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Registry No. H10891				
LOCALITY				
State Louisiana				
General Locality Gulf of Mexico				
Locality 24 NM SSE of Calcasieu Pass				
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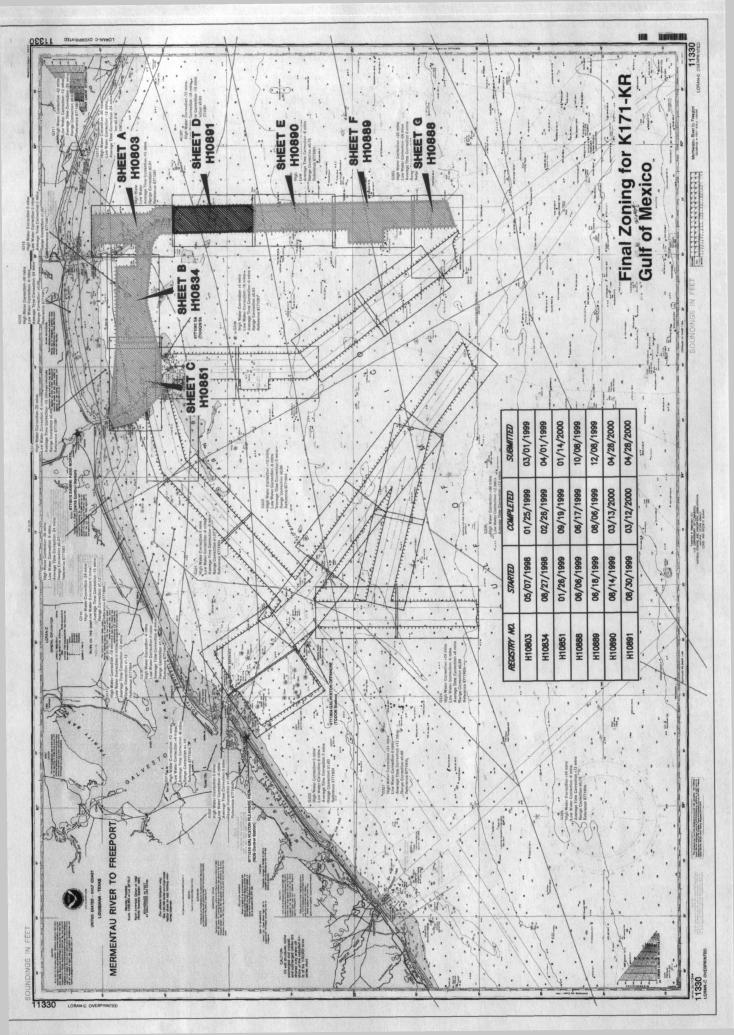
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Scale: <u>1:20,000</u>	Date of Survey: August to S	September, 1999	
Instructions Dated:	March 23, 1999 Project Number: OPR-K17		
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A. PROJECT

A.1 Project Number: OPR-K171-KR

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Contract No.: 50-DGNC-8-90024 Original Task Order: 56-DGNC-8-23004 March 13, 1998 June 2, 1999

Investigation Work Task Order: 56-DGNC-0-23005

February 21, 2000

A.2 The purpose of this contract is to provide NOAA with modern, accurate hydrographic survey data acquired using shallow water multibeam and side scan sonar technology with which to update the nautical charts of the assigned area. Numerous obstructions have been reported in this area. Side scan sonar shall be used to locate these obstructions and a shallow water multibeam sonar system shall be used to determine the least depth over the obstructions as well as determine the depths over the entire project area.

B. AREA SURVEYED

B.1 Sheet D, shown on the INDEX OF SHEETS, is located 24 miles south southeast of Calcasieu Pass, Louisiana in the Gulf of Mexico.

B.2 The area was bounded by the following survey limits.

