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U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

Type of Survey

Hydrographic

Field No.

Office No. 4258

LOCALITY

State California

General locality Mexican Border

Locality to Point Loma off

San Diego

1922-1923

CHIEF OF PARTY

H. A. Seaman

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U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY	
State: California	
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DESCRIPTIVE REPORT	
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LOCALITY:	
Mexican Border to Pt Loma	
Off San Diego	
1922 + 1923	
CHIEF OF PARTY:	
H. A. Searan	

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

to accompany

HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET NO 4

APPROACHES TO SAN DIEGO BAY

CALIFORNIA

H. A. Seran, Chief of Party.

1. As the original survey of the region covered by this sheet was made a number of years ago, the present survey is in the nature of a revision and but little description is necessary to explain the sheet or add to the knowledge of this section of the coast.
2. The previous hydrography was transferred from copies of the original sheet to the boat sheet. Additional sounding lines were run to conform to the instructions for this work which called for a spacing of the sounding lines of $\frac{1}{4}$ miles out to the 50 fathom curve.
3. In general the present survey checked the previous survey inside the 20 fathom curve but outside that curve the old survey was not so accurate. The 100 fathom curve was changed considerably. The bank shown on chart 5102 is considerably larger and extends much farther north than the old survey shows.

4. Limits of sheet.

The sheet connects with the inshore hydrographic sheet of the party of the Pioneer on the north; with previous hydrography inshore; and with the current off shore sheet at the outer limits.

5. Dangers.

There are no especial dangers within the limits of the sheet unless the two kelp patches are termed such. One of these patches lies just west of Point Loma and extends northward parallel with the shore line well into the sheet of the Pioneer. The other patch lies about 7 miles southeast of the entrance to San Diego Bay.

b. Subsequent development on the off-shore sheet in the vicinity of the 173 fathom sounding shown in latitude $32^{\circ} 28\frac{1}{2}'$ and longitude $117^{\circ} 22'$ failed to verify this depth.

6. Depth curves.

The 20, 50 and 100 fathom curves are shown on the sheet in pencil.

7. Method of Survey.

The entire hydrography was controlled by fixed positions on shore objects. The irregular lines at the southwestern edge of the sheet were occasioned by the use of Signal Char, the northern tangent of an orchard located on the high bluff south of the Mexican Border. Inside the 20 fathom curve the soundings were taken with hand lead; between the 20 and 100 fathom curves the soundings were taken with the Coast Survey sounding tubes, using 2 tubes at the same time and checking every fifth sounding with a vertical cast with the ship stopped; outside the 100 fathom curve the soundings were all vertical casts taken with the ship stopped.

H. J. Stetan.

List of signals used on Hydrographic Sheet No. 4.
U.S.S. Discoverer, 1922-23, H. A. Seran, Chief of Party.

- *Peak --- Northern peak on North Coronado Island.
- *North --- Highest peak on North Coronado Island.
- ** Rock -- Outlying rock, southern end North Coronado Island.
- ** Mid -- Highest point, Middle Coronado Island.
- ** Point - Outlying rock, northern end South Coronado Island.
- ** New -- Point Loma Light House, New Tower.
- ** Old -- " " " " , Old Tower.
- ** W. Navy- West wireless mast on Point Loma.
- ** E Navy East " " " " "
- ** Dome -- Dome on Theosophical Temple, Point Loma.
- ** Cor -- Hotel Coronado Tower.
- ** Cin -- Chimney on Incinerator.
- ** Dune -- Old triangulation station.
- ** Radio-- Radio Compass station.
- ** Mon -- Mexican Boundry monument.
- ** Tow -- Highest tower in exposition grounds.
- ** San -- San Miguel Mountain.
- * Tank -- Water tank on Point Loma.
- * Mast -- Northern wireless mast, East San Diego.
- *** Ho -- Chimney of house back from beach.
- *** Char - Northerntangent of orchard on bluff south of border.

- * Triangulation location, present party.
- ** Old triangulation stations.
- *** Hydrographic location, present party.

