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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

# DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

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Field NoWAHI 1146 Office No. H-7083

LOCALITY

State Virginia

General locality James River

Locality Turkey I. to Hatcher I.

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#### HYDROGRAPHIC TITLE SHEET

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REGISTER No. H- 7083

Field No. NA HI- 1146

State	Virginia
General locality	James River
Locality	Turkey I. to Hatcher I Bermuds Hundred to Western Entrance Dutch Gep Outoff
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Chief of party	G.L. Anderson
Surveyed by	Robert C. Darling, George E. Russell, Jr.
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# DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY NUMBER H-7083 (Field No. WAHI- 1146)
Project No. CS- 255 James River, Virginia
SHIPS HILGARD & WAINWRIGHT George L. Anderson, Chief of Party.
Surveyed by: George E. Russell jr. & Robert C. Darling, 26 Feb. to 14 April 1946

- A. PROJECT. Project CS- 255; original instruction dated 11 October 1940(GILBERT); Amended instructions dated 17 November 1942 (GILBERT); Amended instructions dated 1 October 1945(GILBERT); and letters dated 19 September 1945(FARIS); and 30 January 1946(SED).
- B. SURVEY LIMITS AND DATES. This survey covers the James River, Virginia from Bermuda Hundred northward to the western end of Aiken-Swamp Dutch Gap Cut-off, including Turkey Island Bend, Jones Neck Bend, Dutch Gap Bend and the old James River Channel south of Farrar Island. No recent hydrographic survey joins this sheet. Field work was begun on 26 February and was completed on 14 April 1946.
- 6. VESSELS AND EQUIPMENT.— One hydrographic party was used on this survey using either USC&GS Launch 101 or U S Army Launch No. M— 374, and model 808A portable fathometer No. 63 or model 808—J No. 100—S. When one launch or fathometer was under repairs, the other equipment was used. The second launch was used for building and locating signals when available. Continuous day letters were used for this survey(red letters); the sounding records indicate when the launch of fathometer was changed. Shoal soundings along the edge of the channel and in the creeks were made with a 25-ft. skiff using a sounding pole or leadline. This secondary hydrographic party used a continuous series of day letters(blue). The survey parties based at the Ships HILGARD & WAINWRIGHT located at Hopewell, Meadowville, and Farrar Island.
- D. TIDE AND CURRENT STATIONS.— Standard tide stations were in operation at Hopewell and at Richmond during the period of this survey. Portable tide gages were operated as follows: HAXAII-Turkey Island Bend from 21 Feb. to 26 Mar.; Meadowville from 9 Mar. to 13 April; Curles Neck from 29 March to 7 April. Staff readings were made during daylight hours at Farrar Island from 9 to 13 Apr. The values used for MIW on staff are as follows: Haxall 2.4 ft.; Meadowville 1.5; Curles Neck 0.8 ft.; and Farrar Island 0.1 ft. The Haxall gage was used for the reduction of soundings from the southern limit of the work to James River Light No. 137, including Turkey Island Bend. The Meadowville gage was used for the area from James River Light No. 137 westward to the vicinity of James River Light No. 150, including Jones Neck Bend. Farrar Island tides were used for the area westward of James River Light No. 150 to the limit of the survey. No Current observations were made.
- F. CONTROL STATIONS. The control used on this sheet is triangulation established in 1942-43, air photo selected stations and stations located by this party using graphic control. The stations located by this party to supplement existing control were located by careful textant triangulation and the positions determined graphically on Graphic Control Sheets A and B (1946) which is covered in a separate descriptive report. In order to differentiative between recovered and new stations, the old stations are inked in red and the new stations in blue.

H. SOUNDINGS.- Launch soundings were made using portable fathometer No.63 (type 808A) and No. 100-S (type 808-J). Bar checks were taken at the beginning, at noon and at the end of each full day of sounding except when special conditions made it impossible. Speed counts to ascertain the fathometer speed of 123 revolutions in 66 seconds, on the fathom scale, were taken several times a day and recorded in the sounding record. At each new page of the sounding record the middle reed was checked to see that it was vibrating correctly and the fact was recorded.

