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Fairweather 2010 Data Acquisition & Processing Report



# **A. INTRODUCTION**

This Data Acquisition and Processing Report outlines the acquisition and processing procedures used for Hydrographic projects surveyed in 2010 by NOAA Ship *Fairweather*. Survey specific details will be listed in Descriptive Reports as needed. Unless otherwise noted, the acquisition and processing procedures used and deliverables produced are in accordance with the NOAA *Hydrographic Survey Specifications and Deliverables Manual (HSSD) April 2010*, the *Field Procedures Manual (FPM), April 2010*, and all active Hydrographic Surveys Technical Directives (HTD).

Any additions and changes to the following will be included with the individual Descriptive Reports or by submission of an addendum.

# **B. EQUIPMENT**

Detailed descriptions of the equipment and systems, including hardware and software, used for bathymetric data acquisition, horizontal and vertical control operations, shoreline acquisition, and processing are listed below.

## 1.0 Hardware

The hardware listed in this section is used throughout the 2010 field season.

#### **1.1 Hardware Systems Inventory**

Detailed hardware information, including installation dates and serial numbers, is included in Appendix I of this report. Manufacturer's product specifications are maintained with reference documentation on board *Fairweather*.

#### **1.2 Echo Sounding Equipment**

#### 1.2.1 Reson 7111 Multibeam Echosounder (MBES)

*Fairweather* is equipped with a Reson 7111 MBES. The system was upgraded from a Reson 8111 in October 2009, which involved replacing the dry end transceiver and processor units but leaving the wet end hull-mounted projector and receiver intact. The Reson 7111 is a 100 kHz multibeam system with swath coverage of 150°. The swath is made up of 301 discrete equidistant beams with an along-track and across-track beamwidth of 0.5°. It has a specified depth range of 3 to 1200 meters, though the typical operational depth range of the Reson 7111 on *Fairweather* is 20 to 300 meters. No calibration information was provided by the manufacturer for the system.

The Reson 7111 is hull-mounted within a reinforced projection that extends 27 inches below the keel. It is located 39.5" starboard of the centerline at approximately frame 29 (see [Figure 1](#page-4-0) & [Figure 2\)](#page-4-1).

Various hardware and software issues have been identified with the Reson 7111 system since the initial upgrade in October 2009 which include: CARIS uncertainty modeling, real-time pitch application, several transceiver hardware failures, and bottom detection algorithms; all of which affect the system's performance capabilities and use. While *Fairweather* continues to work with Reson, NOAA, and academia to understand the cause of the issues and to resolve them, various data acquisition and processing modifications may be made based upon the current status of the Reson 7111 system. Updated information about the Reson 7111 issue is provided in the Project Correspondence folder submitted with each survey.

### 1.2.2 Reson 8160 Multibeam Echosounder (MBES)

*Fairweather* is equipped with a Reson SeaBat 8160 MBES with the snippet option. The Reson 8160 is a 50 kHz multibeam system with a swath coverage of greater than 4x water depth. Each swath is made up of 126 discrete beams with an along-track and across-track beamwidth of 1.5°. It has a specified depth range of 10 to 3000 meters, though the typical operational depth range of the Reson 8160 on *Fairweather* is 300 to 1000 meters. No calibration information was provided by the manufacturer of the system.

The 8160 is hull-mounted within a reinforced projection that extends 13.6 inches below the keel. It is located 54 inches port of the centerline at approximately frame 29 (see [Figure 3](#page-5-0)  $\&$ [Figure 4\)](#page-5-1).

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**Figure 1: RESON SeaBat 7111 MBES Figure 2: Installed on** *Fairweather*

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**Figure 3: Reson SeaBat 8160 Figure 4: Installed on** *Fairweather*

<span id="page-5-0"></span>1.2.3 Reson 7125SV Multibeam Echosounder (MBES)

Survey launches 2805, 2806, 2807 and 2808 are each equipped with a dual frequency Reson 7125SV MBES. The Reson 7125SV has both low frequency (200kHz) and a high frequency (400kHz) head with a swath coverage of 128°. The swath is made up of 256 discrete beams for 200 kHz and 512 discrete beams for 400 kHz. The typical operational depth ranges for the Reson 7125SV operating at 200kHz is 3 to 400 meters and 3 to 100 meters operating with the 400kHz system. No calibration information was provided by the manufacturer for the system. Each system is hull mounted along the centerline (see [Figure 5\)](#page-5-0).



**Figure 5: Reson 7125SV on a** *Fairweather* **Launch**

#### 1.2.4 Klein 5000 Side Scan Sonar (SSS)

The Klein Series 5000 Sonar System consists of a side scan sonar instrument-mounted towfish, a Transceiver and Processing Unit (TPU), and Windows-based computer for display and control, along with a tow cable and various interconnect cables. The 5000 series operates at a

nominal frequency of 500 kHz (455 kHz actual) and has a depth rating to 200 meters. It is software driven on a PC platform employing Klein's SonarPro<sup>tm</sup> software. Files are logged in SDF format and converted into CARIS SIPS HDCS file format for post processing.

Testing of dual Klein 5000 SSS and Reson 7125 MBES data acquisition occurred in March 2010. The report of the test plan and results are located in Appendix II, *2010 - FA Dual SSS & MBES Acquisition.*pdf. A supplemental wiring diagram for when the launches are outfitted with Klein 5000 SSS is maintained aboard *Fairweather*. Reson 7125 MBES data acquired simultaneously with the SSS data is filtered down to 50-degrees on the side on which the SSS is mounted.

The towfish can be used in one of two configurations, hull-mounted on any one of *Fairweather's* launches [\(Figure 6\)](#page-6-0) or towed from *Fairweather* [\(Figure 7\)](#page-7-0)*.* In the hull-mounted configuration, the towfish is bolted to a sled on the bottom of the launch. The sled is situated to port of the keel and is approximately centered fore and aft. In the towed configuration the towfish is fitted with a K-wing depressor and affixed to armored coaxial cable for deployment from *Fairweather's* A-frame. The amount of tow cable being used is manually entered into SonarPro<sup>tm</sup> for towfish layback calculation. If in a towed configuration, full sidescan calibration and documentation will be conducted prior to data collection and system utilization.

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**Figure 6: Hull-Mounted Klein 5000 Side Scan Sonar on** *Fairweather* **Launch**



**Figure 7: Towed Klein 5000 Side Scan Sonar on Fairweather**

#### <span id="page-7-0"></span>**1.3 Manual Sounding Equipment**

#### 1.3.1 Lead Lines

Vessels are equipped with a lead line when appropriate. Lead lines are used for depth measurements near shore over submerged shoals and for echosounder depth comparisons.

Leadlines were created, measured and calibrated according to Section 1.5.3 of the *FPM* with the exception that the lines were calibrated to the meter instead of decimeter. Calibration was performed during March 24, 2010, and documentation is maintained aboard *Fairweather*.

#### **1.4 Positioning, Heading, and Attitude Equipment**

1.4.1 Applanix Positioning and Orientation System for Marine Vehicles (POS/MV)

*Fairweather* and her launches are each equipped with a POS/MV 320 V4, configured with TrueHeave™. The POS/MV calculates position, heading, attitude, and vertical displacement (heave) of a vessel. It consists of a rack mounted POS Computer System (PCS), a strap down IMU-200 Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU), and two GNSS antennas corresponding to GNSS receivers in the PCS. *Fairweather* (S220) and launches 2805, 2807, and 2808 are equipped with new Zephyr II GNSS antennas. Launch 2806 is equipped with used Zephyr I GNSS antennas. *Fairweather* (S220) and launch 2805 are equipped with BD960 PCS antenna receiver cards, and launches 2806, 2807, and 2808 are equipped with BD950 PCS antenna receiver cards. The port side antenna is designated as the primary receiver, and the starboard side antenna is the secondary receiver (see [Figure 8\)](#page-9-0). The POS/MV firmware version 4.22 and

the controller software version 4.3.4.0 are currently the installed versions utilized. Differential correctors are supplied to the *Fairweather's* POS MV by a CSI wireless MBX-3S Automatic Differential GPS receiver and to launches 2805, 2806, 2807 and 2808 by a Hemisphere GPS MBX-4 Automatic Differential GPS receiver.

For all multibeam systems aboard *Fairweather* and her launches, timing between the sonar swath, position, heading and attitude information was synchronized by utilizing the proprietary UTC string from POS/MV. A timing string is sent from the POS/MV to the Reson topside unit via serial connection and to the Hypack acquisition computer via ethernet.

POS/MV controller software was used to monitor position accuracy and quality during data acquisition. This ensured that positioning accuracy requirements are met, as outlined in section 3.2.1 of the *HSSD*. The POS/MV controller software provides clear visual indications whenever accuracy thresholds are exceeded.

On May 2, 2010, two new Zephyr II GNSS POS/MV antennas were installed aboard *Fairweather*, replacing the existing Zephyr I antennas mounted on the ship. The vertical coordinate for the 'primary antenna to ref entry' in the POS/MV was changed in the POS/MV controller software by roughly 2cm to account for the new antenna offsets and is incorporated into the S220 *Offsets & Measurements* spreadsheet included in Appendix II. The Nav-to-Transducer TPU values in the Reson 7111 and 8160 hvfs were also updated as well as the TPU spreadsheet in Appendix III to account for the antenna change. The serial numbers of the two new antennas are captured in the Hardware Inventory spreadsheet in Appendix I.

#### 1.4.2 POS/MV GAMS Calibration

In the spring of 2010, GNSS Azimuth Measurement System (GAMS) calibrations were performed on each of *Fairweather's* five POS/MV units mounted to launches 2805, 2806, 2807, 2808, and *Fairweather* (S220). The GAMS calibration procedure was conducted in accordance with instructions in chapter 4 of the *POS/MV V4 Installation and Operation Guide,* 2005. Results and calibration reports are maintained with reference documentation aboard *Fairweather*. Actual calibration dates are listed in the Hardware Inventory included in Appendix I.



**Figure 8: POS GNSS Antennas**

## <span id="page-9-0"></span>1.4.3 DGPS Receivers

*Fairweather* is equipped with a commercial grade CSI Wireless MBX-3S DGPS Receiver on *Fairweather* (S220) and Hemisphere GPS MBX-4 DGPS receivers on launches 2805, 2806, 2807 and 2808 that are used to correct the POS/MV GPS positions used during real-time MBES data acquisition. The DGPS receivers are configured in manual mode to allow reception of only one U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) differential GPS beacon station.

Differential GPS (DGPS) is the primary method of real-time positioning. The individual descriptive reports for each survey list the U.S. Coast Guard beacon sites and frequencies used for differential corrections utilized during hydrographic surveying.

When *Fairweather* operates in remote areas outside of DGPS range such as the Bering Sea, *Fairweather* is equipped with a NavCom receiver for utilizing the subscription-based StarFire Network, which is a global satellite based augmentation system capable of real-time decimeter position accuracy. None of *Fairweather's* launches are equipped with NavCom receivers. Launches run in course acquisition mode (CA) during real-time data acquisition, which typically results in 2-3 meter horizontal position accuracy. All individual vessel POSMV files from both the launches and ship are post processed whenever possible as described in the individual survey Descriptive Reports and project Horizontal and Vertical Control Reports.

#### 1.4.4 Trimble Backpack

*Fairweather* uses two GPS Pathfinder® Pro XRS receivers in conjunction with a field computer to acquire detached positions during shoreline verification in the field. Data can also

be collected with a handheld TSCe data collector. Field computers currently in use are Panasonic Toughbooks; two CF-30's, one CF-29, one CF-19, and one CF-18. The receivers have integrated beacon/satellite differential antennas which allow access to digital real-time sub-meter accuracy solutions. Data quality assurance testing was conducted by *Fairweather* personnel in April 2009. Trimble units (figure 9) were tested over a published benchmark. Trimble positions matched the published benchmark position within 0.6m. Test results are maintained with reference documentation on board *Fairweather*.



**Figure 9: Trimble Backpack Unit**

#### 1.4.5 Hand-held Laser

The Impulse Laser Rangefinder (figure 10) and TruPulse 200 Laser Rangefinder (figure 11) are used in conjunction with the Trimble Backpack GPS unit to acquire distances and heights during shoreline verification. These data are entered directly into the shoreline acquisition software and annotated on the detached position forms. The Impulse LR and TruPulse 200 Laser Rangefinder do not function properly in low light or in choppy seas when a feature is not distinguishable from surroundings.



**Figure 10: IMPULSE LR Laser Rangefinder**



**Figure 11: TruPulse 200 Laser Rangefinder**

Data quality assurance testing was conducted in June 2010 by *Fairweather* personnel. Vertical and horizontal readings were taken with the laser rangefinders and compared to measurements taken with a steel tape. The laser rangefinder was set up on a tripod and a staff of known height was measured at distances of 10, 20, 50, and 100 meters. Three horizontal and three

vertical readings were taken at each interval. The results of the laser rangefinder accuracy testing are maintained with reference documentation on board *Fairweather*.

#### **1.5 Sound Speed Equipment**

- 1.5.1 Sound Speed Profiles
- 1.5.1.1 SBE 19plus SEACAT Profiler

*Fairweather* is equipped with three SBE 19*plus* and two SBE 19*plusV2* SEACAT sound speed profilers used to acquire conductivity, temperature, and depth (CTD) data in the water column to determine the speed of sound through water. Two of the SBE 19*plus* profilers have pressure sensors rated to 1000 meters. The third SBE 19*plus* profiler has a pressure sensor rated to 3,500 meters. The two SBE 19*plusV2* profilers have pressure sensors and units rated to 600 meters.

The SBE 19*plus* and SBE 19*plusV2* SEACAT sound speed profilers were calibrated by the manufacturer in early December 2009. The current calibration files are maintained with reference documentation aboard *Fairweather*.

Periodic quality assurance checks include comparison casts between CTD instruments. Data quality assurance (DQA) checks include comparison casts between two instruments as per section 1.5.2.2.2 of the *FPM* for each survey*.* Records of the DQA tests performed are kept aboard the ship and are included with the digital Separates II – Sound Speed Data for each survey. To ensure that the CTDs continue to function properly a stringent maintenance schedule is followed using guidelines from the manufacturer's recommendations.

