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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.

REGISTER No. H-6861

Field No. 2143

State Maine Muscongus Bay
General locality — Coast of Maine
Monhegan I to Femaguid Neck Locality Guesongus Bay
Locality — Huecongus Bay Oct. 1943
Scale 1:20,000 and 1:40,000 Date of survey June - August, 1944
Instructions dated Mar. 16, 1943 and Mar. 11, 1944
Vessel M. V. GILBERT and FARIS
Chief of party I. E. Rittenburg and W. R. Porter
Surveyed by I. E. Rittenburg and W. R. Porter
Soundings taken by fathometer, graphic recorder, management wire
Protracted by M. E. Byrd, K. T. Meech, M. J. Langley and G. Barr
Soundings penciled by M. J. Langley and G. Barr
Soundings in factorises feet at MLW MINISTER
REMARKS: These sheets were processed in the Hydrographic Section of the
S. E. District at Norfolk, Va.
The survey processed on a separate sheet (Formerly H-6976) was
reproduced and printed as an insert on H-6861 after verification and
inking. The original plotting has been placed in Volume 1 of the re-
cords to preserve the position numbers

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DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

TO ACCOMPANY

HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET FIELD NO. 2143

PROJECT CS-265

CDAST OF MAINE

GILBERT-1943 -44

AUTHORITY AND TIME OF SURVEY:

This survey was made in accordance with original instructions from the Director for Project CS-265 dated May 7, 1941 addressed to the Commanding Officer, OCEANOGRAPHER and amended as follows:

March 11, 1942 addressed to C. O. LYDONIA June 13, 1942 addressed to C. O. LYDONIA March 16, 1943 addressed to C. O. LYDONIA

And a further amendment extending the limits of the project eastward to Monhegan Id., Me. (the date of this amendment is March 1) 1944 not available). Work was done in the early part of October, 1943.

LIMITS AND JUNCTIONS:

The work on this boat sheet is to be coupled with the corresponding work of W. R. Porter (FARIS) to make one smooth sheet as the area was split to allow both vessels to work simultaneously on the same sheet. The area covered by this portion of the survey lies between Latitudes 43°45.3' and 43°48.5' and extends eastward from Longitude 69°30' to Longitude 69°20' W. On the west it joins with Hydrographic Sheet H-6730, on the north with the work of W. R. Porter (FARIS). There are no junctions with new surveys on either the east or south.

CONTROL AND DATUM:

Control consisted entirely of triangulation stations with the exception of two hydrographic stations, HO and KAY, whose positions were transferred from sheet H-6736. In addition the radio tower on Manana Id. and the beacon on Duck Rocks, called Rad and Beacon respectively, were cut in by sextant cuts hot used this year. It will be necessary, however, to use them next year or whenever the sheet is completed. This survey is on the North American, 1927 Datum.

METHODS:

Exactly the same as for Sheet H-6730 except for last paragraph, which reads for this sheet as follows:

The general spacing of sounding lines is 200 meters. No development or splits were run as the season closed before this sheet could be completed. It appears, however, that not as much development will be needed on this sheet as was found necessary on other sheets in this locality as the water is generally deeper and the bottom not quite so broken. No cross lines have been run as yet.

Crosslines ran in 1944

DISCREPANCIES:

None

DANGERS:

None

TIDES:

Reducers for A, B, & C days were obtained from the records of a portable automatic tide gage in operation at Monhegan Id., Maine. Reducers for D & E days were obtained from the records of a standard automatic tide gage in operation at Boothbay Harbor, Maine. Datum planes were furnished by the office. No tidal data sheet is attached as the information is not available. However the actual reducers used are attached.

STATISTICS:

Statute miles of sounding lines Number of Positions Number of Soundings 256.6 617 continous profile

COMPARISON WITH CHART 1204 and 313:

This is not a completed survey as necessary development within the area covered has not been done, therefore a detailed comparison with the existing charts will not be made. Several differences, however, are worthy of note and are listed below.

