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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION  
NATIONAL OCEAN SURVEY

## DESCRIPTIVE REPORT (HYDROGRAPHIC)

Type of Survey Hydrographic  
Field No. FA-20-3-72  
Office No. H-9330

### LOCALITY

State Alaska  
General Locality Clarence Strait  
Locality Off Nichols Passage & Felice Strait

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### CHIEF OF PARTY

R. H. Houlder

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Descriptive Report  
to accompany  
Hydrographic Survey FA 20-3-72 (H-9330)  
OPR-424  
Nichols Passage and Felice Strait  
Alaska

A. Project

This survey is a continuation of work begun by NOAA Ship McARTHUR in 1970. The survey was accomplished in accordance with Project Instructions OPR-424-FA-72, Nichols Passage and Felice Strait, Alaska dated 07 June 1972 and with the Pacific Marine Center OPORDER. ✓

B. Area Surveyed

The area surveyed lies in <sup>Clarence Strait</sup> Nichols Passage south of the Bronaugh Islands and west of Annette Island. The survey area does not encompass any shoreline. Limits of the area are as follows: ✓

North- Latitude 55° 06' N  
South- Latitude 54° 53' N  
West - Longitude 131° 45' W  
East - Longitude 131° 37' W

Junctions with contemporary surveys are as follows:

North- MA 10-1-70 (H-9182) 1970, 1972  
East - MA 10-2-70 (H-9157) 1970  
MA 10-3-70 (H-9184) 1970, ~~1972~~  
FA 10-7-72 (H-9331) 1972-73  
West - LJ 2157 (H-8382) 1957  
South- None

Prior surveys of the area are:

H-3712, 1:20,000, 1914  
H-3781, 1:20,000, 1915  
H-3787, 1:40,000, 1915  
H-3709, 1:40,000, 1914

Hydrography began 04 October 1972 and was completed 27 October 1972.

C. Sounding Vessels

Ship FAIRWEATHER and FAIRWEATHER launch FA-5 (hydrolog equipped) were used to accomplish the hydrography. No color differentiation is made in plotting as all data was plotted

by the hydroplot system. Position numbers are as follows: ✓

FAIRWEATHER Positions 0001-0650  
Launch FA-5 Positions 4001-4257

#### D. Sounding Equipment

FAIRWEATHER used Ross Model 5000 Fineline fathometer, S/N 1047, in conjunction with the hydroplot system and Raydist control throughout the hydrography. Launch FA-5 used Ross Model 5000 Fineline fathometer, S/N 1046, in conjunction with the hydrolog system and Raydist control. Depths ranging from 17 to 272 fathoms were recorded by the ship and 5 to 155 fathoms were recorded by launch FA-5. ✓

Velocity corrections to soundings were determined by one Nansen cast taken 16 October 1972 at latitude 54° 59' 22" N, longitude 131° 43' 16" W to 380 meters depth (208 fathoms). Velocity correction abstract is appended hereto. For details and substantiation see Fathometer and Velocity Corrections Report, OPR-424, NOAA FAIRWEATHER, 1972. ✓

TRA and instrument error corrections for Launch FA-5 were determined by bar check. TRA corrector for FAIRWEATHER is considered 2.6 fathoms and determined by lead line comparison during previous project. All hydrography was run with fathometer initial set at zero. An abstract of daily TRA correctors is appended hereto. ✓

Fathometers performed satisfactorily during the survey. Due to the precipitous nature of the bottom in portions of the survey area strong side echos were not uncommon. On day 278 the fathogram of FAIRWEATHER shows a trace displaced by approximately 4 fathoms between positions 0049 and 0051. No satisfactory explanation for this occurrence is available. However, during the period of this displacement the hydroplot system digitizer indicated, and logged, depths consistent with the trace on either side of the displaced portion. Therefore, these logged depths were accepted as accurate. ✓

#### E. Smooth Sheet

All data was plotted by the hydroplot system, discrepancies located and rectified, and data replotted in final boathsheet form. All data has been logged in the hydroplot master tape format for smooth plotting at PMC. ✓

#### F. Control

All hydrography in this survey was controlled by Hastings-Raydist electronic positioning equipment. Raydist base stations were installed over existing triangulation stations "Drick 1912-21" and "Wedge 1912" located respectively in the ✓

Kendrick and Wedge Island groups. See appended Raydist Note for specifics.

