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Sheet No. 3 - Project No. 41

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Ship RANGER Charles Shaw Commanding

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Sheet #3

Project No. 41, 1929

Delaware - Maryland

#### AUTHORITY:

Directors orders dated July 1, 1929.

#### LIMITS:

This sheet comprises all the hydrography within the area between shore and a distance of 7 to 8 miles offshore, where a junction with the LYDONIA'S 1929 work was obtained and between latitude 26 - 28.5 on the north and 26 - 23-3/4 on the south; except two shoals one of which was developed by the LYDONIA in 1929 and the other in previous years.

The sheet also includes a development of Isle of Wight Shoal on the southeast corner, an inshore area about 2 miles square on the southwest corner and a narrow strip of launch work parallel to the beach south to Ocean City, Maryland.

## SURVEY METHODS:

The inshore work was done by ship's 22 foot motor dinghy, and called sheet #3C; also the development of Fenwick Island Shoal was done by the motor dinghy and called sheet #3B.

On account of the distance from shore and poor visibility during the whole season, the ship's pulling boats had to be anchored and located on Fenwick Island Shoal for control of that hydrography. Also Fenwick Island Shoal gas and whistle buoy was located and used.

The remainder of the hydrography on this sheet is handlead with the exception of a small area near the southern edge, which is Q day fathometer work. On J day the fathometer was run and simultaneous comparisons made with the handlead and recorded. This was done to see if the fathometer was functioning properly. Such good results were obtained that it was later used in the deeper water on Q day.

The usual comparisons, temperatures, salinities and dial speed was obtained during the work on Q day and may be found in the sounding records and fathometer report accompanying this sheet.

## JUNCTIONS:

Junction was made with previous work on the north. A slight overlap was obtained with the LYDONIA'S work on the east and south. The
limits of the LYDONIA'S soundings and previous season's developments
within the area of this sheet were overlapped slightly..

#### DANGERS:

Fenwick Island Shoal lies about 5 miles east of Fenwick Island lighthouse and is marked near the southwest edge by a lighted gas and whistle buoy. Two wrecks were located on it, one having 8 feet on it and the other 16 feet. Swims marked the location of both.

Outside/the wrecks the least depth found on the shoal was 15 feet.

A very careful search was made of least depth on the wrecks.

The vicinity of the swirls was carefully sounded. The launch dragged anchor until it caught in the wreck, then by going ahead on engine and swinging on anchor the soundings were obtained. Midway between

the location of the two wrecks (positions lc and ld) is the charted position of a wreck. Nothing could be found here. Fishermen who were familiar with the location of the two wrecks described above say that one wreck was blown up by the Coast Guard. This may be the one located position ld. And the charted wreck may be either of the two found but slightly out of position.

## Isle of Wight Shoal:

Isle of Wight Shoal was carefully developed by the ship. No indicated.

cations could be found of the 16 foot spot charted on this shoal. A

buoy marking the western edge of this shoal was cut in from shore signals.

The least depth found was 21 feet. If the charted positions of soundings in this vicinity were moved about 300 meters southeast they would agree much closer with our soundings, excepting of course, the 16 foot spot which would then fall on 25 or 26 feet soundings instead of being where about 32 feet is indicated.

Shoal in Lat. 38 - 25 to Long. 74 - 55 to Least depth found here was 24 feet lying in lat. 38 - 25 plus 950 meters and long. 74 - 55 plus 550 meters. Here also closer agreement would be had with charted soundings if the charted work was moved about 300 meters southeast.

Shoal in lat. 38 - 27, long. 75 - 00:
This shoal is quite flat and extensive. A slose development of this area
was made and least depth of 28 feet found.

Soundings taken in previous years agree fairly well with this survey except a charted 30 feet sounding in lat. 38'- 26'.7, long 75'- 00' which falls on 42 feet of water. This 30 foot sounding is undoubtedly meant for the shoal to the westward where a least depth of 33 feet is shown.

East of Fenwick Island Shoal:

A close development of a shoal area in lat. 38 - 28½, long. 74 - 54 was made and a least depth of 29 feet found. A 30 foot sounding on chart 1219 falls very close to this shoal and the 33 foot sounding on chart 1220 falls just west of the shoal in 38 feet of water. However it is thought this 33 foot sounding was probably taken on the shoal originally.

Chart 1220 also shows 33 feet very near to the small shoal in lat. 38°-27'.8, long. 74°-54.8. However 35 feet seems to be the least depth now.