Latitude (N)	Longitude (W)
29° 28' 32.49"	93° 15' 46.52"
29° 28' 32.97"	93° 11′ 32.97″
29° 15′ 45.49″	93° 10′ 45.49"
29° 15′ 45.49"	93° 15' 45.49"
29° 28' 32.49"	93° 15′ 32.49″

B.3 Data collection was performed between August 30, 1999 (J.D. 242) and September 17, 1999 (J.D. 260) and between February 28, 2000 (J.D. 59) and March 13, 2000 (J.D. 73). An Abstract of Times of Hydrography is included in Appendix E.* Data fight with original Field Readros

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C. SURVEY VESSELS

C.1 Three vessels were used for the survey. The M/V Inez McCall was leased from Cameron Offshore Boats, Inc. by C & C Technologies for the duration of the survey. C & C's 42-foot vessel, R/V Coastal Surveyor, was utilized for the investigation work. The Aquatica Inc. DSV Mr. Jim was used for the dive investigations. Vessel diagrams are included as part of Appendix G. DATA FILES WITH ORIGINAL FIELD RECORDS

C.2 The M/V Inez McCall and the R/V Coastal Surveyor operated independently. Each was used for all survey operations including multibeam soundings, side scan sonar operations, sound velocity casts, and positioning. Processing of side scan data was performed aboard the M/V Inez McCall. The side scan data from the R/V Coastal Surveyor was processed at the office. All aspects of the dive survey were conducted aboard the DSV Mr. Jim.

C.3 Vessel Descriptions

		M/V Inez McCall	R/V Coastal Surveyor	DS/V Mr. Jim
Registration	on/Official Number	638285	999206	D610886
Length (fe		110	42	110
Beam (fee		25	13	26
`	Gross	92	16	98
Tonnage –	Net	62	13	66

C.4 Unusual vessel configuration: None

D. AUTOMATED DATA ACQUISITION AND PROCESSING SEE ALSO! THE EVALUATION REPORT

D.1 Hydrographic data were collected and processed using C & C Technologies' proprietary HydroMap software run on a SUN Sparc Ultra2/2170 workstation. HydroMap was used to collect data from the survey instruments and record it on high speed AIT tape drives. All data were time tagged and recorded to file in their raw form. No subsampling was performed. Data collected by HydroMap include Simrad EM3000D, POS/MV, Trimble GPS, Satloc DGPS, Endeco YSI Sound Velocity Probe, Seabird CTD sensor, Echotrac single beam echosounder (M/V Inez McCall), and Hydrotrac single beam echosounder (R/V Coastal Surveyor).

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D.2 Two Endeco/YSI conductivity-temperature probes were mounted at the multibeam echosounder transducers to provide real-time sound velocity measurements at the transducer location. The sensor data were integrated with the EM-3000D to provide corrections for beam pointing angles during data collection.

Two Seabird SEACAT SBE 19 Profilers were used simultaneously to measure the water column sound velocity during hydrographic operations. The profilers were deployed to a minimum of 95% of the maximum water depth in the survey area to be covered. The sound velocity data from the casts were applied to the multibeam data at the time of collection.

- **D.3** Processing was performed in the following manner. Details of the processing steps are provided in Appendix I. **
 - 1) For each survey line, processing involved the following steps:
 - a) Extraction of generic vessel navigation data
 - b) Performance of time correlation and georeferencing
 - c) Data binning
 - d) Data editing
 - 2) Merging of data
 - 3) Generation of smooth sheet
 - 4) Generation of back-trace data
- D.4 Side scan sonar data were collected and processed using the Triton Elics Isis software, run on a Windows 95 PC. Side scan data were recorded digitally together with time and position data, fed from HydroMap, and saved in extended triton format (.xtf) to 8mm AIT tapes.
- **D.5** The ISIS software was used to process the side scan data. Sonar targets and positions were recorded using this software.
- **D.6** A list of software and version numbers used for data collection and processing is given in Appendix K. ★

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E. SIDE SCAN SONAR

E.1 Side scan sonar data aboard the M/V Inez McCall were collected using a Klein 5500 multi-beam side scan sonar. An EG&G 260 towfish was kept on the survey vessel as a backup. Data were recorded using Isis software. Digital data were saved to 8 mm AIT tapes.

The side scan sonar towfish was towed from the stern of the M/V Inez McCall. The towpoint was 17.36 meters astern of the navigation center. The Klein side scan operates at a frequency of 455 kHz.

Aboard the R/V Coastal Surveyor side scan sonar data were collected using two EG&G 260 towfish, S/N 24536 and S/N 18400. Data were recorded using ISIS software. Digital data were saved to 8-mm AIT tapes. Analog data were printed in real-time on an EPC 1086 recorder.