Sounding	Latitude	Longitude	Charted Depth	Remarks
90 96 ft.	43°47.821	69°28.0' .	124 - 136 ft.	least depth so far on extensive
168 188 ft.	58 43°47 . 62'	69°27.0%	219 ft.	ledge.
4€ ft.	43°48.50'	69°25.81	48 ft.	on extension of Moser Ledge.In addition to these soundings there are many other soundings shoaler than those charted,& a better delineation of the limits of the ledge
52 63 ft.	43°47.851	69°25.60'	84 ft.	is now available.
6\$ st.	43°46.621	69°26.28°	127 ft.	11
49 55 ft.	43°47.6%!	69°25.75°	87 ft.	Ħ
10 % ft.	43°48.051	69°24.71	117 ft.	

Ledge between Longitude 69°24' and 69°25' in Latitude 43°47.0' not indicated on charts which show depth of 256 - 253 ft. Ledge has 12% ft. so far.

A much better delineation of the underwater features is available even now with no development. After development necessary is run, shoaler water than listed above may be found.

corrected values are least depths after development.

3. Esttenburg Control Certifying Officer

and Chief of Party

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

TO ACCOMPANY

Sheet No.2

Project CS - 265 FARIS - 1943

AUTHORITY:

This survey was executed under Instructions dated May 7, 1941 and Supplemental Instructions dated March 16, 1943.

SCOPE:

Muscongus Bay from a junction with LYDONIA surveys of 1943 at Latitude 43 51' southward to a junction with the GILBERT sheet No. 2143 (field) at Latitude 43 48.5' and from a junction with sheet No. 1 (FARIS) 1943, at Longitude 69 30' eastward to Longitude 69 20'.

SURVEY METHODS:

Standard survey methods were used thruout. The hydrography was done on a scale of 1/20:000 using a portable depth recorder. All lines were controlled by sextant fixes on triangulation stations. At least one good bar check was obtained each day and two and three when the operation of the fathometer and weather conditions permitted. Salinities were observed by the MY GILBERT. A tide gage was in operation thru Oct. 7 at Monhegan Island. For the balance of the work, tide reductions were obtained from gages at Boothbay Harbor and Portland, Me.

Most of this hydrography was done in rough weather; swells as high as eight feet were common. The fathometer assigned this vessel operated poorly, as to speed, over considerable portion of this work. This instrument was serviced several times by the Chief Radio Technician of the LYDONIA with only temporary success. Proper notes were made in the record whenever the speed of the machine was in error. An accurate clock was used.

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Very adverse weather and the end of the Field Season prevented
any developing of this area. Approximately four days of develop-development
ment will be necessary to complete this sheet.

accomplished by
Gibert in 1944

DANGERS:

[at 43° 48.70', long 49°25.44']

A 15 Long foot sounding (no development) was obtained on Moser

Ledge. The least depth charted is 17 feet. 18' found by Gilbert in 1944

A 23 foot sounding (no development) was obtained in Latitude
43 50.75 and Longitude 69 23.7 20 found on this shoot by Gilbert
in 1944

COMPARISONS:

Many shoaler depths than charted were found. Further developing of these shoal indications is necessary.

Development done
by Gilbert in 1944

STATISTICS:

Area in square miles (statute) 20.6
Miles of sounding limes (statute) 387.9
Number of positions 808
Continuous profile

Respectfully submitted,

Wilbur R. Porter, Lieut. Comdr., C&GS.

WRP/r

ADDENDUM

to accompany

HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET NO. H-6861

1943 Season

The northern half of this sheet was surveyed by the M. V. FARIS, while the southern half was surveyed by the M. S. GILBERT.

