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U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

Type of Survey HYDROGRAPHIC

Field No. GI-2145 Office No. H-6862

LOCALITY

MASSACHUSETTS

General locality Massachusetts Bay

Locality Approaches to Boston Harbor

1945

CHIEF OF PARTY

Ronald R. Moore

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REGISTER No. H-6862

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General locality	Massachusetts Bay Besten Harber
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	17 February 1940 and 23 July 1945
	USC&GSS GILBERT
Chief of party	Renald R. Moere
Surveyed by	Ship's Officers Ronald R. Meare
•	nes Regetted by - L-L. Lawrence
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DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

TO ACCOMPANY

HYDROCRAPHIC SURVEY USC&GSS GILBERT

FIEID NO. GI-2145 H-6862 Ronald R. Moore, Comdg.

Project CS-246

'Scale 1:20000

A---- This survey is a part of Project CS-246. It was executed under Instructions from the Director to the Commanding Officer, Steamer OCEANOGRAPHER, dated 17 February 1940 and supplemental Instructions dated 23 July 1945.

- B. ---- This survey is the approaches to Boston Harbor from the northeast and east in compliance with the supplemental instructions covering the area between the present chart No. 246, Scale 1:20000, and the contemplated future one, Scale 1:25000. This survey extends those executed by the Ship OCEANOGRAPHER in 1940 to the northern limit of 42° ±3'15" and an eastern limit of 70° 44'18". This sheet joins hydrographic surveys H-6643 and H-6644 completed by the Str. OCEANOGRAPHER in 1940, and H-6863 completed in 1945
- C. ---- The field work was accomplished by the Ship GIIBERT.
 An 808A Submarine Signal Depth Recorder No. 53 was used for all soundings except when vertical casts were taken for comparisons, then an accurately graduated leadline was used up to depths of 90 feet and the sounding machine for the greater depths.
- D. ---- A portable tide gage No. H-159 was installed at Deer Is. by the W. D. party of Lt. Comdr. G. L. Anderson and was used for reducing soundings. This machine performed excellently and transferred to the GIIEERT when the Wire Drag party left for the south.
- F. --- The triangulation control for this sheet was executed by various chiefs of parties from 1834 to 1943. As all of the stations used were lighthouses, tanks, standpipes, or military installations no recovery cards were submitted.

Certain military installations were used, the positions of which were obtained from the U S Engineer's Department at Boston and are so noted in the List of Stations.

Military installations used as signals are listed separately as confidential material.

G. ---- There is no shore line on the sheet, all of the work being offshore.

H. ---- All depths except those noted were taken with a type 808A Depth Recorder. As the range of depths was beyond "A" scale of the Recorder, and also beyond the length of the Bar Check the procedure for obtaining Fathometer corrections was as follows: In an area in which the depth could be recorded on two scales, the bar was lowered to 25 feet and fathometer set to read 25 feet on A scale; then bar was lowered to 60 feet and a comparison obtained for B scale. Then a comparison by leadline or machine of the bottom depth was made on the two scales. The corrections so obtained were plotted and a mean correction for each scale was obtained.

In the northeast corner of the are after are a few soundings over the limit of D scale. The phasing device on the fathometer was adjusted to the position of where E scale should be, and these soundings obtained on the foot scale instead of using the fathom scale.

This procedure increased the range of the fathometer by one phase

The greatest differences from the mean curves of the different scales are as follows:

It should be pointed out that these comparisons were made on the open water with varying conditions of wind and sea with ship sight play rolling and pitching and it is thought that the mean curves are indicated by very close to the actual.

Three sets of observations were made for salinity and the theoretical corrections computed, however it is thought enough comparisons had been made for computing the corrections and the salinity observations were disregarded.

The recorder was operated with the middle reed vibrating. The speed was checked against time signals as sent out by radio station WWV, Bureau of Standards, Washington, D. C. The speed was found to be in error less than 0.4 of 1 percent.

A list of the corrections used is attached to this report in addition to the original bar check curves from which they were computed.

I. ---- The horizontal control was by sextant angles on triangulation stations as described in Paragraph F above.

A list of signals used is included in this report.

J. ---- The survey is complete and adequate to supersede prior surveys for charting as far as the work has been completed to date. No holidays or excessive differences exist between soundings.

K. ---- Crosslines were run, and they are in close agreement except in a few cases. The smooth plotting, using bar corrections and the actual tides, should smooth out what discrepancies there are now on the boat sheet. The percentage of crosslines is about %. As this sheet is still in progress additional crosslines could be run when work is resumed.