Inshore lines, creeks and shoals were sounded with a 25-ft. skiff using sounding pole or handlead.

- I. CONTROL OF HYDROGRAPHY. The sounding lines were controlled by sextant angle fixes to shore objects. In a few cases it was necessary to use distances and bearings to signals. Sounding lines in narrow creeks were located by topographic inspection.
- J. ADEQUACY OF SURVEY .- The present survey is complete and it should supersede previous surveys for charting. It does not join any recent hydrographic surveys.
- K. CROSSLINES. A system of zigzag crosslines was run to supplement regular channel lines crossing one another in the narrow channels.
- N. DANGERS AND SHOALS.— There are no dangers in the channels. Old jetties and piers extending into the sides of the channels were located and are shown on the Graphic Control Sheet A & B.
- O. COAST PILOT INFORMATION .- A separate report on this subject is attached(copy).
- P. AIDS TO NAVIGATION .- A separate report on this subject is attached(copy).
- Q. LANDMARKS FOR CHARTS .- A separate report on this subject is attached(copy).
- R. GEOGRAPHIC NAMES .- A separate report on this subject is attached (copy). 814
- U. MISCELLANEOUS. The main river channel is maintained by dredging. Chart No. 531 shows 23 feet in Turkey Island Cutoff in 1942. The boat sheet indicates no less depth was found.

There are no ranges in this area.

Turkey Island Creek, at the northwest extremity of Turkey Island Bend, has approximately 5 feet of water for a distance of 0.2 mile from the entrance, and 2 feet for another 0.2 mile, the entrance, however is blocked by a shoal and local knowledge is necessary.

Curles Creek, west of Turkey Island, has 8 feet of water for about 0.5 mile. The entrance is shoal and local knowledge is required for entering.

The swamp drain on the western side of Jones Neck Bend has 2 feet at the entrance.

WOODSON ROCK on the western side of Jones Neck bares 2 feet at MLW.

The Old James River Channel along the eastern shore of Farrar Island has a depth of 13 feet for 0.7 mile and thence 10 feet into a gravel pit. The channel beyond the entrance to the gravel pit has about 5 feet controlling depth but is unmarked and local knowledge is necessary. Only small boats can pass under the fixed bridge on the western side of Farrar Island. The bridge measurements are given under Coast Pilot Information. The gravel pit in Farrar Island has 7 to 10 feetat MLW with several sunken barges (on which hydro signals were located). This pit was abandoned in 1946, however the Southern Materials Corp. planned to re-open this pit soon.

The gravel pit on the north side of Aiken Swamp- Dutch Gap Cutoff has

- a controlling depth of about & feet and is active at present.
- V. PROCESSING. Tide reducers and bar-check corrections have been entered in the volumes and checked. The fathograms have been scanned for boatsheet depths. Original tidal records have been sent to the Washington Office. Curves and tabulations of daily tides and bar-check corrections accompany the sounding records.
- W. Tabulation of Data .- The following records are being furnished the Norfolk Office:

Boat sheet No. H-7083, Field No. WAHI 1146, in 4 sections.

12 Sounding Volumes, Sheet H-7083.

21 Fathograms, Sheet H- 7083.

l Package of Bar Check Curves, Tide Curves and tabulations, sheet H- 7083.

1 Graphie Control Sheet, A & B.

Respectfully Submitted

George & Russell Ju. George E. Russell, Jr.

Lieut. (jg) USC&GS.

TIDAL NOTE

HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET NO. H- 7083

# Tide stations used on this sheet are as follows:

Name	Lat. & Long.	Value of MLW on staff	Area used
HAXALL	37° 22.38 77 14.68	2.4 feet	S. limit of sheet to James R .Lt. No.137
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Curles Neck	37 23.82 77 17.71	0.8	not used
Farrar Island	37 22.51 77 21.59		James R. Lt. No. 150 West end of sheet

