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U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

Type of Survey Hydrographic

Field No. EX-2355 Office No. H-8237

LOCALITY

State Alaska - Alentian Islands

General locality Andreanof Islands

Locality West and North Coasts of Great

Sitkin Island

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HYDROGRAPHIC TITLE SHEET

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REGISTER No. 8-8237
Field No. 88-8355

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Chief of party S. B. Grenell	··
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Descriptive Report

to accompany

Hydrographic Survey No. H-8237

Field No. EX-2355

North and West Coasts of Great Sitkin Island

Aleutian Islands, Alaska

Project - 1218 Season 1955

Scale 1:20,000

Surveyed by: S. B. Grenell, F. X. Popper, S. L. Hollis, and G. E. Haraden.

A. PROJECT.

This survey was accomplished under authority contained in the Revised Instructions for Project 1218 (CS-218) dated 16 December 1954, file 22/MEK, S-2-EX.

B. SURVEY LIMITS AND DATES.

The survey covers the inshore area from Cape Kiugilak northward along the coast of Great Sitkin Island to Sulphur Point on the northeast shore of the island. Hydrography in the vicinity of Cape Kiugilak was accomplished on 16 - 18 June 1955 while shoran stations Sand and Axle were in operation. The remaining visual fix hydrography was completed on 7 to 10 September.

The survey joins the offshore survey accomplished this season as plotted on survey No. H-8233 (Field No. EX-4155) scale 1:40,000.

A junction with previous surveys was made off Cape Kiugilak as , follows:

H-6918, 1:20,000, 1943 on J.E H-7605, 1:30,000, 1946 on J.W H-8

A portion of a U. S. Navy survey of 1934 (H-6892) was resurveyed . on both inshore and offshore surveys.

C. VESSELS AND EQUIPMENT.

The outer lines of this survey were run by the ship using EDO and 808 type graphic recorders as depths required. The submarine slopes along the north and northwest coasts are extremely steep and broken by canyons which terminateclose inshore. The waters here are too deep for 808 recorders and it was necessary to use the ship's EDO fathometer to obtain soundings close under Swallow Head.

The inshore work was done by ship's launches Nos.1, 2, and 3 using > 808 graphic recorders. All soundings were scaled from continuous profiles recorded by the ship or launches.

D. TIDE AND CURRENT STATIONS.

A standard tide station was in operation at Sweeper Cove, Adak Island throughout this season. A portable automatic tide gage was operated in Sand Bay on the south side of Cape Kiugilak from 11 June to 29 June. The Sand Bay tide observations were used to reduce soundings obtained in June. The Sweeper Cove tides were used without correction for time or range for reduction of all other soundings. See Director's letter of 15 July 1955, file 36-20-982e.

No current station was occupied in the area under consideration. While running sounding lines off Swallow Head a northeasterly set was observed estimated at 1 to 2 knots with the greatest velocity close inshore. A northwest-nertheast set of approximately 1 knot was observed off Teapot Rock. In both cases the strength of the current decreased with increasing distance from shore. At a distance of 2 miles from shore the current was slight.

E. SMOOTH SHEET.

The smooth sheet projection was constructed by ship's officers using a flat sheet 42×60 inches and subsequently cut to 36×54 inches. Shoran arcs were drawn immediately after the projection was made.

Shoreline and photo-hydro signals were transferred directly to the smooth sheet by burnishing blue line prints of photogrammetric compilations T-11537 and T-11538 furnished by the Washington Office. The transfer of shoreline and signals has been verified.

F. CONTROL STATIONS.

Shoran stations AXLE and SAND were located by triangulation methods in 1955. The computations for these two stations were submitted with the descriptive report for hydrographic survey No. H-8233. (1955)

Triangulation control was used as follows: Great Sitkin (USN) 1934.

AKUYAN, PINNACLE off SWALLOW, TEAPOT ROCK, and TEAPOT SPOUT, were located in 1953 and recovered in 1955.