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G.G.B. SURVEY
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STATISTICS - HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET # 4 .

Approaches to San Diego Bay
California.

1.5.5. Discoverer

H.A. Swan, Chief of Party

DATE	Letter	Volume	Positions	Soundings	Stat.Miles	Vessel
Nov.21,1922	A	1	13	13	9.5	Discoverer
22	B		97	136	42.0	
23	C		71	113	31.8	
24	D	2	82	119	37.0	
27	E	1	67	99	33.0	
28	F	3	84	135	31.7	
29	G		37	66	17.3	
Dec. 5	H	2	59	82	28.1	
6	J		71	125	37.5	
7	K		42	55	24.2	
8	L	4	71	104	32.0	
9	M		22	34	8.3	
12	N	5	55	171	15.8	
14	P		98	215	27.9	
15	Q		93	328	28.0	
18	R		64	188	18.3	
19	S	6	110	365	34.1	
20	T		67	253	21.5	
21	U		95	457	29.6	
22	V		57	151	13.3	
		4	27	45	12.2	
26	W		69	107	33.6	
27	X		42	60	21.3	
28	Y	3	61	126	26.5	
Jan.15,1923	Z		63	91	34.0	
29	A'		10	24	3.5	
		2	11	23	5.4	
		7	11	11	7.0	
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C.H.C.

COPY TO FIELD RECORDS.

April 17, 1923.

Division of Hydrography and Topography:

Division of Charts:

Tide reducers are approved in
volumes of sounding records for

HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET

4238

Locality:

Mexican border - Point Loma, California

Chief of Party:

Plane of reference ~~1st~~ st. Baran in 1922-1923
ft. on tide staff from lower low water, reading

3.6 ----- San Diego.
auto. gauge

For reduction of soundings, condition of records satisfactory
except as checked below:

1. Locality and sublocality of survey omitted.
2. Month and day of month omitted.
3. Time meridian not given at beginning of day's work.
4. Time (whether A.M. or P.M.) not given at beginning of day's work.
5. Soundings (whether in feet or fathoms) not clearly shown in record.
6. Leadline correction entered in wrong column.
7. Field reductions entered in "Office" column.
8. Location of tide gauge not given at beginning of each day's work.
9. Leadline corrections not clearly stated.
10. Kind of sounding tube used not stated.
11. Sounding tube No. entered in column of "Soundings" instead of "Remarks".
12. Legibility of record could be improved.
13. Remarks.

Harrison
Chief, Division of Tides and Currents.
Acting

Report on Verification and Inking H. 4258.

The records and notes were complete. The field drafting was excellent, the protracting accurate, and time intervals observed in plotting soundings. The chart itself was clean and in good condition.

In the reduction of soundings in the shoaler area, the reduced soundings were entered in the record in fathoms and tenths which is contrary to the "Instructions". In depths less than 7 fathoms reducers should have been entered to the nearest half foot instead of the nearest foot.

2. Since there is a chart published in feet, covering the inshore part of the work, the soundings involved were reduced in this section, with reducers taken to tenths of feet and headline correction to tenths of fathoms. The soundings were then plotted in fathoms and sixths of fathoms, even over 7 fathoms contrary to the General Instructions, in order to allow the sounding to be readily converted into feet.

3. On A day deep soundings, though not rejected in the record were not plotted on the sheet by the field party. As these appear to be in error they were not inked.

4. The method of using tube soundings seems illogical. The constant error of each tube was found by comparative readings of wire and tube on vertical casts. From these comparisons a curve was drawn with depths as ordinates and error of tube as abscissae. There was thus deduced a sliding scale of corrections, depending on the depth. Thus far the method is good. But after this constant correction had been determined and applied in the reduction of soundings, if a wire vertical cast sounding showed a greater depth than the tube, the former was disregarded and the shoal depth plotted; the fact that the wire had been the standard in finding the tube error

*Autographed
by letter of
Dec. 6, 22
S.R.*

*Agreement between the soundings in fathoms, etc.
and those in feet, made by the
vertical casts in fathoms, etc., to be
made by the wire.*

apparently being of minor importance. The depths being great (over 20 fathoms), there is no danger in the above, but it certainly cannot be called accurate and logical.