#### STATISTICS

#### SHEET REG. NO. H-7083, FIELD NO. WAHI 1146

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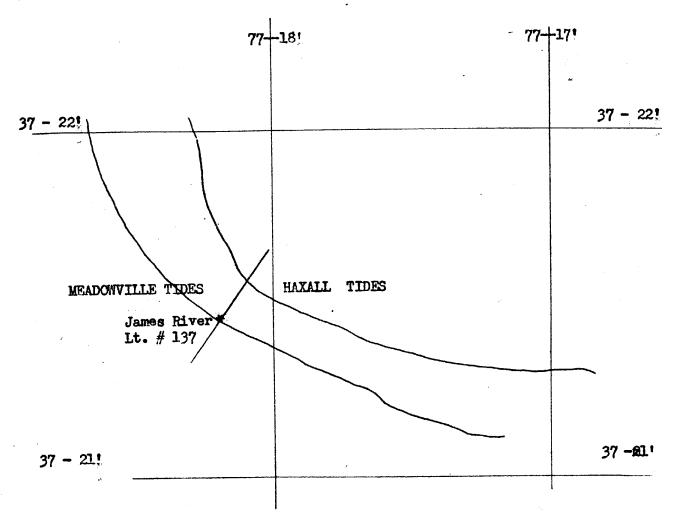
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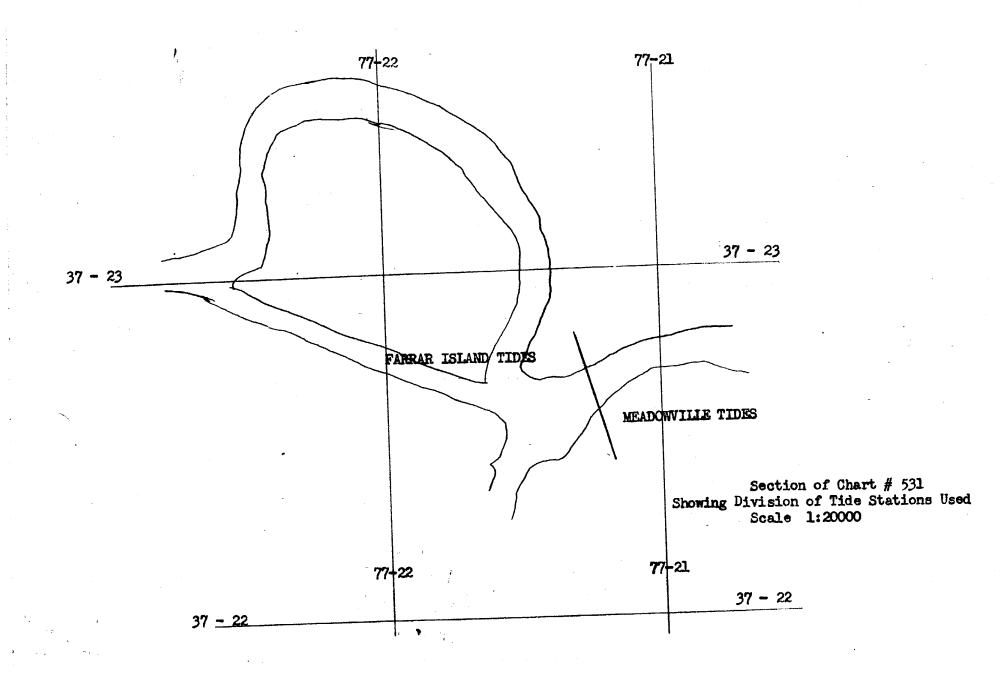
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Section of Chart No. 531
Showing Division of Tide Stations Used
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#### Approval Sheet

Hydrographic Survey Sheet No. H-7083

The sheets and records accompanying the above hydrographic sheet have been examined by me and are approved. The sheets and records were under daily supervision and they were inspected daily during the progress of the survey. The survey is considered to be complete and adequate.

The smooth sheet is being plotted in the Norfolk Processing office and there will be no opportunity to review the smooth sheet.

> George L. Anderson, Lt. Comdr. USC&GS.,

Chief of Party.

#### ADDEMDUM

#### to accompany

#### HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY H-7083 (Field No. WaHi 1146)

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

Respectfully submitted

Isadore M. Zeskind Cartographic Engineer

Norfolk, Va. May 31, 1946

Approved & Forwarded

George L. Anderson

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#### LANDMARKS FOR CHARTS

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The positions given have been checked after listing.