G. SHORELINE AND TOPOGRAPHY.

Shoreline details were compiled by the Washington office from ninelens photographs which were field inspected in 1953 with supplemental inspection by this party. See shoreline mamuscripts T-11537 and T-11538. The low water line was not defined by the hydrography. In many places along the north shore the high and low water lines coincide. In other / areas the foreshore is rocky and foul so that launches could not work close to the beach.

Hydrography was accomplished between Cape Kiugilak and Cape Akuyan prior to the receipt of the shoreline manuscript. Hydrographic and photogrammetric location of offshore rocks are in good agreement with the exception of positions 81, 82, and 83a(green). See notes on page 18 of Vol. No. 4. These discrepencies are probably due to inaccuracy of shoran corrections. However, the notes on positions 124, 142, and 143 of the same day show good agreement between the hydrography and the compilation. No consistent change in the shoran corrections appear logical. The hydrography is consistent in itself and any attempt to make a general shift of it is unwarranted.

H. SOUNDINGS.

Soundings were scaled from continuous profiles recorded on EDO or 808 fathometers. The soundings were corrected for draft, phase, variation from initial setting, and tide where applicable. See special report on fathometer corrections for the 1955 field season.

Deep canyons on both sides of Swallow Head presented problems which were only partially solved. The ship sounding lines were run as close inshore as possible with due regard to the safety of the ship. The launch fathometers failed to record adequate profiles over the steep slopes. This was partly due to rough weather and partly due to the inadequacy of the 808 fathometers in use.

I. CONTROL OF HYDROGRAPHY.

The hydrography between Cape Kiugilak and Cape Akuyan was controlled by shoran distances from stations SAND and AXLE. The shoran distances are corrected by applying differences obtained between simultaneous shoran visual fixes.

The remaining hydrography is controlled by sextant fixes on photohydro or triangulation signals ashore. dir-photographic

J. ADEQUACY OF SURVEY.

The survey is adequate for charting purposes and to supersede prior surveys of the area. There are two 10 fathom soundings off Saddle Point which were not developed because of bad weather and lack of time. This bank is not of sufficient importance to warrant further investigation.

The junctions with surveys H-6918 and H-7605 are good. The junction with survey H-6233, 1:40.000 scale offshore survey is excellent in most of the overlap. There are some discrepancies of a few fathoms along the northwest shore of the island where deep canyons with very steep slopes permit no displacement of soundings. Under the circumstances the discrepancies are to be expected and are of no consequence.

while no holidays exist some additional hydrography is desirable on the bank about one mile northeast of Swallow Head. The depth curves along the shelf are so irregular that much time could be spent developing them, however the area does not warrant such expenditure.

K. CROSSLINES.

The crosslines represent approximately 7.5% of the sounding lines run. The crossings are excellent except for a few places on steep slopes where one line or the other is very slightly displaced. Major discrepancies have been reconciled.

L. COMPARISON WITH PRIOR SURVEYS.

With the exception of a small area in the vicinity of Cape
Kiugilak the only previous surveys in this area were made by the Navy
in 1934 as shown on hydrographic sheets No. H-6892'a scale of 1:30,000;
and H-6898'at a scale of 1:60,000. The present work is a complete new
bpasic survey and should supersede the 1934 work which was less accurately
controlled. See the following paragraph (Comparison with charts) for
further details.

M. COMPARISON WITH CHARTS.

The area covered by this survey is charted on Charts Nos. 8863, 9193, and part on 9139. The changes required on Chart No. 8863 are slight and of little significance for navigation purposes.

On Chart No. 9193 the 19 fathom sounding just north of Saddle Review point rather than northerly. The 1.6 fathoms sounding off Sulphur Point is now shown on the chart. The new survey will require a general revision of the 100 fathoms curve from Cape Akuyan to Teapot Rock.

The shoal off Sulphur Point in Lat. 52° 05.1', Long. 176° 00.1' is not shown on Chart No. 9139. The portions of No. 9139 covered by this survey are more completely surveyed but disclose no other significant changes.