L. ---- No prior surveys of recent date were available for comparison. The junction with H-6643 and H-6644 executed by the Str. OCEANOGRAPHER in 1940 is in close agreement.

M. ---- Comparison with USC&GS Chart 1207, print date 7 July 1945.

The soundings transferred from the above chart agree very closely with those of this survey with the following exceptions:

51' sounding in Lat. 42° 23.0", Long. 70° 47'.37".

51 and 72 originating with H-516 were plotted in error on that survey.

721 sounding in lat. 420 231.1", long. 700 481.0". That survey.

Shoalest found in this area 1051.

Put 54 of Review of present survey.

These soundings were searched for by running additional lines over the area but were not found. They may have been wrecks that have disappeared by this time.

The bottom in this area is so rocky that the few soundings on present chart 1207 give a poor indication of what the depths actually are.

N. ---- There are no dangers or shoals in the area thus far surveyed. Emroute to working grounds on 17 October 1945, the SS JOSHUA W. ALEXANDER was observed aground near the Graves Lighthouse. On examination, she was found to be aground on NE Graves, with the rock bare alongside at low water. She was floated free during that night.

- O. --- Coast Pilot. The description of this area in the present Coast Pilot is adequate.
- P. ---- The following floating aid is in this area.

Boston Lighted 42° 21'.80" 78.5' Pos. 63 J 10/10/45 Bell Buoy #1 70° 48'.92"

The buoy had just been placed on station a few days previously.

Q. ---- The landmarks as shown on the chart are adequate.

The military installations noted in the list of signals, would military installations are in all probability removed from as yet secret.

R. ---- The Geographic Names as reported by the field inspection party were found to be adequate.

TIDAL NOTE

A portable automatic tide gage was maintained at the dock at Deer Island. Mean low water corresponds to a reading of 2.3 on the staff. This gage was established by the wire drag party of Lt. Comdr. G. L. Anderson and was transferred to this party when the drag party left for the Norfolk area.

The times and heights were used without correction as they would be less than one half of one percent.

STATISTICS FOR HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY H-

Field No. GI-2145

Volume Number	Date	Day . Letter	Numbe	er of	Number of Positions	Statute Miles of Soundings
1	8/27/45	A	HL 2	*	134	39.6
1 & 2	8/29/45	В	3	*	76	21.8
2	9/4/45	C	3	*	144	37.5
2	9/5/45	D	1	*	22	4.1
2 & 3	9/20/45	E	4	*	143	38.1
3 & 4	9/27/45	F	2	¥	179	51.9
4	10/1/45	, G	1	*	102	23.5
4 & 5	10/4/45	Н	1	*	184	50.4
5 & 6	10/10/45	J.	1	*	179	48.0
6	10/11/45	K	1	*	84	22.0
6	10/17/45	L	1	*	137	31.0
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(*) Continuous profile

Area in square miles: 18.4

FATHOMETER CORRECTIONS

The corrections for the fathometer are derived from a composite mean curve from all observations taken as described under Para. H and are listed below.

Two salinity observations were made on 29 Aug. and 17 Oct. 1945, and the theoretical curves computed for each date and also a mean curve of the two observations. The curve halso shown on accompaning mean curve of the two observations. The curve halso shown on accompaning as it predates survey.

The data for each is attached hereto:

CORRECTIONS	(from	n bar	check	and	lead line	comparison
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"B" Scale	"C" Scale
2.01 351 to 901	1.5' 70' to 92' 2.0' 92' to 125'
"D" Scale	"E" Scale
-1.5' 105' to 116' -1.0 116' to 127' -0.5 127' to 138' 0.0 138' to 149' 0.5 149' to 160'	-3.5' 140' up

SQUAT CORRECTION

The squat correction as determined during 1944 for full speed was found to be 0.4. This value was used and added to fathometer corrections. The combined correction being entered under "ECHO" correction.

APPROVAL SHEET

H- 6862

The records and boat sheet for survey No. GI-2145 are herewith approved. It should be borne in mind that this descriptive report was written prior to the plotting of the smooth sheet and is subject to revision, as indicated by the notes attached to this report by the Norfolk Processing Office.

The records and boat sheet were subjected to frequent inspections as the work progressed and I consider the survey complete except for additional crosslines when work is resumed on the project.

crosslines acceptable

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Ronald R. Moore, Lieut. Comdr., C&GS Chief of Party

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ADDENDUM

to accompany

HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY H-6862 (Field No. Gi-2145)

Additional field work is required to complete this survey.

