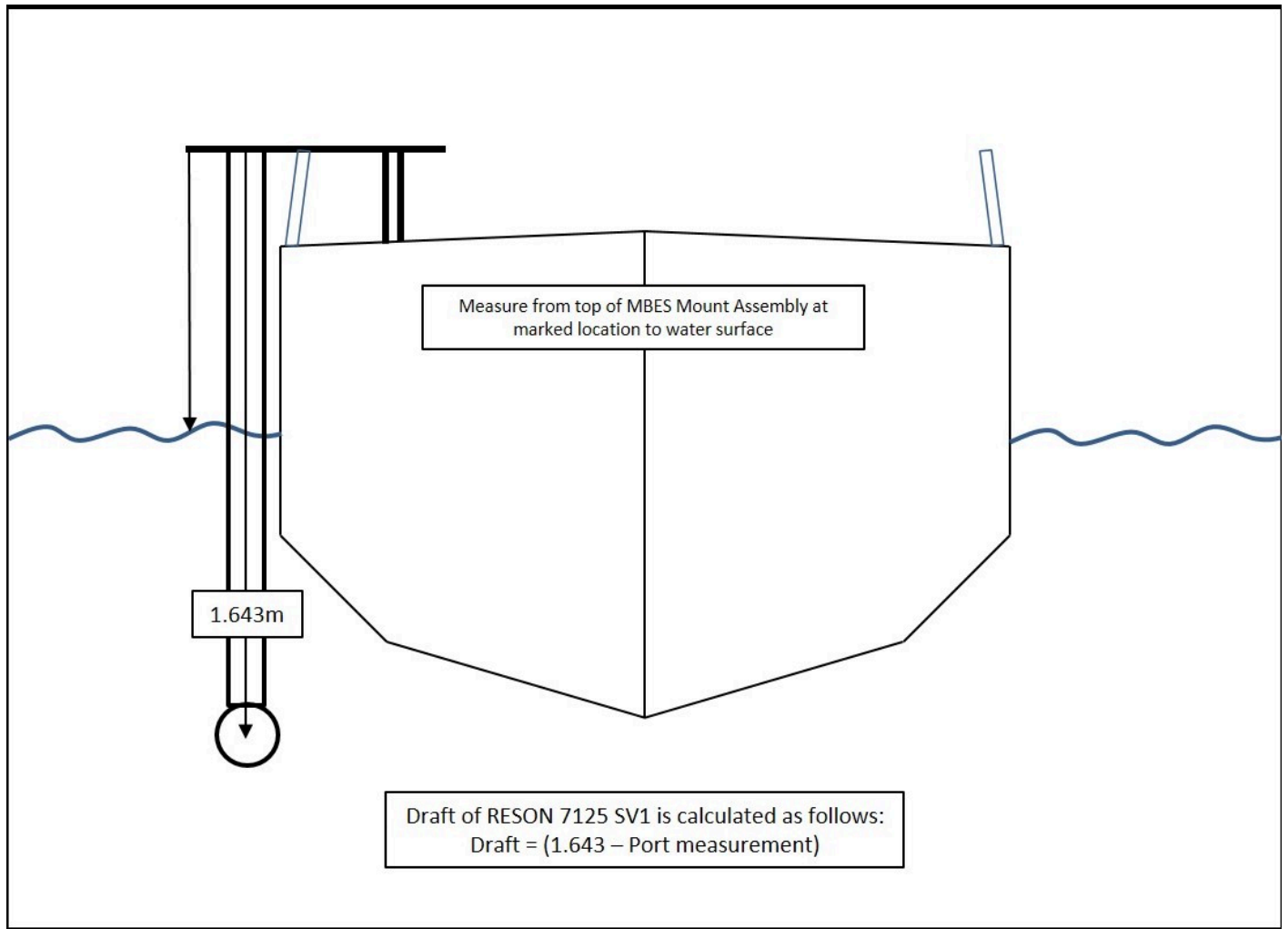


Figure 12: R/V Oyster Bay II RESON SeaBat 7125 SV1 Draft Determination

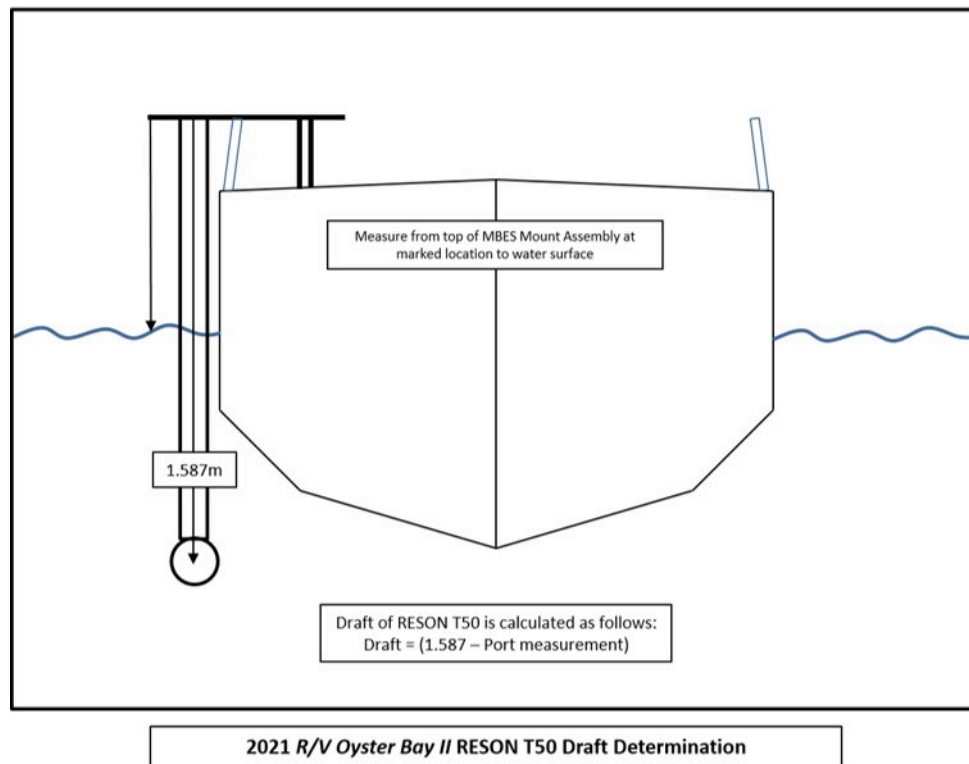


Figure 13: R/V Oyster Bay II RESON SeaBat T50 Draft Determination

### B.2.1.1 Static Draft Correctors

<i>Vessel</i>		M/V Atlantic Surveyor	R/V Oyster Bay II
<i>Date</i>		2020-08-22	2020-09-05
<i>Loading</i>		0.020 meters	0.020 meters
<i>Static Draft</i>	<i>Measurement</i>	2.440 meters	0.990 meters
	<i>Uncertainty</i>	0.010 meters	0.010 meters

### B.2.2 Dynamic Draft

The M/V Atlantic Surveyor was fitted with two RPM sensors, which provided port and starboard main engine shaft RPM data to ISS-2000. The RPM sensor data were then continuously logged and used in conjunction with a settlement and squat look-up table in the ISS-2000 vessel configuration file to set the vessel dynamic draft. This combination allowed for constantly updated dynamic draft values to the MBES data during acquisition.

On the R/V Oyster Bay II, an engine RPM counter with digital display provided RPM values to the vessel captain and hydrographers. The RPM value was the manually input into the ISS-2000 system, which

in conjunction with the settlement and squat look-up table in ISS-2000 applied a continuously updated settlement and squat value as data were collected.

All dynamic draft corrections applied to MBES data by ISS-2000 were to a precision of 0.01 meters, below the allowable 0.05-meter precision as defined in Section 5.2.3.2 of the HSSD.

To accurately maintain the dynamic draft look-up table in the ISS-2000 vessel configuration file, settlement and squat values to the nearest centimeter have been determined during each independent SAT operation for each vessel. For the M/V Atlantic Surveyor settlement and squat values have been determined during independent SAT operations for over ten years, with very little variation from year to year. As shown in the DAPR Appendices, a running average of the historical settlement and squat values was determined and set as the baseline for comparison with independent 2020 SAT settlement and squat determinations. The running average was then re-tabulated including 2020 inputs and updated in the vessel configuration file. As 2020 was the first year of survey operations for the R/V Oyster Bay II the running average method described above was not used for this vessel, and the independent 2020 SAT settlement and squat determination values were entered into the ISS-2000 vessel configuration file for data acquisition of OPR-E350-KR-20 during 2020. In 2021, a running average, as described above, was used for the R/V Oyster Bay II.

For each determination, all settlement and squat look-up table values were zeroed out in the ISS-2000 vessel configuration file during data acquisition of each individual SAT. This allowed for an independent determination of settlement and squat values each time the test was performed.

The order of operations for the settlement and squat determination during each individual SAT is as follows. Initial drift (0 RPM) reference data were obtained by stopping the vessel and acquiring MBES data as the vessel drifted with the prevailing winds and current. A survey transect was then established in ISS-2000 Survey Planning Manager oriented perpendicular to and crossing over the drift line data. This survey transect was then run at least twice at every shaft RPM setting listed in the DAPR Appendices (at least one time in each direction), resulting in several pairs or larger groups of transects separated by RPM setting.

Next, several 0.5-meter CUBE PFM grids were created from the MBES data; one for each RPM setting group as well as one for the drift reference surface. These PFM grids were made using only the near nadir ( $\pm 10$  degrees) beams. Several difference grids were then created by subtracting the CUBE depth layer of the non-zero RPM grids from the CUBE depth layer of the zero RPM reference drift line. The resulting difference grids were then analyzed using SABER's Frequency Distribution Tool. This tool allowed the hydrographer to determine the distribution of depth differences between each RPM setting and the reference drift line. The delta for each pair of RPM lines was computed, as shown in the DAPR Appendices.

The newly computed values were then entered into a running average spreadsheet (for the M/V Atlantic Surveyor). For the 2020 SAT results, the running average spreadsheets consisted of historical settlement and squat data from twelve previous years. The newly computed settlement and squat values were then averaged with the historical data to determine updated values for each of the RPM settings. These results were analyzed for the agreement of the newly computed values to the historical and average data, and to ensure the standard deviation of all results was within the allowable 0.05-meter precision as defined in Section 5.2.3.2 of the HSSD.

After analysis, the SAT settlement and squat determination values, and resulting new running average values, were deemed satisfactory. The values for the M/V Atlantic Surveyor and the R/V Oyster Bay II were entered into each vessel's ISS-2000 vessel configuration file used for all data acquisition of OPR-E350-KR-20. The settlement and squat results for each vessel are shown in the DAPR Appendices.

The Dynamic Draft uncertainty value is captured as an input to the overall Error Parameters File (EPF) used in ISS-2000 for application of Total Propagated Uncertainty (TPU) during real-time data acquisition and in SABER during data processing. See Section C.6 of this Report for details of the Uncertainty Model and EPF. The Dynamic Draft uncertainty value used as an input to the EPF was determined by taking the maximum standard deviation value from each calculation (within the running average spreadsheet for the M/V Atlantic Surveyor), and then rounding up to the nearest half decimeter (0.05m). This rounding to the nearest half decimeter was done to be more conservative, as well as to match the allowable 0.05-meter precision as defined in Section 5.2.3.2 of the HSSD.

Note that the Table in B.2.2.1 below references units of "Speed (m/s)" due to the available XML schema options. As described above Leidos applies dynamic draft correctors based on measured shaft RPM data, and the values listed in the Table B.2.2.1 are RPM values not m/s.

