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Topographic Hydrographic

Sheet No. H-6539

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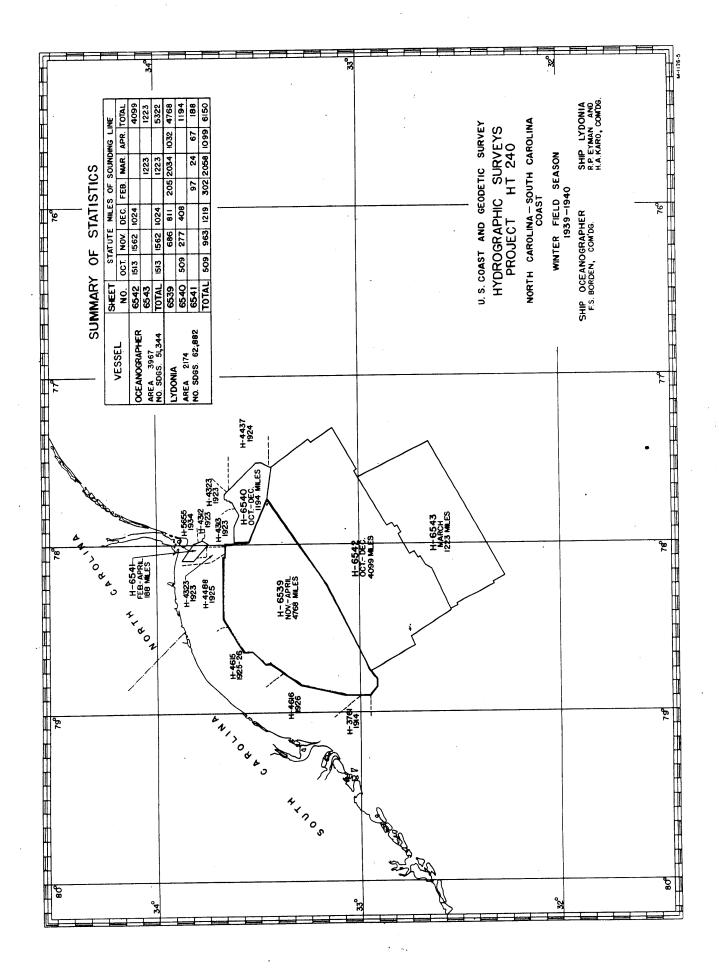
U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

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 No81
REGISTER NO. H - 6539 H6539
North Carolina - South Carolina
Offshore General locality Off North Carolina - South Carolina Goast
Locality Cape Fear to Cape Romain
Scale 1/80,000 Date of survey Nov.8,1939-Apr.10, 1940
VesselShip LYDONIA
Chief of Party R. P. Eyman and H. A. Karo
Surveyed byShip's Officers
Protracted by L. W. Paul and R. M. Rader
Soundings penciled by R. M. Rader
Soundings in ** feet
Plane of referenceMean Low Water ;
Subdivision of wire dragged areas by
Inked by
Verified byCE_Dennis
Instructions dated September 2 , 19.39
Remarks: Plotted and soundings penciled at the Norfolk Process
Office.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE



DESCRIPTIVE REPORT to accompany SHEET H-6539 (939-40)

DATE OF INSTRUCTIONS

The hydrography on this sheet was done in accordance with Instructions, Project HT-240, dated September 2, 1939.

DATE OF SURVEY

The work on this sheet was done from November 8, 1939 to April 10, 1940.

LOCALITY AND LIMITS

The area covered by this sheet is off the North Carolina and South Carolina Coasts, between Cape Fear and Cape Romain. The limits of the area are outlined in red on the attached sketch.

SURVEY METHODS

The work on this sheet was done with the Ship LYDONIA. The hydrography was controlled by R A R, using sono radio buoys. All buoys except EASY, ITEM and JAKE were located by taut wiresun azimuth traverse. The three buoys mentioned were located by bombed distances from buoys on the traverse line.

All soundings on this sheet were obtained with the Dorsey No. 1 Fathometer.

SMOOTH PLOTTING

Theoretical velocities in accordance with the British Admiralty Tables were used for the R A R velocities on this sheet. The bottom temperatures and salinities were used in computing the velocities.

In plotting the sheet the velocities were divided into four periods as follows: November 8 - 24, December 1 -20, February 25 - March 13 and March 20 - April 10. The bottom velocities were plotted on overlays (one for each period) of the boat sheet at the positions where observations were made and curves of equal velocity were drawn. Over these sheets were placed overlays on which the sone buoys used for the period were plotted and by means of radial lines from the buoys average velocity curves from each buoy were drawn. These sheets were then laid over the boat sheet and the velocity to each position taken off for the buoy concerned.