#### 1.5.1.2 Moving Vessel Profiler 200

A Brooke Ocean Technology, Ltd. (BOT) Moving Vessel Profiler 200 (MVP 200) is mounted in the aft starboard corner of the fantail (see [Figure 12\)](#page-12-0). The MVP 200 system is a self contained sound speed profiling system capable of sampling water column profiles to 200 meters deep from a vessel moving up to 12 knots. The system is configured with a Single Sensor Free Fall Fish (SSFFF) outfitted with an Applied Microsystems Ltd. Sound Velocity and Pressure Smart Sensor. Deeper profiles can be obtained by reducing the vessel speed. When the vessel is holding station, the system is capable of recording casts over 400m in depth.

The MVP system consists of a winch, cable, fish (the towed unit with the sound velocity sensor), support assembly, and controlling hardware and software. During data acquisition the fish is deployed using the on-deck controller and towed with enough cable out to keep the fish 3-5 m below the water surface. A "messenger" (a short cable-thickening sleeve) is set to allow the system to keep the appropriate amount of cable out and is reset as needed when the ship acquisition speed is altered.

During SVP acquisition, the controlling computer application, BOT MVP with software version 2.4 is used to control the MVP system and to acquire SVP data. The MVP allows for three acquisition modes: 1) automatic continuous multiple cast freefall casting while at speed,

2) single cast freefall casting while at speed, and 3) single cast winch speed casting while stationary. The user limits the depth to which the fish will fall by setting 1) the depth-offbottom 2) the maximum depth and 3) maximum cable out. Either single, individually initiated casts can be performed at the discretion of the Hydrographer or the auto deploy function can be enabled and set with varying intervals (every 10 minutes, for example) for deployment.

*Fairweather* has three Applied Microsystems Ltd. Sound Velocity and Pressure Smart Sensors. All of the sensors were calibrated by the manufacturer during the 2009-2010 winter repair period. The resulting calibration files are maintained with reference documentation aboard *Fairweather*.

Periodic quality assurance checks include comparison casts between the MVP and one of the SBE 19*plus* or SBE 19*plusV2* SEACATs. Data quality assurance (DQA) checks include comparison casts among the instruments as per section 1.5.2.2.2 of the *FPM* for each survey*.*  Records of the DQA tests performed are kept aboard the ship and are included with the digital Separates II – Sound Speed Data for each survey.



**Figure 12:** *Fairweather***'s MVP200 sound velocity system**

#### <span id="page-12-0"></span>1.5.2 Surface Sound Speed

#### 1.5.2.1 Reson Sound Velocity Probe (SVP 70)

*Fairweather* is equipped with one Reson SVP 70. The SVP 70 measures the speed of sound near the ship's hull mounted transducers to provide real time surface sound speed values. The unit is mounted adjacent to the Reson 8160 as shown in [Figure 13.](#page-13-0)



**Figure 13:** *Fairweather***'s SVP 70 sound speed unit (left) and the 8160**

<span id="page-13-0"></span>The sound speed is output to the Reson 7111 and Reson 8160's processing units. The transducers require sound velocity information for beam forming. The Reson 7111 and Reson 8160 are not used to acquire data without real time sound speed information.

The unit was installed during the 2009 winter drydock period in Seattle, Washington, at Lake Union Drydock Company. The last calibration of the unit was dated January 4, 2009; the calibration report is maintained with reference documentation aboard *Fairweather*.

#### 1.5.2.2 Reson Sound Velocity Probe (SVP 71)

Survey launches 2805, 2806, 2807 and 2808 are each equipped with a Reson SVP 71. The SVP 71 measures the speed of sound near the transducer to provide real time surface sound speed values to the Reson 7125's processing unit. The 7125SV requires surface sound speed information for beam forming due to the flat faced transducer. The units are hull-mounted adjacent to the Reson 7125's transducers as shown in [Figure 14.](#page-14-0)

All of the sensors were calibrated by the manufacturer and current calibration files were supplied with the units. Calibration files are maintained with reference documentation aboard *Fairweather*.



**Figure 14: SVP 71 sound speed unit (right) and a Reson 7125**

## <span id="page-14-0"></span>**1.6 Vertical Control Equipment**

#### 1.6.1 Water Level Gauges

Two Sutron 8210 tide gauges and one 9210B Sutron tide gauge were provided to *Fairweather* by the Center for Operational Oceanographic Products and Services (CO-OPS) at the start of the 2010 field season. These gauges are equipped with Paros Scientific Sensors for pressure measurements. The tide gauges are checked annually by CO-OPS Field Operations Division personnel to ensure that their accuracy standards are being met.

CO-OPS does not provide calibration or quality assurance documentation to *Fairweather*. Installation and removal of the water level gauges is the responsibility of *Fairweather* personnel. To ensure full functionality of the vertical control equipment prior to deployment for field operations, new gauges undergo testing by *Fairweather* personnel. Three gauges underwent testing in April 2010 and results are maintained with reference documentation aboard *Fairweather*.

#### 1.6.2 Leveling Equipment

*Fairweather* is equipped with four universal automatic levels (two Zeiss NI2 333 and two Leica NA2 100) and graduated metric staffs to assist in leveling tide gauges. Calibration was conducted by Kuker-Ranken Inc. on February 3, 2010, and the results are maintained with reference documentation aboard *Fairweather.*

A Kukkamaki procedure is performed prior to leveling in order to verify the collimation error. Procedures used followed those described in the *User's Guide for the Installation of Bench Marks and Leveling Requirements for Water Level Stations,* October 1987. Kukkamaki procedures were performed on March, 10, 2010 on all four levels, and the 2010 results are maintained with reference documentation aboard *Fairweather*.

#### **1.7 Horizontal Control Equipment**

*Fairweather* is equipped with two Trimble NetR5 receivers and one Ashtech Z-Xtreme dualfrequency GPS base stations used for the positioning of horizontal control marks, tidal benchmarks and aids to navigation. These base stations can be configured for use as a portable DGPS or RTK reference station, or as a static receiver to record observations for use in post processing kinematic (PPK) correctors.

Equipment accuracy testing of all three GPS units was performed by *Fairweather* personnel in Seattle, Washington on March 10, 2010. The Online Positioning User Service (OPUS) solutions were obtained using data acquired with all three GPS units over a local benchmark and comparing the solutions to each other and to the published data sheet for the geodetic mark used. Data compared well within the accuracy of the published position of the benchmark. The OPUS solutions are maintained with reference documentation aboard *Fairweather*.

When deployed for PPK the base stations log data locally, either to internal memory or external memory, and the data is downloaded periodically. The data is downloaded either by visiting the site or remotely via Freewave 900 MHz spread spectrum Ethernet radios mounted to *Fairweather* and her launches. Station power needs are supported by batteries and solar panels.

The Ashtech antenna can be equipped with an optional ground plane and all receiver antennas are used with a Seco fixed height GPS tripod. Horizontal control equipment serial numbers and version installation dates are located in the hardware section of Appendix I.

#### 2.0 Software

#### **2.1 Software Systems Inventory**

An extensive software inventory with documentation of the software systems used by *Fairweather* is maintained as a survey *Software Inventory* spreadsheet on board *Fairweather*. This spreadsheet includes specifics such as software applications, versions, and hotfixes that are loaded on specific survey processing computers. Snapshot .pdf files are produced monthly. The pertinent monthly inventories are included with the Supplemental Survey Records for the individual Descriptive Reports.

#### **2.2 Data Acquisition Software**

#### 2.2.1 Hypack® Hysweep

*Fairweather* uses the Hypack® Hysweep acquisition software package to log all Reson MBES data. Hysweep displays real-time MBES coverage geo-referenced against supporting background files such as charts and vector shoreline files for launch and ship helmsman to

follow to acquire adequate MBES coverage. The Hypack Devices (Hysweep Interface, Applanix POS/MV Network, AIS, and MVP) and Hysweep Hardware (Hypack Navigation, Applanix POS/MV Network, and Reson) setups are set in accordance with HSTP's configuration management documentation.

Three types of files are recorded per logged line of Reson MBES data: .raw, .hsx , and .7k. The .raw file contains the raw navigation files recorded directly from the POS/MV (device 1) and from Hysweep (device 0). The .hsx files contain raw data from the Hysweep Interface (device 0), the POS/MV (device 1) and the Reson MBES (device 2). The .7k file contains all raw data that Hysweep can read from the Reson, including the Reson 7008 snippets message.

The .hsx and .raw files are converted into HDCS data in CARIS HIPS by *Fairweather*  personnel. The .7k file is not post-processed by *Fairweather* personnel but is recorded for use by the Integrated Ocean and Coastal Mapping (IOCM) Center for research on backscatter processing and product development. All three raw files are submitted for archival at NGDC via the IOCM Center in accordance with the Office of Coast Survey's Backscatter Acquisition, Processing, Quality Check and Archival Pipeline Project. Additionally, the MBES sensor offsets and mounting biases are entered into the respective vessel's Hysweep Hardware device to facilitate IOCM's backscatter processing using Hypack GeoCoder. Entry of device offset values in Hysweep Hardware causes the values to be logged in the header of the .hsx only, and does not affect the data pipeline. These values are not tracked or closely monitored aboard *Fairweather* because they are part of IOCM's backscatter development project and not otherwise integral to meeting the requirements of the 2010 HSSD.

#### 2.2.2 CARIS Notebook

CARIS Notebook<sup>™</sup> can be used to directly collect detached shoreline positions and to verify shoreline. The software is run on a field computer and receives the Trimble GPS data output from the GPS Pathfinder® Pro XRS receivers.

GPS settings in CARIS Notebook are as follows: Maximum Horizontal Dilution of Precision (HDOP)  $=$  3 Maximum Positional Dilution of Precision  $(PDOP) = 6$ Minimum Signal-to-Noise Ratio (SNR) = 12 Minimum Elevation Mask =  $8^{\circ}$ Minimum  $\#$  of Satellites  $=$  4

Real-Time settings in CARIS Notebook are as follows: Source Type: Integrated Beacon – Manual Mode Position Mode: Corrected Only Age Limit: 20 seconds

Differential GPS correction is applied in real-time using the unit's integrated beacon as the primary corrector. The unit can be setup to run without using DGPS with position mode set to "Autonomous Only" or with values different than those listed above. These special circumstances of acquisition with altered parameters are recorded and documented in the individual Descriptive Report as appropriate.

#### 2.2.3 Klein SonarPro

Klein SonarPro is a custom display and acquisition software package for use with Klein Side Scan sonar systems. *Fairweather* uses SonarPro to monitor the quality of real-time imagery and to log raw side scan files in .SDF file format while acquiring Klein 5000 Side Scan data from the sled-mounted systems configurable on any of *Fairweather's* launches. Vessel navigation data from the POS/MV is supplied to SonarPro and logged in the SDF file. The raw SDF files are converted using CARIS SIPS into HDCS files for post processing and analysis.

#### 2.2.4 Applanix POSView

Applanix POSView is the controller software for the POS/MV. POSView is used to configure the serial and network input and output ports on the POS/MV PCS. POSView is also used to monitor real-time position and attitude data and their associated accuracies and to log POSPac .000 files. The POSPac .000 file contains the TrueHeave information that is applied to the MBES HDCS data in CARIS HIPS immediately after conversion. The POSPac .000 file is also post-processed into a PPK SBET file using Applanix's POSPac processing software.

#### **2.3 Data Processing Software**

#### 2.3.1 CARIS

CARIS HIPS™ (Hydrographic Information Processing System) is used to process all multibeam data including data conversion, filtering, sound speed corrections, tide correction, merging and cleaning. CARIS HIPS also calculates the Total Propagated Uncertainty (TPU) used to produce Bathymetry Associated with Statistical Error (BASE) surfaces which assist the Hydrographer in data cleaning and analysis, and to produce BASE surfaces.

CARIS SIPS™ (Sonar Information Processing System) is used to process all side scan imagery data including data conversion, slant-range correction, beam pattern correction, and despeckling, if appropriate. CARIS SIPS is also used to inspect the imagery for contacts and to produce side-scan imagery mosaics.

CARIS Notebook™ is used to compile, display, and edit source shoreline, shoreline updates and S-57 features that are collected directly in the field, digitized, or imported. The .hob files created in Notebook are the current shoreline deliverables.

CARIS Bathy DataBASE™ BASE Editor is used for data quality assurance checks on the BASE surface and .hob deliverables and for surface differencing and comparisons.

CARIS Plot Composer is used to create final field plots and special constituent products.

#### 2.3.2 Fledermaus<sup>™</sup>

Fledermaus <sup>™</sup>, an Interactive Visualization Systems  $3D^{TM}$  (IVS 3D) program, is used for data visualizations and creation of data quality control products, public relations material and reference surface comparisons.

If warranted, Fledermaus ™ can be used to examine the CARIS surfaces prior to submission. The combined BASE surface is exported from CARIS and then converted to a Fledermaus .sd file via the Avggrid and Dmagic modules.

#### 2.3.3 Geocoder

The Hypack version of Geocoder software originally developed by Dr. Luciano Fonseca at the University of New Hampshire's Center for Coastal and Ocean Mapping (CCOM) is used occasionally by senior *Fairweather* personnel to check Reson Snippet backscatter data and to create backscatter mosaics. *Fairweather* also possesses a copy of the University of New Hampshire CCOM implementation of Geocoder for testing and comparison purposes.