### B.2.2.1 Dynamic Draft Correctors

<i>Vessel</i>	M/V Atlantic Surveyor		R/V Oyster Bay II	
<i>Date</i>	2020-06-21		2020-06-21	
<i>Dynamic Draft</i>	<i>Speed (m/s)</i>	<i>Draft (m)</i>	<i>Speed (m/s)</i>	<i>Draft (m)</i>
	140.00	0.01	600.00	0.00
	180.00	0.03	1000.00	0.02
	250.00	0.04	1600.00	0.03
	300.00	0.06	1800.00	0.03
	340.00	0.09	2000.00	0.02
	380.00	0.11	2200.00	0.02
			2400.00	0.00
<i>Uncertainty</i>	<i>Vessel Speed (m/s)</i>	<i>Delta Draft (m)</i>	<i>Vessel Speed (m/s)</i>	<i>Delta Draft (m)</i>
	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.05

## B.3 System Alignment

### B.3.1 System Alignment Methods and Procedures

A full Sea Acceptance Test (SAT) for the M/V Atlantic Surveyor, with system alignment verification, was conducted prior to the start of data acquisition for OPR-E350-KR-20.

A full SAT for the R/V Oyster Bay II, with system alignment verification, was conducted prior to the start of data acquisition on OPR-E350-KR-20 in 2020 and following a shutdown period again in 2021.

For additional details and results on the SAT operations conducted refer to the Appendices of this Report.

For both vessels, SAT operations included at least, but were not limited to, the following:

- Ping timing test to verify that no timing errors existed within the survey system
- POS/MV GAMS Calibration Verification
- Multibeam patch test to determine bias values for roll, pitch, and heading
- Dynamic Draft determination and verification
- Beam-by-beam analysis of the multibeam data performed with the SABER ACCUTEST program
- Small survey to analyze multibeam accuracies after the installations.
- Multibeam lead line comparison.

Navigation positioning, heading, heave, roll, and pitch were provided by the Applanix POS/MV 320 version 5, IMU36, Inertial Navigation. Resolution and accuracy of the systems are:

- Heave Resolution 1 cm, Accuracy greater of 5 cm or 5% of heave amplitude
- Roll Resolution 0.01°, Accuracy 0.02°
- Pitch Resolution 0.01°, Accuracy 0.02°

Leidos has developed a timing test procedure to evaluate the entire survey acquisition system for any timing errors. This test demonstrated that all RESON SeaBat MBES ping times collected by ISS-2000, as logged to GSF data files, matched the corresponding ping trigger event recorded from the RESON sonar processor. This further demonstrated that the overall timing of the complete data acquisition system, as controlled from the POS/MV navigation system, the NTP server, and ISS-2000, was within acceptable accuracy thresholds. The timing test procedure and the results are discussed in detail within the DAPR Appendices.

As previously noted in Section A.5.1.1, Leidos conducted GAMS calibration verification on 2020-06-20 for the M/V Atlantic Surveyor, and on 2020-07-02, 2021-03-14, and 2021-03-18 for the R/V Oyster Bay II. Refer to the Appendices of this Report for further information on GAMS.

Leidos' Patch Test (Alignment) utility has been developed for the determination of system biases for roll, pitch, and heading (gyro/yaw). For each type of bias, multiple comparisons were made to assure the most accurate results.

Data were also collected from the same lines after the biases were entered into the acquisition system to verify their accuracy. All alignment data files were processed in SABER using standard post processing procedures, such as removing noise and applying delayed heave prior to bias determination.

A roll bias results in a cross-track vertical and small horizontal displacement. The roll bias test compared the depths from two lines of MBES data collected on the same transect run in opposite directions over a relatively flat, smooth bottom. The lines were run in pairs, at least two times in reciprocal directions at the same speed for each pair. The SABER Swath Alignment Tool was then used to further analyze the data and compare the across track beams over the flat smooth bottom in order to determine a final roll bias value.

A pitch bias results in an along-track horizontal and small vertical displacement. The pitch bias test compared the depths from two lines of MBES data collected on the same transect run in opposite directions perpendicular to a smooth sloping bottom or over a distinct feature. The lines were run in pairs, at least two times in reciprocal directions at the same speed for each pair. The SABER Swath Alignment Tool was then used to further analyze the data and compare the along track, near nadir beams over the bottom slope or distinct feature in order to determine a final pitch bias value.

A heading bias results in a cross-track horizontal displacement. The heading bias test compared the depths from two MBES lines collected on two separate transects run in opposite directions over a distinct feature or perpendicular to a slope. The two separate transects were spaced to achieve approximately 50% overlap in the MBES swath from each line. The lines were collected at least four times, running each line in opposite directions at same speed and then re-running each line in the reciprocal direction at the same speed. The SABER Swath Alignment Tool was then used to further analyze the data and compare the along track overlapping beams over the distinct feature or perpendicular to a slope to determine a final heading bias value.

Roll, pitch, and heading biases were determined on 2020-06-21 (JD 173) for the RESON SeaBat T50 installed on the M/V Atlantic Surveyor. Roll, pitch, and heading biases were determined on 2020-07-02 (JD 184) for the RESON SeaBat 7125 SV1 installed on the R/V Oyster Bay II. Partway through the OPR-E350-KR-20 survey, the MBES pole mount was lifted in order to replace the receiver cable. The pole mount was redeployed and alignments were determined and confirmed on 2020-10-29 (JD 303). Following a winter shutdown and integration of the RESON SeaBat T50 installed on the R/V Oyster Bay II biases were determined on 2021-03-17 (JD 076). Refer to the Appendices for details on the alignment biases determined for each vessel.

After bias values were determined and confirmed as final, they were entered into the ISS-2000 configuration file used for data acquisition and applied in real-time to all bathymetry data acquired.

Dynamic draft determination and verification is discussed in Section B.2.2.

Leidos has developed standard procedures as part of the SAT to confirm that the multibeam system accuracies meet all applicable specifications and quality standards. Examples of these procedures conducted during each SAT include the SABER ACCUTEST and a complete Mini Survey.

The SABER ACCUTEST performs a detailed beam-to-beam analysis of the multibeam data. For this test, two orthogonal survey lines were established over a featureless bottom and both run at the same vessel speed multiple times in each direction. A 1-meter CUBE PFM grid of the  $\pm 10$  degrees near-nadir beams was generated. Then, a comparison was made from every beam across the entire swath of every ping to the near nadir reference CUBE surface. The results are presented in the Appendices of this Report.

The Mini Survey procedure was developed to mirror the survey efforts required on a full scale survey project. The Mini Survey provides an end to end test of all acquisition and data processing systems to demonstrate the system capability and functionality while operating in survey mode. Typically, a Mini Survey is performed over a charted feature and surrounding area. Following data acquisition, standard processing procedures are followed, also refer to the flow diagram within the Appendices of this Report,



to evaluate the data against all applicable specifications and quality standards. The Mini Survey results are also presented in the Appendices of this Report. All results showed that the systems met the accuracy and uncertainty standards stated in Section 5.1.3 of the HSSD.

Lead line comparisons were conducted as part the SAT operations to provide Quality Assurance (QA) for the MBES system onboard each vessel as specified within Section 5.2.3.1 of the HSSD. Additional lead line comparisons were periodically conducted throughout the project. Lead line measurements were taken from surveyed measurement points on the vessel, measuring down to the seafloor. Lead line results from SAT are presented in the Appendices of this Report and survey data results are presented in Separates I of each sheet's DR.

### B.3.1.1 System Alignment Correctors

<i>Vessel</i>	M/V Atlantic Surveyor		
<i>Echosounder</i>	RESON SeaBat T50		
<i>Date</i>	2020-06-21		
<i>Patch Test Values</i>		<i>Corrector</i>	<i>Uncertainty</i>
	<i>Transducer Time Correction</i>	0.000 seconds	0.000 seconds
	<i>Navigation Time Correction</i>	0.000 seconds	0.000 seconds
	<i>Pitch</i>	0.570 degrees	0.050 degrees
	<i>Roll</i>	0.390 degrees	0.050 degrees
	<i>Yaw</i>	3.100 degrees	0.500 degrees
	<i>Pitch Time Correction</i>	0.000 seconds	0.000 seconds
	<i>Roll Time Correction</i>	0.000 seconds	0.000 seconds
	<i>Yaw Time Correction</i>	0.000 seconds	0.000 seconds
	<i>Heave Time Correction</i>	0.000 seconds	0.000 seconds

<i>Vessel</i>	R/V Oyster Bay II		
<i>Echosounder</i>	RESON SeaBat 7125 SV1		
<i>Date</i>	2020-07-02		
<i>Patch Test Values</i>		<i>Corrector</i>	<i>Uncertainty</i>
	<i>Transducer Time Correction</i>	0.000 seconds	0.000 seconds
	<i>Navigation Time Correction</i>	0.000 seconds	0.000 seconds
	<i>Pitch</i>	2.610 degrees	0.050 degrees
	<i>Roll</i>	-0.650 degrees	0.050 degrees
	<i>Yaw</i>	-0.900 degrees	0.500 degrees
	<i>Pitch Time Correction</i>	0.000 seconds	0.000 seconds
	<i>Roll Time Correction</i>	0.000 seconds	0.000 seconds
	<i>Yaw Time Correction</i>	0.000 seconds	0.000 seconds
	<i>Heave Time Correction</i>	0.000 seconds	0.000 seconds

<i>Vessel</i>	R/V Oyster Bay II		
<i>Echosounder</i>	RESON SeaBat 7125 SV1		
<i>Date</i>	2020-10-29		
<i>Patch Test Values</i>		<i>Corrector</i>	<i>Uncertainty</i>
	<i>Transducer Time Correction</i>	0.000 seconds	0.000 seconds
	<i>Navigation Time Correction</i>	0.000 seconds	0.000 seconds
	<i>Pitch</i>	2.610 degrees	0.050 degrees
	<i>Roll</i>	-0.110 degrees	0.050 degrees
	<i>Yaw</i>	-1.500 degrees	0.500 degrees
	<i>Pitch Time Correction</i>	0.000 seconds	0.000 seconds
	<i>Roll Time Correction</i>	0.000 seconds	0.000 seconds
	<i>Yaw Time Correction</i>	0.000 seconds	0.000 seconds
	<i>Heave Time Correction</i>	0.000 seconds	0.000 seconds

<i>Vessel</i>	R/V Oyster Bay II		
<i>Echosounder</i>	RESON SeaBat T50		
<i>Date</i>	2021-03-17		
<i>Patch Test Values</i>		<i>Corrector</i>	<i>Uncertainty</i>
	<i>Transducer Time Correction</i>	0.000 seconds	0.000 seconds
	<i>Navigation Time Correction</i>	0.000 seconds	0.000 seconds
	<i>Pitch</i>	1.670 degrees	0.050 degrees
	<i>Roll</i>	-0.090 degrees	0.050 degrees
	<i>Yaw</i>	0.000 degrees	0.500 degrees
	<i>Pitch Time Correction</i>	0.000 seconds	0.000 seconds
	<i>Roll Time Correction</i>	0.000 seconds	0.000 seconds
	<i>Yaw Time Correction</i>	0.000 seconds	0.000 seconds
	<i>Heave Time Correction</i>	0.000 seconds	0.000 seconds

## C. Data Acquisition and Processing

### C.1 Bathymetry

#### C.1.1 Multibeam Echosounder

##### Data Acquisition Methods and Procedures

Central to the Leidos survey system was the Integrated Survey System Computer (ISSC). The ISSC consisted of a dual 8 core processor computer with a Windows operating system, which ran the Leidos Integrated Survey System 2000 (ISS-2000) software. In addition to data acquisition and logging for bathymetry, backscatter, and navigation data, this software provided survey planning, real-time survey control, and real-time Quality Control (QC). An Applanix POS/MV and IMU were used to provide positioning, heave, and vessel motion data during these surveys.

Data acquisition was carried out using the Leidos ISS-2000 with Survey Planning software (Section A.7) for Windows operating systems to control data acquisition, navigation, data time tagging, and data logging.

Leidos maintains the ability to narrow the MBES swath width for the RESON systems as necessary to maintain data quality and meet the required IHO specifications. Specifics of MBES settings in use during acquisition are discussed in Section A.2.1.1. During MBES data collection, ISS-2000 applied beam flags to the GSF for designating the swath data as either Class 1 or Class 2 based on the beam angle and user set parameters.