Distance circles were drawn with pencil on the smooth sheet for each sono buoy at intervals of five seconds corresponding to a velocity of 1510 meters per second for the first two periods, November 8 to December 20, and 1495 meters per second for the remainder of the sheet, February 25 to April 10. The two sets

of circles were drawn in order to reduce the amount of correction to apply to the bomb distances in changing them to the uniform plotting velocity.

Distance arcs to the positions were drawn in colored ink, each buoy having a distinctive color. The distance arcs were plotted in seconds, each distance being corrected to the uniform velocity at which the circles were drawn.

The sounding lines were dead reckoned on tracing paper and superimposed over the bomb arcs. For small differences the arcs were assumed to be correct but were rejected where obviously in error.

FATHOMETER CORRECTIONS

The corrections for temperature and salinity, draft, settlement and index were combined and entered as one correction in the sounding records. These corrections are contained in a separate report entitled "Fathometer Corrections". & positions of sucrey busys"

TIDE DATA

Hourly heights for the Charleston, S. C., tide gage, referred to a datum of 2.3 feet on the tide staff, were used in the reduction of soundings on this sheet. The time of the tide for this area was taken as occuring one-half hour earlier than at Charleston, and the range as 0.8 of that at Charleston.

DISCREPANCIES

In general the crossings on this sheet are satisfactory. Those in excess of three feet are listed as follows;

Positions	Soundings	Remarks	e actua,
102-103P 84-85H	(feet) 68- ⁶⁶ 63 - 64 ⁵	Irregular bottom \(\lambda \) 78-02.5 \(\frac{15}{64} \)	crepancy 2 ft. ft and 66ft.
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36-37LL 16AA -17AA 53-54LL 16-17AA	96 99–103 750 meters apart. 103	M M A 78°-20' Shool 5dgs accepted The 103 fact 5dg pro recorded 1 fm too a See Sdg Vol 9 pro	tobly deep. 18. HFS.

JUNCTION WITH CONTEMPOARY SURVEYS

This sheet joins Sheet H-6542 on the south and Sheet H-6540 on Junction with the east. The junctions with these sheets are satisfactory in H-6540 (1989) is very good.

general. The bottom for a large part of the junction is irregular so there are differences up to three feet, with one exception . At WITH H-6542 Latitude 33° 031, Longitude 78° 331, on the end of one sounding (1939) will line on Sheet H-6542 the soundings are 111-111-109 feet. The soundings be considered in the review in the vicinity on this sheet are 98 to 100 feet. As sheet H-6542 of that survey had gone to the Office before this discrepancy was discovered the writer has not been able to check for error on that sheet.

COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS SURVEYS

A comparison was made with Charts 1237 and 1110. In general the soundings agree very well with those on the charts.

Except as noted in review

Lieut. (j.g.) C.& G.S.

The smooth plotting of this sheet was done at the Norfolk Processing office.

Field Records Section (Charts)

HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET NO. H6529

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

Number of positions on sheet	4155
Number of positions checked	0
Number of positions revised	
Number of soundings recorded	47.489
Number of soundings revised	.131
Number of soundings erroneously spaced	3
Number of signals erroneously plotted or transferred	

Date: 5/28/41

Verification by C.E. Dennis

* Time: 107/2 hr

Review by M.F. Stegman

6/25/41

hydrographic survey no. $\underline{\text{H}6539}$

Smooth Sheet One
Boat Shoet One
Records; Sounding 22 Vols., Wire Drag Vols., Bomb 14 Vols.
Descriptive Report Yes
Title Sheet Yes
List of Signals Yes
Landmarks for Charts (Form 567) No
Statistics Yes
Approved by Chief of Party Yes
Recoverable Station Cards (Form 524) No
Special Chart for Lighthouse Service No (Circular Nov. 30, 1933)
Hydrography: Total Days 48; Last Date April 10, 1940
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STATISTICS FOR SHEET H-6539 (Field No. 81)