#### 2.3.4 Applanix POSPac MMS and POSGNSS

Applanix POSPac MMS and POSGNSS are used to post process POS/MV data files logged simultaneously during MBES acquisition. The Single Base PPK processing method is typically used when a single *Fairweather* or third party GPS base station is operating within approximately 20 kilometers of MBES acquisition. The SmartBase™ PPK processing method is used when a stable network of approximately 5-10 available third party GPS base stations such as those in the Continuously Operating Reference Station (CORS) system or Plate Boundary Observatory (PBO) suite of stations exists within approximately 200 kilometers of MBES acquisition. On occasion Precise Point Positioning (PPP) is used when sufficient base stations are not available for Single Base or SmartBase™ PPK. In general, *Fairweather* processing procedures follow the methods outlined in the *POSPac MMS GNSS-Intertial Tools User Guide* for each method. Processing methods specific to each project are documented in the Project Horizontal and Vertical Control Report. Processing methods specific to each survey are documented in the Descriptive Report

#### 2.3.5 Velocipy

Velocipy is a NOAA in-house software supported by the Hydrographic Systems and Technology Program (HSTP) that is used to process raw sound velocity cast files taken with the SEACAT CTDs on the launches and the MVP from the ship. Velocipy creates CARIS format .SVP files that are applied during post processing in HIPS to MBES HDCS data to correct for sound speed. The individual CTD and MVP files are concatenated into a single vessel file by survey. Each vessel file contains the survey registry number and the time and location of each sound speed profile measured.

#### 2.3.6 Pydro

Pydro, another NOAA program produced and maintained by HSTP, is used to produce Final Water Level Requests along with DTON Reports. In addition, Pydro is used for Tidal Constituent and Residual Interpolation *(*TCARI) tide application in conjunction with CARIS HIPS and various other macros.

### 3.0 Vessels

#### **3.1 Vessel Inventory**

*Fairweather* (S220) and her survey launches 2805, 2806, 2807, and 2808 are equipped to acquire multibeam echosounder (MBES) and sound speed profile (.svp) data. The AMBAR (2302) and SeaArk (1905) are used primarily during shoreline verification, bottom sampling, and horizontal and vertical control operations. All vessels may be used in support of dive, tide gauge, and horizontal control operations as well as for feature verification and bottom sampling. See Appendix I for the complete vessel inventory.

#### **3.2 Noise Analysis**

*Fairweather* sonar systems, the current Reson 8160 unit and the earlier Reson 8111ER unit, underwent noise analysis testing on October 10 and 11, 2004, respectively. Due to the change to the 7111 unit and alterations to the shaft bearings on *Fairweather* since these surveys, the results are likely out of date and are no longer followed. It is recommended that new Noise Analysis testing be conducted for both the Reson 7111 and 8160 systems.

### 4.0 Data Acquisition

#### **4.1 Horizontal Control**

A complete description of horizontal control will be included in the project's *Horizontal and Vertical Control Report (HVCR)*, submitted for each project under separate cover when necessary as outlined in section 8.1.5.2 of the *HSSD* and section 5.2.3.2.3 of the *FPM*.

The horizontal datum for all projects is the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD83) unless otherwise noted in the individual descriptive reports.

Multibeam and shoreline data are differentially corrected in real time using correctors provided by Coast Guard beacons. The specific beacons used for a given survey will be included in the Horizontal Control section of the survey's descriptive report. If loss of the differential beacon resulted in any data being recorded with C/A GPS positions it will be noted in the Descriptive Report for the specific survey.

When possible real time DGPS positioning may later be replaced with a post processed kinematic (PPK) single best estimate of trajectory (SBET). The PPK solution is usually dependent on a local base station supported by the ship and processed in Applanix POSPac MMS software using Single Base mode. However, in areas with an adequate network of Continuously Operating Refrence Stations (CORS) or public third-party base stations, Applanix POSPac SmartBase™ mode may be used. The resulting navigation from PPK is an improvement over C/A and DGPS navigation. The details of PPK use and application for a given survey will be included in the Horizontal Control section of the project's *HVCR* or the survey's descriptive report.

#### **4.2 Multibeam Echosounder Acquisition and Monitoring Procedures**

Acquisition methods and platforms used are determined based on consideration of sonar system specifications, seafloor topography, water depth, and the capability of the acquisition platforms.

All multibeam data are acquired in Hypack's Hysweep® SURVEY extension (.hsx) format and monitored in real-time using the 2-D and 3-D data display windows and the on-screen displays for the Reson 7125SV, Reson 7111, and Reson 8160. Adjustable parameters that are used to control the Reson include range scale, power, gain, pulse width, absorption, and spreading. These parameters are adjusted as necessary to acquire the highest quality of bathymetry and backscatter. Vessel speed is predominantly between 6-8 knots for acquisition with launch 7125SV systems. For Reson 7111 and Reson 8160 acquisition systems, vessel speeds are 6-7.5 knots. Speeds are reduced as needed to eliminate noise from the data and to ensure the required along-track coverage for object detection in accordance with the *HSSD*.

Survey personnel follow standard operating procedures documented aboard *Fairweather* while setting and utilizing the Reson systems and Hypack for data acquisition. The sensor offsets and mounting biases are entered into the Hysweep® Hardware Reson device. This information is recorded in the Hypack hsx file header for corrected backscatter mosaics created with Hypack Geocoder. These offsets do not have any effect on CARIS HIPS HDCS sounding corrections.

Navigation and motion data are acquired and monitored in POSView and logged into a POS/MV file with a .000 extension. Various position and heading accuracies, as well as satellite constellations, are monitored real-time both in POSView and Hypack Hysweep®.

Main scheme MBES acquisition lines using the Reson 7125SV, Reson 7111, and Reson 8160 are generally run parallel to the contours and spaced no greater than three to four times the water depth and in most cases at a tighter line spacing to ensure the appropriate data density for the required finalized BASE surface resolutions. For discrete item developments, line separation is reduced to two times the water depth to ensure least-depth determination by multibeam near-nadir beams. Hypack Hysweep® real-time coverage display is used in lieu of pre-planned line files. Hysweep® displays the acquired multibeam swath during acquisition and is monitored to ensure overlap and full bottom coverage. If coverage is not adequate, additional lines are run while still in the area.

For areas where shoreline verification is not conducted before multibeam, extra caution is taken by "half stepping" shoreward when operating near shore. Half stepping is done by driving along the edge of real time coverage to prevent the survey vessel from ever being in un-surveyed waters. Survey launch crews in the field survey to the Navigable Area Limit Line (NALL) line as defined by section 1.1.2 of the *HSSD*.

#### **4.3 Shoreline/Feature Verification**

The composite source file (CSF) in S-57/.000 format provided with the Project Instructions is the primary source for shoreline features to be verified. The original project file is imported into CARIS Notebook, converted to a .hob file, clipped to the sheet limits for the specific

survey, and named H##### Original Composite Source.hob to be included with the deliverables. This file is then copied and named  $H\#H\#H\#$  Feature File.hob to be utilized during field verification. Additionally, AWOIS items and other features to be investigated are provided to the field in the project reference file (PRF). These items are parsed into separate .hob files and are used for investigations and during shoreline verification.

*Fairweather* personnel conduct limited shoreline verification and reconnaissance at times near predicted negative tides within the survey limits, as directed by section 3.5.5.3 of the *FPM*. Detached positions (DPs) are acquired and edits to the daily field feature files are recorded in CARIS Notebook and on paper DP forms and boat sheets.

An inshore limit buffer line, offset 0.8 mm at the scale of the largest chart in the area, is provided with the Project Instructions or created by offsetting from the composite source Mean High Water (MHW) line. This inshore limit buffer line is used in the shoreline acquisition software and on the boat sheet as a reference, and utilized as described in section 1.1.2 of the *HSSD*. The NALL is determined in the field as the farthest off-shore of one of the following; the MHW inshore limit buffer specified above, the 4-meter depth contour, or the inshore limit of safe navigation as defined by the *HSSD*. All shoreline features from the CSF seaward of the NALL are verified (including an update to depth and/or position as necessary) or disproved during operations. Features off-shore of the NALL and not addressed or features of an ambiguous nature include remarks for further clarification.

Detached positions (DPs) acquired during shoreline verification indicate new features, revisions to source features, or source features not found in the field. They are recorded in the shoreline acquisition software and on DP forms.

#### **4.4 Bottom Samples**

Bottom samples are acquired according to section 7.1 of the *HSSD,* any deviations from this protocol will be outlined in the individual Descriptive Report for the survey. Samples are acquired using CARIS Notebook, Hypack target files (.tgt), or by logging the latitude, longitude, and bottom characteristics manually. All samples are processed similarly to other shoreline features as outlined below in section C - 2.2 of this report. Bottom sample results are included in the Notebook .hob deliverable layer, HXXXXX\_Final\_Feature\_File and are descriptively attributed as New.

## **C. QUALITY CONTROL**

*Fairweather* has numerous standard operating procedures (SOPs) that are followed by personnel throughout the survey to ensure consistent high quality data and products.

## 1.0 Uncertainty Modeling

Error values for the multibeam and positioning systems on *Fairweather* and her survey launches were compiled from manufacturer specification sheets for each sensor (Heave, Pitch, Roll, Position, and Heading) and from values set forth in section 4.2.3.6 and Appendix 4 – CARIS HVF Uncertainty Values of the 2010 *FPM*.

Estimates for the Motion Reference Unit (MRU) alignment errors are taken from the standard deviation of the values determined by multiple personnel processing the patch test data (see section C 4.0). In some instances, outlier patch test values are excluded to allow more reasonable MRU uncertainty values.

The *Fairweather* TPU Values spreadsheet located in Appendix III, lists the final uncertainty values for *Fairweather* and her launches, including the default tides and sound velocity values. Uncertainty values relating to vessels and survey systems are entered into the HIPS Vessel File (HVF) for each platform. The tidal errors for the gauge and for zoning are determined on a project by project basis. Sound speed uncertainties for a given survey are based upon either the defaults listed in the TPU value spreadsheet or based on utilization of NOAA sound speed uncertainty estimation software. Survey specific uncertainty values for tides and sound speed that are entered during the Compute TPU step in CARIS HIPS and how they were determined will be included in the individual Descriptive Report.

## 2.0 Data Processing

### **2.1 Multibeam Echosounder Data Processing**

Bathymetry processing followed section 4.2 of the *FPM* unless otherwise noted.

Raw .hsx multibeam data are converted to CARIS HIPS HDCS format using established and internally documented settings. After TrueHeave™, sound speed, and water level correctors are applied to all lines, the lines are merged. Once lines are merged, Total Propagated Uncertainty (TPU) is computed.

The general resolution, depth ranges, and Combined Uncertainty and Bathymetric Estimator (CUBE) parameter settings outlined in section 5.2.2.2 of the *HSSD* and section 4.2.1.1.1.1 of the *FPM* are used for surface creation and analysis. These depth range values for specific resolutions may require adjustment by sheet managers for individual surveys to address visualization gaps between finalized surfaces in areas of steep slopes. A waiver from HSD Operations is requested by project when the prescribed finalized depth ranges are not used for analysis and submission. A detailed listing of the resolutions and the actual depth ranges used during the processing of each survey, along with the corresponding fieldsheet(s), will be provided in the Descriptive Report of each survey.

BASE surfaces are created using the CUBE algorithm and parameters contained in the NOAA CUBEParams\_2010.xml file as provided in Appendix 4 of the *FPM* The CUBEParams\_2010.xml will be included with the HIPS Vessel Files with the individual survey data. The NOAA parameter configurations for resolutions 1-32 meters are used.

Multibeam data are reviewed and edited in HIPS swath editor and in subset mode as necessary. The finalized BASE surfaces and CUBE hypotheses are used for directed data editing at the appropriate depth range in subset editor. The surfaces and subset editor view are also used to demonstrate coverage and to check for errors due to tides, sound speed, attitude and timing.

Vessel heading, attitude, and navigation data are reviewed in HIPS navigation editor and attitude editor if deemed necessary upon review of surfaces. Where necessary, fliers or gaps in heading, attitude, or navigation data are manually rejected or interpolated for small periods of time. Any editing of this nature will outlined in the Descriptive Report for the particular survey.

The Surface Filtering functionality in HIPS may be used in the processing of survey data to reject errant soundings. If utilized, the individual Descriptive Report shall list the confidence level settings for standard deviation used and discuss the particular way the surface filter was applied.

In depths less than 20 meters and deeper and in areas of navigational significance where the BASE surface does not depict the desired depth for the given area, a designated sounding is selected. Designated soundings are selected as outlined in section 5.2.1.2 of the *HSSD*.

Layers determining "IHOness" are added to the CUBE surfaces allowing the Hydrographer to see where and if the surfaces meet IHO Order. The process is easily performed in HIPS and allows the Hydrographer to identify areas of high uncertainty with respect to depth. This is a spatial quality control check rather than just a statistical list of nodes and allows for specific areas with problems to be isolated and addressed. The following logic equation is used to create "IHO\_1" child layers in the 1 through 8 meter finalized surfaces:

(IHO-1:  $((0.5^2 + ((Depth*0.013)^2))^0.5)$ -Uncertainty),

and an "IHO\_2" child layer is created in the 8, 16 meter, and greater finalized surfaces using

(IHO-2:  $((1^2 + ((Depth *0.023)^\circ2))^0.5)$ –Uncertainty).

It should be noted that both IHO order  $1$  ( $\sim 80$  to 100) and order 2 (100 to 176) child layers are created for the 8 meter surface since it overlaps the order 1 and order 2 boundary (order1<100 meters, order 2>100 meters). IHO surfaces are utilized during data collection and processing as an additional child layer of the finalized surfaces to indicate problem areas that need attention or discussion. Additionally, the percentage of IHO nodes passing from the combined finalized surfaces is included in the Descriptive Report for each survey. For visual depiction of localized areas that do not meet IHO standards, screen grab(s) of the individual finalized IHO child layer(s) may also be included.

The individual finalized or combined surface's IHO layers are exported from CARIS as a text file and examined to allow the Hydrographer to see the full data distribution rather than just the minimum and maximum values in the surface. These data distribution are used to assess the quality of the survey, to ensure ninety-five percent of the data meets the appropriate IHO order as specified in section 5.1.3 of the *HSSD.*

Additionally, a combined surface is reviewed in 3-D mode using one of the following programs, CARIS HIPS, CARIS Base Editor, or IVS Fledermaus, to ensure that the data are sufficiently cleaned for submission.

#### **2.2 Shoreline/Feature Data Processing**

During shoreline verification, field detached positions (DP) are acquired with CARIS Notebook or Hypack .tgt files. Tide application for features requiring tide correction is applied in CARIS Notebook when using discrete zoning and with the aid of Pydro when TCARI is used.