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This form shall be prepared in accordance with 1934 Field Memorandum, "LANDMARKS FOR CHARTS." The data should be considered for the charts of the area and not by individual field survey sheets. Information under each column heading should be given.

# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

# TO BE CHARTED STRIKE OUT ONE

JAMES RIVER LIGHT 144 (ACE)

JAMES RIVER LIGHT 145 (JONES)

JAMES RIVER LIGHT 146 (NECK)

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(3)	Laurence Becker B	outo #5	Mehmend, Va.

all names shown on Chart 531 from Lat.37 - 20 at Bornada Hundred to Lat.37 - 24 at Kingsland Boach have undisputed local usage except the following.

Curles Swamp Greek is called Curles Neck Creek as verefied by 163

The following names in local usage as obtained from 1,2,3 above are recommended for charting.

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Hardens Wharf 37 -	22.35	77 - 14.55
Tilmans Wharf 37 -	23.8	77 - 17.72
Curles Neck Mansion Moarf	37 - 23.4	77 - 17.3
Richmond Tacht Basin	37 - 23.5	77 - 21.9

Respectfully Submitted

Bobert C. Darling

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Approved by George L.Anderson
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#### GOAST PILOT REPORT

JAMES RIVER, VA. G. L. ANDERSON PROJECT 08255 CHIEF OF PARTY

#### ARRIAL CABLES

The Chesterfield Station of the Virginia Electric and Power Company will erect in the immediate future, two 260 foot steel towers for a high tension power line crossing of the James River North of Aiken Swamp-Dutch Gap Cutoff.

#### AIDS TO NAVIGATION

All aids to navigation in this area are maintained by the Coast Guard. The light list shows all the characteristics of those aids. A separate report will cover this subject.

#### ANCHORAGES

The North and West sections of Turkey Island Bend and Jones Neek Bend afford excellent anchorages as the current here is diminished by the outoffs and winds from any direction have little effect on producing shop. In the Easterly sections of these bends, a N°ly and S°ly wind will produce considerable shop, not enough to endanger large craft, but unsuitable for small craft.

#### BOTTOM

The general bottom characteristics is soft mud in the River bends of Turkey Island, Jones Heck, and Dutch Gap. The outoffs bottom characteristics is hard sand.

#### BRIDGES

A steel trues bridge with wooden approaches on both sides, supported by wooden piles, spans the west end of Ailem SummpaDutch Gap bend of the Jemes River. This bridge is fixed with a 26.7 foot MIN elearance. The horizontal elearance is 40.9 feet. The bridge is 13 feet wide, 451 feet long from HVL to HVL. The true assumth of this bridge is 91°-20.89°

A fixed wooden bridge spans the creek running South of
Farrar Island. This bridge has a vertical elearance of
10.5 feet MIN and a horisontal clearance between piles. 88°30
Bridge is 10.9 feet wide and has an asimuth of 101-100.

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#### BUNKER ING

Diesel oil and gasoline can be obtained at the Richmond Clearance Yacht Basin, Aiken Swamp-Dutch Gap Bend of the James River. Fuel has to be brought from Richmond and supplies are obtained for small craft only.

HISH STAKES

Bush stakes are used by the local fishermen to mark the channels and entrances to small creeks for their craft.

CANALS

Jones Hook has a series of small camals used exclusively for irregation purposes. Water is supplied from a pumphouse on the East shore of Jones Hook. There is no access to these canals from the main River.

#### CHANGE OF SHORRLINE

OR DEPTES

Gravel pit sperations are being earried out in the area bounded by Aiken Swamp-Dutch Gap Cutoff and The Aiken Swamp-Dutch Gap Bend of the James River. In the immediate future, the gravelpit at Farrar Island will be in operation. In the three Bends of Turkey Island, Jones Neck, and Dutch Gap of the James River, this survey shows considerable shoaling throughout.

CHARNEL

The controlling depths in the Outoffs of Ailem Swamp-Dutch Gap, Jones Neck and Turkey Island are 25 feet. The Channels of the three bends run close to the shore where the River bank is steep with a height of approximately 40 feet. Stakes along the channel, inserted by local fisherman assist in showing where shoals project off from the shore.

