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State(s):	Alaska	
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Instructions Dated:	08/02/2012	
Project Number:	S-S928-FA-12	
Field Unit:	NOAA Ship Fairweather	
Chief of Party:	CDR James M. Crocker, NOAA	
Soundings by:	Multibeam Echo Sounder	
Imagery by:		
Verification by:	Pacific Hydrographic Branch	
Soundings Acquired in:	meters at Mean Lower Low Water	

Remarks:

The purpose of this survey is to provide contemporary surveys to update National Ocean Service (NOS) nautical charts. All separates are filed with the hydrographic data. Notes in red were generated during office processing. The processing branch concurs with all information and recommendations in the DR unless otherwise noted. Page numbering may be interrupted or non-sequential. All pertinent records for this survey, including the Descriptive Report, are archived at the National Geophysical Data Center (NGDC) and can be retrieved via http://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/.

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Descriptive Report to Accompany Survey F00617

Project: S-S928-FA-12 Locality: Arctic Ocean Sublocality: Vicinity of Point Belcher Scale: 1:25000 August 2012 - August 2012 **NOAA Ship** *Fairweather* Chief of Party: CDR James M. Crocker, NOAA

A. Area Surveyed

The survey area is located in the Arctic Ocean/Chukchi Sea, AK. within the sublocality in the vicinity of Point Belcher.

A.1 Survey Limits

Data were acquired within the following survey limits:

Northwest Limit	Southeast Limit
71° 32" 11' N	72° 57" 3' N
160° 37" 8' W	160° 32" 11' W

Table 1: Survey Limits

The Arctic Wreck survey was of lowest priority during the Arctic reconnaissance survey. Due to time limitations, only partial ship MBES was collected over the course of the survey.

A.2 Survey Purpose

The goal of this project is to conduct a hydrographic survey using sidescan sonar and/or multibeam to discover the remains of historic whaling ships lost off Alaska's Arctic Coast. Refer to the "Fairweather Arctic Cruise Maritime Archeology Proposal" included in the Project Instructions for additional information. This project is the lowest priority piggyback project for Arctic surveys; all other OCS piggyback projects take priority.

A.3 Survey Quality

The entire survey is adequate to supersede previous data.

The data collected for survey F00617 does meet IHO Order 1 and 2 specifications. There is no previous contemporary data collected for this survey area; the survey is deemed adequate to supersede the chart.



Figure 1: F00617 combined finalized IHO_1 child layer

A.4 Survey Coverage



Figure 2: F00617 Survey Outline

100% Multibeam echosounder coverage was collected for this survey. The highest resolution data possible was collected within the limited time window available. Only one search area on Sheet 1 was completed.



Figure 3: F00617 Overview Survey Outline

A.5 Survey Statistics

The following table lists the mainscheme and crossline acquisition mileage for this survey:

	Vessel	S 220	Total
	SBES Mainscheme	0	0
	MBES Mainscheme	72.98	72.98
	Lidar Mainscheme	0	0
	SSS Mainscheme	0	0
LNM	SBES/MBES Combo Mainscheme	0	0
	SBES/SSS Combo Mainscheme	0	0
	MBES/SSS Combo Mainscheme	0	0
	SBES/MBES Combo Crosslines	0	0
	Lidar Crosslines	0	0
Numb Sampl	er of Bottom es		0
Number AWOIS Items Investigated			0
Numb Bound Invest	er Maritime lary Points igated		0
Numb	er of DPs		0
Numb Invest	er of Items Items igated by Dive Ops		0
Total	Number of SNM		3.464

Table 2: Hydrographic Survey Statistics

The following table lists the specific dates of data acquisition for this survey:

Survey Dates	Julian Day Number
08/10/2012	223

Table 3: Dates of Hydrography

B. Data Acquisition and Processing

B.1 Equipment and Vessels

Refer to the Data Acquisition and Processing Report (DAPR) for a complete description of data acquisition and processing systems, survey vessels, quality control procedures and data processing methods. Additional information to supplement sounding and survey data, and any deviations from the DAPR are discussed in the following sections.