This work was processed in the Hydrographic Section of the Southeastern District, Norfolk, Virginia.

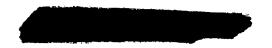
Respectfully submitted,

Cartographic Engineer

Norfolk, Va. Feb. 28, 1946

Approved & Forwarded

Paul C. Whitney Supervisor SE District



The following signals shown on the smooth sheet are military installations located by triangulations and are confidential. The positions can be obtained from the U. S. Engineers, Boston, Massachusetts.

<u>Signal</u>	Triangulation Stations
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SIGNALS USED

USC&GSS GILBERT Approaches to Boston Harbor PROJECT CS-246 Sheet No. GI-2145

All the signals used on this sheet had been located by triangulation.

TRIANGULATION STATIONS

MINMinot's Ledge Lt. Ho. (1915) Hull Strawberry Hill Standpipe (1915) HULL BOS Boston Lt. Ho. (1834) Gallups Id. Water Tank (1941, 1943) Deer Id. Black Cupola (1908) GAL ONWinthrop Standpipe (1915) MIN Nahant Standpipe (1915) HAN Nahant Catholic Church Cupola (1894) CAT RAV The Graves Lt. Ho. (1909) OUT ALL TOW RUK NOR GUN

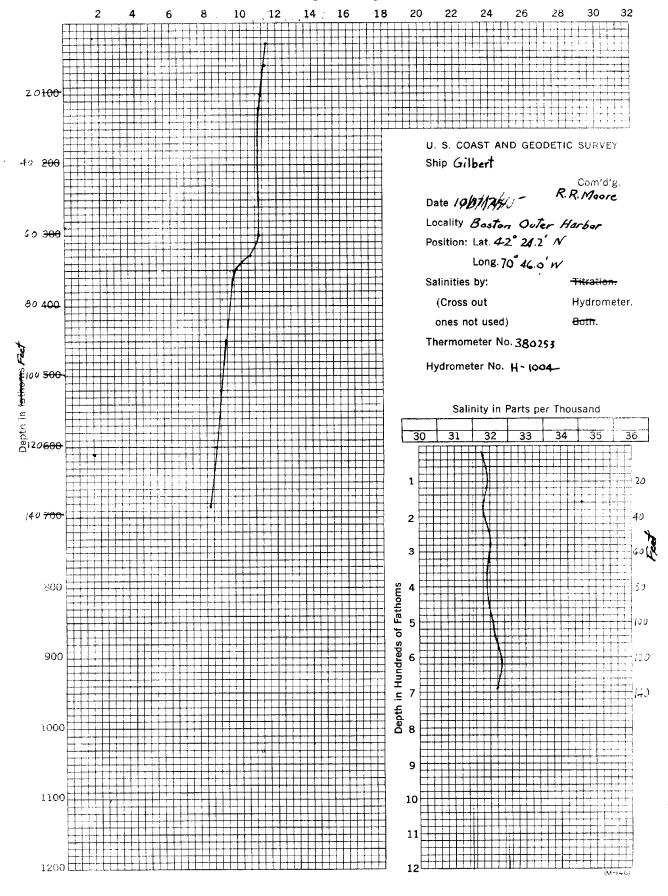
FATHOMETER SALINITY CORRECTIONS USC&GSS GILBERT Sheet No. GI 2145

