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DESCRIPTIVE REPORT.

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LOCALITY:

*Port Mulas and Mosquito
Reefs, Vieques island*

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Port Mulas and Mosquito Reefs, Vieques Id.

This part of Vieques Sound is traversed by coasting vessels, principally, and its harbors or anchorages are used for refuge by small schooners, only. It is important as including the large reefs known as Caballo Blanco, Corona, and Mosquito, and the town of Isabella Segunda or Port Mulas, the principal village on the Island.

The coast is rocky near Port Mulas and otherwise generally sandy.

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Its bluffs are low and grassy, but the land rises back of them to a ridge of hills which extends along the middle of the island. The land is largely under cultivation and inhabited by a class of people somewhat different from those of Porto Rico owing to the influence, it has been said, of the islands of St. Thomas and Santa Cruz.

Port Mulas is a thriving and attractive village. It has a regular mail-boat three times each week from Fajardo, but no closer telegraphic communication. Native food supplies may be obtained here, as well as laundry work, etc. Small vessels may be heaved down and cleaned.

There is also a small village called Mosquito, four or five miles west of Port Muldas, but it is a mere collection of huts, and unimportant.

The harbor of Port Muldas is small and shallow, and is open to the north and west except for the protection of the outlying reefs. It is frequented by many small schooners trading with the adjacent islands. Lighters are used for handling the cargoes. There is good holding ground here. It is approached from either side of Caballo Blanco or west of Mosquito Reef and inside all the reefs. There is also good anchorage at

various places inside these reefs
although there are several shoals
to be avoided. The bottom is
largely of coral and very uneven.
The reefs are awash and Caballo
Blanco is above water, so that
little difficulty is experienced in
approaching the anchorage.
There is a fixed red light at Port
Mulas. Prevailing winds seem
to be easterly and the sea is gen-
erally quite calm inside the reefs.

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DESCRIPTIVE REPORT.

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LOCALITY:

N. Coast of Vieques Id.
Port Mulas

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Coast & Geodetic Survey

O. H. Tittmann, Supt.

H Y D R O G R A P H Y

of the

North Coast of Vieques Island,

In vicinity of Mosquito Reef

by the

Party in charge of R. L. Faris, Assist,

Str. "EXPLORER"

Scale $\frac{1}{10000}$

Observers:-

E. Vance Miller, Captain's Clerk and N. H. Heck, Aid

Recorder:-

H. E. Klages, Writer 2 nd., class

Leadsman:-

F. N. Christensen, Qmr. 2 nd., class

Tides taken from tide tables

S T A T I S T I C S :-

Date 1905	Letter	Number of				Vessel
		Vol.	Angles	Sounding	Miles	
March 30	a	1	122	217	3.4	Steam Launch

*Positions plotted by E Vance Miller, Capt's Clerk
Reptracher & transferred Plotted & finished by F. C. Stone*

Admiral's Log

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Port Milas Sheet.

The additional soundings on this sheet are for special examination of certain spots for verification of the original survey.

No less depths of water were found than is at present shown on the published chart of this locality.

A. L. Jarvis

Assistant C. & G. Survey,

June, 1905.