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U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT
Type of Survey HYDROGRAPHIC
Field No. CO 1147 Office No. H-7171
LOCALITY
State Virginia
General locality Hampton Roads.
Locality Hampton Roads
1947
CHIEF OF PARTY
Ronald R. Moore
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HYDROGRAPHIC TITLE SHEET

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REGISTER No. H. 7171

Field No. **CO-1147**

State	VIRGINIA
	HAMPTON ROADS Area A Hampton Bar to Sewall Point Spit
Locality	Area B Northea at end Willoughby Bank
Scale	1:10000 Date of surveyApril 1947
Instructions dat	zed 9 April 1947
Vessel	COWIE
Chief of party	Ronald R. Moore
Surveyed by	Ronald R. Moore
Soundings taker	by fathometer, graphic recorder, hand lead, wire Pole
Protracted by	A. G. Atwill and W.W. Feazel
Soundings penc	led byW. Feazel
Soundings in	ARTHORNS feet at MLW MEETW
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DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

to accompany

Hydrographic Sheet H-7171

(Field No. CO 1147)

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Scale 1:10000

Ship COWIE

Ronald R. Moore, Comdg.

- A. This survey was done under Instructions for Project CS-330 dated $\stackrel{\cdot}{\nu}$ 9 April 1947.
- B. This survey is a hydrographic examination of two areas in the Hampton Roads area requested by the U.S. Army Engineers as follows:
 - (A) An area in Hampton Roads between Hampton Bar and Sewall Point Spit from Elizabeth River Main Channel Buoy No. 1 to a line from Fort Wool to Old Point Comfort.
 - (B) The area at the northeast end of Willoughby Bank, between latitudes, 36°59'8 and 37°00'5 and longitudes 76° 16'5 and 76°16'0.

 (1944) (1943)

Area A. (1944)
Area A. (1943)

Area A. (1943)

Point; Sheet H-6930 in the vicinity of Sewall Point Spit; Sheet H-4040(1919)

in the vicinity of Old Point Comfort and Fort Wool; Sheets H-4077 and

H-4078 in the vicinity of Hampton Bar.

(1918+19)

Area B. This area joins Sheets H-4040 and FE No. 2, 1944.

- This survey was made by the Ship COWIE and Launch No. 82. Both are equipped with an 808 Type recording fathometer.
- D. The standard automatic tide gage at the Norfolk Naval Station in Hampton Roads was used for the reduction of soundings in both areas. No time factor was introduced.
- E. The smooth sheet was plotted by the Norfolk Processing Office. \sim
- F. Control was based on triangulation executed by various Chiefs of Party > from 1866 to 1944.

No topegraphic nor hydrographic stations were located or used. 🗸

- G. There is no shore line on this sheet.
- H. Soundings were obtained with an 808 type recording fathometer supplemented in shoal areas under 10 feet with soundings taken with a graduated pole, and in the vicinity of latitude 37000' longitude 76015' with a lead line.

Bar checks were taken at the beginning and end of the day and curves drawn for the correction curves.

I. All positions for the location of shipdepend on three point fixes taken on triangulation stations at intervals averaging one and a half minutes.

- J. This survey is complete and adequate to supercede prior surveys. No holidays or excessive difference exist. Sounding lines are spaced somewhat less than 100 meters apert with 50 meter spacing in the vicinity of the Norfolk Ship Channel. Predicted tides were used for the reduction of soundings and considering this fact, the crossings are in good agreement.
- K. The percentage of crosslines in Area A is about 10%. The crossings are good agreement in so far as predicted tides were used for the reduction of soundings. No cross lines were run in Area B.
- Comparisons with previous surveys:

 Area A. This area was surveyed to ascertain to what extent the dumping ground had been filled. Comparison with H-6832 Scale 1:10000 made in 1943. The present survey just joins the previous one at the sea wall of the Naval Station. What few soundings are incident to both surveys are in agreement.

 H-6832 10 superseded here by H-6930(1944)

Comparison with H-6930 Scale 1:5000 made in 1944. This survey joins the present one from the dock at the Naval Base to Fort Wool along the western edge of Sewall Pt. Spit, and the soundings are in close agreement.