The Class 1 parameter was set to  $\pm 5$  degrees in ISS-2000, which applied the Class 1 beam flag to the acquired swath 10 degrees about nadir. Class 2 was then set to 90 degrees, which applied the Class 2 beam flag to all acquired swath data from 5 degrees per side of nadir to the maximum achieved swath beam angle. Within the Sonar UI controller of the RESON SeaBat T50, the maximum coverage angle was manually set to 130 degrees (65 degrees per side). Within the Sonar UI controller of the RESON SeaBat 7125 SV1, the maximum coverage angle was manually set to 130 degrees (65 degrees per side). Swath data flagged as Class 1 or Class 2 were used for grid generation. Class 1 data were used for grid generation of cross line data used in junction analysis (see Section D.1.5 for details).

As noted in Section C.2.1, Leidos collected MBES backscatter within all GSF data acquired.

The OPR-E350-KR-20 Project Instructions documented the coverage requirements for these sheets, Object Detection Coverage and Complete Coverage. Refer to each sheet's DR for the assigned coverage requirement. Leidos chose to achieve Object Detection Coverage by using Option B: 200% Side Scan Sonar Coverage with Concurrent Multibeam (HSSD Section 5.2.2.2) and Complete Coverage using Option B: 100% Side Scan Sonar Coverage with Concurrent Multibeam (HSSD 5.2.2.3). The resultant achievable MBES bottom coverage was controlled by set survey line spacing and the various water depths within the survey areas, therefore, 100 percent MBES coverage was not achieved in all areas, nor was it required by the Project Instructions.

For Object Detection Coverage, the survey line spacing was 20 meters for use with a SSS range setting of 25-meters, 40 meters for use with a SSS range setting of 50-meters, and 60 meters for use with a SSS range setting of 75-meters. For Complete Coverage, the survey line spacing was 40 meters for use with a SSS range setting of 25-meters, 80 meters for use with a SSS range setting of 50-meters, and 120 meters for use with a SSS range setting of 75-meters.

All MBES data and associated metadata were collected and stored on the real-time survey computer (ISSC) using a dual logging architecture. This method ensured a copy of all real-time data files were logged to separate hard drives during the survey operations. On the M/V Atlantic Surveyor, these files were archived to the on-board NAS for initial processing and QC review at the completion of each survey line. On the R/V Oyster Bay II, these files were archived to an on-board SABER processing computer for in initial processing via an automated routine in SABER at the completion of each survey line.

The Leidos naming convention of MBES GSF files has been established through ISS-2000 to provide specific identification of the survey vessel, year, Julian Day (JD), and time that the file was created. For example in MBES file "asmba19114\_123235.gsf":

- "as" refers to survey vessel M/V Atlantic Surveyor
- 19114 refers to the year (2019) and JD (114)
- 123235 refers to the time (HHMMSS) the file was created

File names were generally changed at the end of each line. This protocol provided the ability to easily associate each consecutive MBES GSF file with a specific survey line. Occasionally, when surveying holiday fills and/or item investigations, groups of multiple survey lines of the same type were collected to the same GSF file. If a file was not manually changed between a mainscheme and crossline, the MBES GSF file was split during post processing. In all cases, mainscheme and crossline data were delivered in separate GSF files.

At the end of each survey day all raw real-time data files from the day were backed-up to an external hard drive. All processed data on the field processing computers were backed-up to an external hard drive intermittently throughout the day and by digital magnetic tape approximately every three to five days. The external hard drives and the digital magnetic tape back-ups were shipped approximately every 12-14 days to the Leidos DPC in Newport, RI for further processing and archiving.

Leidos continuously logged MBES data throughout survey operations collecting all data acquired during turns and transits between survey lines. Leidos utilized ping flags within the GSF files to differentiate between online/offline data. Online data refers to the bathymetry data within a GSF file which were used for generating the Combined Uncertainty and Bathymetric Estimator (CUBE) Depth surface. Refer to the Appendices of this Report for a detailed description of MBES ping and beam flags. Information regarding the start and end of online data for each survey line is found in the “Watchstander Logs” and “Side Scan Review Log” that are delivered in Separates I of each sheet’s DR.

Acquisition logs were generated on a daily basis via the Leidos’ iNavLog program, which utilizes the MySQL database management system. Leidos defines a unique MySQL database for each sheet. All major data acquisition operations are automatically tracked and captured to the database by iNavLog via a network connection monitoring the message files within the ISSC dataset. For example, any instance of a multibeam filename change, SSP cast acquisition, SSP cast application, shaft RPM change, survey line acquisition (complete with start time, Survey Line ID, current multibeam filename, shaft RPM, and ship azimuth at the start of the line), or survey line end time will be automatically entered into the sheet-specific MySQL database. Additionally, iNavLog accepts manual user entries for all other information pertinent to the survey. Watchstanders are able to annotate the survey line acquisition note to include the side scan filename in use and whether or not the survey line being run is a mainscheme, crossline, item, or holiday line. The watchstanders may also populate notes specific to multibeam and side scan data acquisition, such as start of operations, side scan sonar and range scale in use, and weather entries. The program is designed for the watchstander to generate an acquisition log of all database entries per Julian Day, which is then output to a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet. Acquisition logs are reviewed on a daily basis and are compiled per each sheet’s deliverable in Separates I, Acquisition and Processing Logs.

### Data Processing Methods and Procedures

Post processing was performed on the survey vessel M/V Atlantic Surveyor, in an established Field Office, and in the Newport, RI Data Processing Center (DPC). MBES and SSS data were processed and reviewed on computers with the Linux operating system (Red Hat Enterprise 7) which ran Leidos’ SABER (Survey Analysis and Area Based Editor) software. Survey planning, data processing, and data analysis were carried out using the Leidos SABER software for Linux operating systems. Onboard the M/V Atlantic Surveyor and in the Newport, RI DPC, data were stored on a Network Attached Storage (NAS) system that all computers were able to access. Additionally, the DPC, Field Office, and the M/V Atlantic Surveyor were outfitted with Windows 10 workstations to allow for certain aspects of processing as needed.

As discussed previously, at the end of each survey line, file names were changed in ISS-2000, which automatically closed all data files and opened new files for data logging. The closed files were then archived to the on-board storage locations and data processing commenced.

The MBES data were reviewed in Leidos SABER's MultiView Editor (MVE) program to flag erroneous data such as noise, flyers or fish, and to designate features or designated soundings. MVE is a geo-referenced editor, which can project each beam in its true geographic position and depth in both plan and profile views. Positions and depths of features were determined directly from the bathymetry data in the Leidos MVE editor by flagging the least depth beam on the object. A bathymetry feature file (CNT) was created using the SABER Feature/Designated File from GSF routine. The CNT file contains the position, depth, type of feature, and attributes extracted from the flagged features in the MBES data.

An additional initial processing step (besides reviewing and editing the data) was to apply delayed heave to the GSF files. The process to apply delayed heave used the Applanix TrueHeave™ (.dat) files logged in ISS-2000 (for further detail refer to Section C.4). Leidos refers to TrueHeave™ as delayed heave. Next, TPU values were computed for each beam in the GSF files before they were loaded into a PFM CUBE surface (refer to Section C.1.4.1 for details on CUBE surface generation). Further review and edits to the data were performed from the CUBE PFM grid. Periodically both the raw and processed data were backed up onto digital tapes and external hard drives.

To meet Ellipsoid Referenced Survey specifications, Leidos generated post-processed smoothed best estimate of trajectory (SBET) files through Applanix POSPac MMS software. The SBET data were then applied to the GSF multibeam data through SABER's MergeNav program (refer to Section C.4).

Following the application of the post-processed navigation, the MBES data were corrected for water levels using the VDatum separation model through SABER's Apply GPSZ program. For additional details refer to Section C.3.2.1.

The final TPU for each beam was then calculated and written to the bathymetry data.

See the DAPR Appendices for a detailed data processing flow diagram.

### **C.1.2 Single Beam Echosounder**

Single beam echosounder bathymetry was not acquired.

### **C.1.3 Phase Measuring Bathymetric Sonar**

Phase measuring bathymetric sonar bathymetry was not acquired.

## C.1.4 Gridding and Surface Generation

### C.1.4.1 Surface Generation Overview

The Combined Uncertainty and Bathymetric Estimator (CUBE) is an internationally recognized model that provides the ability to convert bathymetry data and their associated uncertainty estimates into a gridded model.

The CUBE algorithm uses the full volume of the collected data and the propagated uncertainty values associated with each sounding to perform a statistical analysis and calculate an estimated “true depth” at a series of nodes. The depth estimates and the associated uncertainty values at each node are grouped into a series of hypotheses or alternate depth estimates. Each node can have several hypotheses, of which the CUBE algorithm determines the hypothesis that best represents the “true depth” using one of several user-selectable disambiguation methods. For all data processing the “Prior” disambiguation method was used in SABER’s implementation of CUBE. Once the “best” hypothesis had been selected for each node, the hypotheses were used to populate a bathymetric surface.

Four processing stages within the CUBE algorithm method; the Scatter Stage, the Gather Stage, the Insertion Stage, and the Extraction Stage were used to create the bathymetric CUBE surfaces.

The Scatter Stage determines which nodes might accept a sounding based on spatial criteria and the sounding’s TPU values. This is done by calculating a radius of influence for each sounding, which will always be greater than or equal to the node spacing and less than or equal to the maximum radius. The maximum radius is equal to the 99% confidence limit of the horizontal uncertainty of the sounding. This radius of influence thereby determines the subset of nodes that can be affected by a sounding, by checking the distance of the sounding-to-node-position against the radius. If the distance from the sounding to the node is greater than the radius of influence, the processing of that sounding in the current node will end before the next stage of CUBE begins.

Once the CUBE algorithm defines the nodes that may be affected by a sounding, the Gather Stage then determines which soundings are actually inserted into the node. This is done through the use of a calculated node-to-sounding capture distance for each node in the subset of a sounding. The capture distance is equal to the greater of: 5% of the depth of the current sounding, the node spacing, or 0.50 meters.

For each of the nodes in the subset of a sounding, the sounding is only propagated to a node that falls within both the Scatter Stage radius and the Gather Stage capture distance. Also, the sounding to node propagation distance is additionally limited to a distance less than or equal to the grid resolution divided by the square root of two. This additional propagation distance limitation was included in SABER’s implementation of CUBE in order to meet the requirements of Section 5.2.2 of the HSSD. These distance limitations prevent soundings from being propagated far away from their collection points, as well as limiting how far away “bad” (high TPU) data are propagated.

Next, in the Insertion Stage, the soundings are actually added to nodes. SABER uses CUBE’s “order 0” propagation approach. That is, when a sounding is propagated from its observed location to the node, the sounding depth will remain constant. However, the vertical uncertainty will change. The sounding’s vertical uncertainty is increased by a dilution factor calculated from the distance of the sounding to the node and the

sounding's horizontal uncertainty. This increase in the sounding's vertical uncertainty is affected by the user-defined distance exponent.

Adding a sounding to a node starts by inserting the sounding's depth, vertical uncertainty, and propagated variance into a node-based queue structure. Each node has a queue where soundings are written prior to calculation of a hypothesis. The queue is used to delay the impact of outliers on the hypothesis.

Currently, the queue limit within SABER is 11 soundings. CUBE will not calculate a depth hypothesis for a node until all available soundings have entered the queue or there are at least 11 soundings in that node's queue.

As each sounding enters the queue, the queue is sorted by depth. Once 11 or all available soundings are in the queue, CUBE finds the median sounding for that group of soundings and inserts the sounding and its propagated variance into the node. Once the median sounding has been written to the node, another sounding is inserted into the queue and all soundings are resorted by depth. CUBE continues this process using batches of 11 soundings until there are no more soundings to insert into the node's queue. At this point, the algorithm will continue sorting the queue by depth using any soundings that remain, finding the median of the last ten soundings in the queue, then the last nine soundings, etc., until every sounding has been incorporated into a hypothesis. This process keeps possible fliers at the high and low ends of the queue until all other soundings have been processed, which has the net effect of creating a stronger hypothesis earlier in the process.