Although extensively developed no evidence was found of the 28 foot spot shown on chart 1220 in lat. 38°- 28'.5, and long. 74°- 53'.2.

OTHER DISCREPANCIES:

A charted 28 foot depth falls in 36 feet at lat. 38 - 28 and long. 75 - 02. A 32 foot depth was found about 200 meters west of this 28 foot depth. Judging by the slope of the bottom here it is probable that there is a 28 foot least depth.

About 2,100 meters southeast of  $\triangle$  We is a charted 25 foot depth where about 34 feet is indicated. Probably this 25 foot depth is shown slightly too far to the north and is really on the north end of the long shoal coming up from the southward.

The 28 foot charted depth about 400 meters southwest of 2 So is probably shown too far to the westward and is really the tip of the southwest tip of Fenwick Island Shoal.

Numerous other apparent discrepancies between this survey and previous depths can be explained if the charted soundings may be assumed liable to some error in position.

## INSHORE WORK:

Launch work was carried from a junction with the ship work in to as close to the beach as the best weather would permit; which allowed for a development of the 1 fathom curve. A very close development of the shoal to the east of  $\triangle$  Horse gave a least depth of 17 feet.

Two fish traps were sketched in on the boat sheet in their correct location but the north trap extends father to the east than shown, althouthe eastern limit was not located.

## CROSSINGS:

Positions	Soundings	Explanation
22 - 23c 82j	37 32	Steep slope
135 - 138D 28 - 36H	D day about 3 ft. deeper than H day	Long distance from shore signals probably caused two lines to plot closer together than actually were.
140 - 141D 17 - 18 b	45 34	Edge of shoal - steep.
75 - 76H 54 - 55H	60 64	60 foot sounding used.
115 - 116H 38 - 39D	38 31	Steep
147H 103a	36 25	On edge of Fenwick Id. Shoal Launch work buoy control - shipwork shore fixes.

## CROSSINGS: (cont'd)

Positions	Soundings	Explanation
100L 89 - 90c	27 33	Slight desplacement in position due to fix would cause this.
178P 170 - 171P	36 31	On edge of Isle of Wight Shoal. Leadline undoubtedly read one fathom wrong.

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## TIDAL NOTE:

Portable automatic tide guages were maint-ained at Ocean City, Maryland by LYDONIA and at Lewes, Delaware by RANGER. From Sept. 22 to October 4 the Ocean City guage was out of commission due to storm destruction: It was found that there was about an hour difference in time of tide between Lewes, and Ocean City and that Atlantic City, N. J. and Ocean City, Md. were nearly the same. So Atlantic City tides were used for all work after September 22. See Directors letter dated November 20, 1929. On all other days Ocean City tides were used, with no corrections.

> Plane of reference Ocean City - data not available. Highest tide observed Lowest

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## STATISTICS

Sheet No. 3

## Delaware - Maryland

1929

,	Date	Vol.	Day	Sdgs.	Pos.	Miles.	Remarks
	Sep. 4	1	A	427	110	19.9	Ship sheet 3A
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	13.	2	E	321	101	22.0	
	17	2	F	350	87	18.7	
	24	2	G	118	29	6.1	
	25	2 & 3	H	501	148	22.6	
	26	3	J H	342 <b>F7</b> 7	95	17.6	
	27	3	K	125	26	5.8	
-	Oct. 7	3	L	442	104	17.2	
	8	4	M	110	35	6.3	
,	9	4	N	<b>5</b> 87	147	28.0	
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	Oct.	8	1	a	195	34	6.9	Motor dinghy Sheet 3C
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		24	2	đ	133	32	4.0	
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## Description of hydrographic stations:

Data not available.

## Landmarks:

Only prominent landmarks already charted.

## Abstract of temperature and salinities:

Depth fms.	Temp.	Salinity	Lat. Long.	Time
0	18.9	32.5	38 - 29 75 - 01	9:30 A.M. 9-27-29
6-3/6 6-4/6 2	18.8 18.3 15.6	31.8	38° - 24′ 74° - 56.5	
~ 7	15.5	21.80	20 - 24 /8 - 30 to	19-19-29
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#### FATHOMETER CORRECTIONS

Sheet 34 - 1929

Q Day

#### Delaware

Ship RANGER - Charles Shaw, Comd'g.

#### Q day:

The dial setting was the same as that used on J day Sheet 3A 1929. The flash seemed to be steadier when using the 5 tube circuit installed by Dr. Dorsey in June 1929, than when using the standard circuit. For this reason the 5 tube circuit was used.