N. DANGERS AND SHOALS.

Only one uncharted danger to navigation was discovered. A least depth of 1.6 fathoms, hand lead, was observed on the shoal off Sulphur Point in Lat. 52° 05.1! Long. 176° 00.1!. See Pos. 111b, Launch No. 3. The rocks awash off Teapot Rock were confirmed. There are numerous rocks close inshore from Cape Kiugilak to Saddle Point. The inshore area is foul and marked by a heavy growth of kelp.

O. COAST PILOT INFORMATION.

See special report on Coast Pilot Information for Project 1218 submitted separately on 28 October 1955. There are no anchorages or channels in the area surveyed. Moderate tidal currents were observed in the vicinity of Swallow Head and Teapot Rock, see Paragraph D of this report. Vessels entering or departing from Sitkin Sound should pass two miles off Swallow Head to avoid the effect of currents in that area.

P. AIDS TO NAVIGATION.

The only aid to navigation in the area, other than matural landmarks, is the unwatched light on Swallow Head. The position of the light was determined by photogrammetric methods on T-11538 and is in Latitude 52° 07' + 37° Longitude 172° 09' + 168° .

There are no submarine cables, bridges, or ferry routes in the area surveyed.

Q. LANDMARKS FOR CHARTS.

There are no landmarks in the area other than natural objects such as Teapot Rock.

R. GEOGRAPHIC NAMES.

All important land and water features are named as shown on Chart No. 9193. No attempt was made to verify the names since the chart is the only source of information to the people who temporarily reside in the vicinity.

Z. TABULATION OF APPLICABLE DATA.

- 1. Submitted with this report
 - (a) 1 Smooth sheet
 - (b) 2 Boat sheets

- (c) 5 Volumes, sounding records(d) Fathograms
- 2. Submitted separately

 - (a) Special report on fathometer corrections
 (b) Report on Coast Pilot No. 9
 (c) Advance manuscripts of T-11537 and T-11538 compiled by the Washington Office
 - (d) Tide observations at Sweeper Cove and Sand Bay

Respectfully submitted

Karl B. Jeffers Comdr., C&OS

Approval Sheet

H-8237, EX-2355

All Hydrography on this survey was accomplished under my direction and field work was inspected daily. The records and smooth sheet have been examined and are approved.

The bank which extends northeasterly from Swallow Head should have a few more lines run across it to properly develop the 50-and 100-fathom depth curves. No other field work is required.

Capt., C&GS

Commanding Ship EXPLORER

List of Signals

Hydrographic Survey H-8237

Field No. MX-2355

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HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY H-2837

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2	b(lch. 1)	9/9/55	123	20.5	-
2 & 3	c(1ch. 1)	9/10/55	164	31.1	-
4	a(1ch. 2)	6/16/55	203	23.0	-
4	b(lch. 2)	6/18/55	29	4.6	5
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AREA = 19.4 square statute miles.

TIDE NOTE TO ACCOMPANY

H-8237 Field No. EX-2355

All soundings on this survey except those taken on 16 June were referred to the standard tide gage at Sweeper Cove. Soundings on 16 June were reduced using the portable tide gage at Sand Bay, Great Sitkin Island. No time or range corrections were applied in either Case.

Position of Sweeper Cove tide gage

Lat. 50° - 51.7'N Long. 176° - 38.4'W

MLLW = 3.3 feet on tide staff.

Position of Sand Bay tide gage

Lat. $52^{\circ} - 00.1^{\circ}N$ Long. $176^{\circ} - 10.5^{\circ}W$

MLLW = 3.6 feet on tide staff.

GEOGRAPHIC NAMES LIST

Bering Sea.

Bugle Point .

Cape Akuyan

Cape Kiugilak

Great Sitkin Island.

Saddle Point

Sitkin Sound

Sulphur Point.

Swallow Head.

