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Report to accompany Hyay. Sheets 3905+3966.
of Phymouth Have and vicinity

This Hydg, extends from Rocky Point to Brandt Rock out to the hunits of the were drag work and meludes Phymouth Harbor, Duxhuy and Kingston Bays and some soundings up James Rever and in Duxbury warsh streams also Green River Harbor.

Manner of Sounding

at two minute intervals except when following small winding channels, where course was continually changing, where angles were taken every minute and plotted later. Hewer pasitions and more attention to course might have resulted in better lines but preferred the close control. Work was samewhat delayed by character of bay most of which die

bares at low Lide.

Character of inside waters (Kingston Bayet) Phymouth Harbor Kingston Bay and Dukhury Bay all hogether are Little better than a covered march with winding channels locally known as guzzlig " when small) and the dredged charmels to the Phymouth Whaves and to the Cordage What a faile of East of a line from Phymouth Beach Pier Head to The Glandish Monument much of the tothers is muddy with occassional small rocks usually less than two feet in diameter but so furnly plant ed in the mud that they act like the points of large rocks. In Kingston Bay there are two a ledges and one tig offshow boulder texides fring ing toulders near the shore north of the Cordage what There are also boulders on the beach of # Captains Hill Pennsula. It may be taken as a safe To expect small rocks here and there where ever There is issued battom. Captains Flat and the other sand areas and Browns Bank outside seem clear of racks. Much of Duybury Bay so long grass which fouls launch propellars. when there is 3 feet or more of water under the keed!

The various channels, to Duxbury Bridge, Phymouth Cordage and Duxbury Yacht chil are buoyed with spars. Many of the small guzzles are marked by brush stakes but unless are has studied the channel and brush buoys at low water They are no great help. The currents are strong and attimes there are choppy tide rips near Duxbury Light.

Character of Shipping

Phymouth Harbor is used by fishing boats and in summer by pleasure craft also during summer there is adaily steamer to Boston carrying passengers and healfreight. Large tramp steamers load or unload at the Cordage wharf.

Dangers, Rocks etc.

seems to be an area of small rocke probably about thirty meters in diameter. Found it by dragging a lary cotton rope from the launch and day. About seventy feet of the middle of the rope was weighted by repikes each lashed to the rope in two places.

This readily found the rocky area but it took several trials before it hung up firmly. When it was dragged over the racks it bright up ruffled kelp and rock moss. When it length The line caught firmly on the rocks the day end of hime was beought to launch and both ends made fast. The hores diverged gram stern of launch, evidented beglet was held cought by racks in two places about to feet apart. Tooks day and rounded in hight of him and all around it. Fot are sounding of 20 feet That reduces to 16 to feet, but could not find it again. There were two or three soundings of 23 ft and the rest were 25 feet. Have no wire drag experience but it seems to me a short drag would have been useful for finding the least Off Jaguish head where there a six foot spot is shown there is a well marked swirl when the tide runs strong an calm days have sounded for it several times but have failed to find it. The weighed line is useless as The whole neighborhood is rocky and it hangs up everywhere. The Rock off Rocky

Paul is known as buter Fautog Rock

Failed to find the least shown an the chart for

High Pine Ledge. Mr. I.d. Josephs an old fishing

Captain says he has seen the ledge at all tides

with heavy seas and never noticed a break.

Bartlett Rock is not noticeably on the large

seale chart of Phymouth Harbor. Until studying

small seals chart did not know there was a

tide rock known there. From Bartlet Rock took

to end of the work the inshore water is foul to

nawgated with caution.

Surtended carrying work farther month but Rexhause Windmill is gave, was told where it stood and saw old foundations but it was so housed about could see nothing from it. Tound a place an beach where I could see all site and took seeplant ougles to houses near also took 'angles from water. The cuts did not check well, fix weak, the beations on sheet as compromises. Angles in Angle took Had no plane table so when fix appeared. unreliable left off work

Green Piver Harbor

This harbor is useful only for small laurelies. Carly in summer it was much used by pleasure boats when it was sounded out the pleasure boats were gave and the place was noisome from barrels of bait stored along shore. The fetties ar made of large loose rocks, are lower at the ob outer ends and the outer ends and submerges at high tide. There are no beacons of any kind to mark end of jetties. Cut River or Canal Creek as It is sometimes called connects Green River Harbor and Duxhury Bay. At high tide it carries about seven feet but part of the way is only sex or sever feet wide and the grass fouls professors; at low tide it bares in places. It is crossed by Two bridges the southern one has only three feet of chearance at low lide. By taking advantage of tide and current dories and shiffs pass this way. Duxbury March has many Tide runs used by duck hunters. Back river is used by summer boats. There is a draw

to the outer beach but it is kept booked and the chains and hoisting apparatus book rusted out. Duybury Marsh, as well the smaller marshed in the vicinity, is a marguite hatchery

While we were in vicinity a Light house tender replaced the spars on Bartlett Rock and Howland Ledge. They are both red. Within the last week dredging has been resurred in Phymouth Harbor, but have no authorative knowledge of the amount of work to be done

to me hardly practicable to charter a launch for sounding without some agreeament for rembursing the owned for damages sustained by while sounding. In Phymoup this work it was next to impassible to keep from grounding occassionaly on the flats and three times during this work the launch had to be beached by to repair shight damaged incurred while working.