For each sounding to be inserted into a node, CUBE will determine if the sounding qualifies to be included in an existing hypothesis. If it qualifies for more than one hypothesis, CUBE will choose the hypothesis that will have the smallest change in variance when updated with the new sounding. If the statistical analysis within CUBE determines that the sounding does not fall into an existing hypothesis, then it will create a new hypothesis. Each sounding propagated to a certain node will influence one and only one hypothesis for that node. However, each sounding may affect multiple nodes.

Once all of the soundings have been propagated to nodes and inserted into depth hypotheses, CUBE will populate a bathymetric surface with the "best" hypothesis from each node in the Extraction Stage. If each node has only one depth hypothesis, then that hypothesis will be used for the surface. If there are multiple hypotheses for a node, SABER's CUBE implementation extracts the "best" hypothesis from the nodes using one of three user-selected disambiguation methods to determine the best estimate of the true depth.

As previously mentioned, of the three available user-selectable disambiguation methods included in SABER's implementation of CUBE, the "Prior" disambiguation method was used for all data processing of this project's surveys. This method, which is the simplest of the three methods, looks for the hypothesis with the greatest number of soundings and selects it as the "best" depth estimate. This method does not take the cumulative uncertainty of each hypothesis into consideration; it is strictly a count of the soundings in each hypothesis. If two hypotheses have the same number of soundings the program will choose the last hypothesis.

The "Prior" disambiguation method calculates the hypothesis strength based on a ratio of the number of samples in the "best" hypothesis and the samples in the next "best" hypothesis. This value is interpreted as the closer to zero, the more certainty of this hypothesis representing the true bottom. As the ratio values approach 5.0, that certainty diminishes rapidly. Any values less than zero are set to zero.



During the Extraction Stage, CUBE will also convert the running estimate of variance values that it has been calculating into a standard deviation and then into the Confidence Interval (CI) specified. The 95% CI was used for this project's surveys.

The Hypothesis Strength in conjunction with the number of hypotheses, the uncertainty of each hypothesis, and the number of soundings in each hypothesis are all helpful in determining the confidence in the final depth estimate for each node.

SABER has incorporated CUBE processing into the PFM layer structure. When building a CUBE PFM layer, the following surfaces are written to the PFM grid.

- CUBE Depth, which contains the depth value from the node's best hypothesis (unless there is an over-ride).
- Node Shoal Depth, which contains the shoalest depth of the soundings in the chosen CUBE hypothesis.
- Node Number of Hypotheses, which shows the number of hypotheses that were generated for each node.
- Hypothesis Standard Deviation, which shows the CUBE algorithm's calculated depth uncertainty for the best hypothesis of a node. This is reported at the CI selected by the user during the PFM build process (95% CI for all surveys). This is simply a measure of how well the soundings that made up a hypothesis compare to each other. It is not a measure of how good the soundings are.
- Node Hypothesis Strength, which shows a node-by-node estimate for how strongly supported a hypothesis depth estimate is. This value is calculated as follows: a ratio of the number of samples in the "best" hypothesis and the samples in the next "best" hypothesis is generated. The ratio is subtracted from an arbitrary limit of 5. The hypothesis strength is interpreted as the closer this value is to zero, the stronger the hypothesis. If the resulting product is less than zero, it will be reported as a zero.
- Hypothesis Number of Soundings, which reports the number of soundings that were used to calculate the best hypothesis.
- Hypothesis Average TPU, is a second uncertainty value calculated by SABER, not the CUBE algorithm. This value is computed by taking the average of the vertical component of the TPU for each sounding that contributed to the best hypothesis for the node. It provides an alternative method for describing the likely depth uncertainty for nodes. The average TPU value does provide a measure of how good the soundings are that made up the hypothesis.
- Hypothesis Final Uncertainty, this surface is populated with the greater value of the Hypothesis Standard Deviation and the Hypothesis Average TPU surfaces.

Once built, the different PFM surfaces were displayed, analyzed, and edited using SABER. All PFM surfaces were used throughout the data processing stages to aid in analysis, interpretation, and editing of the survey data, as well as for QA/QC tools to ensure specifications of the HSSD were met. When all survey data were finalized, Leidos built a final PFM using the CUBE option. Then Leidos converted the PFM grid to a Bathymetric Attributed Grid (BAG).

One of the key requirements for Navigation Surfaces, and hence for BAG layers, is that all depth values have an associated uncertainty estimate and that these values must be co-located in a gridded model, which provides the best estimate of the bottom. To meet this requirement Leidos has implemented a combined CUBE/BAG approach in SABER. In this approach, SABER creates BAG layers by converting the CUBE Depth surface, the associated Hypothesis Final Uncertainty surface, and optionally several other surfaces of a PFM grid to a BAG, as outlined in HSSD Section 5.2.1.

This process was done through the use of the Convert PFM to BAG utility in SABER. Note that by definition, BAG files contain elevations not depths; however many software packages display a BAG elevation surface as a depth (positive values indicating water depth). In addition to the depth and uncertainty surfaces, other child layers can also be converted to the BAG. These surfaces have been grouped with the BAG file structure. The SABER Convert PFM to BAG utility populates each layer of the BAG from the corresponding layer of the CUBE PFM and maintains the PFM grid resolution. The final delivered BAG files for this project are version 1.5.1, uncompressed, and include both the Elevation Solution Group surfaces and the Node Group surfaces.

The Elevation Solution Group is made up of the following three surfaces:

- shoal elevation - the elevation value of the least-depth measurement selected from the sub-set of measurements that contributed to the elevation solution.
- number of soundings - the number of elevation measurements selected from the sub-set of measurements that contributed to the elevation solution.
- stddev - the standard deviation computed from all elevation values which contributed to any hypothesis within the node. Note that the stddev value is computed from all measurements contributing to the node, whereas shoal elevation and number of soundings relate only to the chosen elevation solution.

The Node Group is made up of the following two surfaces:

- hypothesis strength - the CUBE computed strength of the chosen hypothesis
- number of hypotheses - the CUBE computed number of hypotheses

For OPR-E350-KR-20 all BAG files had the Corrector surface populated with VDatum values gridded through SABER (OPR-E350-KR-20\_NAD83\_VDatum\_MLLW.cov).

Each generated BAG file also has a separate extensible markup language (XML) metadata file that SABER created as the BAG was generated. The xml metadata file is populated with information specific to the sheet.

Each BAG is reviewed through SABER to ensure that each node of all surfaces within the BAG files match the source PFM.

#### **C.1.4.2 Depth Derivation**

Leidos utilizes all of the surfaces available within the PFM structure to assess data quality and to identify features within the multibeam data. Using the CUBE surfaces as well as the bathymetry points, the multibeam data are reviewed to invalidate soundings not consistent with the general bathymetric profile, which are deemed to be outliers, as well as to identify navigationally significant features. Hydrographers may set features within the PFM grid, in accordance with Section 5.2.1.2.3 of the HSSD.

An initial pass of area based editing review was performed using MVE on the CUBE PFM grid, including review of the grid's various layers, such as the minimum and maximum filtered depth layers and the Hypothesis Final Uncertainty layer. Any edits performed were then unloaded back to the GSF files. The SABER Check PFM Uncertainty routine and the SABER Gapchecker routine were both run and results reviewed for any remaining outliers or coverage gaps. Leidos repeated this analysis until review was determined to be final.

### **C.1.4.3 Surface Computation Algorithm**

For each survey sheet, all bathymetry data were processed into a PFM CUBE surface with the appropriate grid resolution, in accordance with Section 5.2.2.2 of the HSSD, or a NOAA approved waiver, for analysis using SABER and MVE. Refer to the sheet's DR Appendix II if there was an approved waiver on the grid resolution. The PFM CUBE surface was generated to demonstrate coverage for the entire sheet. All soundings used in development of the final CUBE depth surface had modeled vertical and horizontal uncertainty values at or below the allowable maximum uncertainty as specified in Section 5.1.3 of the HSSD.

During creation of the CUBE surface, two separate uncertainty surfaces are calculated by the SABER software; Hypothesis Standard Deviation (Hyp. StdDev) and Hypothesis Average Total Propagated Uncertainty (Hyp. Avg TPU). The Hyp. StdDev is a measure of the general agreement between all of the soundings that contributed to the best hypothesis for each node. The Hyp. Avg TPU is the average of the vertical uncertainty component for each sounding that contributed to the best hypothesis for the node. A third uncertainty surface is generated from the larger of these two uncertainties at each node and is referred to as the Hypothesis Final Uncertainty (Hyp. Final Uncertainty).

After creation of the initial PFM CUBE surfaces, the SABER Check PFM Uncertainty function was used to highlight all of the cases where computed final node uncertainties exceeded IHO Order 1a. These nodes were investigated individually and typically highlighted areas where additional data outlier cleaning was necessary. Nodes found in the final PFM CUBE grid that still exceeded uncertainty thresholds are addressed in the DR for each sheet. When all GSF files and the PFM CUBE surface were determined to be satisfactory, the PFM CUBE grid was converted to BAG file(s) for final delivery.

## **C.2 Imagery**

### **C.2.1 Multibeam Backscatter Data**

#### Data Acquisition Methods and Procedures

In accordance with the HSSD, Leidos collected MBES backscatter in all GSF data acquired. The MBES settings were checked to ensure acceptable quality standards were met and to mitigate any acoustic saturation of the backscatter data. The MBES backscatter data acquired were written to the GSF in real-time by ISS-2000 and are delivered in the final GSF files for each sheet.

#### Data Processing Methods and Procedures

Per HSSD Section 6.2.1, as the Project Instructions did not state to evaluate the MBES backscatter data; MBES backscatter data were not processed by Leidos and no additional products were produced.

## C.2.2 Side Scan Sonar

### Data Acquisition Methods and Procedures

SSS data were acquired using the Klein SonarPro software running on the Leidos Side Scan Acquisition computer (SS-ACQ) which consisted of a dual 8 core processor computer with a Windows operating system. The SS-ACQ was integrated with the ISSC for NTP timing and towfish navigation.

Survey operations were conducted at set line spacing optimized for the sonar range scale in order to achieve 100% SSS coverage (for Complete Coverage) and 200% SSS coverage (for Object Detection and disprovals within Complete Coverage). Additional lines were acquired to obtain a second set of 100% SSS coverage for meeting 200% coverage in Object Detection survey specifications. During survey operations, 16-Bit (Klein 3000) or 32-Bit (Klein 4900) digital data from the TPU were acquired, displayed, logged, and QC'd on the Leidos SS-ACQ system running Klein's SonarPro software. Raw digital SSS data were collected in extended Triton format (XTF) and maintained at full resolution, with no conversion or down sampling techniques applied.

SSS data file names were changed automatically after a user defined time interval, or manually at the completion of a survey line, whichever occurred first.

These XTF files were archived at the completion of each survey line to the on-board storage locations for initial post processing in SABER's Imagery Review and associated programs. At the beginning of each survey day, the raw XTF SSS data files from the previous day were backed up to an external hard drive attached directly to the SS-ACQ machine. All processed SSS data on the NAS were backed up to an external hard drive daily and digital magnetic tape approximately every three to five days. The external hard drive and the digital magnetic tape back-ups were shipped to the DPC in Newport, RI, during port calls.

The Leidos naming convention of side scan XTF data files has been established through the structure of Klein's SonarPro software to provide specific identification of the survey vessel ("as" for the M/V Atlantic Surveyor), JD that the data file was collected, calendar date, and time that the file was created. For example in side scan file "as312\_191108121700.xtf":

- "as" refers to survey vessel M/V Atlantic Surveyor
- 312 refers to JD 312
- 191108 refers to the year, month, and day (YYMMDD)
- 1217 refers to the time (HHMM) the file was created
- 00 refers to a sequential number for files created within the same minute

As done with bathymetry data, Leidos continuously logged SSS data throughout survey operations and did not stop and re-start logging at the completion and/or beginning of survey lines. Therefore, data were logged during all turns and transits between survey lines.