DANGERS INSHORE

Woodson Rock in the Western section of Jones Neck bend of the James River Lat. 37-23.05 Long. 77-18.95 bases two feet at MIN. Several sumben barges are located at the entrance and inside the gravel pit at Parrar Island. These barges were located by the hydrographic party.

PERRIES

There is a privately owned ferry made of a 15x30 foot float, towed by a small launch basing at the old Meadowville Wharf. This ferry operates between a slip just West of Meadowville Wharf to the Southwest oorner of Jones Neck Lat. 37-22.85, Long. 77-19.08. This ferry is used to haul farm trucks and equipment between the Meadowville farm and Jones Neck. Ferry is owned by S. T. Morgan and operated only at High Water.

There is a privately camed ferry operating across Turkey Island Cutoff. This ferry has a capacity for one automobile and is powered by an automobile engine, being drawn across the outoff by a two way cable, the ends of which are fixed at each bank. Ships should proceed with caution when the ferry is underway as this cable comes to the surface while the ferry is in operation.

The ferry operating between Bermuda Hundred Light and Upper Shirley Lat. 57-20.86, Long. 77-15.57 is no longer in operation.

#### PISH TRAPS

Several fish traps are located on the East and Herthwest shore of Turkey Island. These traps are operated in the Spring when the Shad are running.

#### GEOGRAPHIC MAMES

Covered by a separate report.

#### JETTIES.

The jettles in this area show at all the stages of the tide except at High Water. However at High Water, a pile on the outer end of each jetty is in sight.

#### LANDMARKS

Covered by a separate report.

#### MARINE RAILWAYS

A marine railway is located at the Richmond Yacht basin at the Northern section of the Aiken Swamp-Dutch Gap bend of the James River. It has a capacity for a 45 foct vessel with a 4 foot draft and a displacement of 50 to 60 tons. Plane are for the enlargement of this railway. There is no machine shop on the property. Parts are ordered from Richmond.

#### PROJECTS

Gravel pit operations were started at Ailms Swamp-Dutch Gap Gutoff on September 1941. Depths therein are subject to change as the pit is still in operation. Gravel is dredged from the pit twenty four hours a day.

The abandones gravel pit at Farrar Island will be in operation in the very near future.

#### RADIO TOWERS

There are two radio towers located in the Herthwest section of Jones Neek bend of the James River that are operated by WRVA Richmond, Va. These towers were located by the triangulation party in 1942-43.

#### RIVERS

Controlling depths of the main channels will have to be reviewed after the smooth sheet has been plotted as the tides for the best sheet were not scaled directly from the graphs in a few cases.

Fournile creek at the North end of Jones Neck is navigable for 1 mile by a 5 foot draft vessel. Local information should be obtained, however, before entering. A summen craft about 200 feet up from the entrance on the West side shows at MINIA. This creek is used entirely by local fishermen.

Turkey Island Greek is navigable for 3/4 mile by a 3 foot draft vessel. Local information should be obtained before entering. This creak: is also used entirely by local fishermen.

Curles Swamp Creek is navigable for about 1 mile by a 1 foot draft vessel. Local information should be obtained before entering. The entrance depth controls the draft of the vessel able to navigate this creek. There is no habitation in this locality. This Creek is used in the Fall as there were several duck blinds noted.

Crock around Farrar Island (eld James River bed) can be navigated by a 10 foot draft vessel up and into the gravel pit. However, about, it mile beyond this point, a shoal crosses the channel, showing a depth of 5 feet which is the controlling depth for navigation beyond this point. A vessel with a draft of 5-5 feet will be able to continue up to the fishing house beyond the bridge at high water-depending on bridge vertical clearance.

#### WHARPS

Richmond Yacht Club- Located at the North end of the Dutch Gap bend of the James River has a wharf 3.5 x 40 feet and several pilings where new wharfs will be noted weed. Along the wharf, there is a depth of 0 feet at the inshere end sloping to 6 feet at MIN. at the outer end. Along the face of the pilings West

of the wharf, there is a controlling depth of 9 feet at MIN. At the set of most Westerly pilings, there is a depth of 3 feet inshere to 9 feet at the outer end at MIN. Pilings along the South section have a depth of 6 feet MIN on each side. These later mentioned pilings are used to tie up small craft when freshets occur in the Spring, as logs and wreckage sweep along the Northerly shore.