While protracting the northern half of this sheet which was accomplished by the M.V. FARIS, it was noticed that the position of the lines on the boat sheet did not always correspond with that shown on the smooth sheet. A conference was held with Lt. Comdr. W. R. Porter, who was in charge of this work, and who, during the processing of this sheet was working in the vicinity of Norfolk, relative to this apparent discrepancy. The protractors aboard the FARIS were checked and it was discovered that one of them was out of adjustment in the neighborhood of 30 minutes. The conclusion was, therefore, reached that this protractor was out of adjustment during the plotting of that portion of the boat sheet accomplished by the FARIS.

Respectfully submitted,

Seedore M. Zestsud Isadore M. Zeskind

Associate Cartographic Engineer

Norfolk, Va. Feb. 2, 1944

Approved and Forwarded

Supervisor, S. E. District

ADDENDUM

HYDROGRAPHIC SHEETS NOS. H-6861 & H-6976

Due to the fact that Smooth Sheet H-6861 did not extend far enough south to include all the additional work accomplished on H-6861 during the 1944 season, it was necessary to plot that work which fell off H-6861 on H-6976. (This additional sheet was made in accordance with the authority contained in the Director's letter dated August 26, 1944, reference 82-DRM).

The work on H-697.6 has been made part of H-6861 (See insert)

Volumes No. 6 & 7 contain hydrography for Surveys H-6861 and H-6976, whereas, volumes No. 8, 9, 10 and 11 contain hydrography for sheet H-6861 only.

The additional work for the 1944 season was accomplished by the M. V. GILBERT in accordance with the Supplemental Instructions, dated March 11, 1944, for Project CS-265.

It is felt that all the work necessary to complete this survey has been accomplished and no additional work is necessary.

Attention is directed to the erratic time between positions as marked on the fathogram 79 - 81 W (See page 28, volume No. 6). This was due to the tension spring slipping and was not due to erratic speed of the depth recorder.

The additional work appears to be in fair agreement with the previous work. There are instances where a slight displacement of soundings would give a better agreement of adjacent hydrography. The bottom in the area covered by this survey is very irregular.

Respectfully submitted,

Isadore M. Zeskind Cartographic Engineer

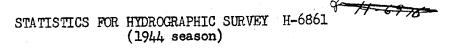
Norfolk, Va. May 15, 1945

Approved & Forwarded

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(1944 season)

The tide reducers used this year were from the Portland, Maine gage and a portable gage operated by this party in Boothbay Harbor, Maine. The gage in Boothbay Harbor was installed June 12, 1944 in Latitude 43° 51105; Longitude 69° 3716. The MIW on the tide staff as furnished by the Washington Office was 2.4 feet. The hourly heights for the Portland gage was furnished by the Washington Office. The reducers for June 2, 8, and 9 were taken from this data. The reducers for the other days were entered in the sounding volumes direct from the tide marigrams as recorded by the gage in Boothbay Harbor. Copies of our authority to use these tide reducers are attached to the Descriptive Report.



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All soundings taken with a type 808A Depth Recorder Total area 30.6 square statute miles

DEPTH RECORDER REDUCERS FOR SHEET NO. 6861

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For "B" scale soundings during the period June 2, 1944 - July 7, 1944 apply an additional correction of +11.3 feet. See Page 17, Vol. 3.

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For "B" scale soundings during the period July 14, 1944 - August , 1944 apply an additional correction of +9.9 feet. See page 46, Vol. 3.

NOTE: - The above corrections are to be applied to the soundings appearing on the "A" scale.

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For "B" scale soundings during the period

For "B" scale soundings during the period July 13, 1944 - August 10, 1944 apply an additional correction of +9.9 feet. See Page 46, Vol. 3.