Comparison with H-4040 Scale 1:20000 made in 1918. This survey joins the present one at the eastern limits between Fort Wool and Old Point Comfort, only a few soundings in the older survey fall in the limits of the present one. Agreement is good except that the 60 foot soundings latitude $36^{\circ}59'25$ longitude $76^{\circ}19'$ show about 55 to 54 feet at the present time.

Comparison with H-4077 Scale 1:5000 made in 1918. This survey joins the present one along the northern edge from longitude $76^{\circ}20^{\circ}$ eastward, and is in close agreement.

Comparison with H-4078 Scale 1:10000 made in 1918. This survey covers practically the whole area of the present one. The areas north of the northern 60 foot contour and south and east of the southern 30 foot contour are in good agreement. The area between these two contours has changed radically in places due to its use as a dumping ground with variation in depths up to 25 feet.

Comparison with chart 400 print date 12-9-46. The remarks in the previous paragraphs would apply to this comparison.

Area B. Comparison with H-4040 Scale 1:20000 made in 1918. Present surveys is in good agreement with the former one.

Comparison with F.E. No. 2 Scale 1:20000 made in 1944 shows close agreement.

Comparison with chart 400 print date 12-9-46 shows close agreement except that the 12 feet curve in the vicinity of latitude 37000' longitude 76015 appears to be extending to the eastward.

Present depths here less than 12 ft. are as much as 5ft. shealer than on H-115f(1973).

- N. There are no new dangers within the limits of the sheet.
- P. The fixed aids to navigation on this sheet are:
 Old Point Comfort Light House
 Thimble Shoal Light House
 Willoughby Spit Beacon
 Hampton Beacon No. 6
 Hampton Bar Beacon
 Hampton Roads Anchorage Beacon

Q. The floating aids to navigation are: Day Position Depth Longitude Letter Latitude 76°20.10 137b 48 ft. 36°58.42 Elizabeth River Lighted Gong Buoy #1 34 ft. / 76°20.17 138b Elizabeth River Lighted Gong Buoy #3 36°57160 43 ft. 139b 35°57158 76°20.35 Elizabeth River Lighted Bell Buoy #4 41 ft. 36°57.28 76°20.20 141b Elizabeth River Lighted Bell Buoy #5 36°59.06 109b 29 ft.~ 76°18.68 Sewall Point Spit Lighted Bell Buoy#2 69D 43 ft. 76°14.74 37°00.33 Willoughly Bank Lighted Bell Buoy #13 68D 52 ft. 37°00.32 76°15.72 Willowby Bank Lighted Gong Buoy #15 92b 13 ft. 76°19.12 37°00.09 Hampton Creek Lighted Bell Buoy 1A 76°18.90 90b 13 ft. / 36°59.95 Hampton Bar East End Buoy 89b 26 ft. 36°59.75 76°19.46 Hampton Bar Buoy 14 22 ft. 76°20.35 84b 36°59.26 Hampton Bar Buoy 16 76°18.97 91b 13 ft. 36°59.98 Phoebus Channel Buoy 1 23 ft. -76°18.55 106b 36°59.11 Willoughby Bay Buoy 1 9 ft. 76°18.66 108b 36°58.95 Sewall Point Spit Buoy 4 9 ft. 76°18.54 107b 36°59.02 Willoughby Bay Buoy 3 69 ft. 85b 36°58.76 76°20.40 M coring Buoy X (USN) 67 ft. 86b 36°59.17 76°19.98 Mooring Buoy (USN)

LIST OF SIGNALS

Checkered Tank (Now Gray) 1932 and 1943

Virginia Bldg. Spire (1913-32)

N.W. Tank Bldg. No. 143 NOB (1943) NOR

Willoughby Spit Beacon, 1932

Tall Tower with Wank, Fort Wool , 1943

C.V. Hotel West Tower 1932

C.V. Hotel East Cupola 1929

Old Point Comfort Light House (1866-1944)

MOORE 1943

Phoebus W.W. Tank (1938)

Hampton (1913-43)

TIDAL NOTE

The standard automatic tide gage located at the Norfolk Naval Station was used for the reduction of soundings without correction.

Mean low water corresponds to a height of 1.9 feet on the staff.