Meadowville Wharf- Only the piling remains at this wharf. Condition of the piling is poor and not suitable for laying alongside except in the case of an emergency. Depths along the outer face of the pilings is III feet MIN.

Tilmans Wharf- This wharf is not shown on the chart. It is located at lat. 37-23.9 Long 77-17.7, northeast section of Jones Neck Bend. The foundation of the wharf is in good condition, but the wharf deck is missing in numerous places. The wharf was used for the Curles Neck Farm. Its use has been discontinued for the past 10 years. Depths along the face are 17.5 feet at NIN. The face of the wharf is approximately 80 feet. long.

Curles Neck Mansion Wharf- This wharf is located in the East section of Jones Neck bend. The wharf burned around 1920, leaving only the piling. Depths along the face of the piling are 18 feet NIW. However, this place is not suitable for laying alongside as the piling is almost covered at NIW. Use could be made in an emergency.

Hardens Wharf- Shown as Hazall en Chart 551- is located at the Northeast secien of the Turkey Island bend of the James River. Controlling depth along the face of the wharf is approximately 40 feet. Wharf is still in good condition. 10 ft. af MLW. Face of Wharf 15

Picketts Wharf- Located at the Morthwestern section of the Turkey Island bend of the James River. This wharf is now in ruins. The piling remains along the face and can be used for coming alongside under favorable conditions. Depth along the face is 18.5 feet at MIN.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert C. Darling Lieut. (jg) ChGB

Approved and Forwarded

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#### TIDE NOTE FOR HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET

June 18, 1946

Division -of-Hydrography -and -Topography:

Division of Charts: H. W. MURRAY

Plane of reference approved in 12 volumes of sounding records for

> HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET 7083

James River, Locality Bermuda Hundred to Western Entrance Dutch Gap Cutoff, Virginia.

Chief of Party: G. L. Anderson in 1946 Plane of reference is mean low water, reading

2.4 ft. on tide staff at Haxall Landing

7.4 ft. below B. M. 1

1.5 ft. on tide staff at Meadowville

8.5 ft. below B. M. 1

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7.9 ft. below B. M. 1

Height of mean high water above plane of reference is 2.9 feet.

Condition of records satisfactory except as noted below:

E. C. M. Kay Section Chief, Division of Tides and Currents.

#### DIVISION OF CHARTS

#### REVIEW SECTION - NAUTICAL CHART BRANCH

#### REVIEW OF HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY

REGISTRY NO. H-7083

FIELD NO. Wa-Hi 1146

Virginia, James River, Turkey I. to Hatcher I.
Surveyed in February--April 1946 Scale 1:10,000
Project No. CS-255

Soundings:

Control:

Sounding Pole Handlead 808 Fathometer Sextant fixes on shore signals
Estimated positions from shoreline

Chief of Party - G. L. Anderson
Surveyed by - G. E. Russell, Jr., and R. C. Darling
Protracted by - W. W. Feazel
Soundings plotted by - W. W. Feazel
Verified and inked by - G. F. Jordan and A. R. Stirni
Reviewed by - R. H. Carstens, September 10, 1946
Inspected by - R. H. Carstens

#### 1. Shoreline and Signals

The shoreline and signals originate with air-photographic surveys T-8087, T-8088, T-8089, T-8090, T-8095 and T-8096 of 1941-43; and with graphic control survey T-7021 (1946).

Revisions to the shoreline in red are from the boat sheet of the present survey.

#### 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.

The bottom is generally smooth. Depths in the main channel are maintained by dredging and range from 24 to 46 feet. In the three bends of the river opposite the dredged cutoffs, depths range from 7 to 47 feet.

#### 4. Junctions with Contemporary Surveys

Adjoining surveys of the present project have not been registered at this date.