B.1.1 Vessels

The following vessels were used for data acquisition during this survey:

Hull ID	S 220
LOA	70.4 meters
Draft	4.7 meters

Table 4: Vessels Used

B.1.2 Equipment

Manufacturer	Model	Туре
RESON	7111	MBES
RESON	8160	MBES
Brooke Oean Technology Ltd	MVP200	Sound Speed System
Applanix	POS/MV V4	Positioning and Attitude System
RESON	SVP70	Sound Speed System

The following major systems were used for data acquisition during this survey:

Table 5: Major Systems Used

Only data from Reson 8160 were acceptable for application to the chart update product.

B.2 Quality Control

B.2.1 Crosslines

Crosslines, acquired for this survey, totalled 0% of mainscheme acquisition.

Crosslines were not collected per NOS Hydrographic Surveys Specifications and Deliverables Manual (HSSD), April 2012

B.2.2 Uncertainty

The following survey specific parameters were used for this survey:

Measured	Zoning
0.01 meters	0.1785 meters

 Table 6: Survey Specific Tide TPU Values

Hull ID	Measured - CTD	Measured - MVP	Surface
S 220		1 meters/second	0.5 meters/second

Table 7: Survey Specific Sound Speed TPU Values

B.2.3 Junctions

There are no contemporary surveys that junction with this survey. Project M-S974-FA-12, survey D00168 is reconnaissance data in the North Arctic Region that was also collected during the 2012 survey season but is not a junction survey.



Figure 4: Overview of Survey F00617 and survey D00168 track lines There are no contemporary surveys that junction with this survey.

B.2.4 Sonar QC Checks

Sonar system quality control checks were conducted as detailed in the quality control section of the DAPR.

B.2.5 Equipment Effectiveness

There were no conditions or deficiencies that affected equipment operational effectiveness.

B.2.6 Factors Affecting Soundings

Surface Sound Speed Sensor

Due to swell in the project area, brief periods of extreme refraction occurred when air bubbles flowed down the hull causing erroneous measurements for the surface sound speed sensor. An example of the erroneous measurements in surface sound speed and the refracted multibeam outer beams can be seen below.



Figure 5: Outer beam refraction due to erroneous surface sound speed values.



Figure 6: Outer beam refraction due to erroneous surface sound speed values. **Data is adequate and within specificiations to supersede charted data in the common area.**

B.2.7 Sound Speed Methods

Sound Speed Cast Frequency: Sound speed measurements were conducted and applied as discussed in the Corrections to Echo Soundings section of the DAPR.

For MVP deployment, the cast frequency was set to 15 to 30 minutes to compensate for the high sound speed variability in the area.

B.2.8 Coverage Equipment and Methods

All equipment and survey methods were used as detailed in the DAPR.

B.2.9 IHO Uncertainty

After filtering the Reson 7111 data to 68 degrees off nadir, it was found that 100% of nodes in the 2m finalized surface and 100% in the 4m finalized surface meet IHO Order1 specifications as stated in the NOS Hydrographic Surveys Specifications and Deliverables (HSSD) dated April 2012. 96.96% and 100% of the surface nodes for the 2m and 4m surfaces respectably, meet IHO Order 2 specifications. See Standards and Compliance Review in Appendix V for additional information.



Figure 7: 2m finalized surface IHO graph



Figure 8: 2m finalized surface Density graph



Figure 9: 4m finalized surface IHO graph



Figure 10: 4m finalized surface Density graph

B.2.10 Density

Density requirements for the 2m and 4m finalized surfaces were achieved with at least 97% of finalized surface nodes containing five or more soundings. See Standards Compliance Review in Appendix V for additional information.

B.2.11 Holiday Assessment

Complete multibeam coverage was obtained within the limits of F00617 except for the holidays noted below. The corresponding multibeam side scan was examined for all holidays larger than three nodes, and no navigationally significant items were found. The least depths of all navigationally significant features are represented by this survey.

B.3 Echo Sounding Corrections

B.3.1 Corrections to Echo Soundings

All data reduction procedures conform to those detailed in the DAPR.

B.3.2 Calibrations

All sounding systems were calibrated as detailed in the DAPR.

B.4 Backscatter

Backscatter was logged as a 7k file and submitted directly to NGDC to be archived and to PHB where the data will be processed.