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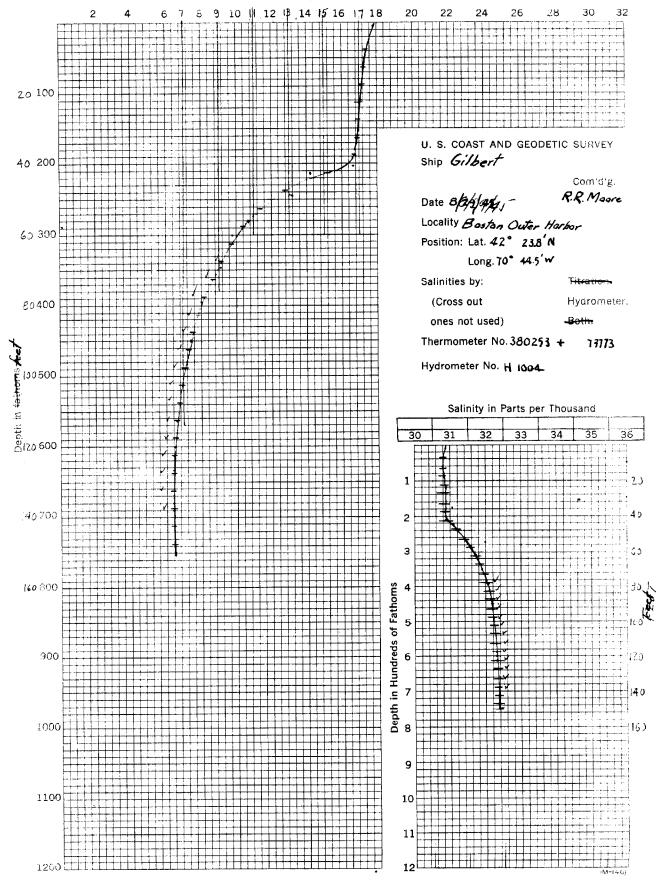
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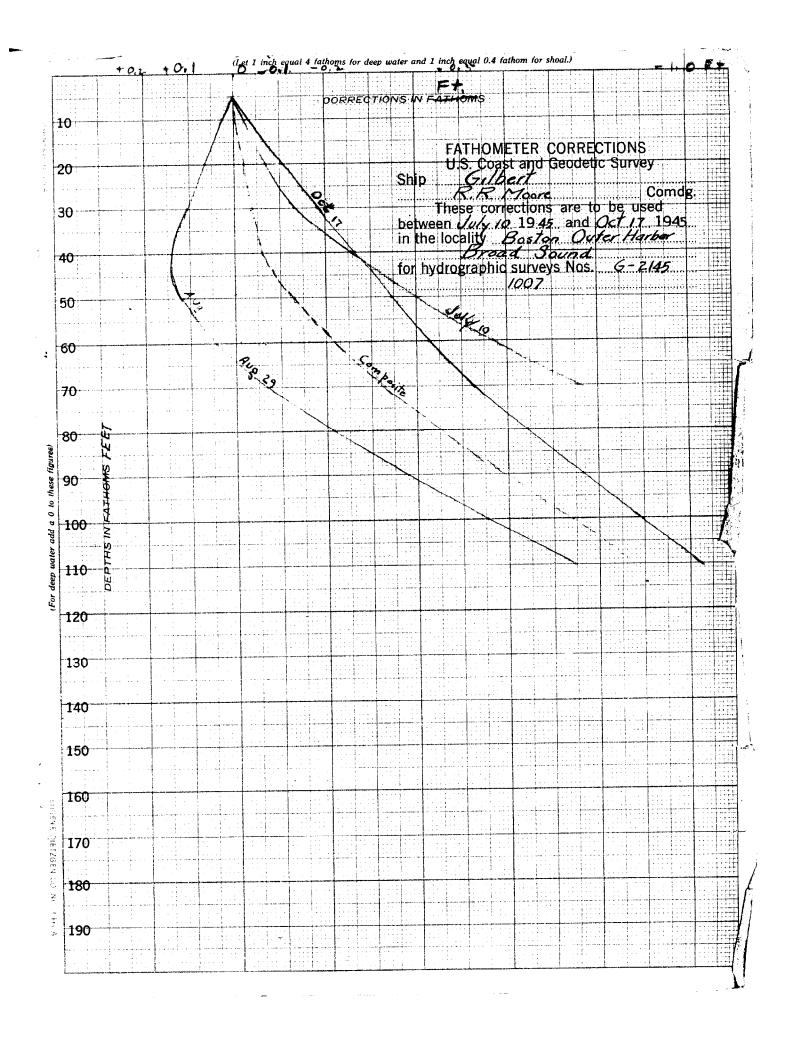
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TIDE NOTE FOR HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET

28 March 1946

Division-of-Hydrography-and-Topography:

Division of Charts: H. W. MURRAY

Plane of reference approved in 6 volumes of sounding records for

HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET 6862

Locality Approaches to Boston Harbor, Mass.

Chief of Party: R. R. Moore in 1945
Plane of reference is mean low water, reading
2.3 ft. on tide staff at Deer Island
14.8 ft. below B. M. 1

Height of mean high water above plane of reference is 9.3 feet

Condition of records satisfactory except as noted below:

Tide reducers erroneously entered for "G" and "H" days (Oct. 1 and Oct. 4) owing to change of time from daylight saving to standard.

Chief, Division of Tides and Currents.