#### 5. Comparison with Prior Surveys

H-343 (1853)	1:5000	H-1466	(1880)	1:10,000
H-391 (1859)	1:5000	H-3226	(1911)	1:10,000
H-392 (1859)	1:5000	H-3227	(1911)	1:10,000
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The area of the present survey is covered both by the combined surveys of 1859, and the survey of 1880. The surveys of 1911 are reconnaissance surveys showing general depths in the present area. The survey of 1853 covers the area south of Farrar I.

Depths have changed greatly because of dredging in some areas and sedimentation in other areas. The Turkey Island Cutoff, the Jones Neck Cutoff, and the Aiken Swamp-Dutch Gap Cutoff have been dredged subsequent to these prior surveys. The main channel has been dredged from prior depths of 12 to 24 feet to present depths of 25 to 28 feet. In the bends of the river at Turkey Island, Jones Neck and Hatcher I., prior depths have decreased as much as 30 feet in places and in the bend south of Farrar I. prior depths of 7 to 81 feet have decreased to present depths of 0 to 17 feet. North of Farrar I. a section of the river about a mile in length has filled with silt and has become part of the swampland in that area.

Woodson Rock (charted) in Lat. 37°23.03', Long. 77°18.94' is shown on H-3227 as a high water rock. On the present survey the rock is shown as baring 2 feet at MLW. The present symbol and position (35 meters southwest of the prior position) supersedes the prior high water rock.

The sunken wreck (charted) in Lat. 37°22.44°, Long. 77°16.15° from H-3226 was not specifically investigated on the present survey and is not considered disproved. The sunken wreck has been carried forward to the present survey.

With this addition the present survey supersedes these prior surveys within the common area.

#### 6. Comparison with Chart 531 (Latest print date April 7, 1947)

#### A. Hydrography

The charted hydrography originates with the previously discussed surveys and with various surveys of the U. S. Engineers, Bps. 17983 (1922), 28452 (1935), 34063 (1940), 35013-24 (1940), and 40697-700 (1945). Changes of 4 to 5 ft. in depth have occurred since the earliest of the U. S. Engineers surveys were made. The present survey should supersede these blueprints within the common area.

The wreck charted in Lat. 37°22.55', Long. 77°16.48' from T-8089 (1941-43) was declared to be nonexistent by the hydrographer. However, a wreck was found about 75 meters southwest of the charted wreck.

#### B. Aids to Navigation

The present survey positions of the following aids to navigation differ from the charted positions by 35 to 165 meters:

	Charted Position
Lt. 139	Lat. 37°21.81', Long. 77°18.58'
Lt. 141	Lat. 37°22.22', Long. 77°18.68'
Lt. 154	Lat. 37°22.96', Long. 77°22.53'
Buoy 151	Lat. 37°22.59', Long. 77°21.51'

The present survey position of buoy 151 fails to adequately mark the ship channel and the 19-ft. shoal which is at the edge of the channel.

According to Chart Letter 468 (1946) the U. S. Engineer Office at Norfolk, Va., has notified the U. S. Coast Guard of this inadequacy.

Other aids to navigation are in substantial agreement with the charted positions and adequately mark the features intended except that channels have cut through the prior shoals marked by the buoys charted in Lat. 37°20.6', Long. 77°16.08', and Lat. 37°22.34', Long. 77°18.61'. Junction buoys about 100 meters north of the charted positions would more adequately mark the channels.

#### C. Controlling Depths

Present depths are in adequate agreement with the controlling depths charted in the ship channel from the present survey before verification and review. The dredged channel in the vicinity of Lat. 37°23.7', Long. 77°18.7' with a controlling depth of 17 ft. in 1935 is no longer maintained. Present depths in this channel are 9'to 16 ft.

#### 7. Condition of Survey

The field plotting was accurate.

The sounding records and Descriptive Report are complete and comprehensive.

The field work adequately conforms to the requirements of the Hydrographic Manual.

#### 8. Compliance with the Project Instructions

The present survey adequately complies with the Project Instructions.

#### 9. Additional Field Work Recommended

This is an excellent basic survey and no additional work is recommended.

The sunken wreck discussed in paragraph 5 is not of sufficient importance to warrant special investigation.