Project HT-240

L Y D O N I A - 1939, 1940

R. P. Eyman, Comdg. H. A. Karo, Comdg.

Day	Date	Vol.No.	Stat.Miles	Soundings	Positions	Sq. St. Miles
A	Nov. 8	1	115.7	1215	118	
В	14	. 1	42.0	431	48	
C	18	1	26.5	276	28	
D	18	1&2	16.1	154	14	
E	19	2	41.3	437	43	
F	20	2	48.9	516	51	•
G	21	. 2&3	138.0	1332	125	
H	22	3	157.6	1577	138	
J	23	3& 4	68.1	622	55	
K	24	4	31.6	305	22	
L	Dec. 1	. 4	90.8	910	87	
M	8	4&5	85.1	896	94	
N	4	5	163.4	1676	148	
P	5	5&6	104.3	1060	104	
Q	6	6	89.9	1487	118	
R	7	6&7	18.8	191	28	
S	15	7	40.2	392	38	
T	16	7	15.3	157	15	
U	18	7	3.4	39	4	
V	19	7&8	186.9	1868	163	
W	20	8 (12.7	131	13	

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	x	Feb. 2	4 8	43.7	403	41	
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	Z	2	6 8 &9	48.1	462	43	
	AA	2	7 9	62.0	922	69	
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	FF		9 11	130.0	1221	97	
	GG	1	0 12	175.2	1572	139	
	HH	1	1 12&13	75.7	745	67	
	JJ	1	3 13	121.6	1154	100	
	KK	2	0 13&14	145.0	1361	124	
	LL	2	1 14	75.7	783	68	•
	MM	2	2 14	113.8	1060	94	
	nn	2	3 15	184.0	1632	147	
	PP	2	6 16	163.0	15 44	136	
	QQ	2	7 16&17	224.4	2080	179	
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·	Day ZZ *	Date Apr. 10	Vol.No. 22	Stat.Miles 8.5	Soundings 82	Positions 7	Sq.St.Miles
Totals For Sheet	48		22	4768.2	47489	4155	1912.5

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July 3, 1941.

To: Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard, Washington, D. C.

From: The Director,

U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.

Subject: Fosition of Cape Romain Lighted

Whistle Buoy "2CR".

The following position (about 1 mile N.W. of its charted position) of Cape Romain Lighted Thistle Buoy "20R" was obtained by the U.S.C. & G.S.S. OCKANOGRAFHER in April 1940:

Lat. 32° 58° 745 meters Long. 78° 53° 290

The buoy was used as a station in the main buoy control scheme for the survey of that locality and was accurately located by a taut wire connection to shore control.

It is understood that the fact that the buoy was not in its charted position was reported to your local district office by the Commanding Officer of the OCHANOGRAPHER at the time of its location, and it is requested that you inform this office as to whether the buoy has been shifted to its present charted position or whether the buoy symbol on the charts should be shifted to the position determined by the survey party. It appears that either position would adequately mark the feature intended.

The buby was located approximately on the 10-fathom curve which was found to be charted about I mile too far south in that locality. The new survey has not yet been applied to the charts.

Director.



TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

WASHINGTON

21 August, 1941

The Director,

U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of July 3rd relative to the position of Cape Romain Lighted Whistle Buoy 2 CR. It is noted that the position of this buoy as obtained by the OCEANOGRAPHER in April of 1940 was as follows:

> Latitude 32058124.2" Longitude 78°53'11.3"

The position in which the buoy was found by the OCEANOG-RAPHER is considered to be a satisfactory location and it is the recommendation of this office that its position on the charts be made to agree. The record in the Light List when next reprinted will be changed to correspond.

Very truly yours,

Coast Guard. s.

Assistant Commandant.

MEMORANDUM IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

SURVEY DESCRIPTIVE REPORT PHOTOSTAT OF		received Nov. 25, 1940 registered Nov. 25, 1940 verified reviewed approved
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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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FORM 719
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY
Rev. June 1937

TIDE NOTE FOR HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET

December 4, 1940

Division of Hydrography and Topography:

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

Plane of reference approved in 22 volumes of sounding records for

HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET

6539 (1939-40)

Locality Cape Fear to Cape Romain, off North Carolina Coast.

Chief of Party: H. Arnold Karo in 1939-1940

Plane of reference is mean low water reading

2.3 ft. on tide staff at Charleston (Time 1/2 hour earlier, Range 0.8)

10.9 ft. below B. M. 6

Height of mean high water above plane of reference is 5.1 feet.

Condition of records satisfactory except as noted below:

Chief, Division of Tides and Currents?

