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DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

~~Topographic~~ Sheet No. S. B. 24
Hydrographic

State California

LOCALITY

~~Southern California~~

Santa Cruz Island (South Side)

Valley Anch. to Kinton Pt.

1934-5

CHIEF OF PARTY

Chas K. Green
Robert W. Knox

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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. 24

REGISTER NO. 5699

State California

General locality Santa Cruz Island (South Side)

Locality Valley Anchorage to Kinton Point
South side

Scale 1-20,000 Date of survey Jun '34 Jan '35, 19

Vessel chartered launch Virginia and launch Romance

Chief of Party Chas K. Green and R.W. Knox

Surveyed by Harry T. Kelsh

Protracted by D. V. Radcliffe

Soundings penciled by do

Soundings in fathoms feet

Plane of reference MLLW

Subdivision of wire dragged areas by _____

Inked by _____

Verified by S.M. Green Jr.

Instructions dated Oct 31, 1932 and Sept 9, 1933, 19

Remarks: _____

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT TO
ACCOMPANY HYDROGRAPHIC
SHEET FIELD NO. --24
Santa Cruz Island-South Side.

INSTRUCTIONS

October 31, 1932 and Sept. 9, 1933

LIMITS AND SCALE

This sheet embraces the inshore hydrography on the south side of Santa Cruz Island, from signal Train (long 119-36) to Kinton Pt. (119-52) a distance of approximately 19 miles; and extends offshore an average distance of $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles to form a junction with the ship hydrography (Str. Pioneer) carried offshore from that point. H-58501

It joins with sheet 23 on the west and 22 on the east.
The scale is 1-20,000

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The south shore of Santa Cruz Island is very precipitous and from the east end of the sheet to longitude 119-~~47~~, with the exception of the anchorages at Cochies Prietos and Alamos and another small bight west of the latter, there are no sand beaches; the shoreline consisting mainly of vertical cliffs with a small fringe of broken rock at the base.

West of signal Sand, inshore from Gull Island there is a mile and a half of sand beach, beyond which the rocky shoreline resumes.

Gull Island lies about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile offshore and consists of a small flat topped, rock with elevation of 65 ft. and a number of pinnacles and smaller rocks, forming a close group. The island is surrounded by thick kelp, with a shoal area just south of the main island. In ordinary weather the sea breaks over this, the breaker spreading in an east west direction and running inshore on the island. Ordinarily landing can be made however by skiff behind this breaker by rowing in from the east side of the rocky group, and keeping close to the south side of the east island. An automatic light has recently been installed on the island.

SURVEY METHODS

A skiff was used for the inshore shallow water line, the remainder with launch using hand lead to 15 fathoms and vertical cast wire machine soundings above that depth. 3 point fixes on shore signals for location. Control was ample.

DISCREPANCIES

None

DANGERS

There are no offshore dangers for general navigation. Except where it swings around Gull Island the 20 fathom curve lies within a half mile of shore. For close inshore navigation the only danger is the long group of rocks extending nearly a half mile in a south east direction from Morse Pt. towards Gull Island. However

(long. 119-42.5)

47

Willows Anch. ✓

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✓

✓

the tips are always bare, and the rocks are surrounded by kelp extending out in the same direction for another 400 meters so that reef can easily be avoided. ✓

Shaal water, with a minimum of 3 fathoms is found between Gull Island and the mainshore.

ANCHORAGES

Johnsons Lee, formed by the reef off Morse Pt. furnishes a fairly good anchorage for the prevailing northwest wind and sea.

Alamos (locally called the Willows) is a good small boat anchorage for northwest weather.

Cochies Prietos is also satisfactory for small boats in northwest breezes. ✓

Albert Anchorage just east of it is also used by fishing boats, but is not considered as good.

Valley Anchorage, at the east end of the central valley of Santa Cruz Island is a fair open anchorage, and weather conditions east of Bowen Pt. are generally better than to the westward, both northwest wind and swell usually breaking down at that point.

COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS SURVEYS

Allowing for greater development of the present work the depth curves check satisfactorily with the former survey of 1875 sheet 1323 A and 1323 B

A slightly less depth was found through greater development, between Gull Island and the main shore. ✓

It is noted that the Coast Pilot (4th edition) gives an elevation of Gull Island of 150 ft. Correct elevation is 65 ft.

GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

The general names given by the previous work are all in general use today. The names of the small rocks and points which do not appear on the chart are of course unknown. ✓

Harry T. Kelsh
Harry T. Kelsh
Surveyor

Approved & forwarded:
Robert W. Neal,
Chief of Party.