Examined and approved:

I. E. Rittenburg

Chief, Nautical Chart Branch

C. M. Durgin Chief, Division of Charts

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Chief, Section of Hydrography

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U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

# DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

Type of Survey WRECK INVESTIGATION
Field No. CS-255 Office No. H-7083 Ad. Wk. 1949
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State VIRGINIA
General locality JAMES RIVER
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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. 7083

Field No. WRECK INVESTIGATION

State	v IRGINIA		
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Chief of party	BUTUR B. LATHAM		
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#### DESCRIPTIVE REPORT ADDENDA

#### HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET H-7083

ECTOR B. LATHAM, CHIEF OF PARTY APRIL 1949 SHIP COWIE

PROJECT,

CS-255

Instructions dated 12 March 1948 Director's Letter, dated 21 February 1949, addressed to Commanding Officer, Ship COWIE

B. LIMITS AND DATES

Vicinity of wreck, Lat. 370 22.41, Long. 770 16.21, Hydrographic Sheet No. H-7083.

Work done on 18 April 1949.

C. VESSELS AND EQUIPMENT

Hydrographic ARK, soundings by hand lead and pole.

- D. TIDE AND CURRENT STATIONS Soundings referred to standard gage at Hopewell, Va.
- CONTROL STATIONS

Signals established in 1946 were recovered and positions transferred from Sheet H-7083. It is contemplated that this work will be plotted on subject sheet. Signals were given same names as on original sheet.

I. CONTROL OF HYDROGRAPHY Standard method of 3 point fixes on shore objects.

the Supervisor, Southeastern District.

- N. Wreck was found to be completely silted over; no part of the wreck projects above the mud. Subject wreck is not charted but is shown on 1911 survey. Inasmuch as the wreck is not presently charted recommendation is made that the wreck be not shown on the chart. During the period of the survey it was discovered that James River Light No. 132 had been damaged and report was made through
- Z. TABULATION OF DATA:

No. sdgs. No. pos. Stat. mi. Total miles run a-4/18/49

CONDITION OF RECORDS

Due to limited extent and unavailability at present of Hopewell enfered at tide record tide reducers have not been entered.

Comdr., USC&&S, Chief of Party

Respectfully submitted, William J. Deane

William F. Deane Lt. Comdr.. USC&GS

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#### TIDE NOTE FOR HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET

May 20, 1949

Division of Hydrography and Topography:

Division of Charts: R. H. Carstons

Plane of reference approved in volumes of sounding records for

HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET 7083 (Add. Wk.)

Locality Turkey Island Bend, James River, Virginia

Chief of Party: E. B. Latham in 1949
Plane of reference is mean low water, reading
2.0 ft. on tide staff at at Hopewell (City Point)
7.6 ft. below B. M. 1 (1941)

Height of mean high water above plane of reference is 2.6 feet.

NOTE: Reducers have been entered in red, a time allowance of + 020 minutes was used at working grounds.

Condition of records satisfactory except as noted below:

E.C.McKay Section

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-7083 Add. Wk.

FIELD NO. ----

Virginia, James River, Turkey Island Bend
Surveyed in April 1949 Scale 1:10,000
Project No. CS-255

#### Soundings:

#### Control:

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Sextant fixes on shore signals

Chief of Party - E. B. Latham
Surveyed by - W. F. Deane
Protracted by - I. M. Zeskind
Soundings plotted by - I. M. Zeskind
Verified and inked by - I. M. Zeskind
Reviewed by - I. M. Zeskind, July 18, 1949
Inspected by - R. H. Carstens

#### 1. Instructions

The additional work was accomplished in compliance with the Director's Instructions dated 21 February, 1949.

#### 2. Scope and Review

The additional work consists of the investigation of the wreck in lat. 37° 22.44', long. 77° 16.15', which was transferred to the present survey from H-3226 (1911). Inasmuch as the wreck was found to be entirely covered by silt the wreck symbol has been erased from H-7083.

#### 3. Additional Work Recommended

Survey H-7083 is now considered basic, and no additional work is recommended.

# NAUTICAL CHARTS BRANCH

# **SURVEY NO.** <u>H. 7083</u>

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SURVEY NO. H-7083 Ad. Wk. 1949

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