B.5 Data Processing

B.5.1 Software Updates

There were no software configuration changes after the DAPR was submitted.

The following Feature Object Catalog was used:

B.5.2 Surfaces

The following surfaces and/or BAGs were submitted to the Processing Branch:

Surface Name	Surface Type	Resolution	Depth Range	Surface Parameter	Purpose
F00617_2m	CUBE	2 meters	18 meters - 40 meters	NOAA_2m	Object Detection
F00617_4m	CUBE	4 meters	36 meters - 80 meters	NOAA_4m	Object Detection
F00617_2m_Final_18to40	CUBE	2 meters	18 meters - 40 meters	NOAA_2m	Object Detection
F00617_4m_Final_36to80	CUBE	4 meters	36 meters - 80 meters	NOAA_4m	Object Detection
F00617_4m_Combined	CUBE	4 meters	18 meters -	NOAA_4m	Object Detection

Surface Name	Surface Type	Resolution	Depth Range	Surface Parameter	Purpose
			80 meters		

Table 8: Submitted Surfaces

The surfaces have been reviewed and where noisy data, or 'fliers' are incorporated into the gridded solution causing the surface to be shoaler than the true sea floor, and where these spurious soundings cause the gridded surface to be shoaler than the reliably measured seabed by greater than the maximum allowable TVU at that depth, the noisy data have been rejected and the surface recomputed and refinalized. All multibeam data has been filtered to 68/68 degrees from nadir rejecting the outermost beams. Data was reaccepted where any holidays were created. Both the RESON 8160 and 7111 data were collected for this project. However, the RESON 7111 data has been analyzed to supersede the charted soundings and the 7111 data has only been used to make the submitted field sheets for this project. The RESON 8160 data has been submitted but for archive purposes only.

C. Vertical and Horizontal Control

Additional information discussing the vertical or horizontal control for this survey can be found in the accompanying HVCR.

C.1 Vertical Control

The vertical datum for this project is Mean Lower Low Water.

Standard Vertical Control Methods Used:

Discrete Zoning

The following National Water Level Observation Network (NWLON) stations served as datum control for this survey:

Station Name	Station ID
Prudhoe Bay	9497645

Table 9: NWLON Tide Stations

File Name	Status
9497645.tid	Final Approved

Table 10: Water Level Files (.tid)

File Name	Status
F00617CORF.zdf	Final

Table 11: Tide Correctors (.zdf or .tc)

A request for final approved tides was sent to N/OPS1 on 08/27/2012. The final tide note was received on 09/14/2012.

Tide note is appended to this report

C.2 Horizontal Control

The horizontal datum for this project is North American Datum of 1983 (NAD83).

The projection used for this project is UTM 3N.

C.3 Additional Horizontal or Vertical Control Issues

3.3.1 WAAS Correctors

The Fairweather used an Integrated Differential GPS (DGPS) system offered within the POS MV 320 unit with BD960 receiver card for real-time positioning of the ship for this project. This provides the option of using Satellite- Based Augmentation Systems (SBAS) - such as WAAS - for real-time decimeter level accuracy in position data. For additional information on WAAS, see section 1.4.3 of the DAPR.

An adequate satellite constellation was also maintained throughout the project with 6-12 satellites in view.

D. Results and Recommendations

D.1 Chart Comparison

D.1.1 Raster Charts

The following are the largest scale raster charts, which cover the survey area:

Chart	Scale	Edition	Edition Date	LNM Date	NM Date
16082	1:50000	6	12/2003	04/05/2014	04/05/2014

Table 12: Largest Scale Raster Charts

16082

Soundings from survey F00617 generally agreed within 1 fathom with charted depths on chart 16082.

D.1.2 Electronic Navigational Charts

The following are the largest scale ENCs, which cover the survey area:

ENC	Scale	Edition	Update Application Date	Issue Date	Preliminary?
US2AK92	1:700000	7	05/02/2011	12/08/2011	NO

Table 13: Largest Scale ENCs

<u>US2AK92</u>

In general, the ENC US2AK92 matches chart raster16082.

D.1.3 AWOIS Items

No AWOIS items exist for this survey.