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MEMORANDUM IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

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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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Rev. June 1937

TIDE NOTE FOR HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET

February 12, 1944

-Division of Hydrography and Topography:

Division of Charts: Attention: H. R. EDMONSTON

Plane of reference approved in 5 volumes of sounding records for

HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET 6861

Locality Muscongus Bay, Maine

Chief of Party: W. R. Porter and I. E. Rittenburg in 1943
Plane of reference is mean low water reading
2.1 ft. on tide staff at Monhegan Island
16.5 ft. below B. M. 1
3.9 ft. on tide staff at Boothbay Harbor
18.5 ft. below B. M. 4

Height of mean high water above plane of reference is 8.8 ft.

Condition of records satisfactory except as noted below:

Chief, Division of Tides and Currents.

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TIDE NOTE FOR HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET

26 May 1945

Division -of -Hydrography -and -Topography:

Division of Charts: Attention: H. W. MURRAY

Plane of reference approved in 6 volumes of sounding records for

> HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET 6861 Additional Work

Locality Muscongus Bay, Maine

Chief of Party: I. E. Rittenburg in 1944 Plane of reference is mean low water reading 8.6 ft. on tide staff at Portland

19.0 ft. below B. M. 31

2.4 ft. on tide staff at Boothbay Harbor

13.2 ft. below B. M. 6

Height of mean high water above plane of reference is 8.9 feet.

Condition of records satisfactory except as noted below:

Chief, Division of Tides and Currents.

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REVIEW SECTION - NAUTICAL CHART BRANCH

REVIEW OF HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY

REGISTRY NO. 6861

FIELD NO. 2143

Maine, Muscongus Bay, Monhegan Island to Pemaquid Neck Surveyed in Oct. 1943 - Aug. 1944 Scale 1:20,000 Project No. CS-265

Soundings:

Control:

808 Fathometer

Sextant fixes on shore signals

Chiefs of Party - I. E. Rittenburg and W. R. Porter Surveyed by - I. E. Rittenburg and W. R. Porter Protracted by - M. E. Byrd, K. T. Meech, M. J. Langley and G. Barr Soundings plotted by - M. J. Langley and G. Barr Verified and inked by - G. F. Jordan Reviewed by - R. H. Carstens, March 29, 1946 Inspected by - H. W. Murray

1. Shoreline and Signals

The shoreline and topographic signals are from T-5990, T-5991, T-5999, T-5620 and T-5621, all of 1941. Sextant cuts for supplementary hydrographic signals are recorded in the sounding records of the present survey. Hydrographic signals Ho and Kay were transferred from H-6858 (1943) and hydrographic signals Man and Ram were transferred from H-6969 (1944).

2. Sounding Line Crossings

Depths at crossings are satisfactory. Parts of lines on E and F day (red) were omitted because the speed of the fathometer was erratic. Some depths on these lines differed by as much as 12 ft. with adjacent depths. However, the development in the area affected is considered adequate even with the omission of these lines.

3. Depth Curves and Bottom Configuration

The usual depth curves were satisfactorily drawn.

H-6861(1944)-2-

The bottom is very irregular. Numerous ridges and paralleling deeps trend in a southerly direction. There are also many isolated spots rising sharply from deeper depths. A good illustration is the 156 ft. spot in lat. 43° 43.5', long. 69° 28.3' which rises from adjacent depths of about 330 ft.

A few of the reefs are dangerous to surface navigation but most of the features are covered by more than 40 ft. of water.

4. Adjoining Surveys

Satisfactory junctions were made with H-6858 (1943) and H-6844 (1943) on the west, H-6853 (1943) and H-6969 (1944) on the north, and H-6992 (1944) on the southeast. The junctions with H-6982 (1944-45) on the east and H-6854 (1943-44) on the north at long. 69° 24' will be considered when those surveys are verified. There are no contemporary surveys on the south registered at the present time.

5. Comparison with Prior Surveys

H-746 (1860)	1:20,000
H-823a (1863)	1:40,000
H-823c (1867)	1:20,000
H-986 (1868)	1:10,000
H-1836 (1888)	1:40.000

H-746 covers the greater part of the area of the present survey and the other surveys cover small areas on the north, east, and south sides.