New features and any updates to the composite source shoreline, such as ledges or reefs, are acquired or digitized with S-57 attribution and are compiled from the field daily files into the H#####\_Final\_Feature\_File.hob. Updates to source shoreline features primarily include a change in depth/height, position, or S-57 classification. Notebook's editing tools are used to modify source feature extents or positions.

The SORIND and SORDAT S-57 attribute fields for new features or modified source features are updated to reflect the information for the associated survey number and date (US,US,graph,H#####). All new or modified features are S-57 attributed as applicable and descriptively attributed as New or Update respectively. All unmodified source features retain their original SORIND and SORDAT values. Assigned features that are addressed but not updated are descriptively attributed as Retain and unaddressed assigned features are attributed as Not Addressed.

Short descriptive comments taken from the boat sheets or DP forms along with investigation or survey methods are listed under the Remarks field. For significant features that deserve additional discussion, the Hydrographer may include a recommendation to the cartographer in the Recommendations field, along with the Hydrographer notes and investigation methods provided in the Remarks field.

Features that are disproved or that do not adequately portray the shoreline are descriptively attributed as Delete in the H#####\_Final\_Feature\_File.hob layer. Features with the attribution of Delete retain their original SORIND and SORDAT values and include a recommendation from the Hydrographer along with an informative remark.

AWOIS investigation items are received in the Project Reference File and investigated as necessary. Shoreline features correlated to the AWOIS item are included in the H#####\_Final\_Feature\_File.hob layer and labeled with the appropriate AWOIS number and include a remark detailing the search methods and a recommendation from the Hydrographer. Items will be attributed as AWOIS for reporting purposes. Any features that are submitted as dangers to navigation (DTON) will be attributed accordingly for reporting purposes. The status of Primary or Secondary may be attributed to aid in deconflicting multiple positions or instances of the same feature.

Photos are labeled and associated with a DP/userid number or other descriptive/unique name. They are included with the survey data and stored in the CARIS/Multimedia folder with the deliverables. References to the photos are listed with file extension and comma delimited in the Images attribute for the specific feature.

The CARIS Notebook files along with CARIS HIPS BASE surface(s) are viewed to compare MBES coverage and features simultaneously. The current NOAA object catalog will be used for CARIS Notebook processing and the version of such will be documented in the individual Descriptive Reports, along with any deviations in shoreline processing from those listed above.

Final shoreline deliverables are two Notebook HOB files, the H##### Original Composite Source and the H##### Final Feature File, included with the CARIS data. A feature listing, which includes S-57 and other attribution of items addressed by the survey, in either geography markup language (.gml) and/or as a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet or equivalent is included in Appendix II of the individual Descriptive Report.

## 3.0 Data Review

Specific procedures are used on *Fairweather* to ensure quality control of data throughout acquisition, processing, and submission. These procedures are documented and followed by the Hydrographer. A detailed Quality Control check is performed by the survey manager. A detailed review is conducted by qualified survey personnel (FOO, CST, SST, or PS) other than the survey manager as an outside review of the survey data and deliverables. Submission checklists are used to ensure that all data and deliverables are complete and included upon submission. Documentation of these tasks is completed for every survey but only the final processing log, H##### Data Log*,* is included in the Separates submitted with the individual survey data.

## **D. Corrections to Echo Soundings**

## 1.0 Vessel HVFs

CARIS HIPS Vessel Files (HVF) are created by *Fairweather* personnel and used to define a vessel's offsets and equipment uncertainty. The HVF is used for converting and processing raw Hypack .hsx and .raw files to CARIS HIPS HDCS format. The HVFs used for a given project are included with the digital data submitted with the survey.

## 2.0 Vessel Offsets

Sensor offsets are measured with respect to each vessel's reference point. The reference point for *Fairweather* and her survey launches 2805, 2806, 2807, and 2808 is the top, center of the POS/MV IMU [\(Figure 15\)](#page-26-0). The offset values from the reference point to the primary GNSS antenna are entered into Applanix's POSView POS/MV monitoring software so that all raw position data are centered at the vessel's reference point. The CARIS HVF contains the offset from the vessel's reference point to the multibeam sonar reference point.



**Figure 15: Vessel Reference Point (Center of POS/MV IMU) and Primary GNSS Antenna (port side antenna).**

<span id="page-26-0"></span>Additionally, the Reson sonar mounting offsets measured from the center of each projector to the center of the transceiver are entered in the Reson 7125 hardware configuration with the 7K Center for both the 400 kHz and 200 kHz projectors. The measured values are used instead of Reson's default values because *Fairweather's* mounts are slightly different than of Reson's standard sonar mount (Figure 16).





**Figure 16: Reson 7125 sonar mounting with 400kHz and 200kHz offsets respectively.**

A ship survey of *Fairweather* was completed by Westlake Consultants, Inc on September 23, 2003. A spatial relationship survey of *Fairweather* POS/MV components was conducted by NOAA's National Geodetic Survey (NGS) in February 2007, and again on February 15, 2009, while the ship was in Lake Union Drydock in Seattle, WA. The results of the Westlake, the 2009 NGS survey, and additional offset values discussed below in section D 4.0 are used to determine the offsets for the ship. The reports from each survey, whose values are used for the offset measurements, are located in Appendix II. The S220 *Offsets & Measurements*  spreadsheet is also included in Appendix II, listing the final values for *Fairweather*'s offsets with explanations of how they were calculated.

Permanent control points were established on launches 2805, 2806, 2807, & 2808 during construction at All American Marine in 2009. Sensor offsets were measured by NGS in January 2010 using the methods described in the report on each launch located in Appendix II of this report. The resultant offsets, measurements, derivations, descriptions of methodology used, diagrams, and coordinate system references are included in the respective vessel's *Offsets & Measurements* spreadsheet also included in Appendix II.

#### 3.0 Static and Dynamic Draft

The static drafts (*Waterline Height* in the HVF) for launches 2805, 2806, 2807, and 2808 were calculated based on steel tape measurements of the distance from benchmarks on the port and starboard quarter of the vessel to the waterline. The values and calculations for static draft of the various launches are listed in the respective *Waterline Measurement* spreadsheets included in Appendix II of this report.

The static draft of *Fairweather* was measured under different loading conditions with different amounts of fuel. The bow and stern draft marks were recorded and then used to perform a linear interpolation of the static draft at *Fairweather*'s IMU. The *Ship Draft 2010* spreadsheet records the static draft values and is included with the ship offset documentation in Appendix II.

*Fairweather's* dynamic draft measurement was taken February, 2010 in Lake Washington while the ship was transiting from Sand Point to South Seattle. The dynamic draft of launches 2805, 2806, 2807, and 2808 were measured similarly in Lake Washington in March, 2010. The measurements were made using the change in ellipsoid height while traveling at different speeds in Lake Washington. The ellipsoid heights were determined using Post Processed Kinematics (PPK) by recording POSPac data on each vessel and then processing the data with local reference stations in Applanix POSPac MMS software. The resulting Single Best Estimate of Trajectory (SBET) was exported from POSPac and the speed versus ellipsoid height was fit to a polynomial curve using a least squares fit method in a Python Script written by NOAA personnel and implemented within Pydro. The polynomial curve was used to derive the table used in the CARIS HVF, and the standard deviation of the residuals was used to determine the associated uncertainty in the measurement. Written reports for each platform about the initial measurements carried out in February and March are provided in Appendix II of this report*.* The polynomial best fit curve of the ellipsoidal height differences from launches 2805, 2806, and 2808 compare well with each other. Due to IMU issues with launch 2807, the ERDDM failed several times before finally being successfully completed on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 in the Behm Canal working grounds after the faulty IMU was replaced. The values obtained during this measurement were compared to the other launches and were found to compare favorably. The dynamic draft offset values and standard deviation were then entered into the two 2807 CARIS HVFs.

#### 4.0 Patch Tests

Patch tests were conducted on launches 2805, 2806, 2807 and 2808 for the Reson 7125SV MBES sonar systems during the month of March 2010 using the Shilshole Bay Reference Surface and Patch Test site near Seattle, WA. Additional patch tests were conducted on launch 2807 in April 2010 after the IMU failed and was replaced with a spare unit.

Patch tests were conducted for *Fairweather's* Reson 8160 and Reson 7111 MBES sonar systems during May, 2010, near Ketchikan, AK. A second roll bias test for the Reson 7111 was conducted on July 14, 2010, near Dutch Harbor, AK, and the value post-applied to all Reson 7111 data acquired in 2010. The results of all patch tests to date, along with the acquisition and processing logs, are included in the individual MBES Calibration files in Appendix II.

Also included in Appendix II is the Sounding System Comparison. This comparison includes surface differencing between all launch and ship MBES reference surfaces using CARIS Bathy Database. Since all launch reference surfaces closely agree with one another, only launch 2805 Reson 7125's reference surface was differenced with the ship's Reson 7111 and Reson 8160 reference surfaces. The results of the comparison show that the Reson 8160 data are on average 0.206 meters deeper than the launch data, and that the Reson 7111 data are on average 0.322 meters deeper than the launch data. Due to this measured offset and similarly observed offsets between launch and ship systems during the past several field seasons, the ship multibeam system HVF vertical Z-values (FA\_S220\_Rsn7111\_301bms\_2010.hvf and FA S220 Rsn8160 5to750 2010.hvf) have been adjusted to reflect this measurement. The values are listed under 'Correction based on Reference Surface' and are included in the S220 *Offsets & Measurements* spreadsheet located in Appendix II.

### 5.0 Attitude and Kinematic Data

Vessel attitude is measured by the POS/MV and recorded in the Hysweep .hsx file. Roll is applied real time to Reson 8160 and Reson 7125SV data. Pitch is applied real time to Reson 7111 and Reson 8160 data. Attitude measurements not applied in real time (heave, pitch, roll, and heading) are applied during post processing in CARIS HIPS using the raw POS/MV attitude data recorded in the Hysweep .hsx file. Post processed kinematic (PPK) data from the POS/MV .000 file are applied to MBES data in CARIS HIPS in the form of SBET files once all data acquisition is complete.

The POS/MV IMU uncertainty values for heave, pitch, roll, and heading measurements were derived from the manufacturer specifications and are listed in the *Fairweather TPU Values* spreadsheet located in Appendix III of this report. When PPK data are applied, the error file associated with the SBET is applied in CARIS HIPS to include the uncertainty of the PPK data in the total propagated uncertainty estimation of each sounding. This practice is a known issue that artificially inflates the total propagated uncertainty estimation because CARIS HIPS does not remove the real-time POS/MV heave, pitch, roll, and heading values when the SBET error file is applied.

#### **5.1 TrueHeave™**

The POS/MV TrueHeave<sup>TM</sup> data is logged within the POS/MV .000 files and applied in CARIS HIPS during post processing using the "Apply TrueHeave" function. TrueHeave™ is a forward-backward filtered heave corrector as opposed to the real time heave corrector, and is fully described in Section 6 of the *POS/MV Version 4 Installation and Operation Manual*. To ensure proper application in CARIS HIPS, POS/MV files are logged for at least three to five minutes before and after all MBES files are logged.

If the POS/MV files fail to apply in CARIS HIPS during the "Apply TrueHeave" process the files are fixed using a CARIS tool called "fixTrueHeave.exe." In cases where this is necessary a new fixed file is created with the extension ".fixed" (2010-ddd-vssl.000.fixed). The new fixed TrueHeave<sup>™</sup> file is then applied to the data in CARIS HIPS. The original corrupted file is retained along with the fixed file with the submitted Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) data. Occurrences of this for specific surveys are noted in the individual Descriptive Reports.

In cases where TrueHeave™ cannot be applied, real time heave correctors are used. Real time heave data are recorded and stored in the Hypack Hysweep .hsx file and are applied as the heave corrector for MBES data if TrueHeave<sup>™</sup> files are unavailable. Data that do not have TrueHeave™ applied will be listed in the individual Descriptive Report for the survey.

#### **5.2 Post Processed Kinematic Data**

Post Processed Kinematic (PPK) data in the form of Single Best Estimate of Trajectory (SBET) files are applied to soundings to increase the accuracy of the kinematic vessel corrections and to allow the ability to reference soundings to the ellipsoid.

Standard daily data processing procedures aboard *Fairweather* include post processing of POS/MV kinematic .000 files using Applanix POSPac MMS and POSGNSS software using either Single Base or SmartBase batch processing methods as described in section B.2.3.4. After processing and quality control analysis of the post-processed SBET files is complete, the SBET and SMRMSG files are applied to the HDCS data in CARIS HIPS using the "Load Attitude/Navigation Data", the "Load error data…", and "Compute GPS Tide" processing tools. Ellipsoidal heights are contained within the PPK SBET files. Soundings to which SBETs have been applied can be reduced to the ellipsoid by merging the data in CARIS HIPS with "GPS Tide" applied. Data are frequently referenced to the ellipsoid during data analysis for troubleshooting unexplained vertical offsets.

Positioning of features and bottom samples is not corrected with post processed GNSS data because at this time as there is not a developed nor streamlined procedure for PPK application to features.

## 6.0 Sound Speed

Seabird SBE 19*plus* and SBE 19*plusV2* sound speed profilers are used regularly to collect sound speed data for the Reson 7125SV MBES systems on survey launches 2805, 2806, 2807, and 2808, and used on an as needed basis for *Fairweather*'s Reson 7111 and Reson 8160 MBES systems. The Brooke Ocean Technology Moving Vessel Profiler (MVP) is primarily used to collect sound speed data for sound speed correction of data acquired with *Fairweather*'s Reson 7111 and Reson 8160 MBES systems.

Daily sound speed profiles from the SBE 19*plus* and SBE 19*plusV2* profilers are processed with Velocipy and concatenated into single .svp files for each vessel per survey. Individual .svp files and the concatenated vessel files for the survey are submitted with each survey.

