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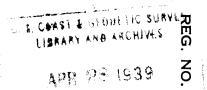
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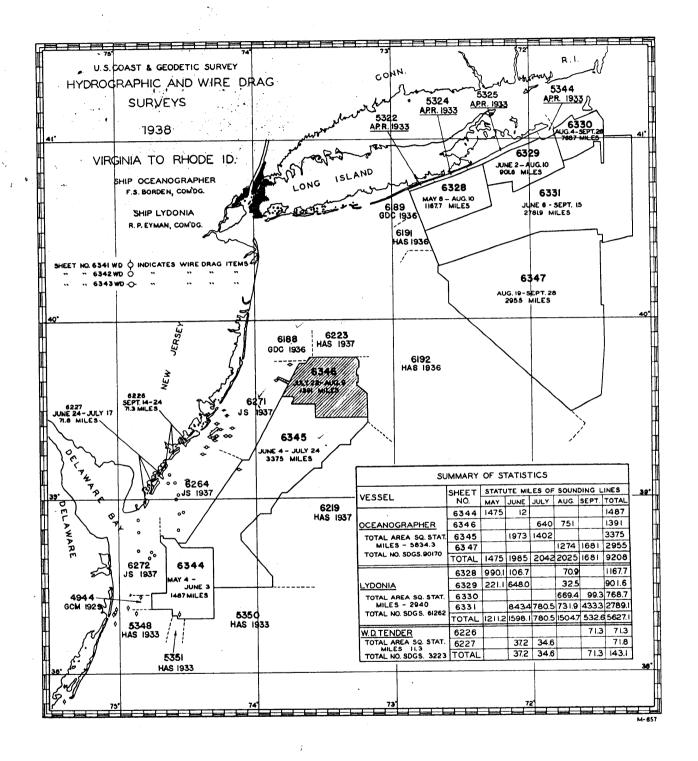
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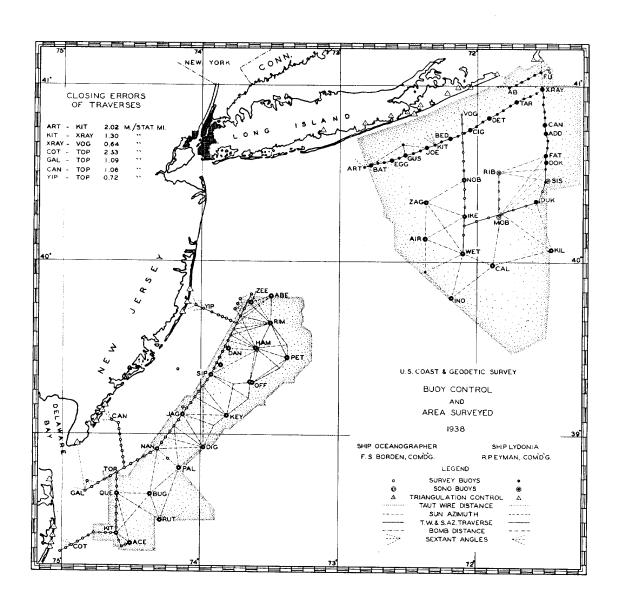
#### HYDROGRAPHIC TITLE SHEET

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General locality Approaches to New York Harbor
Locality Off Barnegat Inlet
Scale 1:40,000 Date of survey July 22 - August 9 19 38
Vessel U.S.C. & G.S.S. OCEANOGRAPHER
Chief of Party Frank S. Borden
J.H Britain, E.B. Latham Surveyed by Ship's Officers
Protracted by John C. Mathisson,
Soundings penciled byJohn C. Mathisson
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Plane of reference M.L.W.
Subdivision of wire dragged areas by See N.D. 6343
Inked by Harold W. Murray
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Instructions dated March 4, 1938 , 19
Remarks:

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#### DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

#### TO ACCOMPANY

#### HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET REGISTER NO. 6346 (1938)

1938

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

Instructions authorizing this survey were contained in the Supplemental Instructions dated March 4, 1938 which were instructions for the continuation of Project H. T. 207, under the original date of May 16, 1936.

#### LIMITS:

This sheet embraces an area east of Barnegat Inlet, lying between the 12 fathom curve on the west and extending offshore to 21 and 22 fathoms. The southern limits of the area is at Latitude  $39^{\circ}$  – 28' and extends northward to Latitude  $39^{\circ}$  – 48'. The inshore limit of the survey is at Longitude  $73^{\circ}$  – 52' and it extends offshore to Longitude  $73^{\circ}$  – 12'.