Leidos utilized a time window file to distinguish between times of online and offline SSS data. Online SSS data refers to the data logged within a SSS XTF file that were used in the generation of the 100% or 200% mosaics for object detection coverage surveys, and 100% or disapproval coverage mosaics for complete

coverage surveys. Offline SSS data refers to the data logged within a SSS XTF file which were not used for generating either coverage mosaic.

In order to correlate individual SSS files to their associated survey lines, Leidos manually changed SSS file names in SonarPro after the completion of each survey line. Information regarding each survey line name, SSS file used, and the start and end times of online data for each survey line, were logged through iNavLog and are contained in the “Watchstander Logs” and “Side Scan Review Log”. These logs are delivered in Separates I of each sheet’s DR.

Refer to Section B.1.2 for information about the SSS towfish positioning.

For towed SSS operations, the SSS towfish depth off bottom (altitude) was typically maintained between 8% and 20% of the range scale, in accordance with Section 6.1.2.3 of the HSSD. Additionally, the Project Instructions for OPR-E350-KR-20 stated that in 8 meters water depth and shoaler, side scan data may be acquired at an altitude of 6% to 20% of the range. In any instance where towfish altitude was lower than the requirements set forth in either the Project Instructions or Section 6.1.2.3 of the HSSD, the SABER side scan mosaic generation procedure clipped the SSS across track swath coverage to be within specifications. In instances where the towfish altitude exceeded 20% of the range, Leidos took extra care in reviewing the imagery data to meet all specifications and when required created data gaps of the full swath. Additional splits or holiday lines were run as needed to ensure coverage requirements were met.

Periodic confidence checks on linear features (e.g. trawl scars) or geological features (e.g. sand waves or sediment boundaries) were made during data collection to verify the quality of the SSS data across the full sonar record. These periodic confidence checks were made at least once per survey line when possible; however, they were always made at least once each survey day in accordance with Section 6.1.3.1 of the HSSD.

For towed SSS operations, a K-wing depressor was attached directly to the towed SSS. The use of the K-wing reduced the amount of cable out, which in turn aided positioning accuracy of the towfish and allowed for less inhibited vessel maneuverability.

### Data Processing Methods and Procedures

Side scan sonar data processing was a multi-step process consisting of updating the towfish navigation and heading in the XTF files, running the Leidos Automatic Contact Detection (ACD) program, applying a Trained Neural Network, and reviewing the imagery for contacts and data coverage.

The SABER Navup and xtf\_io routines were used in the first stages to update the SSS data with more accurate towfish positions. The Navup routine replaced the towfish positions (sensor X and sensor Y fields) recorded in the original SSS XTF file with the final towfish positions derived from the catenary data files recorded during acquisition by ISS-2000. The xtf\_io routine created track lines, computed and applied a unique heading for each ping record (as opposed to the 1 Hz position and heading data recorded during data acquisition).

All SSS data are delivered with completely corrected SSS positions.

SSS contact detection was performed using the ACD program within SABER, as well as manually by hydrographer review of SSS data. The ACD program in conjunction with a Trained Neural Net were run to classify contacts and perform bottom tracking (towfish altitude) for the SSS data. Refer to Section D.2.2, for additional information regarding SSS analysis.

See the DAPR Appendices for a detailed data processing flow diagram.

### **C.2.3 Phase Measuring Bathymetric Sonar**

Phase measuring bathymetric sonar imagery was not acquired.

## **C.3 Horizontal and Vertical Control**

### **C.3.1 Horizontal Control**

#### **C.3.1.1 GNSS Base Station Data**

GNSS base station data was not acquired.

#### **C.3.1.2 DGPS Data**

#### Data Acquisition Methods and Procedures

As noted above in Section A.5, both the primary POS/MV and secondary C-Nav systems were configured for the use of WAAS to improve the real-time navigation solution. WAAS is a Satellite Based Augmentation System (SBAS) developed by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) that provides augmentation information to GPS/WAAS receivers, enhancing the accuracy and integrity of position estimates.

#### Data Processing Methods and Procedures

DGPS data are not independently processed as part of the normal post processing routine. See Section C.4 for details on post processing of navigation data.

## C.3.2 Vertical Control

### C.3.2.1 Water Level Data

#### Data Acquisition Methods and Procedures

During data acquisition, predicted tides were applied to all MBES data through ISS-2000 RTTides program. The tidal zoning were downloaded from NOAA Center for Operational Oceanographic Products and Services (CO-OPS) and the water level files were downloaded from the CO-OPS Tides and Currents website. The tide data for the project were downloaded as comma delimited text files (.csv) at 6-minute water level data were in meters, and annotated with the Coordinated Universal Time (UTC).

At the end of each day, SABER's Check Tides utility was run to confirm that all the multibeam data were corrected with predicted tides prior to continuing with data analysis. Refer to Section C.4 for information regarding the acquisition of navigation data which was used for processing and application of Ellipsoid Referenced Survey (ERS) water levels.

#### Data Processing Methods and Procedures

The VDatum separation model was the source of final water level corrections for OPR-E350-KR-20, as specified in the Project Instructions, which reduced the MBES sounding data to MLLW through ERS procedures.

After SABER's MergeNav (detailed in Section C.4) process was successful on the multibeam data, the VDatum data were applied through SABER. The SABER Apply GPSZ implementation of VDatum allows for the ping and beam position to be compared against the VDatum data and derives a separation value from ellipsoid to chart datum (NAD83 to MLLW). During the calculation of the separation value, SABER also calculates an uncertainty value as defined by the VDatum standard. SABER can operate with a user override uncertainty value or to use the calculated VDatum values. SABER reads the stored ellipsoidal heights within the GSF record and calculates the difference between the separation model and the ellipsoidal height to generate a GPS tide corrector value. Per the Project Instructions, the VDatum area was MDVAchb12, VDatum version 4, Geoid 2012, Area version 8301, and uncertainty was calculated. The calculated uncertainty was typically 9.0 centimeters.

The NOAA provided OPR-E350-KR-20\_100m\_NAD83-MLLW\_geoid12b CARIS gridded file does not fully cover the survey limits of OPR-E350-KR-20. As Leidos uses the SABER implantation of VDatum, the provided surface was not utilized for any correction purposes. The discrepancy regarding coverage was discussed with NOAA prior to data acquisition.

When updated water level correctors were applied to the GSF files, the Apply GPSZ program removed the previous water level correctors and applied the new correctors. Each time the program was run on the GSF files; a history record was appended to the end of the GSF file documenting the date and water level files applied. The SABER Check Tide Corrections in GSF program was then run on all GSF files to confirm that the appropriate water level corrector had been applied to the final MBES data.

After confirmation that final water levels were applied to all bathymetric data, grids were created and analyzed. In addition, mainscheme to crossline junction analysis was performed using the SABER Frequency Distribution Tool and the results were analyzed to identify possible depth discrepancies resulting from the applied water level correctors.

As VDatum was used for the final datum transformation, no final tide note was provided from NOAA nor is one provided by Leidos.

### **C.3.2.2 Optical Level Data**

Optical level data was not acquired.

## **C.4 Vessel Positioning**

### Data Acquisition Methods and Procedures

As previously stated in Section C.3.2.1, multibeam data had predicted tides applied in real-time via ISS-2000. In order to correct the multibeam data to be vertically referenced to the ellipsoid, Applanix POS/MV data were logged during acquisition. Logging to the ISSC computer was conducted over a network connection first by the POS/MV POSView software and second through ISS-2000; additionally, data were logged directly to an external USB drive connected to the POS/MV PCS. Data at time of acquisition were not vertically referenced to the ellipsoid, however, all final data delivered are vertically referenced to the ellipsoid. This approach has been deemed acceptable by NOAA.

At the start of all survey operations, the Applanix POS/MV was configured to log TrueHeave™ data. As discussed in Section C.1.1, Leidos and SABER use the terminology delayed heave to describe Applanix TrueHeave™ data collected from the Applanix POS/MV. The delayed heave files (.dat) were recorded using ISS-2000 and archived to the NAS in the same manner as GSF files. The delayed heave data were calculated by the Applanix POS/MV based on an algorithm which used a range of temporally bounding Applanix POS/MV real-time heave data to produce a more accurate value of heave. When the resulting delayed heave values were applied to the multibeam data they reduced heave artifacts present from variables such as sea state and survey vessel maneuvering, which are commonly observed in multibeam data with only real-time heave applied.

### Data Processing Methods and Procedures

When delayed heave corrections were applied to the bathymetric data, each depth value was fully recalculated in SABER. This was possible because the raw beam angle and travel time values were recorded in the GSF file. The raw beam angle and travel time values were used along with the vessel attitude (including heave) and re-raytraced. As delayed heave was applied, a history record was written to each GSF file, and the ping flag of each modified ping was updated.



After the application of delayed heave was complete, all bathymetric data were reviewed using SABER's Check Heave to verify that the delayed heave values were applied and flagged appropriately. The Check Heave program reads through the ping flags of each GSF record to check the application of delayed heave. When the Check Heave program found any instances of delayed heave not applied, it created output report files which included the corresponding GSF filename, as well as the time range for the gap in delayed heave application. The Check Heave reports were then used to further investigate all instances of gaps in delayed heave application.

Leidos endeavored to have delayed heave applied to all soundings of multibeam data, however there were times when this was not possible. Real-time heave was used in place of delayed heave in all instances where there were gaps in the application of delayed heave. All gaps in delayed heave application were fully investigated and the data reviewed to verify that the real-time heave values were consistent with the surrounding available delayed heave values.

Based on the survey location, Leidos utilized Applanix POSPac MMS software with the Post-Processed Trimble CenterPoint® RTX™ (Trimble PP-RTX) option for all post processing of navigation trajectories. Refer to Section A.7 for the software version of POSPac MMS in use for processing. The final navigation solutions applied to the multibeam data were derived from the raw navigation data of the POS/MV mentioned above in the Data Acquisition Methods of this section. All raw positioning files used to generate final trajectory solutions are delivered within each sheet's final directory HXXXXX/Raw/Positioning.

The Trimble PP-RTX network is made up of Trimble proprietary base stations, and the Trimble PP-RTX solution is an error model using range and atmospheric corrections, therefore no typical base station Receiver Independent Exchange Format (RINEX) or binary files are produced. Additionally, as all the Trimble proprietary base stations in the network contribute to the solution it is not possible to identify individual stations used for processing each SBET. Therefore, there are no base station data delivered for this project OPR-E350-KR-20.

The Trimble PP-RTX option provides centimeter level post-processed positioning accuracies to the output SBET files. The SBET files were exported from POSPac MMS to NAD83 in an American Standard Code for Information Interchange (ASCII) format text file.

After exporting the SBET files from POSPac MMS, the files were imported into SABER TSView to perform QC and review the trajectory files for spikes. Files were reprocessed in POSPac MMS with additional data or reconfiguration if ellipsoid height or vertical uncertainty spikes in the SBET were observed.

Following this QC, the SBET trajectories were applied to the MBES data through SABER's MergeNav program. MergeNav replaces the navigation stored in the GSF from real-time data acquisition, and replaces it with the post-processed data from the SBET files. This process also stores the ellipsoid height from the post-processed SBET into the record of each multibeam ping. SABER writes a new H/V Nav Error record into the GSF during this process, which includes uncertainty and other information about the source of the updated navigation file (SBET) being applied. The calculated uncertainties from the navigation system are written into the H/V Nav Error record, these values are then used during the overall uncertainty calculation and the modeled value stored within the SABER EPF are not used; refer to DAPR Appendices. SABER supports a least squares interpolation method between ellipsoidal heights. As Leidos processed all OPR-E350-KR-20

with a least squares bracket of 0 seconds; MergeNav utilized a linear interpolation between ellipsoidal heights. The final SBET filename which was applied to the MBES data can be found in the “Multibeam Processing Log” (Separates I) of each sheet’s DR.

Final SBET files and the corresponding uncertainty files generated from POSPac MMS are provided within each sheet’s HXXXXX/Processing/SBET/ directory.