STATISTICS

Vol. No.	Date	No. Pos.	Stat. Miles	Day letter	Boat
1	4-8-47	136	25.4	A	COWIE
	4-10-47	155	27.1	В	COWIE
2	4-11-47	71	13.4	С	COMIE
	4-23-47	87	15.4	D	COWIE
3	4-15-47	172	27.4	a	Lch. 82
	4-17-47	141	17.8	ъ	Leh. 82
4	4-18-47	120	16.3	c	Lch. 82
		882	142.8		

Area .5.0 Square miles

In making this survey, movements of vessels in the area interfered considerably specially in the Hampton Roads area A when the COWIE was being used.

The COWIE is very sluggish to handle at all times, but more so when currents and wind are in a combination against her.

The weather on most of the days was overcast, very hazy and windy.

No reliance could be placed in the compass for steering courses when Launch 82 was used at times when wave action or wash from passing boats caused her to roll or pitch violently.

Respectfully submitted.

Ronald R. Moore, Chief of Party.

ADDENDUM

to accompany

HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY H-7171

(Field No. Co. 1147)

Discrepancy:

Lat. 36°57.87' and Long 76°19.88', 68-71 C (blue). This line appears to be about 2 ft. too shoal.

Shoreline:

No shoreline is shown on the smooth sheet, since this survey had priority and no topographic surveys of this area were available at this office. Shoreline was Kanseferred in the Wash. Office

Respectfully submitted,

isadore M. Zeskind Cartographic Engineer

Norfolk, Va. May 7, 1947

Approved and Forwarded

George L. Anderson

Supervisor

Southeastern District

MEMORANDUM

to accompany

Hydrographic Survey H - 7171

This survey was accomplished in accordance with a request to this Bureau by the District Engineer, U.S.E.D., Norfolk, Va.

A reproduction of the smooth sheet has been furnished the Engineers by this office and it is requested that if, after verification, and appreciable discrepancies be found, an ozalid of this survey by furnished this office for transmittal to the U.S.E.D., at Norfolk, Va.

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U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

Ship COWIE

3 November 1947

To:

The Director,

U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey,

Washington 25, D.C.

From:

Commanding Officer,

Ship COWIE.

Subject:

Additional Soundings on Hampton Bar, Virginia.

Reference:

Your letter 839-bdh dated 23 September 1947.

Enclosed herewith is a photostat of Sheet H-7171 and tracing paper overlay with verified location of Hampton Bar East End Buoy (N-Ref) and additional soundings on eastern end of bar in the vicinity of this buoy. A sounding of 11 feet was obtained in approximately the same location as the 10 feet sounding previously found. The end of this bar is fairly steep.

Tides were furnished by the Supervisor, South-eastern District from the automatic gage at the Navy Base, Hampton Roads Va.

The Sounding Record and Fathogram are forwarded

separately.

Soundings in red on smooth sheet

Ronald R. Moore, Lieut. Comdr. C&GS, Comdg. Ship COWIE.