5. Another point regarding tube sounding is that the method of survey used two tubes for each cast. If the disagreement between two tubes exceeded a certain per cent of the depth the sounding was called a miss. Yet when one tube failed to register or water lost, etc., the other tube was accepted in many instances, although there was no check.

6. Referring to paragraph 5b of the descriptive report, the 173 fathom sounding was plotted in the office using the signals as originally recorded. This puts the sounding about $\frac{2}{3}$ mile N.W. of the field position which was plotted with North as right object. This does not agree with the boat sheet but the boat sheet position did not fit either of the recorded angles and it is therefore assumed the position on the B.S. is wrong. Evidently the only purpose the office who plotted the sheet had in using North as right object was to make the position fall closer the boat sheet position. Subsequent sounding does not verify this depth (see Descrip. report and sheet). Therefore two conclusions may be drawn; 1. that the sounding is incorrect; or 2. that the subsequent development was too far to the S.E. to touch the shoal.

Frank W. Albert Draftsman,
Section of Field Records.

May 8, 1923.

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U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

AND REFER TO NO. 4-DRM

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

WASHINGTON

July 9, 1923.

SECTION OF FIELD RECORDS

Report on Hydrographic Sheet No. 4258

International Boundary to Pt. Loma.

Surveyed in 1922 - 23.

Instructions dated Oct. 18, 1922 and Dec. 6, 1922.

Chief of Party, H. A. Seran.

Surveyed by H. A. Seran, J. H. Peters, H. W. Hemple and R. W. Woodworth.

Protracted and soundings plotted by P. H. White.

Verified and inked by F. M. Albert.

1. The records conform to the General Instructions except that the tide reducers between 3 and 7 fathoms should have been to the nearest half foot. (See Circular No. 21. Sept. 30, 21). The data upon which tube corrections were based are unusually clear and complete.
2. The plan and character of development fulfill the requirements of the General Instructions.
3. The plan and extent of development satisfy the specific instructions. The work, as directed, extended over the area of the previous surveys. The inshore work of the latter checks well with the new survey, but the previous survey is out of position in the offshore areas. As all of H. 4258 is based on 3-point fixes, it should be given the preference where differences exist.
4. The sounding line crossings are adequate.
5. The information is sufficient for drawing the usual depth curves.
6. The field plotting was completed to the extent prescribed in the General Instructions, and none of it had to be done over by the office draftsman.

7. The junctions with adjacent sheets are satisfactory, except as noted in paragraph 3.
 8. The correctness of the 173-fathom sounding in the southwestern portion of the survey is doubtful in view of the development in its vicinity. The development is not sufficiently close, however, to disprove it and it should be charted.
- No further surveying within the area of the survey is required.
9. Both the surveying and field drafting are excellent.
 10. The excellent results obtained by the use of sounding tubes on this survey deserves special mention.

The numerous cross sounding lines offer ample opportunity for checking the accuracy of the work by comparison of soundings at the crossings. Judged by this test this survey compares favorably with any results obtained by up and down casts.

This high degree of accuracy has been obtained by the application of correction factors to all tube depths. As those factors, which amount to 7 to 8% of the tube readings, are based upon comparison with up and down casts, and temperature and barometer observations, it is evident that the information on all these points must be systematically made and recorded.

It is noted that all corrections are additive. The corrections for temperature and barometer are very small, and if they be subtracted from the total corrections the remainders will represent the errors due to the scale. If the scales are modified to eliminate these scale errors, the depths obtained by the tubes will be nearer to the correct depths, and the tube readings will be correspondingly more accurate. While this higher degree of accuracy is not absolutely essential for surveying, where the errors can be corrected, the tubes will be more accurate when used by navigators.

It is recommended, therefore, that, as soon as data are received from the field for additional tubes the scale be modified to eliminate the errors.