The side scan sonar towfish was towed from the stern of the R/V Coastal Surveyor. The tow point was 3.66 meters astern of the navigation center. The dual-frequency fish were operated at a frequency of 100 kHz for the duration of the survey.

- E.2 Side scan data were collected across the survey area in all water depths. A range of 100 meters per channel was used with the Klein 5500 aboard the M/V Inez McCall and a range of 50 meters per channel was used with the EG&G 260 aboard the R/V Coastal Surveyor. A 90 meter line spacing aboard the M/V Inez McCall and a 40 meter line spacing aboard the R/V Coastal Surveyor were used to adequately provide the required 200 % coverage with the side scan sonar.
- E.3 Fix marks (shot points) were recorded and annotated at an interval of 150 meters for all lines. All shot points were annotated with line name, date, time, position (easting and northing), event number, and layback.
- E.4 Side scan sonar confidence checks were performed daily during survey operations. When possible, features seen during normal survey operations such as drag scars, dredged channels, or platforms were used as the target for the confidence checks. On several occasions, it was necessary to break line and find a known target to use for the confidence check. Each time a confidence check was performed it was annotated as such on the analog records and was noted in the survey log. The survey logs are included with the data and are submitted as Separates.
- E.5 All side scan data were reviewed in the field. All measurements and positions were taken from the digital records using the ISIS software. Due to the fast data collection speed of the Klein 5500, analog records for this data were not required.

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Analog records from the R/V Coastal Surveyor were reviewed in the field and annotated appropriately. Again with this data, all measurements and positions were taken from the digital data using the ISIS software.

- E.6 Fix files extracted from the HydroMap digital data were used to establish proof of coverage. The fix files were edited to exclude any areas for which the data were rejected. A hatching subroutine in AutoCAD was then used to show the swath width on either side of the trackline. Alternate lines were chosen for the first 100% coverage and the remaining lines were used to make up the second 100% coverage.
- E.7 Fourteen significant contacts were seen in the survey area. Three of the significant contacts did not correspond to previously charted items. The first of these contacts was seen on three side scan lines (255/100626P, 255/094745P, 260/184841P) and one multibeam line. The contact showed a relief of between 1.4 m and 1.5 m with a least depth of 11.95 m (39.20 ft) at a location of 29°21'29.43"N, 93°11'42.72"W. The contact is shown on the sonar contact plot and is depicted on the smooth sheet as a 39 foot obstruction.

The second of these contacts was seen on numerous side scan and multibeam and during a dive investigation. The contact corresponds to the remains of a sunken barge. A danger to navigation report was issued for this contact. The contact is shown on the sonar contact plot and is depicted on the smooth sheet as a 37 foot obstruction at 29° 26' 40.78"N, 93° 14' 07.55"W.

The third of these significant contacts was seen on two side scan lines (255/225144S, 256/001618S) and one multibeam line. The target is a relatively hard contact with a rectangular edge. The contact is shown on the smooth sheet and is depicted on the smooth sheet as a 44 foot obstruction at 29° 22' 29.95"N, 93° 11'37.49"W.

One of the significant contacts corresponds to item of investigation D-1. The item was seen on two side scan lines (060/104708P, 060/111059P). A dive investigation of the target was performed and the item was described as a piece of 10" well casing (pipe) with an attached riser clamp. A least depth over the target as determined by the divers is 53.1 feet.

Another corresponds to item of investigation D-2. The item was see on two side scan lines (255/213628S, 255/223645S) but lay between the original multibeam lines. A multibeam investigation of the target revealed a least depth of 13.34 m (43.77 ft) over the target at a location of 29° 22' 25.48"N, 93° 11' 26.12"W. The contact is shown on the sonar contact plot and is depicted on the smooth sheet as a 44 foot obstruction.

Five of the significant contacts were seen in the area surrounding AWOIS item 8767. Each of the significant contacts, their location and the corresponding least depth as determined by the multibeam are listed in the table below.