Comparisons with hand lead were frequently obtained during the day. The dial speed was measured with a speed indicator both before and after work and found to be 180 r.p.m.

The fathometer is calibrated for a speed of 182 r.p.m. and a velocity of sound in sea water of 810 fathoms per second. Then  $\frac{180}{182} \times 810 = 801$  fathoms per second or the assumed velocity of sound. Specific gravity was measured with a hydrometer and found to be 1.0233. From table 3 of the hydrographic Manual the salinity was computed and found to be 31.8.

## Serial Temperatures:

Two serial temperatures were observed at depths of 11 fathoms (bottom), 7 fathoms and 2 fathoms with a deep see thermometer with a reversing frame.

## Scale Corrections:

The following scale corrections were taken from the fathometer report of Sheet No. 1 Florida 1929. This correction is due to the distance between hydrophones and oscillator being 55 feet instead of 40 feet for which the instrument is calibrated.

Depth	Scale Correction
	in feet.
в	-2.4
7	<b>~1.5</b>
8	-0.9
8	<del>-</del> 0.4
10	0.0
11	+0.3
12	+0.5
7 8 9 10 11	-1.5 -0.9 -0.4 0.0 +0.3

## Velocity Corrections:

The following table of velocity corrections was compiled from the table 4a and 4b of the Hydrographic Manual using temperatures from the temperature curve.

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2	15.8	15.9					
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7	15.5	15.7	0.029	1.2	-1.5	-0.3	
8	15.5	15.7	0.029	1.4	~O∙8	+0.5	
9	15.5	15.6	0.029	1.6	-0.4	+1.2	
10	15.6	15.6	0.029	1.7	0.0	+1.7	
11	15.6	15.6	0.029	1.9	+0.3	+2.2	
12	15.8	15.6	0.029	2.1	+0.5	+2.6	

## Index Correction:

86 Comparisons were made with hand lead during the day. The mean of those of depth of 6-5/6 fathoms and greater was +0.8 feet. The mean of those less the 6-5/6 fathoms was +0.3 feet.

On September 26 the mean index corrections obtained from 76 hand lead comparisons was -0.1 feet.

## Total fathometer correction:

The algebraic sum of scale, velocity and index correction was taken and plotted in the form of a curve. In reducing the sounding records the total fathometer correction was entered to integral feet in the manner prescribed for the entry of tide reducers in Par. 135 of the Hydrographic Manual.