## C.5 Sound Speed

### C.5.1 Sound Speed Profiles

#### Data Acquisition Methods and Procedures

An MVP30, with an AML MVPX and Xchange sensors, was the primary means used to collect SSP data onboard the M/V Atlantic Surveyor. Additionally, AML Base•X2 instruments, also compatible with Xchange sensors, were maintained onboard the M/V Atlantic Surveyor to augment the MVP30 data collection. The AML Base•X2 instruments were the primary means used to collect SSP data onboard the R/V Oyster Bay II. SSP data were obtained at intervals frequent enough to minimize sound speed errors in the MBES data. The frequency of SSP casts was based on the following:

- Whenever 2 meters per second (m/s) difference was observed between the real-time surface sound speed (measured by a sound speed sensor located at the MBES transducer) and the recorded sound speed at the transducer depth in the currently applied SSP. Real-time data of the towed MVPX sound speed sensor was also monitored for 2 m/s differences with the applied SSP.
- Time elapsed since the last applied SSP cast.
- When a visible sound speed artifact was observed in the real-time ISS-2000 multibeam bathymetry QA display.

Periodically during a survey day, multiple casts were taken along a survey line to identify the rate and location of sound speed changes. Based on the observed trend of sound speed changes along the line where this was done, the SSP cast frequency and locations were modified accordingly for subsequent lines.

The Environmental Manager module in ISS-2000 displayed a real-time plot of three variables: the sound speed measured at the transducer depth of the currently applied SSP cast, the observed sound speed from the AML MicroX sensor located at the MBES transducer; as well as the calculated difference between these sound speed values. A visual warning was issued to the watchstander when the difference approached and/or exceeded 2 m/s, as defined in Section 5.2.3.3 of the HSSD. Watchstanders either acquired new SSP casts or re-applied a more appropriate previous SSP.

During acquisition, the application of SSP data are automatically documented within the iNavLog database and are reported within the “Watchstander Log” for each sheet.

During the surveys it was not always possible to maintain a difference less than 2 meters per second. This was most apparent on warm sunny days with little or no wind when the solar radiation heated the surface

water causing a large change in sound speed near the surface. In all cases, attempts were made to take and apply numerous sound speed profiles as needed. Any sound speed related issues will be discussed in each sheet's DR. Any other environmental factors or occurrences affecting sound speed data, or the ability to meet the 2 m/s requirements of Section 5.2.3.3 of the HSSD, will be documented in the respective sheet's DR.

During multibeam acquisition, SSP casts were uploaded to ISS-2000 immediately after they were taken. In ISS-2000 Sound Velocity Profile Generator (SVPG) program, the profiles were reviewed for quality, edited as necessary, compared to the preceding casts, and then applied (loaded into the multibeam system for use). Once applied, the multibeam system used the SSP data for depth calculation and ray tracing corrections to the multibeam data. If sounding depths exceeded the cast depth, ISS-2000 used the deepest sound speed value of the profile to extend the profile to the maximum depth. ISS-2000 is also configured to provide a warning to the watchstander when the profile does not reach at least 80% of the maximum depth. All MBES data through ISS-2000 are corrected for SSP based on real-time application.

Additional factors the hydrographer considered in determining how often a SSP cast was needed included the shape and proximity of the coastline, sources and proximity of freshwater, seasonal changes, wind, sea state, water depth, observed changes from the previous profiles, and differences in the surface sound speed of the current profile compared to a separate surface sound speed sensor collocated with the multibeam sonar. At a minimum, SSP casts were taken just prior to commencing data acquisition, at intermittent intervals throughout the day during data acquisition (dependent on environmental factors), and immediately following data acquisition.

Confidence checks of the SSP data were periodically conducted (approximately every one to three weeks) by comparing two or more casts taken simultaneous or immediately consecutive using different sound speed sensors. The SSP casts taken during confidence checks were applied to the MBES file being collected in ISS-2000 at that time. The application of the profiles allowed ISS-2000 to maintain a record of each cast. After collecting the SSP comparison casts, all located within the surrounding areas of the survey sheet, it was common to apply one of the comparison cast profiles to the start of the next resumed survey line. Graphs and tabulated lists were used to analyze and document the SSP comparison casts. Results of the Comparison Cast checks are presented in each sheet's DR, Separates II.

For all the sensors used to acquire sound speed data for OPR-E350-KR-20, the serial numbers and calibration dates are provided in Section A. Copies of the calibration records are in the DAPR Appendices. Sound speed data are included with the survey data delivered for each sheet.

### Data Processing Methods and Procedures

Quality control tools in ISS-2000, including real-time displays of color-coded coverage and a multibeam swath waterfall display, were used to monitor how the sound speed affected the multibeam data. By using these techniques, any significant effects due to sound speed profiling could be observed and corrected during real-time data acquisition. Proper sound speed application and effects were also analyzed throughout the survey during post processing in SABER. When necessary, a different SSP file could be applied to MBES data through SABER. During application of the SSP data, SABER performed ray tracing corrections to the multibeam data. The SSP file selected to apply in post-processing was always near in time to the MBES ping time, as the SABER TPU Model takes into account the age of the sound speed cast in relation to the

multibeam data. An older SSP file increases the associated uncertainty in the multibeam data. Sound speed profiles applied to online bathymetry data were reviewed to ensure they were acquired within 500 meters of the bounds of the survey area as specified in Section 5.2.3.3 of the HSSD.

All individual SSP files are delivered with the sheet's data and are broken out into sub-folders corresponding to the purpose of each cast (listed below). Once all SSP data were determined to be final, the files were concatenated and formatted for use in CARIS. These files are delivered in a separate folder on the delivery drive: "HXXXXX/Processed/SVP/CARIS\_SSP". The CARIS SSP files (.svp) were named based on the designated purpose of the individual SSP casts contained within each of the concatenated files. The purposes were:

- Used for Final Surfaces
- Used for Comparison
- Used for Lead Line
- Used for Closing

For the NCEI sound speed data submission, SSP casts were imported into the NOAA Sound Speed Manager utility. All individual sound speed profile files were converted to the \*.nc file extension and fields were populated with the project, survey, survey unit, and instrument. As with the CARIS SSP data, sound speed data files were broken out into four sub-folders, which correspond to the purpose of each cast. For QC, converted SSP files were reviewed in Panoply. In accordance with HSSD Section 8.3.6 as OPR-E350-KR-20 data were collected over two years, the submission of the NCEI data is separated by calendar year. The 2020 data were submitted to NCEI on 2021-04-19. All remaining 2021 NCEI files will be delivered prior to the submission of the final sheet for OPR-E350-KR-20.

## **C.5.2 Surface Sound Speed**

### Data Acquisition Methods and Procedures

Collocated to the RESON SeaBat T50 and the RESON SeaBat 7125 SV1 transducer head was an AML Oceanographic MicroX SV probe interfaced with an AML SV Xchange sensor. This unit was integrated with the RESON sonar UI to allow for real-time application of surface sound speed. The MicroX unit was also integrated with the ISS-2000 system through a parallel data stream in order to separately log the raw unfiltered sound speed data, should any processing need to be performed at a later date.

During real-time acquisition operations, surface sound speed data from the hull-mounted MicroX unit were monitored through ISS-2000 via the Environmental Manager module, and compared to the surface sound speed from the most recently acquired cast. This comparison allowed the watchstander to observe when the delta between the two sound speed values exceeded the threshold of two meters per second, specified in Section 5.2.3.3 of the HSSD.

## Data Processing Methods and Procedures

The surface sound speed data are not independently processed as part of the normal processing routine however the raw data are logged in the event processing is required and would be discussed in each sheet's DR.

## **C.6 Uncertainty**

### **C.6.1 Total Propagated Uncertainty Computation Methods**

The TPU model that Leidos has adopted had its genesis at the Naval Oceanographic Office (NAVOCEANO), and is based on the work by Rob Hare and others (“Error Budget Analysis for NAVOCEANO Hydrographic Survey Systems, Task 2 FY 01”, 2001, HSRC FY01 Task 2 Final Report). The TPU model used by SABER estimates each of the components that contribute to the overall uncertainty that is inherent in each sounding. The model then calculates cumulative system uncertainty (Total Propagated Uncertainty). The data needed to drive the error model were captured as parameters taken from the SABER EPF, which is an ASCII text file typically created during survey system installation and integration. The parameters were also obtained from values recorded in the multibeam GSF file(s) during data collection and processing. Examples of uncertainties stored in the GSF file versus the model EPF values are the navigation uncertainty and the separation uncertainty. During SABER’s Apply GPSZ (detailed in Section C.3.2.1) the uncertainty from the VDatum separation model was inserted into the H/V Nav Error record within the GSF data. When the H/V Nav Error Record is populated with an uncertainty; that value overrides the uncertainty provided in the EPF.

While the input units vary, all uncertainty values that contributed to the cumulative TPU estimate were eventually converted to meters by the SABER Calculate Errors in GSF program. The TPU estimates were recorded as the Horizontal Uncertainty and Vertical Uncertainty at the 95% confidence level for each beam in the GSF file. During application of horizontal and vertical uncertainties to the GSF files, individual beams where either the horizontal or vertical uncertainty exceeded the maximum allowable IHO S-44 5th Edition Order 1a specifications were flagged as invalid. As a result, all individual soundings used in development of the final CUBE depth surface had modeled vertical and horizontal uncertainty values at or below the allowable IHO S-44 5th Edition, Order 1a uncertainty. Section C.1.4 describes the CUBE algorithm and Section C.1.4.3 details the uncertainty computations of grid surfaces.

The values entered into the SABER EPF for OPR-E350-KR-20 are documented within the DAPR Appendices. All parameter uncertainties in the EPF were entered at the one sigma level of confidence, but the outputs from SABER’s Calculate Errors in GSF program are at the two sigma or 95% confidence level. Sign conventions are: X = positive forward, Y = positive starboard, Z = positive down.

## C.6.2 Uncertainty Components

### C.6.2.1 A Priori Uncertainty

<i>Vessel</i>		M/V Atlantic Surveyor	R/V Oyster Bay II
<i>Motion Sensor</i>	<i>Gyro</i>	0.02 degrees	0.02 degrees
	<i>Heave</i>	5.00%	5.00%
		0.05 meters	0.05 meters
	<i>Roll</i>	0.02 degrees	0.02 degrees
	<i>Pitch</i>	0.02 degrees	0.02 degrees
<i>Navigation Sensor</i>		0.02 meters	0.02 meters

### C.6.2.2 Real-Time Uncertainty

<i>Vessel</i>	<i>Description</i>
<i>M/V Atlantic Surveyor</i>	During real-time data acquisition an EPF within ISS-2000 was used for the application of TPU values to the MBES data. As such, the raw bathymetry data, written to Generic Sensor Format (GSF) files, were fully corrected with uncertainties associated with each sounding at the time of acquisition.
<i>R/V Oyster Bay II</i>	During real-time data acquisition an EPF within ISS-2000 was used for the application of TPU values to the MBES data. As such, the raw bathymetry data, written to Generic Sensor Format (GSF) files, were fully corrected with uncertainties associated with each sounding at the time of acquisition.

## C.7 Shoreline and Feature Data

### Data Acquisition Methods and Procedures

Shoreline verification was not required for these surveys. Features were set in the multibeam data in accordance with the HSSD.

### Data Processing Methods and Procedures

Included with each sheet's delivery is an S-57 Feature File generated through SABER, made in accordance with the IHO Special Publication No. 57, IHO Transfer Standard for Digital Hydrographic Data, Edition 3.1,

(IHO S-57) and Section 7.3 of the HSSD. Following the IHO S-57 standard and the HSSD each sheet's S-57 Feature File is delivered in the WGS84 datum and is unprojected with all units in meters.

As specified in the HSSD, Leidos integrated the NOAA Extended Attributes into SABER's implementation of S-57. When appropriate the NOAA Extended Attributes have been classified for each feature within the S-57 Feature File.

Features were included in each sheet's S-57 Feature File as necessary based on classification of a feature identified within the sheet and information provided from the NOAA Composite Source File (CSF). For assigned features from the NOAA CSF, the investigation requirements were followed for determining if the data were to be included within the sheet's S-57 Feature File.

