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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

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Reg. No. H-6575

Sheet No. 2140

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LOCALITY

Southeastern Alaska

East Side Glacier Bay, Beartrack Core

to Sandy Cove.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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 No. 2140

REGISTER NO. H-6575

State Southeast Alaska
General locality Southeastern Alaska East side of Glacier Bay
Locality East side Clacter Bay, Reartrack Cove to Sandy Cove
Scale 1:20,000 Date of survey May 7 to Sept. 30, 19 40
Vessel WESTDAHL
Chief of Party Benjamin H. Rigg
Surveyed by Benjamin H. Rigg, J.C. Bose, William F. Deane
Protracted by R. H. Woodcock
Soundings penciled by R. H. Woodcock
Soundings in fathoms mant
Plane of referenceM.L.L.W
Subdivision of wire dragged areas by
Inked by C. E. Dennis
Verified bydo
Instructions dated March 10, 1938 & April 19, 1939 , 19
Remarks: Smooth sheet & plotting by Seattle Processing Office.



Sturgess Island, looking west. Fairweather Range in left background.



Sturgess Islands, looking southwest from a high point above Δ GOOSE.



Looking southeastward toward Sandy Cove. Cliff Island in left foreground.

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT TO ACCOMPANY HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET

(Field) No. 2140

Register No. H-6575

GLACIER BAY: ALASKA

M. V. WESTDAHL

PROJECT HT - 221 Season of 1940. Benjamin H. Rigg, Chief of Party.

INSTRUCTIONS:

The survey was made under instructions from the Director dated March 10, 1938 and April 19, 1939.

LIMITS:

The area covered by this sheet includes the eastern half of Glacier Bay from Beartrack Cove to Sebree Island. It extends from latitude 58° 34' to latitude 58° 46' and from longitude 135° 50' to longitude 136° 08.5'.

A small area, centered in Lat. 58° 43', Long 136° 61', including Sturgess Island and Sandy Cove, was surveyed on a larger scale (1: #6574 (940) No. 1140.

SURVEY METHODS:

Standard methods were used for measuring depths and fixing po-

Triangulation stations and topographic signals located by planeFive
table were used for obtaining three-point fixes. Four hydrographic
signals, located by sextant fixes, were located on North Marble Island, also three signals on South Marble Island.

Soundings in inshore areas and on shoals were taken from a launch while those in offshore areas were taken by the WESTDAHLL

The launch party measured depths of 10 fathoms or less with a wire-centered leadline and a twelve-pound lead and greater depths with a stranded wire and twenty five pound lead, operated by a power driven sounding machine. Where the bottom was suspected of having a steep slope, some soundings in depths of less than 10 fathoms were taken with the wire to avoid too many misses with the hand lead.

Soundings taken by the WESTDAHL were obtained, for the most part, by the Dorsey fathometer III. However, the failure of the rotary converter on September 7th rendered the fathometer useless and soundings taken after that date were taken with the ship's sounding machine, using stranded wire and a 35 pound lead.

A separate report on the operation of the fathometer and the method of computing corrections has been submitted. The fathometer corrections determined for the 1940 season are given in the following tables:

Depth in	fathoms	Corrections	in feet
0 - 1	5/6	0	
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DISCREPANCIES:

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No discrepancies of any appreciable amount are known to occur on the sheet. It must be kept in mind, however, that this report is being written before the smooth sheet has been plotted. It is based on the soundings appearing on the boat sheet to which fathometer corrections have not been applied and for which the tide reducers were obtained from predicted tides. It is believed that the only discrepancies which may exist will be due to steeply sloping bottom.

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DANGERS:

On account of the glacial origin of Glacier Bay, there are many / lumps, reefs, and shoals. Many of the shoals have sufficient water over them to be safe even for vessels of greatest draft; however, some are dangerous for vessels of any size.