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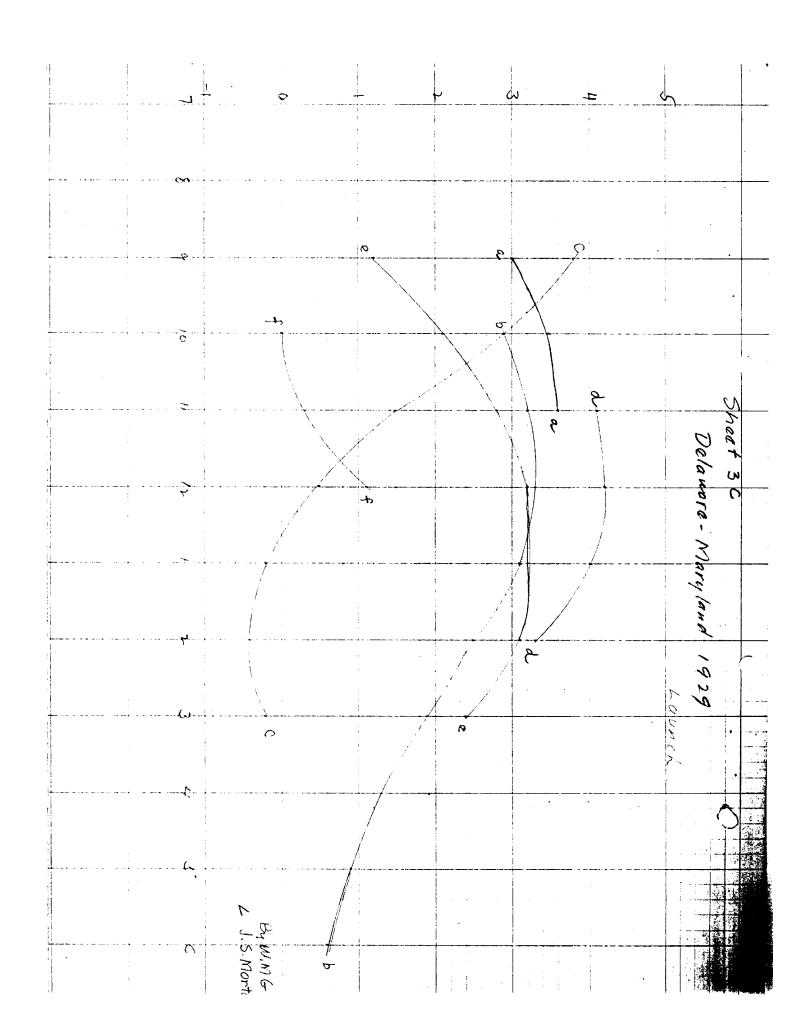
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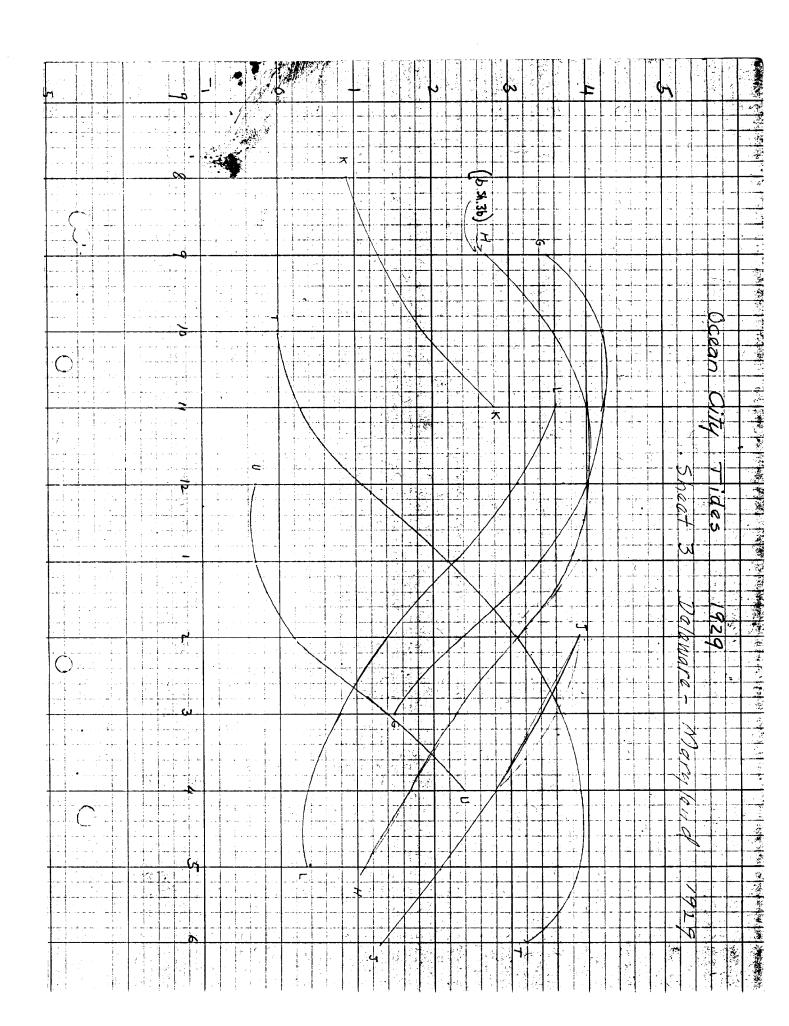
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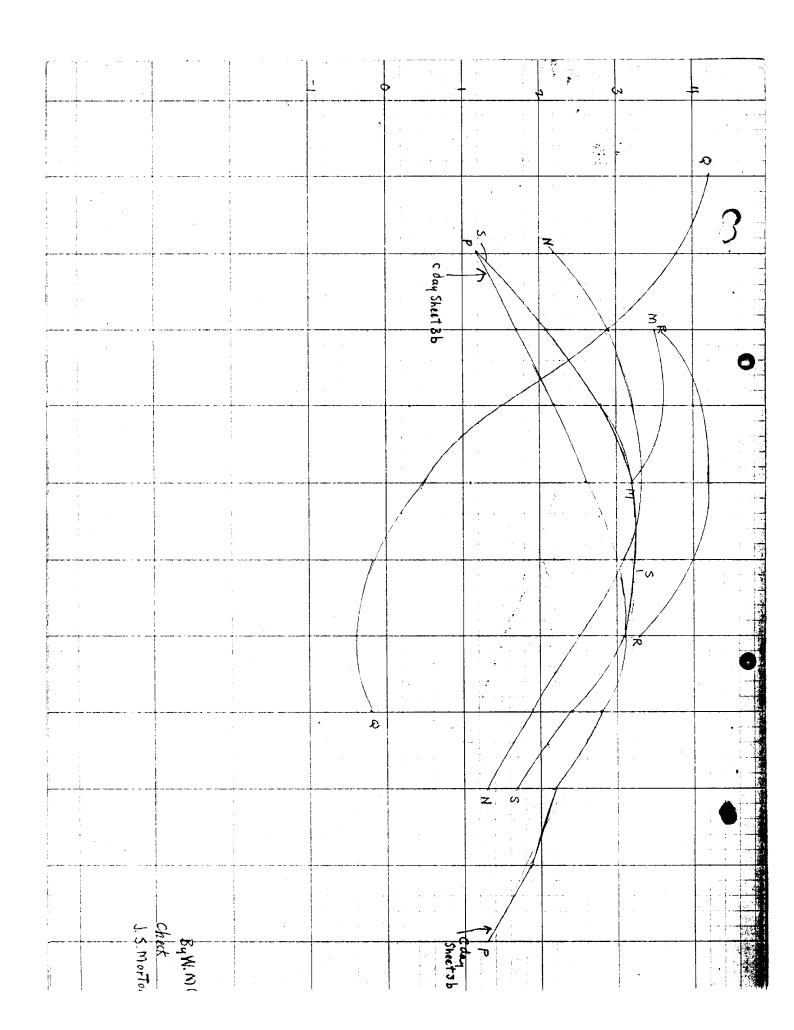
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Sheet No. 3 - Project No. 41 and accompanying records have been inspected and are approved.