Sound speed profiles acquired using the Brooke Ocean Technology Moving Vessel Profiler 200 (MVP) are stored in files labeled BOT\_XXXX.calc, where X is the incrementally increasing cast number. The .calc file for each cast is opened with Velocipy and converted into CARIS .svp file format. The individual .svp profiles are concatenated into vessel specific .svp files for the entire survey. Individual sound speed profiles taken by the MVP are not submitted separately due to the large number of casts acquired and the way in which they are processed; however, the daily concatenated files are submitted for backup purposes and include all profiles acquired.

The concatenated sound speed files are applied to multibeam data in CARIS HIPS during data processing. CARIS HIPS uses one of four different methods to automatically apply a sound speed profile stored in a concatenated sound speed file. They are: "previous in time," "nearest in time," "nearest in distance" and "nearest in distance within time." The method of applying sound speed for a specific day of data collection is listed in the daily logs included as Separates submitted with the individual survey data.

## 7.0 Water Level

Unless otherwise noted in the survey Descriptive Report, the vertical datum for all soundings and heights is Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW). Predicted, preliminary, and/or verified water level correctors from the primary tide station(s) listed in the Project Instructions may be downloaded from the CO-OPS website and used for water level corrections during the course of the project. These tide station files are collated to include the appropriate days of acquisition and then converted to CARIS .tid file format using FetchTides, HydroMI in MapInfo, or the NOAA stand-alone Create HIPS Cowlis .exe.

Water level data in the .tid files are applied to HDCS data in CARIS HIPS using the zone definition file (.zdf) or a Tidal Constituent and Residual Interpolation (TCARI) model supplied by CO-OPS. Upon receiving final approved water level data, all data are reduced to MLLW using the final approved water levels as noted in the individual survey's Descriptive Report.

A complete description of vertical control utilized for a given project can be found in the project specific *Horizontal and Vertical Control Report (HVCR)*, submitted for each project under separate cover when necessary as outlined in section 5.2.3.2.3 of the *FPM*.



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**Appendix I**

**System Tracking** 

**Vessel Inventory Hardware Inventory Computer Inventory** 

#### **Hydrographic Vessel Inventory**

**Field Unit: FAIRWEATHER Effective Date: April 12, 2010 Updated Through: August 9, 2010**





**Field Unit: FAIRWEATHER**

**Effective Date: 3/25/2010**

**Updated Through: 8/9/2010** further investigation/information required in future
















#### **Vessel Reports, Offsets, and Diagrams**

#### **Launch 2805**

- 1. Offsets
- 2. Patch Test
- 3. Dynamic Draft

#### **Launch 2806**

- 1. Offsets
- 2. Patch Test
- 3. Dynamic Draft

#### **Launch 2807**

- 1. Offsets
- 2. Patch Test
- 3. Dynamic Draft

#### **Launch 2808**

- 1. Offsets
- 2. Patch Test
- 3. Dynamic Draft

#### **S220**

- 1. Offsets
- 2. Patch Test
- 3. Dynamic Draft

#### **Coordinate Systems Utilized in Vessel Offsets**

#### **Reference Surface Comparison**

#### **SSS and MBES Dual Acquisition Report**

#### **2805 Offsets and Measurements - Summary**



Vessel Offsets for 2805 7125 are derived from the NGS Survey, January 2010, Trimble Equipment Specs, a 2010 Measured Values.



#### **Description of Offsets for Launch 2805**

#### All Values Shown are in CARIS Coordinates

The Ship Reference Frame (SRF) for Launch 2805 was based from the IMU reference point as the 0,0,0 point. Physical locations were measured with x,y,z offsets from this point. These locations were used to calculate offsets of items with respect to each other, as described for each offset.











(Add this value to VSSL\_Offsets & Measurements\_20XX.xls)

utilized in Offsets and Measurements and TPU spreadsheet



#### Port-to-Stbd Z-difference



0.0329 0.6333 0.6005

#### RP to WL Average (m)

0.420 NGS Coordinate System (do not enter into CARIS directly) (or add this value to VSSL\_Offsets & Measurements\_20XX)







(or add this value to VSSL\_Offsets & Measurements\_20XX)

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# **NOAA SURVEY VESSEL 2805 POS MV COMPONENTS SPATIAL RELATIONSHIP SURVEY FIELD REPORT**

Kendall L. Fancher January, 2010



### **PURPOSE**

The primary purpose of the survey was to precisely determine the spatial relationship between various hydrographic surveying sensors, launch bench marks and the components of a POS MV navigation system aboard the NOAA survey vessel 2805.

#### **PROJECT DETAILS**

This survey was conducted in Seattle, WA at the NOAA Western Center on the 26<sup>th</sup> of January, 2010. The weather was sunny early then cloudy with temperatures in the 40s to 50s. For this survey, the vessel was on blocks, supported by boat jacks. The vessel was reported to have been leveled relative to the IMU.

#### **INSTRUMENTATION**

A Leica TDA5005 precision total station was used to make all measurements. Technical Data:



Leica precision prisms were used as sighting targets. Prisms were configured to have a zero mm offset.

#### **PERSONNEL**



#### **DEFINITION OF THE REFERENCE FRAME**

For this survey, data was collected in a 3-D right handed Cartesian coordinate system. The origin of this coordinate system is defined as the center of the IMU target. The Y (Northing) axis is parallel to the centerline of the launch and is positive towards the bow of the launch. The X (Easting) axis is perpendicular to the Y axis and is positive towards the starboard side of the launch. The Z (Elevation) axis is perpendicular to the XY plane and is positive towards the top of the launch. The coordinates of the points established this survey are reported in this coordinate system and are provided in Appendix A.

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Control point 1 was occupied and control point 2 was observed to initialize the instrument. After initialization, control point 4 and all visible points to be observed on the launch were observed in both direct and reverse. The stability of the instrument setup was checked at conclusion of the data set collection by checking back to temporary control point 2.

Control point 2 was occupied and control point 1 was observed to initialize the instrument. After initialization, control point 3 and all visible points to be observed on the launch were observed in both direct and reverse. The stability of the instrument setup was checked at conclusion of the data set collection by checking back to temporary control point 1.

Control point 3 was occupied and control point 2 was observed to initialize the instrument. After initialization, control point 4 and all visible points to be observed on the launch were observed in both direct and reverse. The stability of the instrument setup was checked at conclusion of the data set collection by checking back to temporary control point 2.

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Inverses were computed between the two positions determined for all points surveyed to evaluate their accuracy relative to the temporary control network. Inverse reports are included in appendix B.

The reference frame was rotated using CENTERLINE STERN BM (CLS) as the point of rotation. A zero degree azimuth was used during the rotation from CLS to CENTERLINE BOW BM (BMB). The reference frame was then translated to relocate the origin of the reference frame to the IMU.

#### **DISCUSSION**

The positions given for the POS GPS antennas (Zephyr Model II p/n 57970-00) are to the top center of the antenna. To correct the Z value provided in this report for each antenna to the electronic phase center, I recommend the following steps be taken;

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- 4) Then add to this value the electronic phase center offset value appropriate for the antenna model.



Two reference points (MBF and MBA) were positioned in order to facilitate future measurements to the Multi-Beam sensor by launch personnel. These reference points are punch marks set along the center of the keel, at the locations described in the image at right.



A point on the Multi-Beam transducer (MB) was measured directly this survey. The measured point was at the center of the bottom of the transducer. No mark was left to indicate the measured point.



The point positioned for the Inertial Motion Unit (IMU) this survey was the center of the target affixed to the top of the unit. Additionally, a reference mark (IMUR) was established on the plate the IMU is attached to at a point where two scribed lines intersect, forward of the IMU.



#### **STATION LISTING**



# **Appendix A**

# **Coordinate Report Launch 2805**



**Units = meters**

# **Appendix B**

## **Point to Point Inverse Launch 2805**



**Units = meters**

## **FAIRWEATHER Multibeam Echosounder Calibration**

**Launch 2805 200kHz**

Vessel

SST Beduhn, AST Moehl, CST Morgan, LT Welton, LTjg Arnold



## **Acquisition Log**





**Processing Log**



**HVF Hydrographic Vessel File created or updated with current offsets**

**Name:** CST/FOO **Date:** 3/30/2010

## **FAIRWEATHER Multibeam Echosounder Calibration**

**Launch 2805 400kHz**

Vessel

CST Morgan, LT Welton, SST Beduhn, Ltjg Arnold

Calibrating Hydrographer(s)



## **Acquisition Log**



view parallel to track, one line with induced roll (outerbeam) or same lines bounded slope (nadir) [same direction, different speed]





**NAV TIME LATENCY**

view parallel to track, same line (at nadir) [opposite direction, same speed]



HEADING/YAW view parallel to track, offset lines (outerbeams) [opposite direction, same speed]



**ROLL** view across track, same line [opposite direction, same speed]



### **Processing Log**



**HVF Hydrographic Vessel File created or updated with current offsets**

**Name:** CST/FOO **Date:** 03/30/2010

# *Fairweather* **Launch 2805 Dynamic Draft Measurement Lake Washington, 20 February 2010**

LTjg Caryn Arnold, HSTP West Coast Field Support Liaison

On Saturday, 20 February 2010 (DN 051), *Fairweather* Launch 2805 conducted a dynamic draft measurement (DDM) on Lake Washington using post processed kinematic GPS data. The vessel sat at rest for approximately 5 minutes, then ran in the North direction at approximate speeds of 4, 6, 8 and 10 knots, holding each speed for about 4 minutes. The vessel then turned around and ran in the South direction at approximate speeds of 10, 8, 6 and 4 knots, again holding each speed for about 4 minutes and resting for approximately 5 minutes at the end. The POS/MV recorded a POSPac file the entire time from beginning rest to finish rest.

The POSPac file was processed with POSPac MMS Software using the GNSS-Inertial Processing Single Base Station Mode. The single CORS station SEAI (1 Hz) was chosen as the base station. The Lever Arm Standard Deviation was set to <3cm and then the GNSS-Inertial Processor in the Forward, Backward and Combine mode was Run.

The file was then exported out from the POSPac MMS software with an output rate of 1 sec and run through the Python Script written by LTjg Glen Rice, which includes the fourth order polynomial curve. The following graphs were generated.



Figure 1. *Fairweather* Launch 2805 Inverted Dynamic Draft Curve & Computed Dynamic Draft Table for Caris



Figure 2. *Fairweather* Launch 2805 Dynamic Draft Curve with Data Points

#### **2806 Offsets and Measurements - Summary**



Vessel Offsets for 2808 7125 are derived from the NGS Survey, January 2010, Trimble Equipment Specs, 2010 Measured Values.



#### **Description of Offsets for Launch 2806**

#### All Values Shown are in CARIS Coordinates



The Ship Reference Frame (SRF) for Launch 2806 was based from the IMU reference point as the 0,0,0 point. Physical locations were measured with x,y,z offsets from this point. These locations were used to calculate offsets of items with respect to each other, as described for each offset.





The physical positions of the IMU and the receiver phase center of the 7125 were measured during the NGS survey. These physical measurements were taken while the launch was secured on the pier and thought to be as level as possible. The measured values for the IMU and MB were taken directly for the report. The difference is the offset from the IMU to the phase center of the 7125 which was then transposed from the NGS to the CARIS coordinate system.



The values were calculated by subtracting the of the Port Antenna to the IMU x, y, z values from the respective values of the **IMU** to the 7125. The calculated values were then transposed from the NGS to the CARIS coordinate system.



The average vertical distance from Port Benchmark to waterline and the Starboard Benchmark to the waterline were measured by FAIRWEATHER personnel using a steel tape and bubble level. These values were combined with the Z value of the Benchmarks to the RP/IMU to get an average for the waterline to RP. The Waterline Measurement value is in NGS coordinates initially and is converted to CARIS coordinates.



The location of the phase center of the port and starboard POS/MV antennas were surveyed by NGS. The z-values were adjusted to the phase center. Then the scalar distance between the phase centers was



The location of the IMU and the location of the top of port antenna were surveyed by NGS. The zvalue of the antenna was calculated by subtracting the height of the antenna and then adding the value from the base of the antenna to the phase center of the antenna. The calculation results were then transposed from the NGS to the CARIS coordinate system.



The Heave Point is assumed to coincide with the IMU location.







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 $0.0784$   $-0.0240$   $-0.1024$ 

#### RP to WL Average (m)

0.124 NGS Coordinate System (do not enter in CARIS directly) (Add this value to VSSL\_Offsets & Measurements\_20XX.xls)



Theoretical Actual Error

0.0784 0.0047 -0.0737

(or add this value to VSSL\_Offsets & Measurements\_20XX)

utilized in Offsets and Measurements and TPU spreadsheet



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# **NOAA SURVEY VESSEL 2806 POS MV COMPONENTS SPATIAL RELATIONSHIP SURVEY FIELD REPORT**

Kendall L. Fancher January, 2010



### **PURPOSE**

The primary purpose of the survey was to precisely determine the spatial relationship between various hydrographic surveying sensors, launch bench marks and the components of a POS MV navigation system aboard the NOAA survey vessel 2806.

#### **PROJECT DETAILS**

This survey was conducted in Seattle, WA at the NOAA Western Center on the  $26<sup>th</sup>$  of January, 2010. The weather was sunny then cloudy with temperatures in the 40s to 50s. For this survey, the vessel was on blocks, supported by boat jacks. The vessel was reported to have been leveled relative to the IMU.

#### **INSTRUMENTATION**

A Leica TDA5005 precision total station was used to make all measurements. Technical Data:



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#### **DEFINITION OF THE REFERENCE FRAME**

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#### **DISCUSSION**

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A point on the Multi-Beam transducer (MB) was measured directly this survey. The measured point was at the center of the bottom of the transducer. No mark was left to indicate the measured point.