Near the southeast corner of the sheet is an extensive area containing reefs and shoals. Several of the reefs bare and are located /1939 and described on topographic sheet No. T-6678. The most northerly reef is in Lat. 58° 36.7', Long. 135° 59.1'. A close development of

the adjacent area was not made because it contains so many dangers that it should be considered foul ground.

The island in Lat. 58° 39.3', Long. 135° 59.3' and the small island just north of it are surrounded by a rocky area bare at low water. The larger island also has an offlying reef 0.4 mile south of it which bares. In addition, there is shoal water for a distance of approximately 1/2 mile west of the island and about 3/4 mile south of it. The most dangerous spot is in Lat. 58° 39.0', Long. 136° 00.2', with a least depth of 3 feet at MLLW. See Vol. No. 12, Page 42, Pos. 95z. Fifteen minutes were spent in drift sounding on this spot.

A shoal with a depth of 6 4/6 fathoms in Lat. 58° 37.85', Long 136° 01.6'. See Vol. 2, Page 59, between positions 122 and 1236. Two fathometer lines were run over this spot with the ship traveling at slow speed. This is the highest point of a narrow ridge about 700 meters long, extending in a north and south direction, and forming an extension of the Marble Islands.

Just off the south end of South Marble Island are some rocks a//93/
wash (shown on Topographic Sheet T-6678) and relatively shoal water
extends in a narrow ridge south-eastward for a distance of about 750
meters. A depth of 9 1/6 fathoms occurs in Lat. 58° 38.07', Long.
136° 02.24'. See Vol. 11, Page 45, Positions 3-4w,

A 6 fathom shoal exists in Lat. 58° 38.45', Long. 136° 01.9'.

Closely spaced lines were run over this spot and 15 minutes spent in

drift sounding. See Vol. 11, Page 7, positions 62 - 63u.

A shoal with a least depth of 8 feet exists in Lat. 58° 39.47', Long. 136° 03.42'. It lies midway between North Marble and South Marble Island and makes the passage between those islands dangerous.

It is marked by kelp. See Vol. 11, Page 42, position 118u. Ten minutes were spent in driftsounding around a buoy.

Shoal water extends in a northwesterly direction from the north end of Morth Marble Island. Near the northern extremity of the shoal, 430 meters from the north end of the island, is a rock which bares feet at MLLW. (Lat. 58° 40.6', Long. 136° 04.1'). It was located by a sextant fix taken by a man standing on the rock. For a location of H6488(194) the rock, and H, drographic Sheet (field) No. 2239, Vol. 1, Page 11.

It was used a few times as a hydrographic signal and given the name located satisfactorily on present survey, pos.41x.

A sheal with a least depth of 9 2/6 fathoms occurs in Lat. 58° 40.25', Long. 136° 01.95'. Thirty minutes were spent in drift sounding for the least depth. See. Vol. 14, Page 24, Position 50ff.

A shoal with a least depth of 13 feet is 230 meters offshore near triangulation station YAWL in Lat. 58° 41.22′, Long. 135° 57.6′. Thirty minutes were spent developing this shoal. See Vol. 13, Page 39, Position 51dd.

A shoal with a least depth of 6 feet is on the east side of the entrance to the cove near © KED. (Lat. 58° 41.6', Long. 135° 57.65'.)

Twenty minutes were spent in drift sounding. See Vol. 13, Page 40,

Position 59dd.

There are two rocks awash in Lat. 58° 41.45', Long. 136° 00.1'.

See topographic sheet No. T-6678 and (Field) Letter A, 1940. The southwest rock bares 12 feet at MLLW (See Vol. 13, Page 51) and the northeast rock bares 2 1/2 feet at MLLW (See Vol. 6, Page 9, Positions 1).

There is a 5 fathom shoal west of Sturgess Island in Lat. 580

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43.0', Long. 136° 04.0'. It was developed on Sheet (Field) No. 1140. Not shown on this sheet.