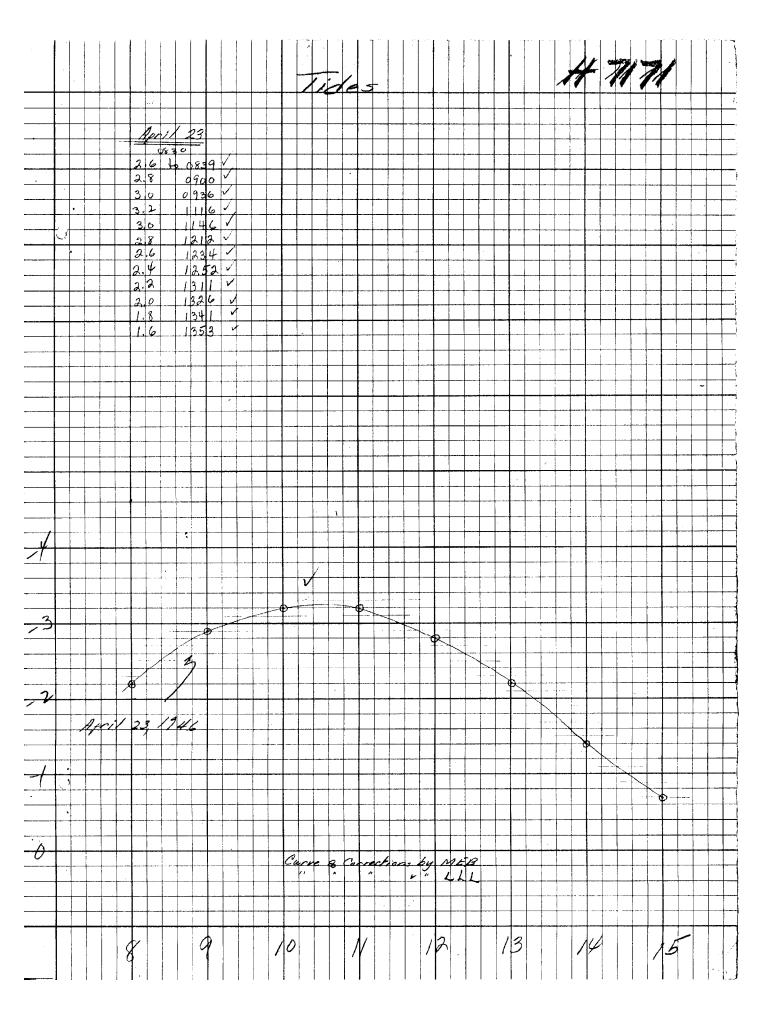


Hydrographic Surveys (Chart Division)

HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY NO. H7171

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Number of soundings erroneously spaced		7
Number of signals erroneously plotted or transferred		0
Topographic details	Time	3 hrs
Junctions	Time	16 hrs
Verification of soundings from graphic record	Time	4 hrs
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TIDE NOTE FOR HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET

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November 12, 1947

Division of Charts: H. W. MURRAY

Plane of reference approved in 1 volumex of sounding records for

> HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET 7171

Locality - Hampton Roads, Virginia

Chief of Party: R. R. Moore in 1947 Plane of reference is mean low water, reading 3.6 ft. on tide staff at Hampton Roads 13.4 ft. below B. M. 6 (1927)

Height of mean high water above plane of reference is 2.5 feet

Condition of records satisfactory except as noted below:

E. C. McKay

Section
Chief, Division of Tides-and Currents.

DIVISION OF CHARTS

REVIEW SECTION - NAUTICAL CHART BRANCH

REVIEW OF HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY

REGISTRY NO. H-7171

FIELD NO. CO-1147

Virginia, Hampton Roads
Surveyed in April and October 1947
Project No. CS-330

Scale 1:10,000

Soundings:

Control:

808 Fathometer Leadline Pole Sextant fixes on shore signals

Chief of Party - R. R. Moore Surveyed by - R. R. Moore Protracted by - A. G. Atwill and W. W. Feazel Soundings plotted by - W. W. Feazel and R. K. DeLawder Verified and inked by - R. K. DeLawder Reviewed by - G. F. Jordan, November 18, 1947 Inspected by - H. W. Murray

1. Shoreline and Signals

The shoreline originates with planimetric maps T-8303 and T-8314.

Previous triangulation stations furnished the control for this survey.

2. Bottom Configuration and Depth Curves

The bottom is generally smooth and is adequately defined by the usual depth curves.

3. Sounding Line Crossings

The agreement of soundings at crosslines is very good.

4. Junctions with Adjoining Surveys

An excellent junction is effected with H-6930 (1944) on the east. The junction with H-6833 (1943) on the south is very good except in Norfolk Harbor Channel where dredged depths of the U. S. Engineers in 1945 (Bp. 40644) had already superseded the depths here on H-6833.

The soundings charted adjacent to the limits of the present survey are in harmony with present survey depths.

5. Comparison with Prior Surveys

H-446 (1854), $H-447$ (1	854)					
H-1188 (1873), H-2849	(1907)					
H-2849a (1910), H-2861	(1907)					
H-2866 (1907), H-3923	(1917)					
H-3982 (1917), H-4040	(1918)					
H-4077 (1919), H-4078	(1919);	Scales	1:5	000	to	1:40,000

A comparison of these prior surveys with the present survey shows that while the bottom on the western side of Hampton Roads remains unchanged, shoaling has taken place in the middle and on the eastern side. In prior 40 to 100-foot depths, present depths are as much as 20 ft. shoaler. The width between the 60-ft. curves has narrowed from about 800 to 300 meters in the vicinity of lat. 36° 59', long. 76° 20'.

For comparative purposes, H-1188 (1873) is the most satisfactory prior survey. Soundings on the other prior surveys are more irregular in depth and in quantity, and appear unreliable. The depth curves on H-1188 practically coincide with those on the present survey, except in dredged areas and in the areas noted in the preceding paragraph.