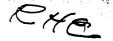
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Hydrographic Surveys (Chart Division)

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TIDE NOTE FOR HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET

9 February 1956

Division of Charts:

R. H. Carstens

Plane of reference approved in 5 volumes of sounding records for

HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET 8237

Locality Aleutian Islands, Alaska

Chief of Party: S. B. Grenell in 1955
Plane of reference is mean lower low water, reading
3.0 ft. on tide staff at Sweeper Cove
19.6 ft. below B. M. 16 (1951)

Height of mean high water above plane of reference is: 3.7 feet

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DIVISION OF CHARTS

REVIEW SECTION - NAUTICAL CHART BRANCH

REVIEW OF HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY

REGISTRY NO. H-8237

FIELD NO. EX-2355

Alaska - Aleutian Islands, Andreanof Islands, North and West side of Great Sitkin Island

Project No. 1218

Surveyed - June - Sept. 1955

Scale 1:20,000

Soundings:

Control:

Hand lead Edo Fathometer 808 Fathometer Shoran Sextant fixes on shore signals

Chief of Party - S. B. Grenell
Surveyed by - S. B. Grenell, F. X. Popper, S. L. Hollis and
G. E. Haraden
Protracted by - A. J. Hamlett
Soundings plotted by - A. J. Hamlett
Verified and inked by - D. J. Kennon
Reviewed by - I. M. Zeskind 8-22-56
Inspected by - R. H. Carstens

1. Shoreline and Control

The shoreline originates with unreviewed air-photographic surveys T-111537 and T-111538 of 1953-55.

**Reviewed Surveys applied N-19-61 DRE*

The source of the control is given in the Descriptive Report.

2. Sounding Line Crossings

Depths at crossings are in good agreement.

3. Depth Curves and Bottom Configuration

The usual depth curves are adequately delineated, except inshore in depths less than 10 fms., where kelp and the foul character of the bottom prevented development to the low-water line.

This is an inshore survey extending from 1 to $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles off the shoreline.

The bottom is very irregular to the limits of the survey on the north and in depths less than 10 fms. on the west. The bottom is fairly smooth in depths greater than 10 fms. on the west. Submarine features such as ledges, reefs, pinnacles, ridges and troughs contribute to the bottom irregularity.

4. Junctions with Contemporary Surveys

Adequate junctions were effected with H-8233 (1955) on the east, north and west. On the southwest junctions were effected with H-7605 (1946) and H-6918 (1943). In the inshore overlapping area of H-6918, a butt junction between H-6918 and the present survey was made because of differences of 0.5 to 1.5 fms. in depths which could not be resolved.

The project survey on the east side of the island southeast of the present survey has not yet been received in the Washington Office.

5. Comparison with Prior Surveys

H-6892 (1934), 1:30,000 H-6897 (1934), 1:60,000

These U. S. N. reconnaissance surveys together cover the area of the present survey. A comparison between the prior and present surveys reveals discrepancies in depths of 2 - 3 fms. close inshore and as much as 103 fms. about one-half mile or further offshore. An example of these latter discrepancies 19 removed occurs in lat. 52°06.57', long. 176°10.85', where a prior from cht depth of 19 fms. falls in present depths of 92 - 122 fms.

These discrepancies are probably caused by weak control and inaccuracies in depth determination on the prior surveys.

Supplementary bottom characteristics have been carried forward from the prior surveys. The present survey is adequate to supersede the prior surveys within the common area.

H-6912 WD (1943), 1:20,000

The wire-drag survey covers that portion of the present survey on the west side of Great Sitkin Island which lies south of lat. 52°01'. A comparison between the wire-drag and present surveys shows the present survey depths to be in harmony with the effective wire-drag depths.

6. Comparison with Chart 8863 (latest print date 1-14-52) Chart 9139 (latest print date 6-2-52) Chart 9193 (latest print date 7-5-54)

A. Hydrography

The charted hydrography originates principally with the previously discussed prior surveys which need no further consideration and with one sounding from the present survey prior to verification and review. This sounding 176° which is charted as 1 fm. in lat. 52°05.1', long. 76° which is charted as 1 fm. in lat. 52°05.1', long. 76° 00.1', originates with a 1.2 fm. sounding on the present survey prior to verification and review. The sounding was revised to 1.6 fm. after verification and review.