Calibration of Raydist navigators was accomplished by 3 point fixes with check angles. Conversion of fix to Raydist lane count was made by PDP8/e computer using program AM-560. Daily calibrations were made prior to beginning hydrography and at day's end.

#### G. Shoreline

No shoreline detail or field edit is included in this survey. (See Review, Par. 1)

#### H. Crosslines

Crosslines constitute 9.3% of the hydrography accomplished. Agreement between crossline and main scheme soundings was excellent considering the irregular bottom configuration in much of the area.

#### I. Junctions

Junction sounding comparison with H-8382, western junction, shows good agreement with discrepancies only rarely exceeding 2% of the sounded depth. Comparison with H-9157 and H-9184, on the eastern junction shows very good agreement with only minor discrepancies over steep slopes. Good agreement was obtained between FAIRWEATHER and launch FA-5 on sheet MA 10-1-70 to the north. Agreement was very good between the soundings of launch FA-5 and those of launch FA-6 on sheet MA 10-3-70 to the east. Launch FA-5 worked both sides of the junction between this survey and sheet FA 10-7-72 south-east of Percy Islands.

#### J. Comparison with Prior Surveys

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Two presurvey review items are included in the survey area. A dashed circle sounding of 54 fathoms at 55° 04.6' N, 131° 41.3' W has been verified as accurate. A dashed circle sounding of 45 fathoms is located at 55° 04.75' N, 131° 42.3' W, sounded depth at this location was 49 fathoms. However, a 46 fathom sounding was recorded at 55° 04.5' N, 131° 42.5' W. \*However 54-fm sounding falls in present depths of greater than 64 fms.  
The overlap with survey H-3787 (1:40,000, 1915) is a small area in the southeast corner of the current survey. Depths in the area are generally greater than 100 fathoms. Soundings on H-3787 are generally greater than those of this survey by 10-20%.

The overlap of this survey with H-3781 (1:20,000, 1915) is a small area in the immediate vicinity of Percy Point. The area is steeply sloping, dropping to 130 fathoms 0.7 nm from the point. Prior survey soundings are generally greater

than present soundings increasing to about 10% at 100 fathoms and deeper.

Prior survey H-3709 (1:40,000, 1914) overlaps the majority of the present survey area. Soundings are consistently greater on the prior survey and average 6% greater. Occasional discrepancies of greater than 10% occur in depths of 125 fathoms and deeper with the prior survey soundings being the greater.

Prior survey H-3712 (1:20,000, 1914) overlaps a portion of the eastern side of the present survey. Again the prior survey soundings are consistently greater than soundings of the present survey. Discrepancies range from zero to as much as 18% in some cases, with the average of 6% greater depth reported by the prior survey.

Considering the very irregular bottom configuration and the sounding techniques of the period, the agreement between surveys is actually good. The present survey should supersede all prior surveys of the area.

#### K. Comparison with the Chart

The largest scale chart of the area is NOS 8075, 1:80,000, 5th edition, 13 May 1972. Comparison of random soundings shows a good agreement between survey and published soundings. No danger to surface navigation exist in the survey area.

A charted depth of 33 fathoms located at 54° 54.5' N, 131° 37.1' W was found to have a least depth of 29 fathoms. This item is included in the presurvey review and is discussed in The Descriptive Report of FA 10-7-72, OPR-424, NOAA's FAIRWEATHER, 1972. *major portion of the*  
H-9331 (1972-73)

#### L. Adequacy of the Survey

This survey is considered complete and adequate for charting.

#### M. Aids to Navigation

No floating or fixed aids to navigation are located in the survey area.

#### N. Statistics

	FAIRWEATHER	Launch FA-5
Positions	650	264
Sounding lines (lnm)	215.7	68.4
Total area surveyed -	36.1 snm	
Number of bottom samples-	2	

O. Micellaneous

There is a longitudinal offset between the transducer and ✓  
Raydist antenna aboard FAIRWEATHER. The skeg mounted Ross  
transducer is 108 feet aft of the foremast mounted Raydist  
antenna. Consequently, the true positions of soundings  
obtained by FAIRWEATHER are 108 feet in the direction  
opposite the ship's heading at the time. No compensation  
for the discrepancy has been made during the on-board pro-  
cessing. The situation was reported in the Hydrolog/ Hy-  
droplot System Status Report, OPR-465, NOAA FAIRWEATHER,  
1972.