But fortunately on account of tad weather and Sundays was delayed very little for repairs. Where as is often the case the ower of chartered toats acts as consuming it is natural for him to be reductant to take the risks of even careful sounding, when the possible damage is all his. Still capt S.a. Joseph has been very helpful and gone charfully over the flator after out funding what a small rock furnily bedded in the mud could do to a launch.

Respectfully Definited

IMDailey

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Plymouth Hydrography: Wire Drag Party No.2
Statistics sheet No.1

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Positions Not Plotted

A' Day --- Rocky Point

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L' Day - - - Rocky Point

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Statistics Supplemental work Hydrographic Sheet 3905

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To be placed with hydrographic sheet No. 3905.

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U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

WASHINGTON

Washington, D.C., February 26, 1917.

The Superintendent, Coast and Geodetic Survey, Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the following data to accompany the hydrographic sheets of Plymouth Harbor and vicinity forwarded from Greenport, N.Y., during November, 1916.

Hydrographic Title Sheet.

Hyd. Sheet 3906.

Descriptive report.

Hyd. Sheets 3905 and 3906.

Table of Statistics.
Tidal Note
Plotting notes.

Place with descriptive report of hydrographic sheet No. 3905.
(Signed) G.L.F.
Drawing Section.

8 Photographs of Plymouth Harbor.

As the sheet from Gurnet Point to Brant Rock is but a continuation of the main sheet of Plymouth Harbor, Mr. Dailey prepared one Report and Table of Statistics to cover both sheets.

The projection on 1;5,000 scale covering vicinity of Green Harbor was not used as Mr. Dailey found that it was not large enough for the necessary objects to be plotted, and also that the work could be done as well on the 1;10,000 sheet.

The work was plotted, with the exception of the positions noted, at Greenport. There was no opportunity to enter the soundings before the season closed.

Respectfully.

(Signed) Jean H. Hawley.

Chief of Party.

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HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET 3905

Approaches to Plymouth Harbor, Mass. E.B.Latham in 1917

Plane of reference is Mean low water, reading

3.0 ft.on tide staff at Plymouth.

L. P. Shidy Acting Chief, Section of

Tides and Currents.

HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET 3905.

Brant Rock to Gurnet and Green Harbor, Mass., by Assistant J.H.Hawley in 1916.

TIDES.

	Plymouth	Green H ar bor	
	Feet.	Feet.	
Mean low water, or plane of reference on staff	3.0	1.7	
Mean range of tide	9.6	8.8	

Position's protracted by Field Party. Soundings flotted and inched by S. L. R.

The records of this survey are not as complete as they should be. Not enough bottoms are given, and the convertaken by the launch is recorded only at rare intervals, thereby necessitating considerable checking of the protracting that could have been avoided had every change in course been recorded. About changes in depth were not Q, K'd and several rocks were shown near show both north and south of D Wire, on the boat sheet, but no locations for them are given, except ocassionally in a very vague way.

The 12 foot sounding east of Bartlett's Rock (lat. 42° 04'40"-long. 70° 37' 38") may be the indication of a decided shoal, which falling as it does, east of the bury marking Bartlett's Rock, is in the path of a vessel which in a storm or fog might try to bug the shore as closely as possible.

hoth of this shool are two shool areas of 17 and 18 feet, which might be indications of dangers to navigation and therefore should have been investigated.

Positione 19 to 39 inclusive, appear very doubtful and were rejected; as the soundings between position's 39 and 49 differed from those of parallel lines by from 2 to 0 feet.

The position's were carefully protracted and the crossings

as a whole were good.

The changes since the previous survey made in 1854 have been so great that a comparison of the two sheets is practically useless. However, the 2 foot spot shown on chart 338 at High Pine Ledge purbably no longer exists, the least water found there by this survey being 6 feet.

So L. Rosenberg.

Soundings in feet.

Hyd. Sheet No. 3905 Additional Work of 1917, by Asst. E. B. Latham

The supplemental work done on this sheet appears to be very good, the lines are straight, the time intervals uniform and the crossings satisfactory.

This work agrees very well with the work of 1916 and was protracted and plotted on the original hyd. sheet, (Myd 3905) and the curves corrected to conform with the combined soundings.

The work consists of an examination of High Pine Ledge, the entrance to Green Harbor and the area between Bartlets ak and Howland's Ledge.

The soundings around Howland's Ledge show no indication of the seven foot spot shown on chart #338. It is unfortunate that this spot was missed by the wire drag survey.

As stated in the descriptive report, the weather was unfavorable for finding the least water over the rocky shoals, therefor the shoaler depths, shown on the old surveys, should be retained in these critical places. (As recommended by Capt. Latham)

M.L. Johnston

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HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET 3906

Plymouth Harbor, Mass. E.B.Latham in 1917.

Plane of reference is Mean low water, reading

3.0 ft.on tide staff at Plymouth.