The 41-ft. sounding on H-4077 (charted) at lat. 36° 59.83', long. 76° 18.78', falls in 64 feet at the limit of present hydrography. Inasmuch as the sounding preceding the 41 feet on the same line and a note referencing one of the preceding soundings to a buoy indicate questionable control of the sounding line, the 41 should be deleted from the chart.

The foregoing prior surveys are superseded by the present survey.

Comparison with Wire Drag Surveys 6.

Wire drag survey H-7176 (1946-47) overlaps the northeastern part of the present survey. Effective drag depths do not conflict with the present survey depths.

Comparison with Chart 400 (Print date May 26, 1947) 7.

Hydrography

Charted hydrography originates principally with the aforementioned surveys and partial application of the present survey before verification and review. The 29-ft. sounding at lat. 36° 59.43', long. 76° 19.82', was an unverified sounding on the present survey and should be corrected to 30 feet. The present survey supersedes the charted hydrography.

A field examination (F.E. 2, 1944) in the vicinity of lat. 37° 00', long. 76° 15' shows hydrography (scale 1:20,000) which falls entirely within the present survey. Comparison with the present survey indicates that no changes in bottom have occurred. The present survey, however, adequately supersedes this field examination.

Aids to Navigation b.

The aids on the present survey and on the charts are in substantial agreement and, except for one buoy, adequately mark the features intended. This red and black buoy, at lat. 36° 59.95', long. 76° 18.90', would more adequately mark the shoal at the east end of Hampton Bar if changed to a black buoy and moved 50 meters southeast where it would be east of a 10-ft. sounding (charted) on the present survey. The Light List records the buoy in 13 feet.

Dredged Channels

Depths on the present survey do not conflict with the controlling depths in dredged channels. To be noted, however, is the 8-ft. sounding which falls on the edge of the dredged channel (10-ft. controlling depth) at lat. 36° 58.96', long. 76° 18.66'. This sounding is between buoy N-4 and the channel.

CHANNELLEGEND COVERS MIDDLE HALF Condition of the Survey

The Descriptive Report and sounding records are complete and comprehensive. The smooth plotting was well executed.

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9. Compliance with Project Instructions

The survey adequately complies with the Project Instructions.

10. Additional Field Work

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

Examined and approved:

I. E. Rittenburg Chief, Nautical Chart Branch Casper M. Durgin Chief, Division of Charts

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Chief, Section of Hydrography

C. K. Green

Chief, Division of Coastal Surveys

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TIDE NOTE FOR HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET

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26 May 1947

Division of Charts:

H. W. MURRAY

Plane of reference approved in 4 volumes of sounding records for

HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET

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Locality - Hampton Roads, Virginia