P. Recommendations

None ✓

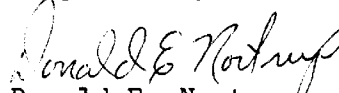
Q. References to Reports

Fathometer and Velocity Corrections Report, OPR-424, NOAA ✓  
FAIRWEATHER 1972.

Descriptive Report, FA 10-7-72 (H-9331), OPR-424, NOAA  
FAIRWEATHER 1972.

Hydrolog/Hydroplot System Status Report, OPR-465, NOAA  
FAIRWEATHER 1972.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Donald E. Nortrup  
LCDR, NOAA

Transmittal Sheet

The field work was examined daily under the supervision of this command. The boatsheet was inspected daily for completeness and no additional work is considered necessary.

*R H Houlder*

R. H. Houlder  
CAPT, NOAA  
Cmdg, Ship FAIRWEATHER



*Triangulation Plotter* 11-23-73  
SIGNAL PLOTTER CARDS

H-NO.	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	X	Y	X
09330 001	72 55020618	131385013	03375	10003	001
09330 002	72 55004557	131382578	03147	08694	002
09330 004	72 54593961	131364445	02201	07624	004

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SIGNAL LIST  
FA 20-3-72

001 55 02 0618 131 38 5013 TRIANGULATION STATION "HID, 1924"-1970  
002 55 00 4557 131 38 2578 TRIANG. STA. "DUNCAN, 1912"-1970  
~~003 54 58 3378 131 34 5695 TRIANG. STA. "GOW 1914"~~  
004 54 59 3961 131 36 4445 TRIANG. STA. "DAVIS 1914"-1970  
~~005 55 06 4966 131 40 1970 TRIANG. STA. "PT MCCARTEY LT 1921"~~  
~~006 55 07 1004 131 40 1977 TRIANG. STA. "MCCARTEY 1924"~~  
~~007 55 06 4645 131 43 5293 TRIANG. STA. "SNOW 1970"~~  
~~008 55 07 1740 131 43 4408 TRIANG. STA. "NUFF 1970"~~  
~~009 55 09 0330 131 43 1004 TRIANG. STA. "BRON 1914"~~  
~~010 55 07 5561 131 37 5780 TRIANG. STA. "BURT 1924"~~

~~54 51 5917 131 58 1707 TRIANG. STA. "DRICK 1912-21"~~  
RED RAYDIST STATION

~~55 09 1403 131 57 2924 TRIANG. STA. "WEDGE 1912"~~  
GREEN RAYDIST STATION

SOUND VELOCITY CORRECTORS

<u>Depth (fathoms)</u>	<u>Correctors (fathoms)</u>
0.0 - 5.9	0.0
6.0 - 15.5	+0.1
15.6 - 25.5	+0.2
25.6 - 36.0	+0.3
36.1 - 51.9	+0.4
52.0 - 75.0	+0.6
75.2 - 97.5	+0.8
97.7 - 139.0	+1.0
139.5 - 197.0	+1.5
198.0 - 284.0	+2.0





H-9330 VELOCITY CORRECTION TABLES

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000255 0 0002  
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000519 0 0004  
000750 0 0006  
000975 0 0008  
001390 0 0010  
001970 0 0015  
002840 0 0020

TIDE NOTE  
OPR - 424

Reference tide gage for this project was the standard gage at Ketchikan. Field tide reduction of soundings was based on predicted tides for Metlakatla. Predicted tides were interpolated by PDP8/e computer using program AM 500.

Two Bristol Bubbler Tide Gages were installed in the project area. Location and period of operation are as follow:

<u>Site</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Period</u>
Metlakatla	55° 07.7' N 131° 34.1' W	44 days 28 Sept - 10 Nov
Tamgas Hbr.	55° 04.0' N 131° 32.6' W	22 days 19 Oct - 10 Nov

All gages operated on 105° W time for the entire period of operation. However, times as listed on the hourly heights abstracts, Form C&GS - 362, were based on 120° W after 0200 29 October with the change from daylight savings to standard time.