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Verified and Inked by CE Dennis

Date 5/28/4/

- 1. The descriptive report was consulted and appropriate action taken.
- 2. Soundings originating with the survey and mentioned in the descriptive report have been verified, including latitude and longitude.
- 3. All references to survey sheets mentioned in the descriptive report include the registry number and year.
- 4. Geographic names of hydrographic features are in slanting lettering and of topographic features in vertical lettering.
- 5. All items effecting the plotting of the survey which are entered in the remarks columns of the sounding records were noted and check marked. In all cases appropriate action was taken.
- 6. All positions verified instrumentally were check marked in the sounding records.
- 7. All critical soundings are clear and legible. V
- 8. The metal protractor has been checked within the last three months.
- 9. The protracting and plotting of all bad crossings were verified. Crossings
- 10. All detached positions locating critical soundings, rocks or buoys were verified.
- 11. The boat sheet was compared with the smooth sheet.
- 12. The spacing of soundings as recorded in the records was closely / followed.
- 13. The bottom characteristics were shown on outstanding shoals.
- 14. The reduction and plotting of doubtful soundings were checked.

- 15. The transfer of contemporary topographic information was carefully examined.
- 16. All junctions were transferred. Except that with 4-6542(1939) which is not yet verified.
- 17. The notation "JOINS H" was added for all contemporary adjoining or overlapping sheets now registered.
- 18. The depth curves have been drawn to include the significant depths.
- 19. All triangulation stations and transfer of topographic and hydrographic signals were checked by the field party.
- 20. Heights of rocks were checked against range of tide. Mone
- 21. Rocks transferred from topographic survey have a dotted curve where Negations shown thereon.
- 22. Unnecessary pencil notes have been removed.
- 23. Objects on which signals are located and which fall outside of the low water line have been described on the sheet.
- 24. The low water line and delineation of shoal areas have been properly shown (see letter of October 20, 1934).
- 25. Degree and minutes values and symbols have been checked.
- 26. Source of shoreline and signals (When not given in report).
- 27. Depth curves were satisfactory except as follows:

28. Sounding line crossings were satisfactory except as follows:

As there were jumps of as great as 10 ft. in the sounding lines the tolerance on crossings is rather large. Crossings mentioned in the descriptive report were checked and found old.

29. Junctions with contemporary surveys were satisfactory except as follows: Butt juintions were made with all surveys but Hasto because of the age of the surveys. H37614914) was left in pencil. The junctions were never the less found to be very good.

30. Condition of sounding records was satisfactory except as follows: 4

31. The protracting was satisfactory except as follows:

32. The field plotting of soundings was satisfactory except as follows:

131 soundings were changed.

33. Notes to reviewer: The sheet had several bad wrinkles and one ripped spot when received.

DIVISION OF CHARTS

SURVEYS SECTION

REVIEW OF HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY NO. H-6539 FIELD NO. 81

North Carolina - South Carolina - Cape Fear to Cape Romain Surveyed in November 1939 to April 1940, Scale 1:80,000 Instructions dated September 2, 1939

Soundings: Dorsey No. 1 Control: RAR Sono Radio Buoys Fathometer

Chief of Party - R. P. Eyman, H. A. Karo Surveyed by - Ship's Officers Protracted by - L. W. Paul, R. M. Rader Soundings plotted by - R. M. Rader Verified and inked by - C. E. Dennis Reviewed by - H. F. Stegman, June 23, 1941 Inspected by - H. R. Edmonston

1. Shoreline and Signals

This is an offshore survey and no shoreline is shown.

Buoys were located by taut wire-sun azimuth traverse or by bomb distances from buoys on the traverse line.

2. Sounding Line Crossings

General agreement of sounding line crossings is within 3 feet (See D.R., page 2).

3. Depth Curves

The usual depth curves may be satisfactorily drawn.

4. Junctions with Surveys

- a. The junction with H-6540 (1939) on the northeast is satisfactory.
- b. The junction with H-6542 (1939) on the southeast will be considered in the review of that survey.
- c. Along the north and west the inshore limit of the present survey makes a satisfactory abuttal junction with H-4313 (1923), H-4323 (1923), H-4488 (1925), H-4615 (1925-26), and H-4616 (1926).