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#### **STATION LISTING**



# **Appendix A**

# **Coordinate Report Launch 2806**



**Units = meters**
# **Appendix B**

# **Point to Point Inverse Launch 2806**



**Units = meters**

# **FAIRWEATHER**



view parallel to track, one line with induced roll (outerbeam) or same lines bounded slope (nadir) [same direction, different speed]



**NAV TIME LATENCY**

**PITCH** view parallel to track, same line (at nadir) [opposite direction, same speed]



HEADING/YAW view parallel to track, offset lines (outerbeams) [opposite direction, same speed]





**ROLL** view across track, same line [opposite direction, same speed]



**Processing Log**



**HVF Hydrographic Vessel File created or updated with current offsets**

**Name:** CST/FOO **Date:** 03/30/2010

### **FAIRWEATHER**



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### **Processing Log**



**HVF Hydrographic Vessel File created or updated with current offsets**

**Name:** CST/FOO **Date:** 03/30/2010

# *Fairweather* **Launch 2806 Dynamic Draft Measurement Lake Washington, 08 March 2010**

LTjg Caryn Arnold, HSTP West Coast Field Support Liaison

On Monday, 08 March 2010 (DN 067), *Fairweather* Launch 2806 conducted a dynamic draft measurement (DDM) on Lake Washington using post processed kinematic GPS data. The vessel sat at rest for approximately 5 minutes, then ran in the South direction at approximate speeds of 4, 6, 8 and 10 knots, holding each speed for about 4 minutes. The vessel then turned around and ran in the North direction at approximate speeds of 10, 8, 6 and 4 knots, again holding each speed for about 4 minutes and resting for approximately 5 minutes at the end. The POS/MV recorded a POSPac file the entire time from beginning rest to finish rest.

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Figure 2. *Fairweather* Launch 2806 Dynamic Draft Curve with Data Points

### **2807 Offsets and Measurements - Summary**



Vessel Offsets for 2808 7125 are derived from the NGS Survey, January 2010, Trimble Equipment Specs, a 2010 Measured Values.



#### **Description of Offsets for Launch 2807**

All Values Shown are in CARIS Coordinates

The Ship Reference Frame (SRF) for Launch 2807 was based from IMU Reference Point as the 0,0,0 point. Physical locations were measured with x,y,z offsets from this point. These locations were used to calculate offsets of items with respect to each other, as described for each offset.





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### Port-to-Stbd Z-difference



#### RP to WL Average (m)

**BM** 0.130 NGS Coordinate System (do not enter into CARIS directly) (Add this value to VSSL\_Offsets & Measurements\_20XX.xls)

utilized in Offsets and Measurements and TPU spreadsheet

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# **NOAA SURVEY VESSEL 2807 POS MV COMPONENTS SPATIAL RELATIONSHIP SURVEY FIELD REPORT**

Kendall L. Fancher January, 2010



# **PURPOSE**

The primary purpose of the survey was to precisely determine the spatial relationship between various hydrographic surveying sensors, launch bench marks and the components of a POS MV navigation system aboard the NOAA survey vessel 2807.

### **PROJECT DETAILS**

This survey was conducted in Seattle, WA at the NOAA Western Center on the  $27<sup>th</sup>$  of January, 2010. The weather was foggy early then sunny with temperatures in the 40s to 50s. For this survey, the vessel was on blocks, supported by boat jacks. The vessel was reported to have been leveled relative to the IMU.

### **INSTRUMENTATION**

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# **STATION LISTING**



# **Appendix A**

# **Coordinate Report Launch 2807**



**Units = meters**

# **Appendix B**

# **Point to Point Inverse Launch 2807**



**Units = meters**

# **FAIRWEATHER**



**Launch 2807 200kHz**





**NAV TIME LATENCY**

view parallel to track, one line with induced roll (outerbeam) or same lines bounded slope (nadir) [same direction, different speed]



**PITCH** view parallel to track, same line (at nadir) [opposite direction, same speed]



HEADING/YAW view parallel to track, offset lines (outerbeams) [opposite direction, same speed]





view across track, same line [opposite direction, same speed]





**HVF Hydrographic Vessel File created or updated with current offsets**

**Name:** FA\_2807\_200kHz\_Rsn7125\_256bms\_2010.hvf **Date:** 5/21/2010

# **FAIRWEATHER Multibeam Echosounder Calibration**

Vessel **Launch 2807 400kHz**



# **Acquisition Log**



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view parallel to track, one line with induced roll (outerbeam) or same lines bounded slope (nadir) [same direction, different speed]





# **Processing Log**



**HVF Hydrographic Vessel File created or updated with current offsets**

**Name:** Briana Welton **Date:** 5/21/10

# *Fairweather* **Launch 2807 Dynamic Draft Measurement Custom House Cove, AK, 23 May 2010**

Grant Froelich, Physical Scientist- Pacific Hydrographic Branch

On Sunday, 23 May 2010 (DN 143), *Fairweather* Launch 2807 conducted a dynamic draft measurement (DDM) in Custom House Cove, AK using post processed kinematic GPS data. The vessel sat at rest for approximately 5 minutes, then ran in the South-West direction at approximate speeds of 4, 6, 8, 10and 12 knots, holding each speed for about 4 minutes. The vessel then turned around and ran in the North-East direction at approximate speeds of 4,6,8,10 and 12 knots, again holding each speed for about 4 minutes and resting for approximately 5 minutes at the end. The POS MV recorded a POSPac file the entire time from beginning rest to finish rest.

The POSPac file was processed with POSPac MMS Software using the GNSS-Inertial Processing Single Base Station Mode. The single *Fairweather* base station SOUTH TWIN (1 Hz) was chosen as the base station. The Lever Arm Standard Deviation was set to <3cm and then the GNSS-Inertial Processor in the Forward, Backward and Combine mode was Run.

The file was then exported out from the POSPac MMS software with an output rate of 1 sec and run through the Pydro script, which includes the fourth order polynomial curve. The following graphs were generated.

Due to the unusually high standard deviation value for 2807 from this run in comparison to the three other *Fairweather* launches, another SBET file was created limiting the speeds examined to 1.0 m/s to 6.6 m/s. This was done to remove the high variation of ellipsoid height data between 0.0 m/s and 1.0 m/s as seen in Figure 2, which occurred for unknown reasons. This speedclipped file was then run through the Pydro script from GPS seconds of the week 63600 to 64981 to encompass the times of the actual dynamic draft measurement. This produced another set of graphs which included a more reasonable standard deviation value. Because of the missing "at rest" data (0.0 m/s to 1.0 m/s) the best fit equation of the line for this new run varied greatly from the previous run. Based on the results from the other *Fairweather* launches this new run equation of the line was determined to be erroneous due to the lack of "at rest" data which the script is trying to incorporate. The standard deviation plot (Figure 3) does not appear to be affected by this and so the value from this graph (2 STD value of 0.07) was used to update the Delta Draft TPU value in the CARIS HVF on 08/10/2010 but is back dated for use from beginning of the field season.



Figure 1. *Fairweather* Launch 2807 Inverted Dynamic Draft Curve & Computed Dynamic Draft Table for CARIS



Figure 2. *Fairweather* Launch 2807 Dynamic Draft Curve with Data Points



Figure 3. *Fairweather* Launch 2807 Dynamic Draft Curve with Data Points from clipped run

### **2808 Offsets and Measurements - Summary**



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#### **Description of Offsets for Launch 2808**

All Values Shown are in CARIS Coordinates

The Ship Reference Frame (SRF) for Launch 2808 was based from the IMU reference point as the 0,0,0 point. Physical locations were measured with x,y,z offsets from this point. These locations were used to calculate offsets of items with respect to each other, as described for each offset.

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The physical positions of the IMU and the receiver phase center of the 7125 were measured during the NGS survey. These physical measurements were taken while the launch was secured on the pier and thought to be as level as possible. The measured values for the IMU and MB were taken directly for the report. The difference is the offset from the IMU to the phase center of the 7125 which was then transposed from the NGS to the CARIS coordinate system.



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*Primary Antenna Reference Pt.*

*1.4526 m*

The location of the phase center of the port and starboard POS/MV antennas were surveyed by NGS. The z-values were adjusted to the phase center. Then the scalar distance between the phase centers was



*7125 Phase Center*

*IMU Reference Pt.*

*7125 Phase 1.08635 m0.83666 m*

*0.24969 m*

*0.00351 m*

*0.68502 m7125 to Port Ant.*

The location of the IMU and the location of the top of port antenna were surveyed by NGS. The zvalue of the antenna was calculated by subtracting the height of the antenna and then adding the value from the base of the antenna to the phase center of the antenna. The calculation results were then transposed from the NGS to the CARIS coordinate system.



*2808LOA: 8.64m*

 *Beam: 3.48mDraft: 1.12m*

The Heave Point is assumed to coincide with the IMU location.







#### **Fill in Yellow squares only!**



#### Port-to-Stbd Z-difference



#### RP to WL Average (m)

0.123 NGS Coordinate System (do not enter into CARIS directly) (Add this value to VSSL\_Offsets & Measurements\_20XX.xls)

utilized in Offsets and Measurements and TPU spreadsheet







#### RP to WL Average (m)

0.134 NGS Coordinate System (do not enter into CARIS directly) (or add this value to VSSL\_Offsets & Measurements\_20XX)

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# **NOAA SURVEY VESSEL 2808 POS MV COMPONENTS SPATIAL RELATIONSHIP SURVEY FIELD REPORT**

Kendall L. Fancher January, 2010



# **PURPOSE**

The primary purpose of the survey was to precisely determine the spatial relationship between various hydrographic surveying sensors, launch bench marks and the components of a POS MV navigation system aboard the NOAA survey vessel 2808.

### **PROJECT DETAILS**

This survey was conducted in Seattle, WA at the NOAA Western Center on the  $27<sup>th</sup>$  of January, 2010. The weather was foggy then sunny with temperatures in the 40s to 50s. For this survey, the vessel was on blocks, supported by boat jacks. The vessel was reported to have been leveled relative to the IMU.

### **INSTRUMENTATION**

A Leica TDA5005 precision total station was used to make all measurements. Technical Data:



Leica precision prisms were used as sighting targets. Prisms were configured to have a zero mm offset.

# **PERSONNEL**



# **DEFINITION OF THE REFERENCE FRAME**

For this survey, data was collected in a 3-D right handed Cartesian coordinate system. The origin of this coordinate system is defined as the center of the IMU target. The Y (Northing) axis is parallel to the centerline of the launch and is positive towards the bow of the launch. The X (Easting) axis is perpendicular to the Y axis and is positive towards the starboard side of the launch. The Z (Elevation) axis is perpendicular to the XY plane and is positive towards the top of the launch. The coordinates of the points established this survey are reported in this coordinate system and are provided in Appendix A.

# **SURVEY METHODOLOGY**

Four temporary control points, (1, 2, 3, and 4), were established around the vessel such that every point to be positioned on the launch could be observed from at least two separate locations.

Coordinates of 100.000N, 100.000E, and 100.000U were assumed for temporary control point 1. A distance and height difference were measured between control points 1 and 2. Temporary control point 2 was assumed to have an Easting of 100.000. The measured distance between these two points was used to determine the Northing for temporary control point 2. The height difference between the two points was used to determine the Up component for control point 2.

Control point 1 was occupied and control point 2 was observed to initialize the instrument. After initialization, control point 4 and all visible points to be observed on the launch were observed in both direct and reverse. The stability of the instrument setup was checked at conclusion of the data set collection by checking back to temporary control point 2.

Control point 2 was occupied and control point 1 was observed to initialize the instrument. After initialization, control point 3 and all visible points to be observed on the launch were observed in both direct and reverse. The stability of the instrument setup was checked at conclusion of the data set collection by checking back to temporary control point 1.

Control point 3 was occupied and control point 2 was observed to initialize the instrument. After initialization, control point 4 and all visible points to be observed on the launch were observed in both direct and reverse. The stability of the instrument setup was checked at conclusion of the data set collection by checking back to temporary control point 2.

Control point 4 was occupied and control point 3 was observed to initialize the instrument. After initialization, all visible points to be observed on the launch were observed in both direct and reverse. Control point 1 was also observed in order to evaluate the accuracy of the traverse. Inverse computations between the original and observed control point yielded a horizontal accuracy, or traverse closure of of 0.001m and a vertical accuracy of 0.000m. The stability of the instrument setup was checked at conclusion of the data set collection by checking back to temporary control point 2.

Inverses were computed between the two positions determined for all points surveyed to evaluate their accuracy relative to the temporary control network. Inverse reports are included in appendix B.

The reference frame was rotated using CENTERLINE STERN BM (CLS) as the point of rotation. A zero degree azimuth was used during the rotation from CLS to CENTERLINE BOW BM (BMB). The reference frame was then translated to relocate the origin of the reference frame to the IMU. The resulting coordinates are reported in appendix A.

# **DISCUSSION**

The positions given for the POS GPS antennas (Zephyr Model II p/n 57970-00) are to the top center of the antenna. To correct the Z value provided in this report for each antenna to the electronic phase center, I recommend the following steps be taken;

- 1) Determine the physical height of the GPS antenna. This information is probably located on the antenna or with equipment documentation.
- 2) Investigate to find the electronic phase center offset of the antenna. This information is probably located on the antenna or with equipment documentation. This value may also be available at the NGS website for antenna modeling.
- 3) Subtract the total height of the antenna from the Z value for each antenna. This will give you a Z value for the antenna ARP (antenna reference point)
- 4) Then add to this value the electronic phase center offset value appropriate for the antenna model.


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Two reference points (MBF and MBA) were positioned in order to facilitate future measurements to the Multi-Beam sensor by launch personnel. These reference points are punch marks set along the center of the keel, at the locations described in the image at right.



A point on the Multi-Beam transducer (MB) was measured directly this survey. The measured point was at the center of the bottom of the transducer. No mark was left to indicate the measured point.



The point positioned for the Inertial Motion Unit (IMU) this survey was the center of the target affixed to the top of the unit. Additionally, a reference mark (IMUR) was established on the plate the IMU is attached to at a point where two scribed lines intersect, forward of the IMU.