Metlakatla - Gage S/N 62A91

This site was previously occupied by NOAA McARTHUR in 1970. The staff and gage were installed and the gage began operation on 28 September. Levels were run between staff and marks on 04 October. Two new bench marks were established making a total of five recoverable marks at the site. The marigram read 0.8 feet higher than the staff. This value is the average of five comparison readings made during routine servicing periods. (Actually seven comparisons were made, the first and last of which were discounted. The first was made prior to the time that the gage had completely settled and the last after the gage had stopped operating.) The gage operated very well with only a slight time lag. This has been adjusted in scanning the marigram. The gage was removed and levels run to three of the marks on 10 November.

Tamgas Harbor - Gage S/N 63A10293

This site was previously occupied by NOAA McARTHUR in 1970. The gage was installed 19 October and the existing staff leveled the following day. Two new bench marks were established making a total of five recoverable marks at the site. The marigram read 3.8 feet lower than the staff, based on an average of five comparison readings. The gage was quite sensitive and it was necessary to mean out recorded wave action when scanning. This however was not a serious deficiency and the gage operation was very good. The gage was removed and levels run to three marks on 10 November.

10/15/74

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TIDE NOTE FOR HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET

Processing Division: Pacific Marine Center:

Hourly heights are approved for Form 362

Tide Station Used (NOAA Form 77-12): Metlakatla  
NOAA Station

Period: September 28 - November 10, 1972

HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET: H9330

OPR: 424

Locality: Felice Strait, Southeast Alaska

Plane of reference (mean lower low water): 10.1 Metlakatla

Height of Mean High Water above Plane of Reference is 13.7 ft.

Remarks: Recommended zoning. Direct on Metlakatla gage.

*Jan*  
James R. Halstead  
Chief, Tides Branch



GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

Survey No.


Name on Survey	Source										
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	K		
ANNETTE ISLAND											1
CLARENCE STRAIT											2
<del>ANNETTE STRAIT</del> <sup>To for East</sup> CH											3
PERCY ISLANDS											4
HID REEF											5
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Approved  
 C. B. Harrington  
 Staff Geographer  
 19 May 1975

APPROVAL SHEET

The smooth sheet has been inspected, is complete, and meets the requirements of the General Instructions for automated surveys and the Hydrographic Manual. (Note: All exceptions are listed in the Verifier's Report)

Examined and approved,



James S. Green  
Supervisory Cartographic Technician

Approved and forwarded,



Walter F. Forster, Cdr., NOAA  
Chief, Processing Division  
Pacific Marine Center

HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY STATISTICS  
HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY NO. H-9330

RECORDS ACCOMPANYING SURVEY: To be completed when survey is registered.

RECORD DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	RECORD DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
SMOOTH SHEET & PNO	1	BOAT SHEETS <i>CANNOT LOCATE</i>	<del>1</del> 1
DESCRIPTIVE REPORT	1	OVERLAYS	3

DESCRIPTION	DEPTH RECORDS	HORIZ. CONT. RECORDS	PRINTOUTS	TAPE ROLLS	PUNCHED CARDS	ABSTRACTS/SOURCE DOCUMENTS
ENVELOPES			1			
CAHIERS	1					
VOLUMES						
<del>Bundles</del>			1			

T-SHEET PRINTS (List)  
None

SPECIAL REPORTS (List)  
None

OFFICE PROCESSING ACTIVITIES  
The following statistics will be submitted with the cartographer's report on the survey