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DIVISION OF CHARTS

REVIEW SECTION - NAUTICAL CHART BRANCH

REVIEW OF HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY

REGISTRY NO. H-6862

FIELD NO. GI-2145

Massachusetts, Massachusetts Bay, Approaches to Boston Harbor Surveyed in August - October, 1945 Scale 1:20,000 Project No. CS-246

Soundings:

Control:

808 Fathometer

Sextant fixes on shore signals

Chief of Party - R. R. Moore
Surveyed by - R.R. Moore, J. D. Thurmond and L. Lewis
Protracted by - L. L. Lawrence
Soundings plotted by - L. L. Lawrence
Verified and inked by - S. Rose
Reviewed by - R. H. Carstens, June 11, 1947
Inspected by - H. W. Murray

1. Shoreline and Signals

No shoreline is shown on this offshore survey.

The signals originate with this Bureau's triangulation of 1834 to 1943 and with geographic positions of the U. S. Engineers.

2. Sounding Line Crossings

Depths at crossings are in very good agreement.

3. Depth Curves and Bottom Configuration

The usual depth curves were adequately delineated. Additional curves in brown have been added to emphasize the bottom configuration.

The bottom is very irregular. Numerous ridges and knolls, probably of glacial origin, are covered by 45 to 75 ft. of water and rise from depths of 85 to 115 ft.

4. Junctions with Contemporary Surveys

The present survey adequately joins H-6863 (1945) on the northwest, H-6644 (1940) on the west, and H-6643 (1940) on the southwest. Surveys are in progress on the south.

On the north and east, charted information is generally in good agreement with the present survey:

5. Comparison with Prior Surveys

A. H-211 (1846-48) 1:20,000 H-413 (1853-54) 1:20,000 H-516 (1854-55) 1:80,000 Misc. 97 (1863-64) 1:10,000 H-2129 (1892) 1:10,000 H-2146 (1892) 1:10,000

H-211 covers the entire area of the present survey. The other surveys overlap chiefly, the area west of long. 70° 51', except H-516 which overlaps the eastern part of the present area.

Depths on the earlier surveys differ with present depths in some instances by as much as 2 to 3 fms., probably because of displacement in the horizontal position of soundings over a very irregular bottom. Depths on the 1892 surveys generally agree within 2 to 4 ft. with the present depths.

The following soundings (chart 1207) originating with H-516 are from a line of soundings plotted in error on that survey and should be superseded by present depths:

Charted Sounding	Present Depth	Lat.	Long.
72 51	108 72 81	42° 23.1' 42° 23.0' 42° 22.85'	70° 47.98° 70° 47.32° 70° 46.90°
72 72	85	42. 22.63	70 46.42

The present survey contains all the essential hydrographic information and is adequate to supersede these prior surveys within the common area, except for supplementary bottom characteristics.

B. H-3780 W.D. (1915), 1:25,000 H-3951 W.D. (1916) 1:25,000

Present depths do not conflict with the effective drag depths of these wire drag surveys.

6. Comparison with Chart 240 (Latest print date 3/3/47) Chart 1207 (Latest print date 7/13/46)

A. Hydrography

The charted hydrography originates principally with the previously discussed surveys which need no further consideration.

The 60-to 72 ft. soundings (chart 240) in the vicinity of lat. 42° 24.0', long. 70° 50.8', originate with Chart Letter 527 (1912) which shows soundings taken from U. S. Engineers surveys of 1905-12. Seven of the nine soundings charted differ from present depths by 20 to 32 ft. Such great differences in depths are considered unlikely and it is concluded that these prior soundings are out of position or otherwise unreliable and should be disregarded for charting purposes as the present survey is adequate.

The 41 ft. charted in lat. 42° 23.73', long. 70° 51.77' is the least depth reported over the wreck S. S. Romance (L. H. Notice to Mariners 24 of 1937). The present survey does not specifically develop or disprove the 41 and the sounding should, therefore, be retained on the chart.

B. Aids to Navigation

The present survey positions of aids to navigation are in substantial agreement with the charted positions and adequately mark the features intended.

7. Condition of Survey

The smooth sheet was originally protracted with a faulty protractor and was returned to the Processing Office for replotting. The sheet is now plotted accurately.

The sounding records and Descriptive Report are complete and comprehensive.

8. Compliance with Project Instructions

The present survey adequately complies with the Project Instructions.

9. Additional Field Work Recommended

This is an excellent basic survey.

The 41-ft. depth (see par. 6A, above) over the S. S. Romance, charted in lat. 42° 23.73', long. 70° 51.77' should, however, be investigated by wire drag at some future period.

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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.