G. P. Shidy Acting Chief, Section of

Tides and Currents.

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HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET 3906.

A SURVEY

Plymouth Harbor and Vicinity, Massachusetts, by

Assistant Jean H. Hawley in 1916.

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TIDES.

	Plymouth ft.	Back River ft.
Mean low water, or plane of reference on staff	3.0	0.9
Mean range of tide	9.6	9.6

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Hydrographic Sheet No. 3906, Plymonth Harbor + Vicinity.

The positions for the work on this sheet were protracted by the field porty and, in general, have been taken as correct the platting of the sounding however developed numerous sounditions which would appear errors but as many of these conditions were corefully rewified and no errors appearing this for tion of the work would appear good and that these apparent errors are due to existing conditions,

While the work of the porty indicates the intention to thoroughly and accusally line and sound this locality it would appear that a few additional lines could have been new to advantage and that the open spat which now appear in doubt could have been more accurately devalaged! this appears more particularly in the low water curve.

The records are generally good but it is noted that but only an occasionally change of Rourse is recorded; had "General Instructions" been followed in this porticular some of the apparent errors could have been virified. In Johnes Biver the soundings can only be considered approximate as some of the signals used were off the sheet which made it necessary to fold these positions and soundings on the Topographic sheet and trusper our of the signals used was also off the Topographic sheet and two others indefinite.

In Cut Bines above the bridge and the many slues the party attempted to run the different channels but in many cases missed out which leaves these channels in doubt.

Hyd sheet No. 3906 (2)

appeared on previous Charts and later elemented as an error.

a Combination sheet of this outer channel showing the soundings of this sheet combined with those of sheet No. 3034 of 1909 by assistant It. I Hodkins has been made and accompanies this sheet.

John D. Tonney 6/6/17

Verified by S. L. Rosenberg.

Descriptive Report, Supplemental Work Tydrographic Sheet 3906 Plymouth Harbor and Vicinity

The soundings on this supplemental sheet are largely as indicated on a tracing sent to me by the Office.

When the supplemental soundings indicated deeper water or the existence of sloughs not shown on the survey of 1918, additional development was madd. It was impracticable to runthe lines as indicated by the Office, owing to weather conditions, but it is thought that the areas, indicated are covered.

Discrepancies of as much as three feet from the soundings of 1916 were noted, probably due to faulty tidal reductions, The tidal observations of 1909at Duxbury Pier Light, should be of interest in this connection.

The old hydrographic sheets of this region, see Hydrographic sheets 422-516-1035-1067-1339 and 3034, should be used when the adjustment between the work of 1916 and 1917.

The depths and limits of sloughs in the harbor have changed. The rocks shown on the old sheets and minimum depths should be retained, though differing from the results of 1916 and 17.

A tracing of the survey showing the dredged channel to the Duxbury Yatch Club channel, by the Masachusetts Water Ways Commission, is submitted with the records for this sheet.

There is a project to do additional dredging off the northern water front of the town of Plymouth, this should be so shown on the new chart if it is available, from the Water Ways Commission of the State of Massachusettes, when the chart is issued.

Chief of Party C 5 G Survey

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Washington Nov 30th 1917

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Hyd. Sheet No. 3906 2 (Additional Nork of 1917, by Asst & B. Latham)

This additional work was done partly to supplement the work of 1916, partly to be used to control the work of 1916 and also to either disprove or verify certain suspicious soundings in the former work.

This work was done under most unfavorable weather conditions, using inexperienced men hired on the ground, but the lines are straight and the time interval between positions is unusually uniform. The soundings cross very well with about a dozen exceptions, probably due to an occasional poor left angle, the nature of the ground and other causes.

The additional work was protracted, plotted and inked on tracing cloth by the field farty, but this was before the final tidal reduction was made and many of the soundings were one foot off, the figures were not legible and no attempt had been made to straighten out the poor crossings.

It was the original intention to plot the supplemental work directly on the original hydrographic sheet (Ayd 3906), on which the work of 1916 had allred, been plotted and inked. This was realized to be impractical, for the sheet would be in no condition to do further work whom after erasing the curves. Also it would have been impossible to have adjusted the work of 1916, which was allready plotted and inked to conform with the later work. Therefore it was decided to use a combination tracing.

A new tracing was made and the positions as protracted by the field party were traced. This protracting was accepted after about ten per cent of the positions had been tested and found correct. On these lines the soundings were entirely replotted and specal.

The tracing was then laid over the original hyd sheet (Ayd3906) and a careful comparison made. In such places where there was a marked difference between the survey of 1916 and the work of 1917, all the information at hand was considered, but the later work was followed. (By direction of Chief of A+7. Div. and the Chief Draftsman) Also all doubtful soundings in the work of 1916, apparently disproved by the supplemental work, were left off.

The soundings on this work are shown in black. The soundings from the survey of 1916 by I.M. Dailey (Hyd 3906) are shown in red. The soundings shown in green, in the affroaches to Plymouth Harb, are from the survey of 1909 by N.C. Hodgkins. (Hyd. 3034.)

The curves were drawn from the combined soundings.

R.L. Johnston