PROCESSING ACTIVITY	AMOUNTS			
	PRE-VERIFICATION	VERIFICATION	REVIEW	TOTALS
POSITIONS ON SHEET				914
POSITIONS CHECKED		650	914	764
POSITIONS REVISED		0		
DEPTH SOUNDINGS REVISED		96	25	121
DEPTH SOUNDINGS ERRONEOUSLY SPACED		0		
SIGNALS ERRONEOUSLY PLOTTED OR TRANSFERRED		0		
	TIME (MANHOURS)			
Verification of Control		4	1	5
Verification of Positions		46	20	66
Verification of Soundings		30	30	60
Smooth Sheet Compilation		34	0	34
ALL OTHER WORK D. Report		2	19	21
TOTALS		116	70	186
PRE-VERIFICATION BY Mr. James Green	BEGINNING DATE 1/12/74	ENDING DATE 1/12/74		
VERIFICATION BY Howard E. Clark <i>Jul 2 Ch</i>	BEGINNING DATE 2/20/74	ENDING DATE 2/10/75		
REVIEW BY <i>Spunham</i>	BEGINNING DATE 10 JUN 75	ENDING DATE 15 Sep 75		

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*R.K. Myers 7/13/81*

Reg. No. 49330

The Computer and Excess Sounding Cards for this survey have not been corrected to reflect the changes made to the Computer Card and Excess Card Printouts at this time of the review.

When the cards have been updated to reflect the final results of the survey the following shall be completed:

CARDS CORRECTED

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ TIME REQ'D \_\_\_\_\_ INITIALS \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS:

Reg. No. \_\_\_\_\_

The magnetic tape containing the data for this survey has not been corrected to reflect the changes made during evaluation and review.

When the magnetic tape has been updated to reflect the final results of the survey, the following shall be completed:

MAGNETIC TAPE CORRECTED

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ TIME REQ'D. \_\_\_\_\_ INITIALS \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS:

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Information for Future Presurvey Reviews

Except for changes that may occur as the result of earthquake activities, the bottom in this area is quite stable.

<u>Position Index</u>		<u>Bottom Change Index</u>	<u>Use Index</u>	<u>Resurvey Cycle</u>
<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>			
540	1315	0	1	50 years
540	1314	0	1	50 years
550	1315	1	1	50 years
550	1314	2	1	50 years

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and the Instruction Manual - Automated Hydrographic Surveys, except as follows:

a. There was no boat sheet available at the time of review.

b. Bottom samples were not obtained as specified in section 1-42 of the Hydrographic Manual.

#### 4. Junctions

Adequate junctions were effected with H-9814 (1970) on the east, H-9157 (1970) on the northeast, and H-8382 (1957) on the west. Junctions with surveys H-9331 (1972) and H-9182 (1970-72) will be discussed in the reviews of those surveys. No contemporary surveys junction the present survey on the south. However, present survey depths are in general harmony with charted depths.

#### 5. Comparison with Prior Surveys

a.	H-1618a	(1883)	1:80,000
	H-1622	(1883)	1:80,000
	H-1649a	(1885)	1:80,000
	H-2142	(1892)	1:80,000

These early prior surveys fall in the area of the present survey but are not discussed in the present review.

b.	H-3709	(1914)	1:40,000
	H-3712	(1914)	1:20,000
	H-3718	(1914)	1:20,000
	H-3781	(1915)	1:20,000
	H-3787	(1915)	1:40,000
	H-4158 Ad. Wk.	(1920-21)	1:50,000

Taken together, these prior surveys cover the area of the present survey. A comparison between the prior surveys and the present survey showed good depth agreement in the shoaler areas but differences of 6-15 fathoms in depths over 100 fathoms. These differences are attributed to less accurate control and the use of a wire sounding machine on the prior surveys versus depths recorded by modern fathometer and electronic control on the present survey. With the addition of bottom characteristics carried forward from the prior surveys, the present survey is adequate to supersede the prior surveys within the common area.

c.	<u>H-3700 W.D.</u>	(1915)	1:10,000
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No conflicts exist between the effective drag depths on this prior survey and the depths on the present survey.

6. Comparison with Charts 17434 (8075), 6th Ed., January 12, 1974  
17432 (8086), 3rd Ed., October 20, 1973

a. Hydrography

The charted hydrography originates with the previously discussed prior surveys, which require no further consideration.

The present survey is considered adequate to supersede the charted hydrography within the common area.

b. Aids to Navigation

There are no aids to navigation on this survey.


7. Compliance with Instructions

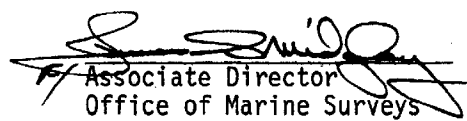
The survey adequately complies with the project instructions except for the failure to run 100-meter line spacing in depths less than 20 fathoms.