Feature depths were attributed within the S-57 Feature File as value of sounding (VALSOU) and were maintained to millimeter precision. All features addressed within each sheet were retained within that sheet's respective S-57 Feature File. For all features, the requirements from the IHO S-57 standard were followed, unless otherwise specified in Section 7.3 of the HSSD.

Each sheet's S-57 Feature File was quality controlled with CARIS HIPS & SIPS.

## **C.8 Bottom Sample Data**

### Data Acquisition Methods and Procedures

Bottom characteristics were obtained using a WILDCO Petite Ponar Grab (model number 7128-G40) bottom sampler. The locations for acquiring bottom characteristics were provided in the Project Reference File (PRF) received from NOAA. Unless otherwise noted in each sheet's DR, the position of the bottom sample was not modified from what was provided within the PRF. At each location a seabed sample was obtained, characterized, and photographed. All photographs were taken with a label showing the survey registration number and sample identification number, as well as a ruler to quantify sample size within the photograph. In addition, Leidos mounted a video camera and dive light on the Petite Ponar Grab system, which was used to obtain short videos of the seafloor at the sample site when possible. Photos and videos are delivered, as available, for each sheet on the delivery drive under the folder "HXXXXXX/Processed/Multimedia."

Samples were obtained by manually lowering the bottom sampler, using block and line, to the seafloor where the pinch-pin released and tension on the line during recovery actuated the scoops which captured sediment. Each seabed sample was classified using characteristics to quantify color, texture, and particle size.

The position of each seabed sample was marked in the ISS-2000 software and logged as an event in the message file. As the event was logged, it was tagged as a bottom sample event with the unique identification number of the sample obtained. These event records in the message file included position, JD, time, and user inputs for depth, the general nature of the type of seabed sample obtained, and any qualifying characteristics to quantify color, texture, and grain size. The real-time "Watchstander Logs" provided a record of the time, sample number, sample depth, and sample descriptors for each individual sample obtained.

## Data Processing Methods and Procedures

Bottom characteristics are included within the S-57 Feature File for each sheet, categorized as Seabed Areas (SBDARE) and attributed based on the requirements of IHO S-57, (see Section C.7 for details of the S-57 feature file). Digital images of the bottom samples are included in the S-57 Feature File for each sheet, as available.

## **D. Data Quality Management**

### **D.1 Bathymetric Data Integrity and Quality Management**

#### **D.1.1 Directed Editing**

Leidos' Marine Survey and Engineering Solutions Branch is certified ISO 9001:2015 compliant, and has a robust quality system management program, which is applied to all aspects of our hydrographic survey operations and data deliverables. A systematic approach to tracking data has been developed to maintain data quality and integrity. Several logs and checklists have been developed to track the flow of data from acquisition through final processing. Several of these documents are included in Separates I of each sheet's DR.

During data acquisition, survey watchstanders continuously monitored the systems, checking for errors and alarms. Thresholds set in the ISS-2000 system parameters alerted the watchstander by displaying alarm messages when error thresholds or tolerances were exceeded. Alarm conditions that may have compromised survey data quality were corrected and noted in both the Watchstander Log and ISS-2000 message files. Warning messages such as loss of sensor data, excessive cross track error, or vessel speed approaching the maximum allowable survey speed were addressed by the watchstander and automatically recorded into a message file by ISS-2000. Prior to the start of any survey operations and continuously throughout all survey days, acquisition watchstanders completed checklists to verify critical system settings and ensure valid data collection.

During real-time data acquisition, ISS-2000 applied predicted water level correctors based on the NOAA generated tidal zoning covering the OPR-E350-KR-20 project area, and previously downloaded NOAA predicted tide data from NOAA tide stations. Also during real-time data acquisition, an EPF within ISS-2000 was used for the application of TPU values to the MBES data. As such, the raw bathymetry data, written to GSF files, were fully corrected with uncertainties associated with each sounding at the time of acquisition. See Section C.6.1 of this Report for more details of the EPF and Leidos' Uncertainty Model.

Following data collection, initial data processing began in the field. This included the first level of QA in SABER; which may include the following:

- Initial swath editing of MBES data flagging invalid pings and beams and flagging features.
- Application of delayed heave (Applanix TrueHeave™), followed by QC of application.
- Confirmation that the SSP files applied to online data were free of noise and within 500 meters (m) of the survey area.



- QC of MBES predicted tide data application from real-time acquisition
- Computation of TPU for each depth value in the MBES data.
- Generation of a preliminary Pure File Magic (PFM) CUBE surface.
- Second review and editing of MBES data using the PFM CUBE surfaces.
- Identification of significant features for investigation with additional MBES coverage.
- Turning unacceptable data offline.
- Turning additional data online.
- Generation of MBES and SSS track line plots.
- Junction analysis (mainscheme depth data to crossline depth data)
- SSS contact identification with SABER's Automatic Contact Detection (ACD) program.
- Application of Trained Neural Network to flag false alarms in SSS detections.
- Hydrographer review of SSS imagery data.
- Hydrographer review of SSS contact files.
- Adjustments to SSS time windows based on data quality.
- Generation of preliminary SSS coverage mosaics.
- Identification of holidays in the SSS and MBES coverage.

On a daily basis, the MBES data were binned into minimum depth layers, where each bin is populated with the shoalest sounding in that bin while maintaining its true position and depth. The following binned grids were created and used for initial crossline analysis and day-to-day data comparisons:

- Mainscheme, item, and holiday fill survey lines (full swath data).
- Crosslines using only near-nadir ( $\pm 5$  degrees, Class 1) data.

These daily comparisons were used to monitor adequacy and completeness of data and sounding correctors.

Approximately once every two weeks backups of all raw and processed survey data were sent to the Leidos DPC in Newport, RI.

Final analysis of the data included at least the following steps:

- Verification of SSS contact files.
- Application of prorated draft to MBES data, as applicable.
- Generation of SBET data through Applanix POSPac MMS software.
- Application of SBET data to the MBES data through SABER's MergeNav.
- Application of VDatum separation model as water level correctors to MBES data.
- Re-computation of TPU for each depth value in the MBES data.
- Generation of a CUBE PFM surface for analysis of coverage, areas with high TPU, features, etc.
- Perform junction analysis comparing mainscheme depth data to crossline depth data, through surface difference review
- Perform junction analysis comparing the current sheet to adjacent sheets.
- Generation of final CUBE PFM surface.
- Comparison with existing charts.
- QC review of SSS data and contacts.
- Generation of final coverage mosaics of SSS data.
- Correlation of SSS contacts with MBES features and/or designated soundings.
- Generation of S-57 feature files.
- Generation of final Bathymetric Attributed Grid(s) (BAG) and metadata products.

- Final QC of all delivered data products.

A flow diagram of Leidos' data processing routines from the acquisition of raw soundings to the final grids and deliverable data can be found in the DAPR Appendices.

### **D.1.2 Designated Sounding Selection**

Within the GSF structure, separate flags exist for a designated sounding and a feature. During data analysis, Leidos set designated soundings or feature flags to help better preserve the shoalest sounding relative to the computed depth surface, in accordance with the HSSD. All depths flagged as a feature or designated sounding override the CUBE best estimate of the depth in the CUBE PFM grid; these overrides are carried through to the final generated BAG files. Both the designated sounding and feature flags, as defined within GSF, are mapped to the same HDCS flag when ingested into CARIS (PD\_DEPTH\_DESIGNATED\_MASK). Refer to the Appendices of this Report for an outline of GSF to CARIS ping and beam flag code mapping. Feature specific information is delivered within each sheet's Final Feature S-57 file.

### **D.1.3 Holiday Identification**

Bathymetric coverage analysis was conducted during initial data processing and on the final CUBE surface to identify areas where (if any) data coverage holidays existed. As previously stated in Section C.1.1, survey operations for OPR-E350-KR-20 were conducted with varied line spacing that was optimized to achieve either 100% or 200% side scan sonar coverage in order to fulfill the specified coverage requirements (Complete Coverage or Object Detection Coverage, respectively). The SABER Gapchecker utility was run on the CUBE surface to identify and flag any areas of data holidays exceeding the HSSD requirements. In addition, the entire surface was visually scanned for holidays. Before closing out field operations, additional survey lines were run to fill any holidays detected. Results of the bathymetry coverage analysis are presented in each sheet's DR.

All grids for each survey were also examined for the number of soundings contributing to the chosen CUBE hypothesis for each node. This was done by running SABER's Frequency Distribution Tool on the Hypothesis Number of Soundings layer. This analysis was done to ensure that at least 95% of all nodes contained five or more soundings, ensuring the requirements for both Object Detection Option B or Complete Coverage Option B coverage as specified in Sections 5.2.2.2 and 5.2.2.3 of the HSSD were met. A complete analysis of the results of the Frequency Distribution Tool is provided in the DR for each sheet.

### **D.1.4 Uncertainty Assessment**

Refer to Section C.1.4 for details regarding Leidos' uncertainty attributions in CUBE and Section C.6.1 for details regarding Leidos' Uncertainty Model and EPF for TPU attribution specific to soundings. The data submitted are fully corrected with uncertainties associated with each sounding. Therefore, the CARIS vessel file will be all zeros.

## **D.1.5 Surface Difference Review**

### **D.1.5.1 Crossline to Mainscheme**

A beam-to-beam comparison of crossline data to mainscheme data was not performed. Leidos instead conducted junction analysis on a difference surface by subtracting one bathymetric grid from a separate reference grid to create a depth difference grid. During data acquisition, comparisons of mainscheme (Class 2) to crossline near-nadir (Class 1) data were conducted daily to ensure that no systematic errors were introduced and to identify potential problems with the survey system. Final junction analysis was again conducted after the application of all correctors and completion of final processing to assess the agreement between the mainscheme and crossline data that were acquired during the survey. Crosslines were acquired at varying time periods throughout the survey period so that the crossline analyses could provide an indication of any potential temporal or systematic issues (if any) that may affect the data. The mainscheme grid was subtracted from the crossline grid, therefore a positive depth difference would indicate that the crossline data are deeper than the mainscheme data, and a negative depth difference would indicate that the crossline data are shallower than the mainscheme data. The SABER Frequency Distribution Tool was used on the resulting depth difference grid for the junction analysis and statistics. The number count and percentage of depth difference values resulting from the Frequency Distribution Tool were calculated and reported four ways; as a total of all difference values populating the cells of the difference grid, as the amount of positive difference values populating the cells of the difference grid, as the amount of negative difference values populating the cells of the difference grid, and as the amount of values populating the cells of the difference grid which resulted in a zero difference. This was used to provide an analysis of the repeatability of the multibeam data system. A frequency distribution could not only be run on the overall resulting difference grid but could be run on any subarea of the difference grid. This was done to isolate areas, such as areas of high depth difference (if any), to better evaluate, and investigate potential accuracy problems. Junction analysis results are presented in Separates II of the DR for each sheet.

### **D.1.5.2 Junctions**

Junction analysis was conducted with survey sheets assigned in the Project Instructions (H11088 and H13301) and sheets for this project, where the data have been fully processed when applicable. For junction analysis, the current data were binned at appropriate grid resolution using the CUBE algorithm. For the assigned junction sheet H11088, final smooth sheet data (irregular spacing) were downloaded from the NCEI website. These XYZ file were binned to an average grid for analysis in SABER For comparisons to H13301 and sheets acquired in OPR-E350-KR-20, comparisons were conducted from the final deliverable CUBE surface; stored from the PFM or BAG. Details regarding the resolution of the sheet to sheet junctions are listed within each sheet's DR Separates II Crossline Comparison.

### **D.1.5.3 Platform to Platform**

Two platforms were used for hydrographic survey operations on OPR-E350-KR-20, the M/V Atlantic Surveyor and the R/V Oyster Bay II. The M/V Atlantic Surveyor began survey operations on OPR-E350-KR-20 prior to the R/V Oyster Bay II. During the SAT of the R/V Oyster Bay II, a confidence check of the multibeam systems and platform to platform accuracies was made by comparing the depth data collected over a common survey line which was run simultaneously by each survey vessel. For these comparisons the M/V Atlantic Surveyor and the R/V Oyster Bay II would rendezvous to perform a multi-vessel comparison of the multibeam systems. The vessels would meet, take and apply individual SSP casts, and then proceed

to acquire data over a common survey line; one vessel immediately following the other to reduce any tidal or environmental differences. The results of this analysis from the SAT showed the two platforms and MBES systems were in good agreement. See Appendix VI for results and details of this platform to platform comparison.