G	Posi	tion	Least Depth	Height
Contact Numbers	Latitude (N)	Longitude (W)	(m (feet))	(m)
255/095958P, 255/095417P, 061/051008P, 061/044057S	29° 21' 29.20"	93° 10' 40.48''	14.57 (47.80)	~ 1.0
255/095945S, 061/045655S, 061/042706S	29° 21' 37.84"	93° 10' 24.62"	14.71 (48.26)	~ 1.1
061/021512S	29° 21' 29.20"	93° 10' 40.48"	14.71 (48.26)	0.95 - 1.2
061/040912S, 061/042826S	29° 21' 36.80"	93° 10′ 36.98″	14.13 (46.36)	1.2 – 1.3
061/044030S, 061/045649S	29° 21' 31.09"	93° 10′ 39.33″	14.69 (47.90)	0.9 – 1.0

Each of these contacts is shown on the sonar contact plot and is depicted on the smooth sheets as obstructions at the locations shown in the table.

During the investigation of this area, many circular targets were seen and tagged. After review of the previous survey FE347, the targets were interpreted to be tires. It is believed that the pile of tires as described as contact 1791.31P in survey FE347 has since dispersed and that now the tires are scattered to the west and southwest of the previous location. None of these targets are considered to be dangers to navigation.

The remaining three significant contacts were seen in the area surrounding two charted 45 foot obstructions. Each of the significant contacts, their location and the corresponding least depth as determined by the multibeam are listed in the table below.

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C	Position		Least Depth	Height	
Contact Numbers	Latitude (N)	Longitude (W)	(m (feet))	(m)	
061/100547S, 061/101902S	29° 22' 30.98"	93° 10′ 34.02″	13.54 (44.42)	~ 1.7	
061/103213S, 061/110055P, 061/104941S	29° 22' 39.38"	93° 10' 37.02"	13.90 (45.60)	~ 1.3	
061/114917P, 061/120657P, 061/121726S, 255/213213S	29° 22' 24.52"	93° 10' 44.61"	13.91 (45.63)	~ 1.7	

Each of these contacts is shown on the sonar contact plot and all are depicted on the smooth sheets as obstructions at the locations shown in the table.

Many of the other items in the sonar contact table are hits on pipelines and oil and gas platforms. Several contacts interpreted to be insignificant debris were also tagged. Targets were measured online using the ISIS software. Each time a target was tagged, a file was created containing the target type, position, measurements, time and other relevant information. These target locations and types were then plotted in AutoCAD so that correlations could be made between contacts seen on adjacent lines. A sonar contact list was made of all tagged targets. The sonar contact list is included as a Separate with the side scan sonar data.

E.8 There were many fish in the area at the time of the original survey. A pattern characteristic of a school of fish was seen over and over again in the side scan records. Many of these instances were initially included in the preliminary sonar contact table but upon closer inspection it was determined that the pattern was that of a school of fish.

F. SOUNDING EQUIPMENT

F.1 A Simrad EM3000D dual-head multibeam sonar system, S/N 138, was used for all hydrographic operations conducted aboard the M/V Inez McCall. (port side) was S/N 605 and head 2 (starboard side) was S/N 604. This system operates at a frequency of 300 kHz with 127 receive beams for each transducer.

A second Simrad EM 3000D dual-head system, S/N 130, was used aboard the R/V Coastal Surveyor. Head 1 (port side) was S/N 112 and head 2 (starboard side) was S/N 211. The system was operated in single head mode, using only the M/V Inez McCall, R/V Coastal Surveyor,

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port head, for the investigation work. The transducer was mounted to point straight down.

- F.2 A 200 kHz Echotrac 3200 MK II single beam echosounder, S/N 9555, was used as a continuous real-time check of the multibeam echosounder depth readings. Heave compensation was accomplished by corrections provided by the POS/MV motion sensor.
- F.3 A draft tube was installed to measure daily changes in the vessel static draft. A valve was installed in the vessel hull and a clear plastic tube was attached to the valve. The tube was calibrated with a relative scale and daily measurements of the static draft were taken and entered into the multibeam echosounder as the "water level down" (draft) value.
- F.4 Periodic lead line measurements were taken as an additional check of the single beam and multibeam echosounder depth readings. The lead line was marked off at 10-centimeter intervals using a cloth metric tape measure. An average of several readings was taken as the depth value.
- F.5 All of the above mentioned equipment was used during the entire survey and in all water depths.