D.1.4 Maritime Boundary Points

No Maritime Boundary Points were assigned for this survey.

D.1.5 Charted Features

No charted features exist for this survey.

D.1.6 Uncharted Features

No uncharted features exist for this survey.

D.1.7 Dangers to Navigation

No Danger to Navigation Reports were submitted for this survey.

D.1.8 Shoal and Hazardous Features

No shoals or potentially hazardous features exist for this survey.

D.1.9 Channels

No channels exist for this survey. There are no designated anchorages, precautionary areas, safety fairways, traffic separation schemes, pilot boarding areas, or channel and range lines within the survey limits.

D.1.10 Bottom Samples

No bottom samples were required for this survey.

D.2 Additional Results

D.2.1 Shoreline

Shoreline was not assigned in the Hydrographic Survey Project Instructions or Statement of Work.

D.2.2 Prior Surveys

No prior survey comparisons exist for this survey.

D.2.3 Aids to Navigation

Aids to navigation (ATONs) do not exist for this survey.

D.2.4 Overhead Features

Overhead features do not exist for this survey.

D.2.5 Submarine Features

Submarine features do not exist for this survey.

D.2.6 Ferry Routes and Terminals

No ferry routes or terminals exist for this survey.

D.2.7 Platforms

No platforms exist for this survey.

D.2.8 Significant Features

The purpose of survey F00617 was object detection of potential historic shipwrecks. It was found that the seafloor in the survey area had multiple areas of ice gouging which also appears to have produced mounds along the side of the gouge or at the end. In most areas the mounds were no greater than 2 meters above or below the actual seafloor.



Figure 11: Seafloor ice gouging overview



Figure 12: SW seafloor ice gouging and small mount



Figure 13: NE seafloor ice gouging



Figure 14: Center seafloor ice gouging



Figure 15: Center of survey area ice gouge

D.2.9 Construction and Dredging

There is no present or planned construction or dredging within the survey limits.

D.2.10 New Survey Recommendations

These survey areas are known to have multiple historic shipwrecks which may be partially intact; as well as human artifacts associated with these shipwrecks. It is recommended that all survey areas and sheets listed in the project instructions be be surveyed as per the coverage requirements listed in the Project Instructions. It is further recommended that for future investigation multiple methods of object detection be utilized including sidescan sonar, sub-bottom profilers and magnetometers.

D.2.11 New Inset Recommendations

No new insets are recommended for this area.

E. Approval Sheet

As Chief of Party, Field operations for this hydrographic survey were conducted under my direct supervision, with frequent personal checks of progress and adequacy. I have reviewed the attached survey data and reports.

All field sheets, this Descriptive Report, and all accompanying records and data are approved. All records are forwarded for final review and processing to the Processing Branch.

The survey was conducted in agreement with practices outlined in the NOS Hydrographic Surveys and Specifications Deliverables Manual, Field Procedures Manual, Standing and Letter Instructions, and all HSD Technical Directives. These data are adequate to supersede charted data and serve the intended purpose. This survey is complete and no additional work is required with the exception of deficiencies noted in the Descriptive Report.

Report Name	Report Date Sent
Data Acquisition and Processing Report	2012-12-05
Coast Pilot Report	2012-12-14

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F. Table of Acronyms

Acronym	Definition
AHB	Atlantic Hydrographic Branch
AST	Assistant Survey Technician
ATON	Aid to Navigation
AWOIS	Automated Wreck and Obstruction Information System
BAG	Bathymetric Attributed Grid
BASE	Bathymetry Associated with Statistical Error
СО	Commanding Officer
CO-OPS	Center for Operational Products and Services
CORS	Continually Operating Reference Staiton
CTD	Conductivity Temperature Depth
CEF	Chart Evaluation File
CSF	Composite Source File
CST	Chief Survey Technician
CUBE	Combined Uncertainty and Bathymetry Estimator
DAPR	Data Acquisition and Processing Report
DGPS	Differential Global Positioning System
DP	Detached Position
DR	Descriptive Report
DTON	Danger to Navigation
ENC	Electronic Navigational Chart
ERS	Ellipsoidal Referenced Survey
ERZT	Ellipsoidally Referenced Zoned Tides
FFF	Final Feature File
FOO	Field Operations Officer
FPM	Field Procedures Manual
GAMS	GPS Azimuth Measurement Subsystem
GC	Geographic Cell
GPS	Global Positioning System
HIPS	Hydrographic Information Processing System
HSD	Hydrographic Surveys Division
HSSD	Hydrographic Survey Specifications and Deliverables