11. Reviewed by E. P. Ellis, July, 1923.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
U.S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

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HYDROGRAPHIC TITLE SHEET

The finished Hydrographic Sheet is to be accompanied by the following title sheet, filled in as completely as possible, when the sheet is forwarded to the Office.

U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.

Register No. 4258

State . . California

*San Diego*General locality ~~Off. Coast of Southern California~~Locality ~~International~~ Mexican Boundary to Point Loma

Chief of party . H. A. Seaman, Lt. Comm.

Surveyed by ~~H. A. Seaman, Lt. Comm. Party of the Discovery~~

Date of survey Nov. 21, 1922, Jan. 29, 1923

Scale 1/-40,000

Soundings in Fathoms

Plane of reference Mean lower low water

Protracted by P.H. White, D.O. Soundings in pencil by P.H. White, D.O.

Inked by *F.M. Albert*. Verified by *F.M. Albert*

Records accompanying sheet (check those forwarded):

Des. report, Tide books, Marigrams, Boat sheets, Sounding books, Wire-drag books, Photographs.

Data from other sources affecting sheet

Statistics sheet, Reel correction table, Temp. and Barom. Correction table, Constant error correction table, 4 Curves showing constant tube error, 4 Sheets showing comparisons of tube readings with up and down Remarks: soundings.

Bromide copies of following hydrographic sheets 564, 567, 1888, 1889, 1905, 2185.

SOUNDINGS				Locality S. Cal.		Sublocality Off La Jolla		
or 19.2.2 Month Dec.		Day of Month 28		Boat used		Ship		
TIME MHR 120 P.M.	SOUNDINGS		REDUCED SOUNDINGS		BOTTOM	HEADING BY COMPASS	ANGLES AND RANGES	WIRE RUN OUT Fath.
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(251) Nov	20	1	4.4					
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24-0								
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(251) 2	23	3	to 4					
51-45								
(252) 1	30	0						
(251) 2	30	5						
57-45								
(252) 1	33	9						
(251) 2	34	8						
67-25								
(252) 1	38	7						
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64-00								
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(251) 2	35	7						
10-30								
(252) 1	34	2						
(251) 2	32	0						

Clock and Sextant
Run to anchorage
Miles Hydrography
33 - 73

STATISTICS FOR	Ship
Boat used	Ship
No. of miles (estimated)	12
No. of soundings	33
No. of positions	33
No. of parties	67

Locality
S. Cal.

Dec. _____ Day of Month 28.

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Sublocality
Off. Pt. Loma
San Diego

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					27	Old 79-08 67 Gas Yel 45-56	
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Locality.

S. S. S.

Sublocality

Off. Lamo.

Dec. 28 Day of Month

Boat used Ship Size ; X day

OUNDINGS

Locality
S. Cal.

Year 1922 Month Dec Day of Month 28

Reduced

Ship

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Locality

S. Cal.

Off. 2 P.M. Lomo

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BONDINGS

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Baptized Ship

1923

1000-10000 m.s⁻¹

Locality

S. Cal.

Dec. _____ Day of Month. 28

Sublocality

Off Pt. Loma.

Boat used Ship

SOUNDINGS			Locality S. Cal.		Sublocality Off Pt. L			
Month	Dec.	Day of Month	TIME		Boat used		Ship	
			TIME		REDUCED SOUNDINGS			
TIME		Depth Fathoms		Bottom		ANGLES AND RANGES		
Min. 120		Fathoms		Fathoms		W.M. Run Out		
P.M.		Fathoms		Fathoms		Fathoms		
Fathoms		Fathoms		Fathoms		Fathoms		
10	43-50					Old	55-15	50
11	(253) 32	5				Cas		
12	(34) 27	7		34 8		Yel.	71-02	
13	46-01					Old	48-42	52
14	(252) 33	5				Cas		
15	(20) 37			35 1		Yel.	73-36	
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17	(251) 35	2				Cas		
18	(253) 27	7		34 3		Yel.	75-20	
19	51-27					Old	30-12	
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