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State: California Acc. No.	Y
DESCRIPTIVE REPORT Topographic Sheet No. 4974 LOCALITY Drakes Bay Double Pt. to Pt. Reyes Head	
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DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

TO ACCOMPANY HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET NO. 1 4-974

INSHORE HYDROGRAPHY COAST OF CALIFORNIA.

VICINITY OF DRAKE'S BAY

1929

U.S.C. & G.S.S. PIONEER

O. W. SWAINSON COMMANDING

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

TO ACCOMPANY HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET NO. 1.

INSHORE HYDROGRAPHY

COAST OF CALIFORNIA

VICINITY OF DRAKE'S BAY.

AUTHORITY

Director's orders dated April 9, 1929.

SCALE

The scale of this sheet is 1:20,000.

SURVEY METHODS

Soundings were taken by hand lead only. The speed of the launch was regulated so that all casts gave reliable vertical soundings. Bot-tom specimens were taken at intervals.

All fixes consisted of sextant angles observed on definite objects which had previously been located by triangulation and topography.

LIMITS

The western limit of the sheet is Point Reyes Light House and the eastern limit joins hydrographic sheet No. 2 at Double Point. It developes an area from the shore line to the nineteen fathom curve.

DANGERS

The dangers on this sheet are the same as those listed on chart #5599.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

The water along Point Reyes Head slose in to shore is foul, there are numerous rocks which show above high water and also a number awash.

There are two rocks awash 295 meters 990 true from Point Reyes East. There are breakers over the rocks.

In Drake's Bay the bottom drops off gradually from the shore to the limit of the work on this sheet.

The entrance to Drake's Estuary is very shoal and the breakers are heavy when there is a little sea running.

Off Triangulation Station Gen there are three large rocks and rocks awash.

Southwest of Double Point are two offlying rocks, one large and one small. There are also a number of rocks awash close into shore, am also kelp.

ANCHORAGES

Drake's Bay is a good anchorage for ships and boats when the wind is from the North and West.

COMPARISONS WITH PREVIOUS SURVEY

The new survey was compared with chart #5599 and the soundings agree very well. The bottom characteristics also agree.

BUOY

Point Reyes East light was found to check the position shown on the chart within 15 meters.

TIDES

The tide observed at the Drake's Bay gauge were used to reduce all soundings on the sheet.

Jr. H. & C. Engineer.

C. & G. Survey.

Approved and forwarded

O. W. Swainson.

H. & G. Engineer, Chiefof Party.

STATISTICS

Hydrographic Sheet No. 1 *** 1.

Sheet No. 1.

Date 1929	Day Letter	Volumn	Visual Positions	Statute Miles	Leadline Soundings	B oat
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20	C	ī	95	22.8	403	11
21	d	2	51	11.4	227	**
24	e	. 2	12	2.0	38	11
July 1	f	2	57	13.5	245	**
2	g	2	92	22.7	380	11
~ 3	h	2	45	11.0	170	1.
8	j	3	48	10.6	208	11
9	k	3	65	25.0	403	11
10	ī	3	69	10.6	329	+1
11	m	3	6 7	19.0	506	11
12	n	3 6: 4	66	16.1	294	**
17	p	4	48	8.5	212	**
18	q	4	98	23.9	405	77
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Nov.15	s	4	41	9.3	250	***
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Grand Total	ls		1249	302.8	5728	

April 18, 1930

Division of Hydrography and Topography:

Division of Charts:

Tide Reducers are approved in 5 volumes of sounding records for

> HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET 4974

Locality: California (Drakes Bay)

Chief of Party: O. W. Swainson in 1929 Plane of reference is mean lower low water, reading 3.8 ft. on tide staff at Point Reyes ft. below B. M.

Condition of records satisfactory except as checked below:

- 1. Locality and sublocality of survey omitted.
- 2. Month and day of month omitted.
- Time meridian not given at beginning of day's work.
 Time (whether A.M. or P.M.) not given at beginning of day's work.
 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.

SECTION OF FIELD RECORDS

REPORT ON SHEET No. H-4974

SHEET COMPLETED OCT. 4, 1930.

CHIEF OF PRETY - O.W. SWAINSON

SURVEYED BY - K.G. CROSBY, H. J. HEALY, E.O. HEATON

PROTRACTED BY - G.R. FISH .

SOUNDINGS PLOTTED BY- J. C. ELLERBE, JR.

VERIPIED & INTED BY W. H. BAMFORD.

- 1.) The records were found to conform to the requirements of the general Austructions for Field Work.
- 2.) The protracting was good only 0.714 % of the positions checked were found in error.
 - 3./ The sparing of soundings was fairly good, although a mumbe of errors were found where the time interval was irregular.