CHANNELS:

Between the mainland, that is, the east shore of Glacier Bay, and the two islands in approximate. Lat. 58° 39.5', Long 135° 59.3', is a deep channel with a depth of 140 to 135 fathoms. Its narrowest navigable width is one nautical mile. From the aforementioned islands it extends in a northwesterly direction between Sturgess Island and North Marble Island, becoming shoaler but with no depth less than 55 fathoms. It affords a good passage from Beartrack Cove to Sandy Cove and Muir Inlet.

The channel west of the above island, passing east of the two Marble Islands, is also navigable but greater caution is required to avoid some of the dangers described in the preceding paragraph.

To reach Beartrack Cove from the westward, as from Willoughby Island, a vessel should pass one nautical mile south of the southernmost part of South Marble Island and steer due east until the island in Topeka I Lat. 58° 39.5', Long. 135° 59.3' is one nautical mile abaft the abeam.

ANCHORAGES:

The best anchorage within the limits of this sheet is Sandy Cove but, since this anchorage was surveyed on a larger scale on Sheet HG574(1946) (Field) No. 1140, it will not be dealt with here.

There is no other good anchorage on the sheet. Small craft occasionally anchor in the "toe" of Beartrack Cove. However, Beartrack Cove is very deep throughout and the bottom slopes rather steeply from the shore. To anchor in 20 fathoms or less, a vessel must anchor about 170 meters from the low water line, which is hardly a safe distance. Strong westerly winds bring swells into Beartrack Cove but the

eastern end is protected from winds from other directions. Holding ground is good. The WESTDAHL anchored a few times in Lat. 58° 36.2', Long. 135° 51.05'.

The small cove in Lat. 58° 42', Long 135° 57.5' can be used by small craft. It is, however, exposed to southerly winds. As Sandy Cove is only 1 1/2 nautical mile farther to the northwest, there should be no occasion for a vessel to anchor in this small cove.

There is no previous survey.

GEOGRAPHIC NAMES:

North Marble Island, South Marble Island, and Beartrack Cove are names shown on the present chart of Glacier Bay (No. 8306) and are well established.

Additional names have been recommended in the descriptive report for Topographic Sheet No. T-6678. Also see section on geographic names in season's report.

MISCELLANEOUS:

The four hydrographic signals on the west shore of North Marble #6575(19.1) Island were located by sextant fixes not plottable on Sheet No. 2140. They must be plotted on Sheet No. 2239 and transferred to this sheet. #6488(1941) See Vol. #6488(1941) See Vol. #6488(1941) Pages 11 and 12.

Cuts for locating the three hydrographic signals on South Marble Island, namely JOHN, KID, and CARL, are found in Vol. 1, Page 33 and #6575 (1946) Vol. 7, Page 3 and 4, Sheet 2140.

Signal BEE, in Beartrack Cove, is Reference Mark No. 2 for triangulation station BEAR, 1939. A computation to determine its geographic position is attached to this report.

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STATISTICS:

Stat. miles of sounding line - 620.4

251.1 Fathometer 80.9 Wire (ship) 206.6 Wire (launch) 87.9 Hand Lead

Number of Positions - - - - - - 4343

Number of Soundings - - - - 15,506

5727 Fathometer 1284 Wire (ship) 4908 Wire (launch) 3587 Hand Lead

Area, square statute miles - - 62.4

TIDAL DATA:

Tide reducers for the area covered by this sheet were obtained from a portable automatic tide gauge maintained throughout the season near the north end of Willoughby Island.

M.L.L.W. corresponds to 5.4 feet on the staff.

Highest tide observed--24.8 feet, September 4, 1940

Lowest tide observed -- 0.0 feet, July 25, 1940

It is believed that there is very little or no difference in time or height of tide between Willoughby Island and the area covered by this sheet.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Carlos Bose, H. & G. Engr.