5. Comparison with Prior Surveys

a. $\frac{\text{H-694 (1859), H-717 (1858), and H-768 (1860);}}{\text{scales 1:300,000 and 1:500,000}}$

Portions of each of these early surveys cover part of the area of the present survey. They contain no information not adequately superseded by the present survey.

b. H-3761 (1914); scale 1:80,000

This survey covers a small portion of the area of the present survey near Lat. 32° 55', Long. 78° 50'. Agreement between the two surveys is fairly good except in the vicinity of Lat. 32° 58', Long. 78° 52', where the 10-fathom curve has moved northwestward about 1,200 meters. There are differences of about 5 fathoms between the two surveys in this vicinity due to the fairly steep slope evidently caused by scouring action. The present survey supersedes this survey in the common area.

c. $\frac{\text{H-4313 (1923), H-4323 (1923), H-4488 (1925),}}{\text{H-4615 (1925-26)}}$ and $\frac{\text{H-4616 (1926); scale 1:40,000}}{\text{H-4616 (1926); scale 1:40,000}}$

These well developed surveys taken together cover the inshore portion of the present survey area. General agreement of depths is within 3 feet. However, in areas of uneven bottom, differences of as much as 6 feet occur as at Lat. 33° 36', Long. 78° 35', where a 56-ft. sounding on H-4615 falls near 62-ft. depths on the present survey. It is believed that these differences are due to natural changes and therefore no soundings have been carried forward. The present survey supersedes these surveys in the common area except that bottom characteristics should be retained where necessary.

d. H-4437 (1924), H-4523 (1925), and H-4617 (1926) scales 1:40,000 and 1:100,000

These surveys taken together cover most of the area of the present survey outside of the 10-fm. curve. General agreement of depths is within 1 to 2 fathoms.

As noted in the review of H-6540 (1939), page 3, the soundings of H-4437 (1924), within the area of the present survey, should have a correction

of minus 6 feet applied to them. The application of this correction would greatly improve the agreement with the present survey.

Because of its more rigid control and closer development the present survey supersedes these surveys in the common area. Bottom characteristics, however, should be retained wherever necessary.

6. Comparison with Charts $\frac{1236}{1237}$ (Latest print dated 3-1 -41) $\frac{1237}{1238}$ (" " 8-28-40)

1238 (" " 7-31-40) 1110 (" " 4-24-41)

a. <u>Hydrography</u>

Hydrography shown on the charts originates with surveys discussed in the preceding paragraphs. The only additional necessary comment is concerning the following charted soundings:

- 1. The 55-ft. sounding on chart 1236 in Lat. 33° 36!. Long. 78° 16.5!.
- 2. The 12-fathom sounding on chart 1110 in Lat. 32° 58.5', Long. 78° 51'.

These soundings originate with H-694 (1859) and are about 2 fathoms shoaler than the depths on the present survey. These areas are adequately developed on the present survey and show no indication that the charted depths exist. The soundings should therefore be expunged from the charts.

b. Aids to Navigation

The only aid to navigation within the area of the present survey is the lighted whistle buoy "2CR." This buoy was located on the present survey by taut wire-sun azimuth traverse and the following position obtained:

Buoy "2CR" (Survey Buoy Unk) Lat. 32° 58' 744.7 m. Long. 78° 53' 290.6 m.

The above location is about 1 nautical mile northwest of the charted position and the position in the 1941 Light List but satisfactorily marks the general features intended. (See attached copy of letter dated July 3, 1941, to U. S. Coast Guard.)

See attached reply by U.S.C.G. dated Aug 21,1941 HFS.

7. Condition of Survey

- a. The sounding records are neat and legible and conform to the requirements of the hydrographic manual.
- b. The field plotting was satisfactory.
- c. The Descriptive Report is clear and satisfactorily covers all matters of importance.

8. Compliance with Instructions for the Project

Compliance with instructions for the project is satisfactory. The present survey, however, extends inshore of the limits specified in the instructions with a sounding line spacing of about 800 meters in depths of 8 to 11 fathoms. When the area inshore of H-6539 is resurveyed the instructions should provide for additional sounding lines to be run within the area of the present survey to depths of approximately 11 fathoms in order to satisfy the requirement of 400-meter spacing in this area of lumpy bottom.

9. Additional Field Work Recommended

When work on this project is resumed, southwest of the present survey, hydrography should extend inshore to the 10-fathom curve in the vicinity of Lat. 33° 00', Long. 79° 00'.

10. Superseded Surveys

H- 694	(1859)	in	part	H-4437 (1924)	in	part
H- 717	(1858)	11	11	H-4488 (1925)	tf	- 11
H- 768	(1860)	11	11	H-4523 (1925)	11	11
H-3761	(1914)	11	11	H-4615 (1925-26)	in	part
H-4313	(1923)	11	11	H-4616 (1926)	11	- 11
H-4323	(1923)	11	11	H-4617 (1926)	11	11

Examined and approved:

Chief, Surveys Section

Chief, Division of Charts

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Chief, Section of Hydrography Chief, Division of Coastal Surveys

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