G. CORRECTIONS TO SOUNDINGS

G.1 Two Endeco/YSI conductivity-temperature probes, model number 600R, were mounted at the multibeam echosounder transducers to provide real-time sound The sensor data were velocity measurements at the transducer location. integrated with the EM-3000D to provide corrections for beam pointing angles during data collection.

Two Seabird SEACAT SBE 19 Profilers were used simultaneously to measure the water column sound velocity during hydrographic operations. The profilers were deployed to a minimum of 95% of the maximum water depth in the survey area to be covered. The sound velocity data from the casts were applied to the multibeam data at the time of collection prior to the commencement of the next survey line. Appendix J contains a list of sound velocity profiles, dates, times, positions, and the survey lines to which each profile was applied. Below is a table of dates and locations of all casts used for sound speed corrections.

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Date	Latitude (N)	Longitude (W)	Date	Latitude (N)	Longitude (W)
08/30/99	29° 15′ 32.26″	93° 10' 22.40"	09/13/99	29° 24' 28.05"	93° 11' 31.30"
08/30/99	unknown	unknown	09/14/99	29° 25' 26.19"	93° 11' 25.71"
08/30/99	29° 20' 03.16"	93° 13' 56.01"	09/14/99	29° 28' 07.78"	93° 14' 23.83"
08/30/99	29° 16' 02.27"	93° 15' 07.64"	09/14/99	29° 24' 24.13"	93° 15' 22.84"
08/30/99	29° 16' 48.33"	93° 11' 16.56"	09/14/99	29° 25' 16.53"	93° 12' 00.10"
09/09/99	29° 16' 52.33"	93° 15' 17.05"	09/15/99	29° 25' 36.35"	93° 15' 42.46"
09/09/99	29° 15' 58.23"	93° 11' 53.30"	09/15/99	29° 26' 01.42"	93° 11' 20.44"
09/09/99	29° 17' 53.70"	93° 15' 19.92"	09/15/99	29° 26' 42.73"	93° 13' 02.15"
09/10/99	29° 18' 46.24"	93° 15' 32.22"	09/16/99	29° 27' 35.22"	93° 11' 32.26"
09/10/99	29° 19' 01.54"	93° 15' 35.67"	09/16/99	29° 28' 23.94"	93° 14' 04.60"
09/10/99	29° 19' 51.45"	93° 11' 08.82"	09/17/99	29° 25' 46.56"	93° 11' 19.25"
09/11/99	29° 20' 42.01"	93° 14' 53.68"	02/28/00	29° 22' 38.68"	93° 11' 20.29"
09/11/99	29° 24' 36.89"	93° 12' 51.21"	02/29/00	29° 19' 56.81"	93° 12' 05.07"
09/11/99	29° 20' 51.28"	93° 15' 08.23"	02/29/00	29° 21' 22.25"	93° 10' 46.16"
09/12/99	29° 21' 30.87"	93° 15' 24.90"	03/01/00	29° 22' 31.58"	93° 10' 40.94"
09/12/99	29° 22' 39.17"	93° 15' 27.63"	03/01/00	29° 26' 29.17"	93° 14'08.02"
09/13/99	29° 23' 31.92"	93° 11' 21.20"			

Two Seabird sound velocity profilers, S/N 1730 and S/N 1174, were used on the M/V *Inez McCall*. Following are the calibration dates for each of the Seabirds used during the survey. The calibration records are included in Appendix G.

Seabird Serial Number	Date of Calibration
1730	March 26, 1999
1174	March 25, 1999

Two Seabird profilers were used aboard the R/V Coastal Surveyor. Following are the calibration dates and for each of the Seabirds employed. Calibration records are included in Appendix G. * DATA FILED WITH OPIGNAL FIELD RELIEDS

Seabird Serial Number	Date of Calibration
2645	May 7, 1999
2791	June 15, 1999

- G.2 No instrument corrections were necessary for the multibeam or single beam echosounders.
- G.3 An Echotrac 3200MK II single beam echosounder, S/N 9555, was run continuously throughout the survey for validation of the multibeam depth data. Heave compensation for the single beam echosounder was accomplished using the POS/MV motion sensor. The mean sound velocity taken from each sound

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velocity profile was entered into the single beam echosounder to correct for water column sound speed. A lead line reading was performed once a day as an additional check of depth readings.