8. Additional Field Work

This survey is considered to be a good basic survey and no additional field work is recommended.

Examined and Approved:

  
Chief  
Hydrographic Surveys Division

  
Associate Director  
Office of Marine Surveys  
and Maps



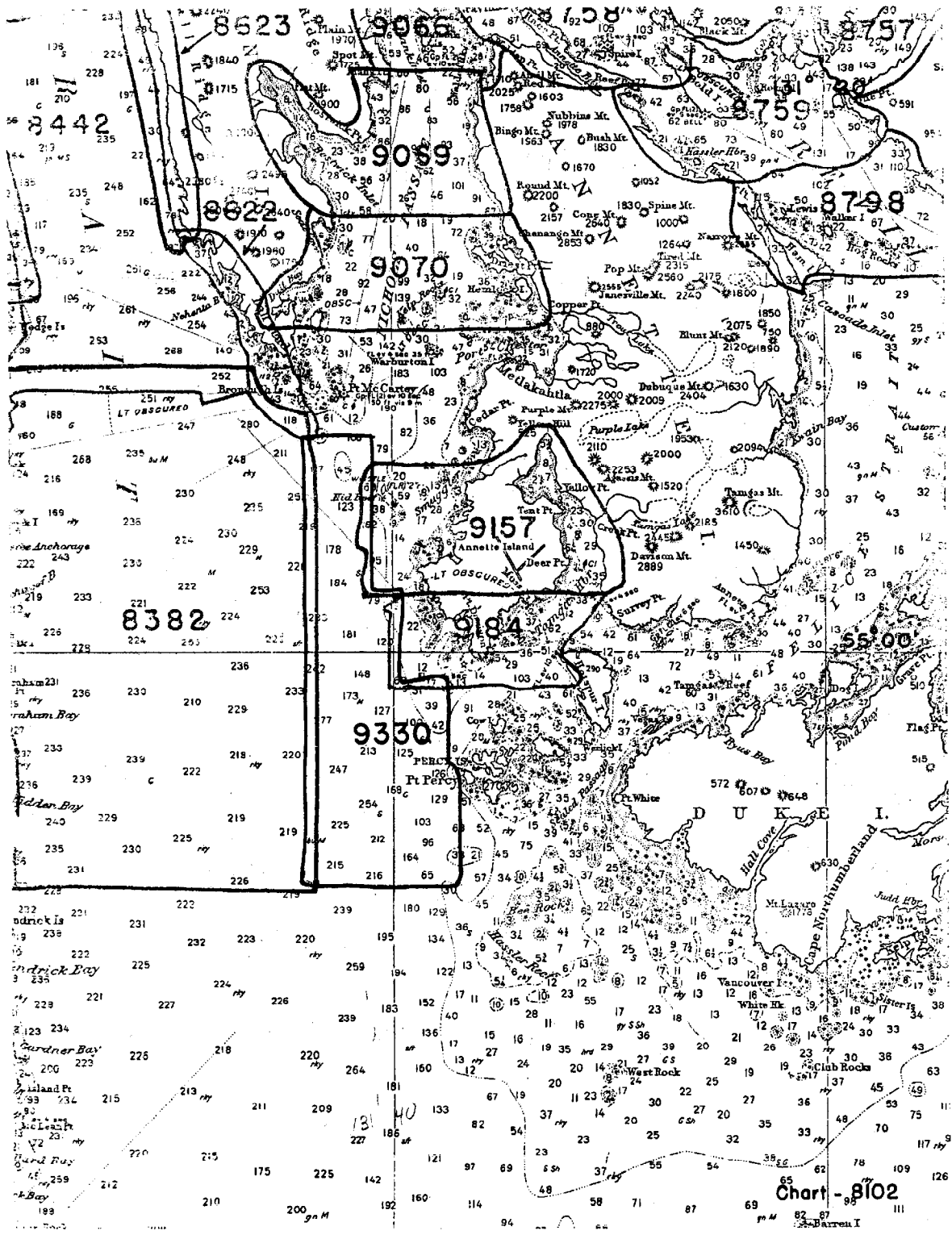


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