STATISTICS - SHEET SB 24


| Date 1924 | Day letter | Volume | Statute miles of sounding | Number of soundings | Number of positions | Ship |
|---------------------------|---------------|--------|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Jun 27 | A | 1 | 20.5 | 180 | 91 | Virginia |
| Jul 17 | B | 1 | 19.9 | 194 | 82 | " |
| 18 | C | 1 | 22.1 | 227 | 92 | " |
| 19 | D | 1 & 2 | 22.5 | 178 | 107 | " |
| Aug 1 | E | 2 | 17.3 | 79 | 34 | " |
| 2 | F | 2 | 15.5 | 240 | 86 | " |
| 3 | G | 2 | 24.6 | 413 | 129 | " |
| 9 | H | 2 | 11.4 | 176 | 56 | " |
| 10 | J | 3 | 16.7 | 232 | 85 | " |
| 14 | K | 3 | 12.0 | 115 | 60 | " |
| 15 | L | 3 | 12.0 | 169 | 71 | " |
| 16 | M | 3 | <u>26.7</u> | <u>479</u> | <u>161</u> | " |
| SUB-TOTAL(Chas.K.Green) | | | 221.2 | 2682 | 1054 | |
| Sep 23 | N | 4 | 17.0 | 331 | 108 | Virg.& skiff |
| 24 | P | 4 | 8.5 | 140 | 59 | " " |
| 25 | Q | 4 | 1.0 | 29 | 6 | Virginia |
| Oct 2 | R | 4 | 8.5 | 87 | 33 | " |
| 3 | S | 4 | 21.4 | 356 | 132 | " |
| 4 | T | 5 | 8.8 | 112 | 55 | " |
| 10 | U | 5 | 0.6 | 15 | 7 | " |
| 24 | V | 5 | 7.8 | 249 | 76 | Virg.& skiff |
| 25 | W | 5 | 3.1 | 75 | 33 | Virginia |
| Jan 16/35 | X | 5 | <u>8.2</u> | <u>136</u> | <u>78</u> | Romance & skiff |
| SUB TOTAL(Robert W..Knox) | | | 84.9 | 1520 | 587 | |
| Totals | | | 306.1 | 4202 | 1641 | |

APPROVAL OF CHIEF OF PARTY

Hydrographic sheet No. SB24 and accompanying records have been inspected and approved by the undersigned. The field work was done under the occasional supervision of LieutS. Chas K. Green and Robert W. Knox. The office work was done under the direct supervision of the latter.

No additional work is considered necessary.

Chas. K. Green,
Chief of Party.


Robert W. Knox,
Chief of Party.

Field Records Section (Charts)

HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET NO. ...5699

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

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|--|---------------|
| Number of positions on sheet | 1641 |
| Number of positions checked | 127 |
| Number of positions revised | 19 |
| Number of soundings recorded | 4202 |
| Number of soundings revised | |
| Number of signals erroneously plotted or transferred | |

Date:

Verification by S. M. Green Jr.

Time:

Review by

John G. Ladd

Time: 16 1/2 hours

R. J. Christman

3 "

LAC

April 11, 1935

Fairly Easy

Division of Hydrography and Topography:

✓ Division of Charts: Attention Mr. E. P. Ellis

Tide Reducers are approved in
5 volumes of sounding records for

HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET 5699 ✓

Locality Valley Anchorage to Kinton Pt., Santa Cruz Island, Coast of Calif.

Chief of Party: Chas. K. Green in 1934-1935
Plane of reference is mean lower low water reading
3.5 ft. on tide staff at Prisoners Harbor
11.8 ft. below B.M. 1

4.3 ft. on tide staff at Bechers Bay
24.1 ft. below B. M. 1

Height of mean higher high water above plane of reference is 5.0 feet
at Prisoners Harbor; 5.3 feet at Bechers Bay.

Condition of records satisfactory except as noted below:

Edy *Ham*
Chief, Division of Tides and Currents.

H-5699

7/3/35

The soundings are sufficient to draw all curves completely with the exception of the 5 fathom curve and those inside of it which are broken in numerous places. The work checks well on the cross lines and at the junction with H-5695 at the western end of the sheet. The cross lines however were not continued to the western limit of the survey. Sheet H-5660 was not available for the overlap at the eastern end of the sheet. ^{overlapping with #5660 lines must be applied} S.G.L.

At $33^{\circ}59'0$; $119^{\circ}52.8$ a $5\frac{1}{2}$ fathom sdg on pos 75 M falls adjacent to a $7\frac{1}{2}$ fathom sdg on pos 9 N. The $7\frac{1}{2}$ sdg is omitted.

Between pos 149 and 150 M ($33^{\circ}57.5$; $119^{\circ}48.8$) a $2\frac{3}{6}$ fathom sdg falls between a $5\frac{1}{6}$ and a $6\frac{1}{6}$. This sdg is questioned in the record. $2\frac{7}{6}$ ^{with sounding retained} S.G.L.

A 32 fathom sdg is shown on pos 43 T. ($33^{\circ}57.9$; $119^{\circ}52.0$) as it is surrounded by 42 fathom sdg's it probably is in error. 32 ^{with sounding retained} S.G.L.

The shore line was checked with the Topo sheets and corrected where necessary.

In this connection attention is called to the following.

$33^{\circ}59.1$; $119^{\circ}52.6$ On the topo sheet 4909 a rock awash is shown at this point. This has been corrected on the H.S. to an islet in accordance with the notation in the record at pos 43 V.