Acronym	Definition
HSTP	Hydrographic Systems Technology Programs
HSX	Hypack Hysweep File Format
HTD	Hydrographic Surveys Technical Directive
HVCR	Horizontal and Vertical Control Report
HVF	HIPS Vessel File
IHO	International Hydrographic Organization
IMU	Inertial Motion Unit
ITRF	International Terrestrial Reference Frame
LNM	Local Notice to Mariners
LNM	Linear Nautical Miles
MCD	Marine Chart Division
MHW	Mean High Water
MLLW	Mean Lower Low Water
NAD 83	North American Datum of 1983
NAIP	National Agriculture and Imagery Program
NALL	Navigable Area Limit Line
NM	Notice to Mariners
NMEA	National Marine Electronics Association
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NOS	National Ocean Service
NRT	Navigation Response Team
NSD	Navigation Services Division
OCS	Office of Coast Survey
OMAO	Office of Marine and Aviation Operations (NOAA)
OPS	Operations Branch
MBES	Multibeam Echosounder
NWLON	National Water Level Observation Network
PDBS	Phase Differencing Bathymetric Sonar
РНВ	Pacific Hydrographic Branch
POS/MV	Position and Orientation System for Marine Vessels
РРК	Post Processed Kinematic
PPP	Precise Point Positioning
PPS	Pulse per second

Acronym	Definition
PRF	Project Reference File
PS	Physical Scientist
PST	Physical Science Technician
RNC	Raster Navigational Chart
RTK	Real Time Kinematic
SBES	Singlebeam Echosounder
SBET	Smooth Best Estimate and Trajectory
SNM	Square Nautical Miles
SSS	Side Scan Sonar
ST	Survey Technician
SVP	Sound Velocity Profiler
TCARI	Tidal Constituent And Residual Interpolation
TPU	Total Porpagated Error
TPU	Topside Processing Unit
USACE	United States Army Corps of Engineers
USCG	United Stated Coast Guard
UTM	Universal Transverse Mercator
XO	Executive Officer
ZDA	Global Positiong System timing message
ZDF	Zone Definition File



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TIDE NOTE FOR HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY

DATE : September 07, 2012

HYDROGRAPHIC BRANCH: Pacific HYDROGRAPHIC PROJECT: S-S928-FA-2012 HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET: F00617

LOCALITY: Vicinity of Point Belcher, Arctic Ocean, AK TIME PERIOD: August 10, 2012

 TIDE STATION USED:
 949-7645
 Prudhoe Bay, AK

 Lat. 70°
 24.0'N
 Long. 148°
 31.6'W

PLANE OF REFERENCE (MEAN LOWER LOW WATER): 0.000 meters HEIGHT OF HIGH WATER ABOVE PLANE OF REFERENCE: 0.181 meters

REMARKS: RECOMMENDED ZONING Use zone(s) identified as: CS95 & CS105

Refer to attachments for zoning information.

Note 1: Provided time series data are tabulated in metric units (meters), relative to MLLW and on Greenwich Mean Time on the 1983-2001 National Tidal Datum Epoch (NTDE).



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APPROVAL PAGE

F00617

Data meet or exceed current specifications as certified by the OCS survey acceptance review process. Descriptive Report and survey data except where noted are adequate to supersede prior surveys and nautical charts in the common area.

The following products will be sent to NGDC for archive

- F00617_DR.pdf
- Collection of depth varied resolution BAGS
- Processed survey data and records
- F00617_GeoImage.pdf

The survey evaluation and verification has been conducted according current OCS Specifications.

Approved:_____

Peter Holmberg Cartographic Team Lead, Pacific Hydrographic Branch

The survey has been approved for dissemination and usage of updating NOAA's suite of nautical charts.

Approved:_____

LCDR Benjamin K. Evans, NOAA Chief, Pacific Hydrographic Branch