4.) The sounding line crossings were found to be adequate.

5.) The development is considered to be sufficient except off shore from "Chimney Rock (THIS WILL BE REFORMED TO IN FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH)

6) The usual depth curves could be drawn, but in the vicinity of Chimney Rock LONGITUDE 122°-57' 730 Mereus and LATITUDE 370-591-300 METERS (APPROXIMATELY) the development was not sufficient to accurately draw the five fathan curve. a shoal make out from the land at this point and it's extent war not occurately determined . 7/ The sheet was fairly clean and the work found to be legible.

8.) Quite a number of the rocks were wet transferred from the Topographic sheets by the field party. Was not inleed by the field party. Was not inleed by the field party. Jhe wreck symbol for the work 37:59'-980, of the Hartwood in Latitude 37:59'-980, and Longitude 122°-58'-874 weter (approx.) and Longitude 122°-58'-874 weter (approx.) was added to the hydrographic sheet.

9/ The entire sheet was very poorly penciled. The soundings we've spaced very poorly and the fractions were selder plotted correctly. no vere selder paid to the rules regard was paid to the rules for plotting fractions in the.
Hydrographic relaminal - at all. 10/ No adjacent sheets had been verified and inked at the lime this sheet was completed. Respectfully Submitted Warren W Bamford

AND REFER TO NO. 11-WSW

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

WASHINGTON

March 12, 1931.

SECTION OF FIELD RECORDS

Report on Hydrographic Sheet No. 4974

Drakes Bay, California

Surveyed in 1929

Hand lead soundings.

Instructions dated April 9, 1929 (Pioneer)

Chief of Party, O. W. Swainson

Surveyed by K.G. Crosby, H.J. Healy, E.O. Heaton

Protracted by G. R. Fish

Soundings plotted by J. C. Ellerbe Jr.

Verified and inked by W. H. Bainford

- 1. The records conform to the requirements.
- 2. The plan, character and extent of the survey satisfy the requirements of the general and specific instructions.
- 3. The sounding line crossings are satisfactory.
- 4. The information is sufficient for drawing the usual depth curves.
- 5. There are several places along the southern limits where the work should have been carried further out in order to form a better junction with the offshore sheet, H. 4979. In these little blank areas there is no indication of any shoaling however. The fathometer

soundings on H. 4979 check well with the hand lead soundings on this sheet.

The junction with H. 4975, which is uncompleted, will be reported in the review of that sheet.

The old surveys H. 435, H. 720 and H. 721 agree fairly well with this sheet. While there are no serious discrepancies between this survey and the old sheets, all of which were surveyed prior to 1860, it is recommended that the recent survey, H. 4974 shall supersede them. The word "Breakers" as shown on Chart 5599, southeast of Point Reyes, probably extends too far in a southeasterly direction as no breakers are noted on the sounding lines of this sheet.

- 6. The usual amount of field plotting was done by the field party. The protracting was well done but the soundings were not well spaced and fractions were not correctly expressed.
- 7. Character and scope of surveying good.

 The ground is uniformly covered except in a few spots where the junction with H. 4979 is poor and the development is considered sufficient except on the shoaling southeast of Pt. Reyes, which should have been more closely developed.
- 8. No additional work is recommended.
- 9. Reviewed by R. L. Johnston October 13, 1930. Approved:

Chief, Section of Field Records (CHARTS)

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

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. ____1

REGISTER NO. 4974

State	California.				
General locality	Northern California Coast Drakes Bay				
Locality	Double Pt. to Pt. Reyes Head.				
Scale_1:20,000	Date of survey June 18 - Nov. 15 ,1929				
Vessel	MIANUS & Motorsailer				
Chief of Party	O. W. Swainson,				
Surveyed by	K. G. Crosby, H. J. Healy, & E. O. Heaton				
Protracted by	G. R. Fish				
Soundings penciled	by J.C. Ellerbe Ur.				
Soundings in fathor	ms fact				
Plane of reference Mean Lower Low Water.					
Subdivision of wire dragged areas by					
Inked by Was	ren Hawford				
Verified by	NB.				
Instructions dated	Agril 9, 1929				
Remarks:					

HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET No. 4974

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

Number of positions on sheet	1249
Number of positions checked	252
Number of positions revised	18.
Number of soundings recorded	5728
Fumber of soundings revised	.6,82
Humber of signals erroneously	
plotted or transferred	NONE

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Date: October 4-1930
Cartographer: Warven H. Bamford.

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