The sheet joins the contemporary survey shown on Sheet No. 6345(1938) on the south. On the west, junction is made with the previous survey shown on Sheet No. 6271, and on the north with Sheet Nos. 6188, and 6223(1937) On the east, the survey joins Sheet No. 6192.

The areas of the previous surveys and contemporary surveys as they join this sheet, which is cross-hatched in red, are shown on the sketch which forms the frontispiece of this report.

#### SURVEY METHODS:

The control for this survey was obtained from the northern terminus of the buoy traverse line established off the New Jersey Coast during the 1938 field season. The adjustment and other details of this control are contained in a special "Report on Buoy Control" which is submitted with the season's records.

With the exception of the nine hydrographic lines immediately adjacent to the line of buoys, this survey is controlled by bomb distances from sono-radio buoys incorporated in the traverse line or sono-radio buoys located to the east of the buoy line by a series of bomb distances which were plotted on aluminum mounted sheets. The details of these locations are also discussed in the "Report on Buoy Control". The nine lines of hydrography adjacent to the buoy line were controlled by sextant angles on three buoys as a general rule but the first line to the west of the buoy line was controlled by cross bearings and an occasional angle to two buoys.

For the methods of reducing bomb distances in seconds to meters, reference is made to the Descriptive Report for Sheet No. 6344 and also the "Report on Buoy Control".

All soundings on this sheet were obtained with the Dorsey Fathometer No. 1. For a discussion of the methods of reductions of these soundings, see the Descriptive Report for Sheet No. 6344.

#### METHODS USED IN SMOOTH PLOTTING:

The smooth sheet projection for this sheet was made aboard the OCEANOGRAPHER and immediately after the projection was made and checked. the positions of the sono-radio buoys were plotted on the sheet and checked. After these locations were on the sheet, distance circles at intervals of 5,000 meters were drawn from each of the sono-radio buoys as needed to cover the area of the survey. These circles were placed on the sheet in pencil.

In plotting R.A.R. positions on the scale of this projection and with the meter scales available, it was necessary to divide the total distance from the nearest distance circle by four and use the 1:10,000 meter bar (as was done in plotting this sheet) or divide by two and use a 1:20,000 meter bar. After working over the sheet for several weeks in adjusting the lines etc., these distance circles in pencil became quite dim and almost impossible to recover and at several places it was necessary to recover parts of arcs and re-draw the distance circles in order to measure distances. If it did not present too great a problem in reproduction, it is recommended that these distance circles be drawn on the smooth sheet in a light shade of blue ink or some other color that would not reproduce. If this were done the "R.A.R. Plotting Device", a series of concentric circles, could be used in plotting the positions which would reduce the time in plotting materially. With the present use of pencil circles, it is impossible to see the distance circles through the celluloid on which the plotting device is made.

As a rule, the arcs for only one line were swung at a time and the line adjusted and inked before proceeding to the next line. In making the dead-reckoning plot for a line, a speed factor was determined between well fixed positions, usually positions resulting in three arc intersections, and the dead reckoning plot made on time. With this plot made on thin tracing paper, the arcs which were drawn on the sheet in pencil, were accepted or questioned in the sounding volumn. After the adjustment of the line the distance arcs were inked for a short distance on either side of the position in a distinctive color assigned to each sono-radio buoy.

Gyro compass bearings were obtained to buoys at every opportunity and these were recorded in the sounding volumn as read. In plotting these on the sheet, a uniform correction of minus one degree was applied. This correction was determined during the field season by various amplitude sights and bearings on ranges etc., to arrive at the gyro compass error.

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The soundings on this sheet are plotted in feet. All soundings recorded are shown on turn abouts where there is insufficient control to definitely fix the position of the line.

#### DISCREPANCIES:

The crossings of sounding lines on this sheet are, as a general rule, very good. On 188 crossings on this survey discrepancies are as follows:

31.9 % are crossings in exact agreement

44.7 % are one half foot or less

69.2 % are one foot or less

82.4 % are one and one half feet or less

92.5 % are two feet or less

95.2 % are two and one half feet or less

98.4 % are three feet or less.

The three crossings in excess of three feet are as follows:

- 1. A six foot crossing between Positions 20 and 21 G day and Positions 141 and 142 L day (on turn) at Latitude 390 38' Longitude 730 31'. This crossing is at the extreme southwest point of a shoal and a slight displacement of lines would bring the crossing in agreement. Also, it is possible that shoaler sounding appeared on the fathometer on the line between Positions 20 and 21 G day which was not observed by the records. Several deeper adds on Gday amilted.
- 2. & 3. The soundings between Positions 146 and 147 C day where they cross the line of soundings between Positions 115 and 116 B day and Positions 80 and 81 B day (converging lines), at Latitude 39° 28' Longitude 73° 13', cross at approximately five feet. This is no doubt due to slight displacement on one of the lines over a somewhat irregular bottom. Portion of B day omiffed.