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33°-57.7; 119-50.7. Same as above. See notation in the record at position 6'X" ✓

33°-58.5; 119-40.9 An islet is shown on the topo sheet T4909 at this point but according to the record this should be a rock awash. ^{P*} See Pos. 98'N. ^{* Shows as Rock awash}

~~33°-59.2; 119-39.4 A rock here is shown as awash on Topo sheet T4909 and as an islet on Topo sheet T4885. Shown as an islet on the H.S.~~

33°-58.3; 119-41.6 and 33°-58.6; 119-40.9. ✓

Two islets shown in the above positions on Topo sheet T4909 with the notations base 8 MLLW. Both are shown on the H.S. as islets but the notations have been omitted. ✓

S. M. Green Jr.

Section of Field Records

REVIEW OF HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY NO. 5699 (1934-5) FIELD NO.S.B.24

Valley Anchorage to Kinton Point, Santa Cruz Island, (southside) California
Surveyed in June 1934-January 1935
Instructions dated October 31, 1932 and September 9, 1933 (C.K.Green)

Hand Lead and Machine Soundings

3 Point fixes on shore signals

Chief of Party - Charles K. Green and R. W. Knox.
Surveyed by - Harry T. Kelsh.
Protracted by - D. V. Radcliffe.
Soundings penciled by - D. V. Radcliffe.
Verified and inked by - S. M. Green, jr.

1. Condition of Records.

The records are neat and legible and conform to the requirements of the Hydrographic Manual.

The Descriptive Report is complete and adequately covers all matters of importance.

2. Compliance with Instructions for the Project.

The survey satisfies the instructions for the project.

3. Sounding Line Crossings.

The cross lines together with the parallel adjacent lines are in good agreement.

4. Depth Curves.

Within the limits of the survey the usual depth curves may be satisfactorily drawn including most of the 5 fathom and part of the 3, 2 and 1 fathom curves.

5. Junctions with Contemporary Surveys.

Satisfactory junctions are made with H-5695 (1934-5) on the west, with H-5660 (1934) on the east and with H-5662 (1934) around Gull Island. The junction with the offshore survey H-5850 (1932-35) will be considered in the review of that sheet.

6. Comparison with Prior Surveys.

a. H-1221a (1873-4) and H-1323a and b (1875).

These surveys together cover the entire area of the present survey. The agreement is very satisfactory with the following exceptions:

- (1) A 9-3/4 fathom sounding from H-1221a (1873-4) fell on the present survey in depths of 14 fathoms at latitude 33° 59.05', longitude 119° 53.10'. An examination of the sounding records shows that the position (7 i blue) was incorrectly plotted in addition to being very weak. A correct plotting places the position and the 9-3/4 fathom sounding about 100 meters shoreward where it makes a satisfactory agreement with the present survey. The 9-3/4 fathom sounding should therefore be disregarded in future charting.
- (2) A number of soundings on H-1323a (1875) including an 18 foot sounding at latitude 33° 59.35', longitude 119° 52.9' fall on the present survey in depths appreciably deeper. An examination of this sheet shows that all the soundings north of latitude 33° 59' are a replotting and duplication of the soundings as shown in this area on H-1221a (1873-4), and that the plotting on the former sheet is very inaccurately done. The 18 foot sounding as correctly plotted on H-1221a (1873-4) is in satisfactory agreement with the present survey. Consequently all the soundings including the 18 foot sounding on H-1323a (1875) north of latitude 33° 59' which are also plotted on H-1221a (1873-4) should be disregarded in charting. A note to this effect has been shown on H-1323a (1875).
- (3) Numerous inshore rocks, reefs and islets shown on the old surveys but originating with T-1436 (1874-5) and T-1437 (1875) are considered to be a generalization only of the more accurately defined rocks, etc. as shown on the present survey but originating with T-4906 (1934), T-4909 (1934) and T-4885 (1933-4), and should be superseded by the delineation shown on the present survey.

7. Comparison with Chart No. 5202.

a. Hydrography.

Within the area of the present survey the chart is based on surveys discussed in the foregoing paragraphs and contains no additional information that needs consideration in this review.

8. Field Plotting.

The field plotting was satisfactory.

9. Additional Field Work Recommended.

No additional field work is required.

10. Superseding Old Surveys.

Within the area covered the present survey supersedes the following surveys for charting purposes:

H-1221a (1873-4) in part
H-1323a (1875) in part
H-1323b (1875) in part

11. Reviewed by - John G. Ladd August 15, 1935

Inspected by R. J. Christman August 16, 1935

Examined and approved:

K. T. Adams
K. T. Adams,
Assistant Chief, Division of Charts

L. O. Colburn
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J. S. Borden
Chief, Section of Field Work

G. H. de
Chief, Division of H. & T.

applied to Chart 5115 Jan 29, 1936 - suggested
" " " 5202 Mar 1936 L. M. J.
" " " 5114 Feb 1936 L. M. J.
" " " 5101 May 1936 L. M. J.

25 Jan 15, 1936
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