January 18, 1930.

Charles Shaw, Commanding Ship RANGER. Chief of Party - Charles Show Surveyed by - Charles Show Protracted by - J. S. Wassey Soundings Penilod by - J. S. Wassey and WE. Wemends Neified and Inland by John S. Ladd

- 1. The records conform to the requirements of
- 2. The plan and character of development fulfills the requient of the General metuction.
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- 4. The sounding line crossing, are adquate
- 5. The usual depth curve, could be drown
- 6. The field platting was complete to the extent prescribed in the Isement multing the Isement multing the sheet was very accurately platted by the field man and only a very small much of positions had to be replotted.

The spacing and peniling of the soundings were also very accurately done.

There was no adjacent sheet of went years except H 4944 which was competed at this line, so that a study of own logs and quations was injurible

8 yas The platted locations of two sounding lines, ending with Position 28 and 29 a and 60 to 610 seem to be in como, as the former appears to be to far out from the shore, Coming 3 and 4 ft soundings to plate beyond 7 and 8 feet soundings.

between Pos. 92 and 937 was one follow.

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leads man or I does not agree with

the sounding around it we will the

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of the shooting about 400 meters to 5 the

Nestwood. (Mainer, sensing been a continuation

8 (c) except for the 8 ft. sounding on the meds
on Funcide Island Shood, the shoolest spot
found was 14 ft. at 38"17 plus 481 miles as
714° 56' plus 15 meters, where as there is a
Charted depth fouly 11 ft at about 38'2" plus 555 me
and 74° 56' plus 360 meters for the shoolest depth
on the shool. at this 11 ft spot of the chart
this survey weeds a 23 ft sounding.

(d) The least depth found on the Island wight
Shool was 21 ft. where as the chart

shoot was 21 ft. where is the chat
shows a 16 ft. on the least depth for this area.

The both cores, (the two metines shoots) as
mentioned = the descriptive these would
be a better agreement if the Chated
depth were moved about 300 hieles south.

8. (e) there is a poor against with two joining him of 74E. and 32E. showing a difference of 6ft. at about the same apport.

also a 31E and 75E. the same difference exists much that it was necessary to

plot the shoole of the two sounding of a 7 ft defence as they held an the same sport on the sheet.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

#### U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

WASHINGTON

#### SECTION OF FIELD RECORDS

Report on Hydrographic Sheet No. 4951

Fenwick Island Lighthouse to Ocean City, Coast of Maryland and Delaware

Surveyed in 1929

Hand lead and fathometer soundings

Instructions dated July 1, 1929 (RANGER)

Chief of Party, Charles Shaw

Surveyed by C. S. and R. C. Overton

Protracted by J. S. Massey

Soundings plotted by J. S. Massey and M. E. Wennermark

Verified and inked by J. G. Ladd

- The records are clear and well kept and conform to the requirements.
- 2. The plan, character and extent of the survey satisfy the general and specific instructions.
- 3. In general the sounding line crossings are satisfactory. Most of the worst crossings have been listed in the descriptive report. These were examined and no rejections were made, as none are considered serious discrepancies, the shoalest soundings being plotted in each case. Most of the soundings were obtained with the hand lead and they check closely with the fathometer soundings.