There is appended hereto the rough draft of the analysis of sounding crossings. The lines containing the shoal soundings are indicated with an asterisk and the shoal soundings tabulated in the column on the right edge of the pages.

#### COMPARISON WITH CONTEMPORARY SURVEYS:

For a discussion of the comparison with the contemporary survey Sheet No.  $6345^{(138)}_{\Lambda}$  to the south of this survey, see page 3 of the Descriptive Report for that sheet.

#### COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS SURVEYS:

Junction is made with Sheet No. 6192 at the eastern limits of this survey. The soundings on that sheet are plotted in fathoms only and a detailed comparison is not possible. The crossings on the southern half of this junction below the middle latitude of the survey shows discrepancies from one to thirteen feet with the maximum appearing approximately on Position 141 C day at Latitude 390 - 29.51, Longitude 730 - 111. The soundings cross on the northern half of this junction much better and vary between a flat crossing and five feet with the average around 2 feet. It has been noted that the Review of Sheet No. 6192 states that the Fathometer did not always operate well while making the previous survey, No. 6192. Butt junction made.

On the west the survey joins Sheet No. 6271. The crossings on this survey are very good and most are flat crossings. There is one four foot crossing on Position 6 J day which is also the deepest sounding in the vicinity on the contemporary survey. Accepted.

Two previous surveys join this survey along the northern limits. These are Sheet Nos. 6188 and 6223. The junction with Sheet No. 6188 is very good over most of the area and could be considered to be in agreement except for a five foot drossing at Latitude 39° - 46.2', Longitude 73° - 36'. A slight change in the line would make the crossing agree within two feet. Accepted.

The junction with Sheet No. 6223 between Longitude 730 -18' and 73° - 32' is satisfactory. West of the latter, the agreement is not as good. The soundings vary from one to five feet between the two surveys. Accepted. COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS SURVEYS.

The survey was also compared with the published charts covering the area, Chart Nos. 1216 and 1108. The agreement was exact in some areas while discrepancies exist that are as much as 25 feet in the area of the 24 fathom sounding on the present chart at Latitude 39° - 32.8', Longitude 73° - 18.3'.

A tracing paper over-lay, showing the soundings at junctions from previous surveys, is being transmitted with the sheet. Postroyed by Reviews.

TIDAL NOTE:

Tide reducers for this sheet were taken from the tabulated hourly heights from the tide station at Atlantic City, using the same range but taking the time to be one half hour earlier.

Respectfully submitted,

Onlin C. Mathisson

Approved and Forwarded.

Frenk S. Borden, Comdr., C&GS., Commanding Ship OCEANOGRAPHER.

John C. Mathisson, Jr. H. & G. Eng'r.

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STATISTICS
SHEET REGISTER NO. 6346 (1938)

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#### TIDE NOTE FOR HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET

June 23. 1939.

Division of Hydrography and Topography:

✓ Division of Charts: Attention: Mr. H. R. Edmonston.

Plane of reference approved in 6 volumes of sounding records for

HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET 6346

Locality Off Barnegat Inlet, Approaches to New York Harbor.

Chief of Party: F. S. Borden in 1938
Plane of reference is mean low water reading
4.1 ft. on tide staff at Atlantic City
15.8 ft. below B. M. 32

Height of mean high water above plane of reference is 4.1 feet.

Condition of records satisfactory except as noted below:

Acting Chief, Division of Tides and Currents.

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Date: Aug. 27,1939

Verification by Harold W. Murray

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Records; Sounding 6 Vols., Wire Drag Vols., Bomb 2 Vols.
Descriptive Report Yes
Title Sheet Yes
List of Signals
Landmarks for Charts (Form 567)
Statistics Yes
Approved by Chief of Party D. R. Only
Recoverable Station Cards (Form 524)
Special Chart for Lighthouse Service (Circular Nov.30, 1933)
Hydrography: Total Days 11; Last Date Ang. 9, 1938
Remarks

# MEMORANDUM IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

	No. H-6346	received April 28, registered June 8, verified reviewed approved	1939
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This is forwarded in order that your attention may be directed to the matters as indicated below. Please initial in column 3 as an acknowledgement that your attention has been thus directed. The complete original records are available if desired. If you cannot give this your immediate attention, please initial, note, and forward to the next section marked, calling for the records at your convenience.