# **NOAA SURVEY VESSEL 2808 POS MV COMPONENTS SPATIAL RELATIONSHIP SURVEY**

# **STATION LISTING**



# **Appendix A**

# **Coordinate Report Launch 2808**



**Units = meters**

# **Appendix B**

# **Point to Point Inverse Launch 2808**



**Units = meters**

#### **FAIRWEATHER**











#### ROLL view across track, same line [opposite direction, same speed]



#### **Processing Log**



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## **FAIRWEATHER**



**NAV TIME LATENCY**

view parallel to track, one line with induced roll (outerbeam) or same lines bounded slope (nadir) [same direction, different speed]



**PITCH** view parallel to track, same line (at nadir) [opposite direction, same speed]



HEADING/YAW view parallel to track, offset lines (outerbeams) [opposite direction, same speed]





view across track, same line [opposite direction, same speed]



### **Processing Log**



#### **FAIRWEATHER Multibeam Echosounder Calibration**

**Launch 2808 400kHz**

Vessel



view parallel to track, one line with induced roll (outerbeam) or same lines bounded slope (nadir) [same direction, different speed]



**PITCH** view parallel to track, same line (at nadir) [opposite direction, same speed]











#### **PATCH TEST RESULTS/CORRECTORS**



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**Name:** CST Morgan **CST Morgan Date:** 04/11/2010

# *Fairweather* **Launch 2808 Dynamic Draft Measurement Lake Washington, 03 March 2010**

LTjg Caryn Arnold, HSTP West Coast Field Support Liaison

On Wednesday, 03 March 2010 (DN 063), *Fairweather* Launch 2808 conducted a dynamic draft measurement (DDM) on Lake Washington using post processed kinematic GPS data. The vessel sat at rest for approximately 5 minutes, then ran in the South direction at approximate speeds of 4, 6, 8 and 10 knots, holding each speed for about 4 minutes. The vessel then turned around and ran in the North direction at approximate speeds of 10, 8, 6 and 4 knots, again holding each speed for about 4 minutes and resting for approximately 5 minutes at the end. The POS/MV recorded a POSPac file the entire time from beginning rest to finish rest.

The POSPac file was processed with POSPac MMS Software using the GNSS-Inertial Processing Single Base Station Mode. The single CORS station SEAI (1 Hz) was chosen as the base station. The Lever Arm Standard Deviation was set to <3cm and then the GNSS-Inertial Processor in the Forward, Backward and Combine mode was Run.

The file was then exported out from the POSPac MMS software with an output rate of 1 sec and run through the Python Script written by LTjg Glen Rice, which includes the fourth order polynomial curve. The following graphs were generated.



Figure 1. *Fairweather* Launch 2808 Inverted Dynamic Draft Curve & Computed Dynamic Draft Table for Caris



Figure 2. *Fairweather* Launch 2808 Dynamic Draft Curve with Data Points

#### **S220 Offsets and Measurements - Summary**



#### **S220 Offsets and Measurements - Summary**



\*Top of IMU is RP (Reference Pt)

Vessel Offsets for S220 8160 are derived from Westlake Survey Report NOAA Fairweather 09-23-03, Fairweather Centerline Survey (NGS) Report March 2009, and measurements by FA personnel.









# **Description of Offsets for FAIRWEATHER S-220**

All Values Shown are in CARIS Coordinates









#### **Port Ant to Stbd Ant**

Scaler Distance 1.997 Using the NGS 2009 survey values for the antennas, a calculated vector for antenna separation was determined. The distance from Top of Antenna to Phase Center does not affect this calculation and therefore was not included.



x y z x yz 2.868 8.252 4.430 0.493 7.665 4.520 **IMU to 8160 (MRU to Trans)** The lever arms between the IMU and phase center of the 8160 transducer are taken from the Westlake report with the addition of the -0.168 m offset included for the height of the IMU. An additional correction based on 2010 reference surface comparisons of -0.206 is applied.





This information comes from a combination of the Westlake, NGS surveys, and measurements by FA personnel. The NGS 2009 survey was to the top of the antenna, that distance (zvalue) was measured in 2010 and subtracted to get the xyz of the antenna post. Then the distance (z-value) up to the phase center to the new 2010 antanna was added to obtain the xyz of the phase center of the newly installed (May2010) antenna.



\* From the Art Anderson inclination experiment the position of the metacenter was used as the position of the ship's Heave Point. (There may be a better way to determine the Heave Point, but this decision was based upon available information). The metacenter is defined by the center of buoyancy. As a vessel inclines through small angles, the center of buoyancy moves through the arc of a circle whose center is at the metacenter.

**IMU to Heave**

Important numbers and information determined from the Art Anderson report are the location of the metacenter and how it is positioned with respect to the vessel. The longitudinal location of the metacenter is defined as 102.42 feet (31.217 m) aft of the forward perpendicular. The height of the metacenter is 20.25 feet (6.172 m) above the keel. There is an assumption of the metacenter being on the centerline of the vessel. Similar values for the RAINIER's metacenter are 32.52 m aft of the forward perpendicular and 5.2 m above the keel. The difference in the height of the metacenter can be attributed to the difference between the FA's and RA's average draft which is 13.12 feet as opposed to approximately 14.5 feet respectively.

Referencing the metacenter (Heave Point, HP) to the IMU information requires information about the frame spacing of the vessel. From the Westlake survey, the IMU is located 3.547 m forward of frame 52. From Inclination document, the HP is 31.217 m aft of the forward perpendicular. From engineering drawings of the ship frame spacing is approximately 21 inches. The calculation for the longitudinal location of the HP with respect to frame zero, the Forward Perpendicular (FP) is as follows:

52 (frame) \* 21 (inches/frame)/12(inches/ft)\*.3048(m/ft)-3.547 m = 24.190 m from frame 0.

31.217 m (HP aft of FP) – 24.190 m (IMU aft of FP) = 7.027 m (HP aft of IMU)

The calculation for the vertical separation between the IMU and the HP is based on the height of the metacenter being 6.172m and the height of the IMU being 4.087 m above the keel. Differencing yields the metacenter being 2.085 m above the IMU.

The calculation for the athwartship separation is based upon the assumption that the HP is on the centerline and the knowledge that the IMU is 1.866 m to port of the centerline. is 1.866 m to port of the

#### **Sources**

On September 23, 2003 an offset survey of the NOAA Ship FAIRWEATHER was conducted by: Westlake Consultants, Incorporated 15115 SW Sequoia Parkway, Suite 150 Tigard, Oregon 97224 Phone (503) 684-0652 Offset values for the ship were derived from three sources. Three static offset surveys, an inclination experiment, and values measured or approximated by ship's personnel.

The relocation of the POS M/V antenna forced a partial resurvey in Feb. 2007 by Steven Breidenbach of NGS (values no longer utilized).

While in drydock, another NGS (Centerline) survey was conducted March, 2009.

These values relate the physical positions of one sensor to the next with the base plate of the IMU being the point of origin. All dimensions in the document are given in feet and decimal feet.

On July 16, 2004 an inclination experiment was conducted at MOC-P by:

Art Anderson Associates 202 Pacific Avenue Bremerton, WA 98337-1932

#### **Calculations**

The values for the required lever arms are listed in the S220\_Offsets and Measurements spreadsheet. The reference point and the IMU are identical. Difference in documentation between Westlake and FA calculations are based off of measuring up from the IMU base (Westlake's origin) and the top of the IMU. The top center of the IMU for the POS/MV is the defined origin for the POS/MV and the origin that is being used on all FAIRWEATHER vessels. The distance from the base plate to the top of the IMU is 0.168 m, a value measured by ship's complement. Conversions factor from feet to meters is 0.3048 m/ft.

As a requirement for the TPU, the standard deviation for each position is 3 mm. This value is based upon a conversation with Elaine McDonald of Westlake and is followed up by an Email documenting that fact. The email is located at the end of this document.

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# **NOAA SHIP FAIRWEATHER POS MV COMPONENTS SPATIAL RELATIONSHIP SURVEY FIELD REPORT**

Kendall Fancher March , 2009

# **PRIMARY CONTACTS**

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## **PURPOSE**

The primary purpose of the survey was to precisely determine the spatial relationship of various components of a POS MV navigation system aboard the NOAA ship FAIRWEATHER. Additionally, various reference points (bench marks) were re-established onboard the vessel to aid in future spatial surveys aboard the boat.

#### **PROJECT DETAILS**

This survey was conducted while the ship was in dry dock at the Lake Union dry dock in Seattle, WA. The weather conditions over the two days required to conduct this survey were windy, cool, with intermittent rain.

### **INSTRUMENTATION**

The Leica TC2003 total station was used to make all measurements. Technical Data:



A Leica precision prism was used as a sighting target. This prism was configured to have a zero mm offset.

#### **PERSONNEL**



## **DEFINITION OF THE REFERENCE FRAME**

To conduct this survey a local coordinate reference frame was established where the Northing (Y) axis runs along the centerline of the ship and is positive from the IMU towards the bow of the ship. The Easting  $(X)$  axis is perpendicular to the centerline of the ship and is positive from the IMU towards the right, when looking at the ship from the stern. The Up (Z) axis is positive in an upward direction from the IMU.

# **SURVEY METHODOLOGY**

### *02/15/2009*

Coordinates of 100.000N, 100.000E, and 100.000U were assumed for temporary control point 1. A distance and height difference were measured between temporary control points 1 and 3. These values were used to determine the coordinates at temporary control point 3. Temporary control points 1 and 3 were located along the top deck and on the north side of the dry dock vessel.

Temporary control point 1 was occupied and temporary control point 3 was observed for a backsight. After initialization, temporary control points 2 and 4(located on the top deck of the dry dock vessel), H1 (located on the bottom deck of the dry dock vessel), and BOW BM were observed in both direct and reverse.

Temporary control point 2 was occupied and temporary control point 3 was observed for a backsight. After initialization, temporary control point W1 (located on the top deck of the dry dock vessel) and D1 (located inside the ship on the D deck along the port side) were observed in both direct and reverse. Temporary control point 1 was also observed and yielded an inverse check of 0.001m horizontally and 0.001m vertically.

Temporary control point 4 was occupied and control point 1 was observed for a backsight. After initialization, temporary control point 5 (located on the south side and on the top deck of the dry dock vessel) was observed in both direct and reverse.

Temporary control point 5 was occupied and control point 4 was observed for a backsight. After initialization, temporary control point D2 (located inside the ship on the D deck along the starboard side) was observed in both direct and reverse.

Temporary control point H1 was occupied and control point 1 was observed for a backsight. After initialization, temporary control point H2 (located on the bottom deck of the dry dock vessel), and USBL BM were observed in both direct and reverse.

Temporary control point H2 was occupied and temporary control point H1 was observed for a backsight. After initialization, 8111 BM and 8160 BM were observed in both direct and reverse. Temporary control point W1 was also observed and yielded an inverse check of 0.019m horizontally and 0.033m vertically.

Temporary control point D1 was occupied and temporary control point D2 was observed for a backsight. After initialization, temporary control point D3 (located in the doorway leading to the mess hall on the D deck) was observed in both direct and reverse.

Temporary control point D3 was occupied and temporary control point D1 was observed for a backsight. After initialization, temporary control point C1 (located on the C deck near the IMU) was observed in both direct and reverse. Temporary control point D2 was also observed and yielded an inverse check of 0.026m horizontally and 0.0001m vertically.

Temporary control point C1 was occupied and temporary control point D3 was observed for a backsight. After initialization, IMU, IMU BOW PORT CORNER, IMU BOW STAR CORNER, IMU STERN STAR CORNER, and IMU STERN PORT CORNER were observed in both direct and reverse.

## *02/16/2009*

Temporary control point 4 was occupied and control point 1 was observed for a backsight. After initialization, temporary control point 6 (located on the south side and on the top deck of the dry dock vessel) and BOW BM were observed in both direct and reverse. Temporary control point D2 was also observed and yielded an inverse check of 0.0004m horizontally and 0.083m vertically.

Temporary control point 6 was occupied and temporary control point 4 was observed for a backsight. After initialization, TRANSOM PIVOT POINT PORT, STERN BM, POS GPS ANT RAIL BM, POS IMU ANT DECK BM, POS GPS ANT STARBOARD, and POS GPS ANT PORT were observed in both direct and reverse.

Temporary control point 3 was occupied and temporary control point 1 was observed for a backsight. After initialization, TRANSOM PIVOT POINT STARBOARD, STERN BM, POS GPS ANT STARBOARD, and POS GPS ANT PORT were observed in both direct and reverse. Temporary control point 6 was also observed and yielded an inverse check of 0.0006m horizontally and 0.001m vertically.

The reference frame was rotated using STERN BM as the point of rotation. A zero degree azimuth was used during the rotation from STERN BM to BOW BM. The reference frame was then translated to relocate the origin of the reference frame to the IMU.

# **INVERSE RESULTS**

*Inverses were computed between the determined positions of those ship benchmarks and sensor points which were determined from two separate locations The results of these inverses are:* 



# **DISCUSSION**

The Fairweather was in dry dock during this survey, however, the dry dock vessel was still subject to movement due to wave action. Conducting a survey such as this while the ship is moving requires that the automatic compensators in the survey instrument be turned off. The survey is therefore conducted with all survey instrumentation set up relative to the mean movement of the related level vials. While every effort was made to make the most precise measurements possible, some additional error accumulation cannot be avoided under these type observing conditions.

The POS GPS antenna coordinates were determined to the top center of the antennas. The Z value should be corrected to the Antenna Reference Point (ARP). In order to apply this correction, the mechanical height of the antenna should be determined and subtracted from the Z value determined during this survey for both of the POS GPS antennas.

# **Coordinate Listing using IMU as the Reference Frame Origin**





IMU Reference Points



POS GPS ANTENNAS



# BOW CENTERLINE REFERENCE POINT



# CENTERLINE REFERENCE POINT ON G DECK



CENTERLINE REFERENCE POINT ON RAIL AT G DECK



# CENTERLINE STERN REFERENCE POINT



TRANSOM REFERENCE POINT ON PORT SIDE



TRANSOM REFERENCE POINT ON STARBOARD SIDE




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# USBLE REFERENCE POINT



#### STABILITY TEST:

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# NOAA Ship FAIRWEATHER (16 Jul 2004)



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# **Definitions and Basis for Dimensions/Locations**

#### **Northings**

Northings (Port - Starboard) are with reference to the IMU Foundation Plate centerline scribe. Positive values are starboard of the IMU. Negative values are port of the IMU. *Calculated values are in italics.*

#### **Eastings**

Eastings (Stern to Bow ) are with reference to the IMU Foundation Plate centerline scribe. Positive values are forward of the IMU. Negative values are aft of the IMU. *Calculated values are in italics.*

#### **Elevations**

Elevations are with reference to the IMU Foundation Plate centerline scribe = 0 elevation. Positive values are below the IMU (toward the keel). Negative values are toward the topside.