The present survey is adequate to supersede the charted information within the area of the present survey.

B. Aids to Navigation

The only aid to navigation falling within the limits of the present survey is the untended light on Swallow Head, Great Sitkin Island. Its survey position is in substantial agreement with the charted position and adequately marks the feature intended.

7. Condition of Survey

- (a) The sounding records and Descriptive Report are complete and comprehensive.
- (b) The smooth-plotting was accurately done, except that in numerous instances, position numbers and day letters were omitted at ends of lines and on detached positions.
- (c) Only two bottom characteristics were obtained in the area covered by the present survey.
- (d) About 90% of the shoreline and signals were revised because of changes in the topographic surveys subsequent to the original application to the smooth sheet. No replotting of sounding lines was found to be necessary.

8. Compliance with Project Instructions

The survey adequately complies with the Project Instructions, except as noted in paragraph 7c above.

9. Additional Field Work Recommended

The survey is considered basic and no additional field work is recommended. As a matter of record attention is directed to the lack of bottom characteristics obtained in the area of the present survey, as noted in paragraph 7c above. Additional development delineating the head of the submarine canyon in the vicinity of lat. 52°05.65', long. 176°11.5' would have been desirable. Lack of development of the 9.2-fm. shoal northwest of Saddle Point is also noted.

Examined and Approved:

H. R. Edmonston

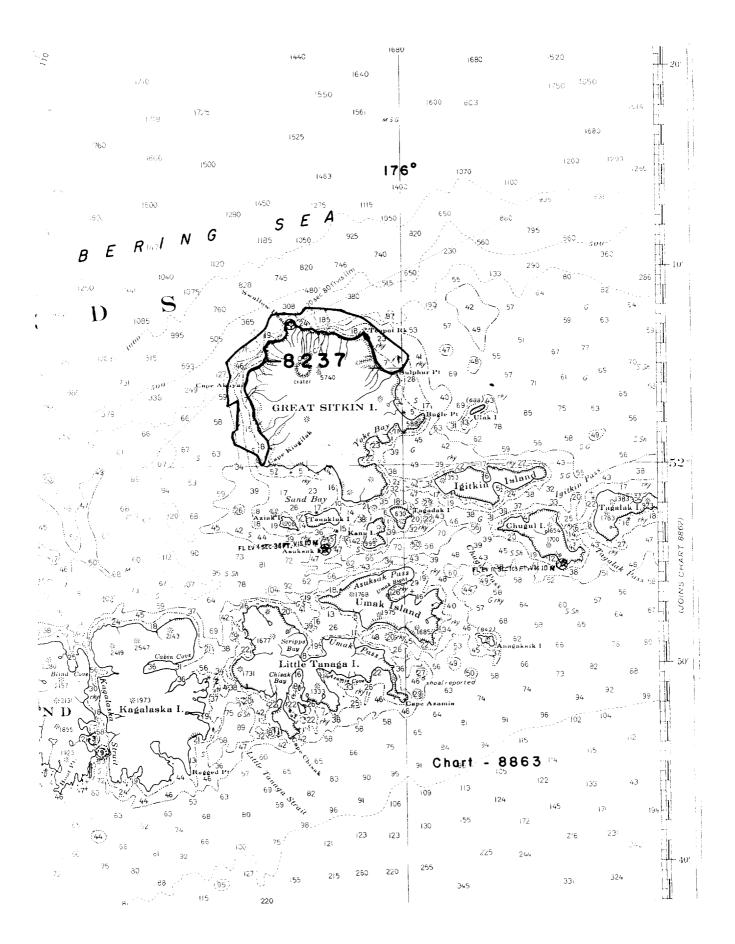
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Chief. Hydrography Branch

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Samuel B. Grenell

Chief, Division of Coastal Surveys



NAUTICAL CHARTS BRANCH

SURVEY NO. _ LE237

Record of Application to Charts

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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.