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#### Section of Field Records

#### REVIEW OF HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY NO. 6346 (1938) FIELD NO. 42

Off Barnegat Inlet, Approaches to New York Harbor, New Jersey.

Surveyed in July-August 1938, Scale 1:40,000 Instructions dated March 4, 1938 (OCEANOGRAPHER)

Dorsey Fathometer Soundings. 3 Point fixes on buoy signals. RAR control.

Chief of Party - Frank S. Borden. Surveyed by - Ships' Officers. Protracted by - John C. Mathisson. Soundings plotted by - John C. Mathisson. Verified and inked by - Harold W. Murray.

#### 1. Shoreline and Signals.

- a. This is an offshore survey and no shoreline is shown.
- b. The control is furnished by hydrographic buoys and sono-radio buoys. The details of location are given in special cahier marked "Report on Buoy Control," OCEANOGRAPHER, F. S. Borden, Comd'g.

#### 2. Sounding Line Crossings.

Agreement of sounding line crossings is satisfactory. Further details, however, are noted in the Descriptive Report, page 3.

#### 3. Depth Curves.

The usual depth curves may be satisfactorily drawn.

### 4. Junctions with Contemporary Surveys.

- a. The junctions on the north with H-6223 (1937), on the northwest with H-6188 (1936), on the west with H-6271 (1937) and on the south with H-6345 (1938) are satisfactory. The Descriptive Report, page 4, lists several discrepancies. These, however, are of small extent and no adjustments for charting purposes were considered necessary.
- b. The eastern limit of the present survey joins H-6192 (1936). Consistent differences up to 9 feet are noted in the overlapping area. These differences are mainly attributed to the fathometer not working properly on H-6192. Only a fringe of soundings are shown from H-6192 at the

present survey limits. For charting purposes, the present survey should be used to its limits and then continued from H-6192.

#### 5. Comparison with Prior Surveys.

a. H-100 (1842), H-101 (1844) and H-670 (1859), Scales 1:400,000.

H-670 is a compilation of surveys made prior to 1859 and contains no original information. The other two surveys supplement each other in covering the entire area of the present survey with widely spaced reconnaissance lines based on astronomic and dead reckoning control. The present survey covers these surveys in considerable more detail and should supersede them in charting.

b. H-1498a (1880-83), H-1531 (1882) and H-1558 (1882-83); Scales 1:1,200,000; 200,000 and 300,000.

Several soundings from each of these surveys fall within the limits of the present survey. The old survey soundings are widely spaced, poorly controlled and of no current value. They should be superseded by the present survey.

c. H-3773 (1915), Scale, 1:50,000.

A portion of this survey covers the present survey on the northeast. Sounding lines are spaced 1/4 to 1 mile apart. Soundings in depths greater than 78 feet are trolley soundings.

Agreement of depths is good in some areas, but in others the present survey depths vary 1 to 12 feet shoaler in some cases, and 1 to 5 feet deeper in others. The present survey, with its greater detail and more accurate control, should supersede this survey.

6. Comparison with Wire Drag Surveys.

H-6343 (1938), Scale 1:40,000.

One drag strip from this survey falls within the limits of the present survey in the vicinity of lat. 39°40', long. 73°50'. It does not conflict with the present survey information.

7. Comparison with Charts 1216 (New Print dated May 9, 1938), and 1000 (New Print dated June 17, 1939).

Hydrography shown on the charts originates with surveys discussed in previous paragraphs of this review and no further consideration is necessary.

- 8. Condition of Survey.
  - a. The sounding records are neat and legible.
  - b. The descriptive report is satisfactory. The discussion of crosslines and junctions is particularly adequate.
  - c. The field plotting is excellent.
  - d. Additional bottom characteristics for charting purposes may be obtained from the later prior surveys discussed in paragraph 5, above.
- 9. Compliance with Instructions for the Project.
  Satisfactory.
- 10. Additional Field Work Recommended.
  None.
- 11. Superseded Surveys.

H-100 (1842)	In part.
H-101 (1844)	In part.
H-670 (1859)	In part.
H-1498a (1880-83)	In part.
H-1531 (1882)	In part.
H-1558 (1882-83)	In part.
H-3773 (1915)	In part.

12. Reviewed by - Harold W. Murray, August 31, 1939.
Inspected by - H. R. Edmonston.

Examined and approved:

T. B. Reed, Chief, Section of Field Records.

Chief, Division of Charts.

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