#### **Dimensions**

All dimensions are in feet and decimal feet. All dimensions provided are "offsets" to IMU centerline.

#### **Ship's Centerline Data**

At project initiation, control was established to define the ship's centerline as a plane running from a point on the centerline of the keel at the stern through a point on the centerline of the keel near the bow, to a point on the bow splitting the bow chock.

#### **IMU Referenced Data - Procedure**

All data was originally referenced to the ship's geometry. Following location of the IMU, data was transformed to the IMU as point of origin for Northings, Eastings, and Elevation. All dimensions provided with reference to the IMU are "offsets."

# **Ship's Centerline - Control Measurements**

(Prior to location of IMU and referencing of data to IMU as point of origin (0,0,0)



#### **Ship's Baseline**



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# **IMU Foundation Plate**



#### **SUMMARY**

- IMU foundation plate is level to within +/-0.001 feet.
- IMU foundation plate is located 12.856 feet above baseline established at the keel.
- IMU is parallel to ship's centerline to within +/- 0.001 feet. Location of scribed centerline intersection is 6.122 feet port of ship's centerline.
- IMU foundation plate centerline is located 11.638' feet forward of bulkhead 52.

# **Granite Block**



#### **SUMMARY**

- Granite block is level to within +/-0.001 foot of average elevation = -0.21632 feet
- Granite block is parallel to ship's centerline to within 0.001 foot
	- Location is 4.54 feet to port of ship's centerline and 1.583 feet starboard of IMU.
- Granite block is aligned with IMU to within 0.003 feet longitudinally.

### **Array Acoustical Centers - Referenced to IMU**



#### **Explanation of Calculations**

Acoustic center is defined as the center of the transmitter array with the elevation = 83 mm below mounting face of array.

#### **Easting**

Center of array is defined by the foundation plate bolt centerlines (1/2 distance between bolts)

- 27.008 Forward edge of foundation as measured
- 0.104 Forward edge of foundation to centerline of forward bolt hole
- 1.755 Distance from bolt hole centerline to center of array
- 25.149 feet forward of IMU

#### **Northing**

Center of array is defined as the mid-point between the bolt holes on the foundation.

- 1.369 Port edge of foundation as measured
- + 0.078 Port edge of foundation to centerline of bolt hole per Cascade General
- + 0.172 Distance from bolt hole centerline to array center
	- 1.619 feet starboard of IMU

#### **Elevation**

Per Reson drawing 2148M011\_001\_the elevation is 83 mm below array mounting surface

14.679 Array foundation elevation as measured.

0.005 Isolation "shim" added between foundation and array

0.272 83 mm below array mounting surface to acoustical center

14.956 feet below IMU

### **Array Acoustical Centers - Referenced to IMU**



#### **Explanation of Calculations**

Acoustic center is defined as midpoint of the transmitter array in the longitudinal and transverse axes. The elevation is defined as the center of the receiving array.

#### **Easting**

Center of array is defined as 0.235' aft of the forward bolt centerlines on transmitter array foundation

- 28.563 Forward edge of foundation fixture plate as measured (receiving plate forward edge)
	- 27.349 Forward edge of transmitter array foundation as calculated
	- 0.042 Forward edge of foundation to centerline of forward bolt hole per design
	- 0.235 Distance from bolt hole centerline to center of array per design

27.072 feet forward of IMU

#### **Northing**

Center of array is defined as the mid-point between the bolt holes on the transmitter array foundation.

9.410 Centerline of array foundation as measured on scribe - aft section of fixture plate

9.410 feet starboard of IMU

#### **Elevation**

Elevation is 0.401 feet above receiver array mounting surface

- 16.085 Mounting foundation fixture plate as measured.
- 15.447 Receiver foundation elevation as calculated
- + 0.005 Isolation "shim" added between foundation and array
- 0.410 Design distance from mounting surface of array to acoustic center
- 15.042 feet below IMU



# **Longitudinal Array Foundation - Port Side**

#### **SUMMARY**

- Port longitudinal array foundation average elevation is 14.679 feet. Variation in elevation is +0.002 to -0.002 feet.
- Port longitudinal array foundation is parallel to ship's centerline and 1.369 feet starboard of IMU. Calculated array centerline is 1.619 feet starboard of IMU

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# **Longitudinal Array Foundation - Starboard Side**

*NOTE: On Transmitter array foundation - from forward edge to center of forward holes = 0.042' On Receiver array foundation distance from forward edge to center of forward holes = 0.076'*



#### **SUMMARY**

- Starboard longitudinal array foundation (measured at fixture plate) average elevation is 16.085 feet. Deviation from level (average elevation) is less than 0.001 feet.
- Starboard longitudinal array foundation averages 9.408 feet starboard of IMU.

Variation from parallel is from -0.002 feet to +0.002 feet from average.

• Starboard longitudinal array foundation forward edge is 28.563 feet forward of IMU.

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# **Transverse Array Foundation - Port Side**

#### **SUMMARY**

- Transverse array foundation average measured elevation is 14.677 feet below IMU (0.006 feet above design location).
	- Deviation from level (average elevation) is 0.003 to -0.001 feet
- Transverse array foundation centerline (calculated) averages 28.090 feet forward of IMU.
- Variation from parallel to ship's centerline is from -0.003 to 0.003 feet (from average).
- Transverse array centerline is calculated to be 1.624 feet starboard of IMU.

# **Transverse Array Foundation - Starboard Side**

NOTE: Direct Measurements were not taken to the transverse array because a single "fixture plate" covered bo transmitter and receiver foundations. The data provided here is primarily *"calculated".*



*NOTE: On Transmitter array foundation - from forward edge to center of forward holes = 0.042' On Receiver array foundation distance from forward edge to center of forward holes = 0.076'*



Based on measured elevations averaging 16.085 feet across fixture plate

#### **SUMMARY**

- Transverse array foundation is calculated to be 15.446 feet below IMU calculated from measured elevation of 16.085 feet. Deviation in elevation measurements across the array fixture plate is less than 0.001 fe
- Transverse array foundation forward edge (measured) is 28.563 feet forward of IMU.
- Transverse array centerline is measured to be 9.406 feet starboard of IMU.

Variation from parallel of the fixture plate across entire starboard array is  $\pm$  0.002 feet (from average).



# **Antennae**

#### **SUMMARY**

- Foundation plate stack antenna alignment is parallel to ship's centerline.
- Port GYRO Foundation Plate is aligned parallel to ship's centerline.
- Starboard GYRO Foundation Plate is aligned parallel to ship's centerline.

# **FAIRWEATHER**



view parallel to track, one line with induced roll (outerbeam) or same lines bounded slope (nadir) [same direction, different speed]





**NAV TIME LATENCY**

**HEADING/YAW** view parallel to track, offset lines (outerbeams) [opposite direction, same speed]









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# **FAIRWEATHER**



SV Cast #2 filename UTC Time Lat Lon Lon Depth Ext. Depth

view parallel to track, one line with induced roll (outerbeam) or same lines bounded slope (nadir) [same direction, different speed]









#### **Processing Log**



Roll value adjusted after 7111 testing lines run in Dutch Harbor.

Value to be used instead of Dn 144 Roll value. MRU values remain as for listed in Dn144, roll/pitch is same as shown above.

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**Name:** CST Morgan **Date:** 7/18/10

# **FAIRWEATHER**



view parallel to track, one line with induced roll (outerbeam) or same lines bounded slope (nadir) [same direction, different speed]





view parallel to track, same line (at nadir) [opposite direction, same speed]





**HEADING/YAW** view parallel to track, offset lines (outerbeams) [opposite direction, same speed]



**ROLL** view across track, same line [opposite direction, same speed]



# **Processing Log**



# *Fairweather* **(S220) Dynamic Draft Measurement Lake Washington, 21 January 2010**

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On Thursday, 21 January 2010 (DN 021), *Fairweather* conducted a dynamic draft measurement (DDM) on Lake Washington using post processed kinematic GPS data. The vessel sat at rest alongside the pier, then ran in the North direction at approximate speeds of 4, 6, 8 and 10 knots, holding each speed for about 4 minutes. The vessel then turned around and ran in the South direction at approximate speeds of 10, 8, 6 and 4 knots, again holding each speed for about 4 minutes and resting for approximately 5 minutes at the end. The POS/MV recorded a POSPac file the entire time from beginning rest to finish rest.

The POSPac file was processed with POSPac MMS Software using the GNSS-Inertial Processing Single Base Station Mode. The single CORS station SEAI (1 Hz) was chosen as the base station. The Lever Arm Standard Deviation was set to <3cm and then the GNSS-Inertial Processor in the Forward, Backward and Combine mode was Run.

The file was then exported out from the POSPac MMS software with an output rate of 1 sec and run through the Python Script written by LTjg Glen Rice, which includes the third order polynomial curve. The following graphs were generated.



Figure 1. *Fairweather* Inverted Dynamic Draft Curve & Computed Dynamic Draft Table for Caris



Figure 2. *Fairweather* Dynamic Draft Curve with Data Points







Top Center of IMU is origin of CARIS Coordinate System

# **CARIS Coordinate System**









Top Center of IMU is origin of POS/MV Coordinate System



# **WESTLAKE Coordinate System**



Bottom Center of IMU is origin of Westlake Coordinate System

# NGS/ RESON Coordinate System







The Center of IMU is origin of NGS/ Reson System

#### **Hypack Coordinate System**







Top Center of IMU is origin of HXRREK Coordinate System

#### **Reference Surface Comparison**



# **Dual Side Scan Sonar and Multibeam Acquisition SYSTEM READINESS REPORT 2010**



# **Background:**

*Fairweather* 2010 planned operations call for dual acquisition of hull mounted Klein System 5000 side scan sonar data (SSS) and Reson 7125sv multibeam echosounder data (MBES). Several acquisition methods (variables: ping triggering, SSS pulse length, beam spacing and MBES frequency) were investigated to determine best practices for such operations.

# **Calibration Location, Date, and Personnel:**

The dual acquisition methods were performed at the entrance to Juanita Bay in Lake Washington, WA (figure 1). The area was chosen for several reasons. First, the area is bisected by a cable area this provided the opportunity to determine the ability of each setting to resolve linear objects across both port and starboard returns in the SSS trace. Second, the relatively shallow, flat area was chosen as a mimic of the bathymetry expected in the project areas where SSS will be the primary mode of hydrography. The shallow area was also intended to test the interference effects of increased MBES ping rate on the SSS trace. The slope area was chosen to determine the effects of changing MBES range scale on the SSS trace.

**Personnel**: SST Beduhn, LT Jaskoski **Coxwain**: AB Marcum **Location**: Lake Washington, WA **Date**: 01-MAR-2010; DN 060



*Figure 1: Location of dual system acquisition practices investigation, Chart 18447*

# **Procedure for dual acquisition practices investigation:**

Imagery and bathymetry data were simultaneously acquired over a single survey line. User controlled settings were manipulated by the hydrographer. Each setting configuration was used for one inshore and one offshore line to determine the effects of changing range scale and ping rate in both the up-slope and down-slope direction. The settings manipulated in the MBES were range scale (as needed/depth dependent), frequency (200kHz/400kHz) number of beams (256/512), beam spacing (equi-distant and equi-angular) and Trigger input (on or off). Settings manipulated in the SSS were pulse length (50µs/100µs), SSS range was set at 100m. Imagery data were reviewed in Caris SIPS to determine the extent of interference on the trace and bottom track capabilities, and the resultant effect on the operator's ability to determine significant point and linear contacts

# **Results:**

For all settings linear contacts could be determined by the operator across port and starboard returns in the processed data.

Interference was given the values of "very light", "light" and "substantial." Interference was considered to be very light if it did not impinge upon the operator's ability to determine a  $1m<sup>3</sup>$  object in the outer beams and had no effect on bottom track (figure 2). Interference was considered light if it did not impinge upon the operator's ability to determine a  $1m<sup>3</sup>$  object in the outer beams, but had a negative effect on bottom track (figure 3). Substantial interference was deemed to be present if it impinged upon the operator's ability to determine a 1m tall object in the outer beams (figure 4). For all settings in which external triggering was disabled in the MBES substantial interference was noted in the line. Bottom track ability was degraded less by interference with a SSS pulse length of 100µs than 50µs.

Lightest interference was noted with the following settings: 400kHz frequency, 512 beams, equi-angular beam spacing, triggering input on, and SSS pulse length set to 100µs.

The nominal ping rate of a Klein 5000 SSS is 7Hz, if triggering is enabled the resultant max ping rate of the MBES will also be 7Hz. At typical survey speeds (appx 6-9 knots) the along-track ping density at 7Hz can be expected to be between 2.2-1.5 pings per meter, this is adequate ping density for use in this application.

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*Figure 2: Very light interference, interference will not negatively affect processing SSS data*



*Figure 3: Light interference, bottom track locks on false return of interference over softer bottom type.*

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*Figure 4: Substantial interference, operator unable to reliably determine significant contacts in outer beams .*

# **Recommendations**

It is the recommendation that the best practices for acquiring simultaneous hull mounted SSS and MBES data be the following:

- Klein SSS 100µs pulse length Triggering enabled
- Reson 7125 400kHz, 512 beams, Equi-angular spacing External triggering enabled

It is also recommended that the MBES pulse length be limited to less than one half of the SSS pulse length (>50µs)

**Appendix III**

**Total Propagated Uncertainty (TPU)** 

*Fairweather* **TPU Values**




\*Position Nav adjusted in the HVF to 5m when acquiring in Coarse Acquisition mode, additional information will be submitted in the DAPR and/or the DR.

\*\*Default values listed, descriptive report will list actual values applied if supplied with Project Instructions or calculated with the Sound speed estimator.

^MRU values may change if new patch test values are used.