Development on the prior surveys is sparse. Depths in many places are 12 to 30 ft. deeper than present depths. This difference is probably caused by the difference in the methods of surveying.

The following soundings from H-746 falling 230 to 400 meters from similar depths on the present survey are probably out of position and should be disregarded (geographic positions are smooth sheet values).

Sounding	Lat.	Long.	Present depth	Chart
a. 195 ft.	43° 47.77'	69° 28.55'	about 240 ft.	313
b. 150 ft.	43° 48.85'	69° 29.74'	about 240 ft.	313
c. 123 ft.	43° 48.50'	69° 23.78'	140 to 198 ft.	313

The 118 ft. (chart 313) in lat. 43° 50.15', long. 69° 28.20', from H-746, falling in present depths of 160 to 180 ft. was probably recorded 10 fms. in error. Present development disproves the sounding.

The 153 ft. (uncharted) in lat. 43° 47.97', long. 69° 19.95' on H-823a, falling in present depths of 203 to 226 ft. was probably recorded 10 fms. in error. Present depths are adequate for charting.

The present survey is considered adequate to supersede these prior surveys within the common area.

6. Comparison with Chart 312 (Latest print date 8/4/45) Chart 313 (Latest print date 9/1/45) Chart 1204 (Latest print date 6/23/45)

A. Hydrography

The hydrography is charted largely from the previously discussed surveys. Supplementary least depths are from the present survey before verification and review.

No authority could be found for the following soundings which first appear on charts 312 and 313 in 1916 when the soundings on those sheets were changed from fathoms to feet:

Sounding	Lat.	Long.	Present depth	Chart
a. 153 ft.b. 142 ft.c. 170 ft.d. 200 ft.	43°47.63'	69°19.95'	250 to 264 ft.	312, 313
	43°48.57'	69°16.30'	about 170 ft.	312
	43°49.98'	69°19.05	about 200 ft.	312, 313
	43°50.10'	69°18.60'	about 230 ft.	312, 313

Present depths are considered adequate for charting this area. The depths listed above should be disregarded.

The 116 feet (chart 313) in lat. 43° 47.28', long. 69° 30.40' charted from the present survey was rejected in the process of verification.

Inasmuch as there are considerable differences in some places between charted depths and present depths, the chart should be recompiled from present survey.

B. Aids to Navigation

The survey position of the beacon charted in lat. 43° 50.48', long. 69° 18.87' is 80 meters west of the charted position on charts 312 and 313. The survey positions of other aids to navigation are in satisfactory agreement with the charted positions.

7. Condition of Survey

The field plotting of soundings and protracting of positions was excellent.

The condition of the sounding records was very good.

8. Compliance with Project Instructions

The present survey complies with project instructions except that few bottom characteristics were taken and no hand lead verification of critical depths was made, as called for in paragraph 9 of the Instructions of March 16, 1943.

9. Additional Field Work Recommended

This is a basic survey and no additional field work is recommended.

Examined and approved:

Chief, Nautical Chart Branch

Chief, Section of Hydrography

Chief, Chart Division

Chief Division of Coastal Surveys

NAUTICAL CHARTS BRANCH

SURVEY NO. #6861

Record of Application to Charts

DATE	CHART	CARTOGRAPHER	REMARKS
7/16/45	1203	La M. Jann	Before Verification and Review
3/12/47	313 Reconst.	G.H. Everett	Before After Verification and Review
aug 55	1000 L	Tuchols	After Verification and Review complete appl.
5-8-63	Reconst 1203	m. Rogerd	Before After Verification and Review thru charf 313.
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A basic hydrographic or topographic survey supersedes all information of like nature on the uncorrected chart. Give reasons for deviations, if any, from recommendations made under "Comparison with Charts" in the Review.

Partially applied before VTR to chart 313 - 3-22-44 K.R. H.Es. H.Es. Copyed from duplicate cover 3-13-46 G.F.d.