Additionally, for each sheet where both vessels collected coincident data, a comprehensive comparison of all data is presented within the respective DR.

### **D.1.6 Other Validation Procedures**

**Multibeam Ping and Beam Flags:** Flags in SABER come in four varieties: Ping flags, Beam flags, PFM depth record flags, and PFM bin flags. Ping and beam flags are specific to the GSF files, where they are used to attribute ping records and the individual beams of each ping record. Beam flags are used to describe why soundings are invalid and rejected, how they were edited, if they meet various cutoff criteria, etc. These same flags also contain descriptors used to indicate that a sounding is a selected sounding and why it is a selected sounding (feature, designated sounding, least depth, etc.).

There are sixteen bits available in a GSF file for ping flags, therefore the flags are written to the files using 16-bit binary numbers. The ping flag bits are separated into two groups: Ignore bits and Informational bits. Bits zero through eleven are the Ignore bits. If bit zero is set, the ping is flagged as invalid. Bits 1 through 11 specify the reason(s) why the ping was flagged invalid. If only bit zero is set, the ping is flagged due to no bottom detection. However, if any of the bits 1 through 11 are set, bit zero will also be set. Bits 12 through 15 are Informational flags, and they describe actions that have been performed on a ping, such as applying delayed heave or a tide corrector. Bits 12 through 15 can be set regardless of whether or not any of bits zero through 11 are set. Bit 13 defines whether or not the GPS-based vertical control was applied. Bits 14 and 15 are used in conjunction with each other to describe the source of the tide corrector applied to a ping.

Eight bits are available in the GSF file for beam flags. The eight bit beam flag value stored in GSF files is divided into two four-bit fields. The lower-order four bits are used to specify that a beam is to be ignored, where the value specifies the reason the beam is to be ignored. The higher-order four bits are used to specify that a beam is selected, where the value specifies the reason why the beam is selected.

Leidos and CARIS have collaborated to provide the ability to import multibeam GSF files into CARIS. Within the DAPR Appendices are tables, which represent commonly used definitions for these GSF beam flags, as well as their mapping to CARIS depth flag codes. A second table represents commonly used definitions for these GSF ping flags, as well as their mapping to CARIS profile flag codes.

Note that there is not a one-for-one match between CARIS Profile and Depth flags and GSF Ping and Beam flags. Therefore, upon the import of multibeam GSF files into CARIS, GSF defined flags such as: delayed heave applied, the applied tide type in use, and Class 1 not being met are not available in CARIS. As detailed in the tables of the DAPR Appendices, no flag is applied in CARIS to the HDCS (Hydrographic Data Cleaning System) files, upon import from GSF, for these GSF ping and beam flags.

## **D.2 Imagery data Integrity and Quality Management**

### **D.2.1 Coverage Assessment**

As stated in the HSSD Section 5.2.2.2, 200% side scan sonar data are sufficient for disproof of assigned or charted features for Object Detection Coverage Option B. The object detection coverage was verified by generating two separate coverage mosaics, each consisting of designated 100% or 200% survey lines. To accomplish this, a time window file listing the times of all valid online side scan data was created along with separate side scan file lists for the 100% coverage and 200% coverage mosaics.

For Complete Coverage Option B surveys, HSSD Section 5.2.2.3 states that 100% side scan coverage is not sufficient for disproof of assigned or charted features. Therefore, an additional 100% side scan coverage was obtained over the specified search radius for assigned objects not identified in the initial 100% side scan coverage. The disproof coverage was verified by generating two separate coverage mosaics. The first 100% side scan coverage consisted of all initial survey lines, while the disproof side scan coverage consisted of any additional coverage over assigned objects that were found to not be present during survey operations. To accomplish this, a time window file listing the times of all valid online side scan data was created along with separate side scan file lists for the 100% coverage and disproof coverage mosaics.

For both Object Detection and Complete Coverage requirements, the time window file and the side scan file lists were then used to create one-meter cell size mosaics, using SABER, in accordance with Section 8.2.1 of the HSSD. The two coverage mosaics were reviewed independently using tools in SABER, such as Gapchecker, to verify data quality and swath coverage. During data acquisition, preliminary coverage mosaics were also used to plan additional survey lines to fill in any data gaps. All final delivered coverage mosaics are determined to be complete and sufficient to meet the Project Instructions for side scan sonar coverage, unless otherwise noted in a sheet's DR.

Each side scan coverage mosaic is delivered as individual georeferenced raster files in floating point GeoTIFF format, per HSSD Sections 8.2.1 and 8.3.3. The GeoTIFF files generated for OPR-E350-KR-20 are referenced to the horizontal datum North American Datum of 1983 (NAD83) 2011 realization 2010 [NAD83(2011)2010.0], UTM Zone 18N.

### **D.2.2 Contact Selection Methodology**

After each survey day, a hydrographer reviewed the side scan sonar data for quality, bottom tracking, and contacts using SABER's Imagery Review and Contact Review programs. Within Imagery Review, the contact detections were overlain on the side scan sonar record. The side scan data within Imagery Review was down sampled using the Average Display Method. This was chosen since it provided the best general-purpose review settings. Down sampling is necessary because the number of pixels displayed is constrained by the width of the display window and the screen resolution. During review, the hydrographer assessed the overall quality of the data and defined any holidays in the data where the quality was insufficient to clearly detect seafloor contacts across the full range scale. The times and descriptions for any defined data holidays were entered into a "Side Scan Review Log" which was created and maintained for each sheet. The times of

all noted side scan data gaps were also incorporated into the side scan data time window files that were then used to depict the data gap within the applicable side scan coverage mosaic as discussed in Section D.2.1.

Data holidays were generally characterized by:

- Dense marine life
- Surface noise (rain, vessel wakes, sea clutter, and/or waves)
- Density layers (refraction)
- Towfish motion (pitch, yaw and heave)
- Electrical noise
- Towfish altitude requirements
- Vessel speed requirements

The “Side Scan Review Log” for each sheet was maintained throughout final data processing. It incorporated all of the relevant information about each side scan data file, including the line begin and line end times, survey line name, 100% or 200% designation, corresponding multibeam file name(s), line azimuth, and any operator notes made during data acquisition. System-status annotations were recorded in the logs at the beginning of survey operations in each sheet, upon returning to the survey area, and at the JD rollover of each continuous survey day.

These system-status annotations included; the mode of tuning (auto tuning was used throughout all survey operations), the tow point, the side scan range scale setting, the watchstander’s initials, the side scan model in use, whether or not a depressor was in use on the side scan, weather conditions and sea state. These and any other necessary annotations were continuously updated throughout survey operations as needed in accordance with Section 8.2.3 of HSSD. Each sheet’s “Side Scan Review Log” is included in Separates I of the sheet’s DR.

During side scan data review, the hydrographer used the Contact Review program to review each contact detection and was able to either accept it as a real contact or reject it (i.e. contacts created on fish or multiple contacts on a large object). The hydrographer could also override the automatic measurements of the contact’s length, width, and height or generate new contacts. Selected contacts and pertinent information for each contact were documented in the “Side Scan Review Log”. Significant side scan contacts were chosen based on size and height, or a unique sonar signature. In general, contacts with a computed height greater than 50 centimeters were typically selected, however this was also depth dependent. Contacts with a unique sonar signature (e.g. size, shape, and reflectivity) were typically selected regardless of height. Contacts made within SABER were saved to an XML file. Contact specific information including year, date, time, position, fish altitude, ground range, contact measurements, and any remarks were contained in the XML file. These data can also be found within the delivered Side Scan Sonar Contacts S-57 file for each sheet.

The SABER Contact Review program opens the contact and all surrounding displayed side scan data at full resolution. The hydrographer can choose to zoom in or out to review the contact. When measuring contacts within Contact Review, the length is always the along track dimension and the width is always the across track dimension. Therefore it is possible to have a width measurement that is longer than the length measurement.

Some of the guidelines followed by the hydrographer for contact generation and documentation included the following. Wrecks and large objects were positioned at their highest point based on the observed acoustic

shadow. Similarly, contacts for debris fields were positioned on the tallest measured object in the debris field; contacts for fish havens were typically set on each distinct object group. Contacts were also made on exposed cables, pipelines, and sewer outfalls, regardless of height. In addition to contacts, the “Side Scan Review Log” also includes entries for many non-significant seafloor objects (e.g., fishing gear, small objects, etc.) that were identified during the side scan data review.

Bathymetric feature and side scan contact correlation was conducted in SABER. The XML file was viewed in SABER as a separate data layer along with the PFM grid, and the multibeam feature file (CNT). By comparing the bathymetry with the side scan contact data, both datasets could be evaluated to determine the significance of an object and the potential need to create additional side scan contacts or bathymetric features. This correlation updated the CNT file with the type of feature (obstruction, wreck, etc.) and the XML file with the correlated feature number and depth.

SABER generated side scan contact images for each contact within the XML and they are delivered for each sheet under the “HXXXXX/Processed/Multimedia” folder on the delivery drive, and referenced in the Side Scan Sonar Contacts S-57 file NOAA Extended Attribute “images” field. Also, for a subset of side scan contacts that have been correlated to a multibeam feature (maximum of two side scan contact images for each feature); the images are visible in the Feature Correlator Sheets referenced in the S-57 Feature File NOAA Extended Attribute “images” field.

Leidos also generated an S-57 file for each sheet to display the SSS contacts. The Side Scan Sonar Contacts S-57 file (.000) was generated through the same process used to build each sheet’s final S-57 Feature File, described in Section C.7. Within the Side Scan Sonar Contacts S-57 file, side scan contacts were represented using an object from the Cartographic Object Classes: Cartographic Symbol (\$CSYMB). Side scan contacts in the final contact XML for each sheet were delivered in the respective Side Scan Sonar Contacts S-57 file, regardless of the contact’s significance. The information field (INFORM) of each cartographic symbol provides specific information such as the contact name, length, width, height, shadow length, range scale, ground range, altitude, and whether or not the contact was correlated to a bathymetric feature.

Also for contacts correlated to a bathymetric feature or object in the final S-57 Feature File, the charting recommendations for the feature or object are listed under the NOAA Extended attribute, recommendations (recomd) field, as it appears in the sheet's final S-57 Feature File.

The NOAA Extended Attribute “images” field of each cartographic symbol details an associated JPEG image for the side scan contact it represents.

## E. Approval Sheet

This Data Acquisition and Processing Report (DAPR), Leidos Document Number 20-TR-021, applies to hydrographic project OPR-E350-KR-20. Data acquisition are complete, and survey data were collected from October 2019 through November 2020. Additional project specific clarifications and guidance are located in Project Correspondence and Appendix II of the Descriptive Report (DR) for each sheet.

As Chief of Party, field operations and data processing for these hydrographic surveys were conducted under my direct supervision, with frequent personal checks of progress and adequacy. This Report and accompanying deliverable data items have been closely reviewed and are considered complete and adequate as per the Hydrographic Surveys Specifications and Deliverables, Project Instructions, and Statement of Work.

The survey data meets or exceeds requirements as set forth in the Hydrographic Surveys Specifications and Deliverables, Project Instructions, and Statement of Work. These data are adequate to supersede charted data in their common areas. This Report and all accompanying records and data are approved. All records are forwarded for final review and processing to the Processing Branch.

<b>Approver Name</b>	<b>Approver Title</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Signature</b>
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**List of Appendices:**

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<i>Leidos Error Parameter Files</i>	OPR-E350-KR-20_DAPR_Appendices.pdf
<i>GSF Flag Mapping to CARIS Flag Codes</i>	OPR-E350-KR-20_DAPR_Appendices.pdf