The two fathometer soundings of 40 and 37 feet in Lat. 38° 24', Long. 74° 59' are shoaler than the surrounding depth but were accepted as the cross line shows a 41 foot hand lead sounding at the same point.

- 4. The information is sufficient for completely drawing the usual depth curves.
- 5. The junction with H. 4942, on the northwest, is satisfactory.

The junction on the north with the survey of 1920, H. 4164, is satisfactory, except that the northern end of the thirty foot curve on Fenwick Island Shoal is not well defined.

The junction with the work of the LYDONIA, H. 4944, is satisfactory as far south as Lat. 38° 22'. South of this point there is a gap between the two surveys. There are some shoals in this gap, which are shown on H. 212 from additional work of 1896, in the vicinity of Lat. 38° 22', Long. 75° 02'.5. The control of the line, on which these soundings were obtained, is not good and these shoals should be closely examined when this work is extended further south.

6. Comparison with previous work:

The three principal shoals on this sheet, Fenwick Island Shoal, the shoal in Lat. 38° 25'.5, Long. 74° 55'.5, and Isle of Wight Shoal were developed in 1896 and the work is plotted on H. 212. In each case shoaler depths are shown on the old work but a general shifting of all of these shoals in a southeasterly direction seems to have occurred since the time of the old survey.

Numerous other shoal depths shown on chart 1220 were not verified by the present survey. These discrepancies are discussed in detail in this descriptive report and all of the old soundings are from the survey of 1848, H. 212. All of these were examined and verified from the original records and all are correct as shown on H. 212 with the exception of the 28 foot sounding in Lat. 38° 28'.3, Long. 74° 53'.3, which was found to have been erroneously plotted as 4 3/4 fathems instead of 11 3/4 fathems.

While there is not always definite proof of the non-existence of these spots, considering the fact that there is strong evidence that the area is changeable, and the greater reliability of the recent survey, it is recommended that this survey, H. 4951, supersede all previous work. (Approved by A. M. Sobierlaksi.)

- 7. The usual amount of field plotting was carefully and accurately done by the field party.
- 8. Character and scope of surveying excellent.

The ground is uniformly covered, shoal development is considered sufficient, and in most cases a real effort was made to investigate questionable soundings on the old surveys.

9. No additional work is recommended within the limits of this work,

but the area south of Lat. 38° 22' and west of Long. 75° 02' should be closely developed.

10. Reviewed by R. L. Johnston, August 26, 1930.

Approved:

Chief, Section of Field Records (Charts)

Chief. Section of Field Work (H. & T.)

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## HYDROGRAPHIC TITLE SHEET

The Hydrographic Sheet should be accompanied by this form, filled in as completely as possible, when the sheet is forwarded to the Office.

Field No. 3

REGISTER NO. 4951 State Maryland - Delaware General locality Atlantic Coast. Locality Fenvick Island L. H. to Ocean City Md. Scale1:20,000 Date of survey Sept. - October 1, 19 29 Vessel RANGER Chief of Party Charles Shaw Surveyed by Charles Shaw Protracted by J. S. Massey Soundings penciled by J. S. Massey, M. E. Wennermark. Soundings in #4/1/4/1/4 feet Subdivision of wire dragged areas by ...... Inked by ..... Verified by ..... Instructions date**July 1, 1929** , 19 Remarks: 3 boat sheets (31, 3B, 3C) Control on North American Datum

## HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET No.49.5.1.

The following statistics will be submitted with the cartographer's report on the sheet:

Number of positions on sheet	2771
Mumber of positions checked	405
Number of positions revised	· · · · 1'ó
Number of soundings recorded	10560
Number of soundings revised	20
Number of signals erroneously	
plotted or transferred	nine

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Locality!

Mast Coast of Maryland

Chief of Party: Plane of reference Charles Shaw, in 1929

ft. on tide staff mean low water, reading

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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 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.

Chief, Division of Tides and Currents.