R. R. Moore in 1947 Chief of Party: Plane of reference is

mean low water, reading

3.6 ft. on tide staff at Hampton Roads

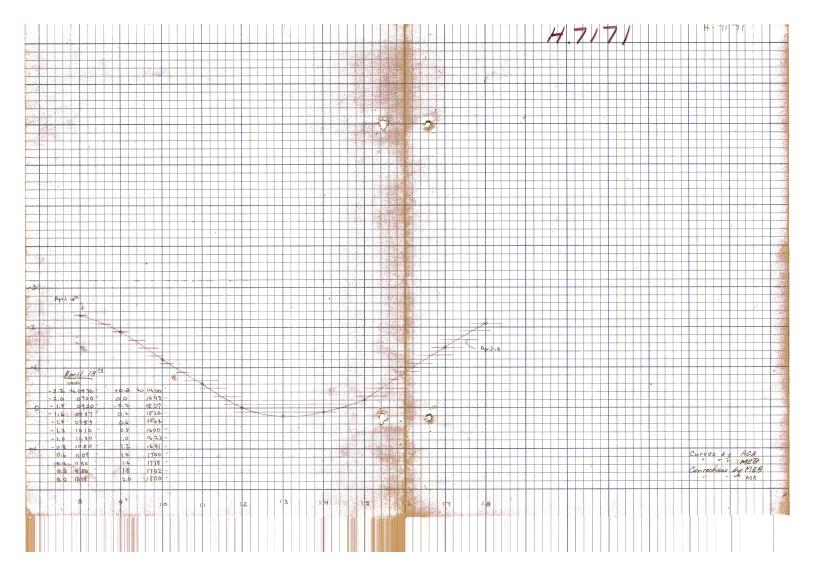
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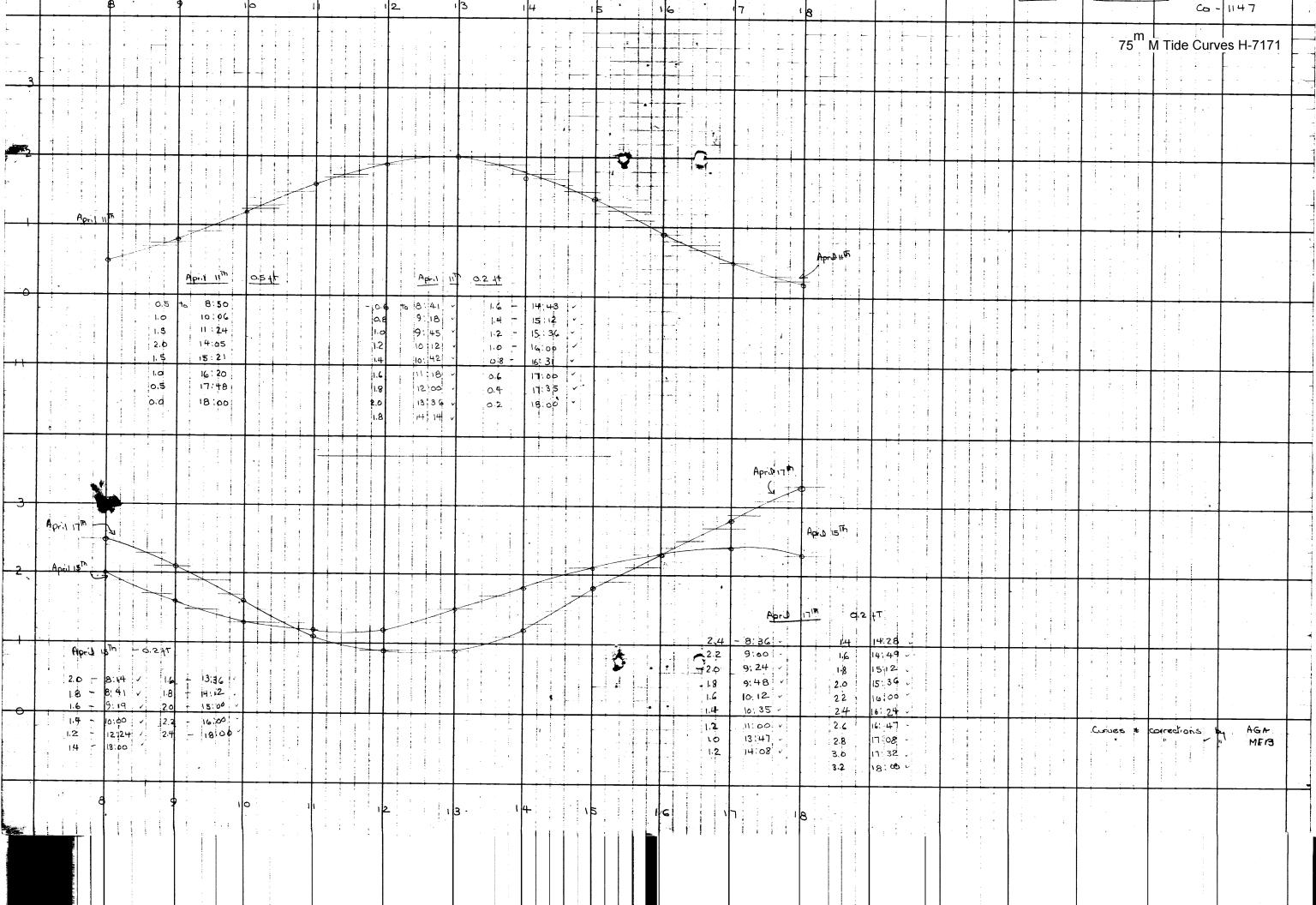
Height of mean high water above plane of reference is 2.5 feet.

Condition of records satisfactory except as noted below:

E. C. McKay Section &

Chief, Division of Tides and Currents.





NAUTICAL CHARTS BRANCH

SURVEY NO. <u>H7171</u>

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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.