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TIDE NOTE FOR HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET

Coastal Surveys

July 3, 1941

Division of Hytheraphy and Topography:

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

Plane of reference approved in 14 volumes of sounding records for

HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET

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Locality Beartrack Cove to Sandy Cove, East side of Glacier Bay, Southeast Alaska

Chief of Party: B. H. Rigg in 1940
Plane of reference is mean lower low water reading
54 ft. on tide staff at Willoughby Island
21.7 ft. below B. M. 1

Height of mean high water above plane of reference is 15.3 feet.

Condition of records satisfactory except as noted below:

Chief, Division of Tides and Curbents.

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Richard H. Woodcock Asst. Engr. Draftsman

Geo. L. Bean
Officer in Charge
Seattle Processing Office.

Field Records Section (Charts)

HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET NO. .. H6575

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

Number of positions on sheet	4343
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Number of positions revised	4
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Date: 9/12/41

Verification by C.E. Dennis

Time: 131 hr.

Review by J.A.McCormick, 10/7/41

Rime: 38 hrs.

HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY NO. H6575

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VERIFIER'S REPORT OF HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY NO. H H6575

Verified and Inked by C.E Dennis

Date 9//12/4/

- 1. The descriptive report was consulted and appropriate action taken. u
- 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 \(\nu \) report include the registry number and year.
- 4. Geographic names of hydrographic features are in slanting letter-
- 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.
- 8. The metal protractor has been checked within the last three months.
- 9. The protracting and plotting of all bad crossings were verified.
- 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.
- 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. -
- 21. Rocks transferred from topographic survey have a dotted curve where 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).

 T-6677 (1938-39), T-6678 (1940), T-6755 (1940), T-6756 (1940)
- 27. Depth curves were satisfactory except as follows:

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DIVISION OF CHARTS

SURVEYS SECTION

REVIEW OF HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY NO. 6575 (1940) FIELD NO. 2140

Southeast Alaska, East Side Glacier Bay, Beartrack Cove to Sandy Cove

Surveyed in May - September 1940, Scale 1:20,000 Instructions dated March 10, 1938; April 19, 1939 (WESTDAHL)

Soundings: Dorsey III Fathometer Control: Sextant fixes Hand lead and machine on shore signals

Chief of Party - B. H. Rigg Surveyed by - B. H. Rigg, J. C. Bose, W. F. Deane. Protracted by - R. H. Woodcock Soundings plotted by - R. H. Woodcock Verified and inked by - C. E. Dennis Reviewed by - J. A. McCormick, November 6, 1941 Inspected by - H. R. Edmonston

1. Shoreline and Signals

Shoreline and topographic signals are from T-6677 (1938-39), T-6678 (1938-39), T-6755 (1940) and T-6756 (1940). Fixes for hydrographic signals are recorded in volumes for this and adjoining surveys.

2. Sounding Line Crossings

Satisfactory. The few discrepancies at crossings can usually be ascribed to steep slope.

3. Depth Curves

Satisfactory.

4. Adjoining Surveys

Satisfactory junctions were effected with H-6576 (1940) on the north, H-6574 (1940) on the north central, H-6457 (1939) on the south and H-6458 (1940) on the southwest. Surveys on the northwest have not been received from the field.

5. Previous Surveys

The Coast and Geodetic Survey has made no previous surveys in this area.

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6. Comparison with Chart 8306 (New Print of September 30, 1940)

Soundings now charted in this area are from reconnaissance of the Coast Guard (Chart Letter 473 of 1936) and of the Coast and Geodetic Survey (B.P. 29869 of 1936). Some additional information has been added from other chart letters. Charted information agrees farily well with the survey but should be expunged entirely before application of the latter.

7. Condition of Survey

Satisfactory.

8. Compliance with Project Instructions

A 17-fathom sounding in lat. 58°43.9', long. 136°04.7' appears to be 10 fathoms too shoal. It should have been further investigated.

9. Additional Field Work Recommended

None.

Examined and Approved:

Chief, Surveys Section

Chief, Division of Charts

Chief, Section of Hydrography

Chief, Division of Coastal Surveys

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