The R/V Coastal Surveyor employed an Odom Hydrotrac single beam echosounder, S/N 9962, to provide verification of the multibeam depth data. Heave compensation, sound velocity, and draft corrections were integrated in the same manner as described above for the M/V Inez McCall.

- G.4 Readings of the draft tube were taken daily to ensure that the proper static draft value was entered into the multibeam and single beam echosounders. In addition to the daily measurements, readings were also taken each time the vessel departed the dock and anytime changes in fuel and water loads were made.
- G.5 A settlement test was performed aboard the M/V Inez McCall on April 27, 1998. Three lines were run at RPM values ranging from 0 to 1800. The amount of settlement was measured for eight different RPM values for each line. The results of the settlement test revealed that the greatest change over the entire RPM range was less than 20 centimeters. The settlement test log and results are included in Appendix G**

A settlement test was performed on the R/V Coastal Surveyor on December 16, 1996. A set of inverse lines was run at RPM values ranging from 0 to 2400. The amount of settlement was measured for twelve different RPM values. The results of the settlement test revealed that the change over the entire RPM range was less than 25 centimeters. The settlement test log and results are included in Appendix G.*

The multibeam data were corrected for settlement during post processing. The settlement was added to the depth readings as an elevation offset during post processing.

G.6 An Applied Analytics, Inc. POS/MV 320 motion sensor was integrated with the multibeam echosounder to provide real-time heave, pitch, and roll corrections. This system, which has an internal GPS receiver, was used in conjunction with SATLOC differential corrections for primary navigation throughout the survey and was used to determine heave, pitch, and roll offsets during the patch tests.

SATLOC is based upon technology developed by NASA for space docking, which requires accuracy and reliability at a great distance from the Reference Site (RS). SATLOC computes a unique correction for each receiver based upon a variety of GPS conditions from horizon to horizon. This technique is referred to as a State Space Model (SSM). From a cold start-up, SATLOC determines its location using its integral GPS then calculates a line of sight to each satellite in ADATA FILED WITH ORIGINAL FIELD RECORDS

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view. Next it receives the SSM and applies the ionosphere model to correct for GPS signal delays, orbital correctors, and clock correctors. The output solution is a differential correction message unique to your exact location.

G.7 Prior to the survey, a standard patch test procedure was performed at the work site to determine correctors for roll, pitch, yaw, and system latency. Procedures for a standard patch test are outlined below and patch test results are included in Appendix G. DATA FILES WITH ORIGINAL FIELD READING

Roll:

Iterations of linear regression were performed upon the mean differences from eight pairs of collinear reciprocal lines to verify the roll mounting angles for each transducer head and to compute the roll corrector value applied by the POS/MV.

Pitch:

Two pairs of collinear reciprocal lines were run at the lowest practical survey speed over the calibration target to calculate the offsetting pitch corrector value applied by the EM-3000. The following formula was used: cp = atan (dt / (2 x water depth)), where cp = pitch corrector value and <math>dt = target offset distance.

Latency:

Two pairs of collinear reciprocal lines were run at the highest practical survey speed over the calibration target to calculate the offsetting latency corrector value applied by the EM-3000. The following formula was used: $dl = dt / (2 \times velocity)$, where dl = latency corrector value and dt = target offset distance.

Yaw:

One pair of reciprocal lines with approximately 25% overlap was run over the calibration target. No offset was required, so a zero (0) misalignment value was entered into the POS/MV. The following formula is used for this calculation: cy = atan (dt / (2 x offset from track line)), where cy = yaw corrector value and dt = target distance offset.

G.8 The tidal datum used for the survey was Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW). During post-processing, tidal data from the Sabine Pass offshore tidal station (877-1081) were used with correction offsets for tide zones 308 and 309. The tidal zone, stations, and offsets used during post-processing are given in the table below.

Tidal	Tide	Time Correction			Height
Zone	Station	HW	LW	Ave	Correction
G308	877-1081	+6	-18	-6	0.83
G309	877-1081	-6	-12	-12	0.91

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A small portion of the survey falls in tidal zone G307. However, since it is such a small area, the job was processed only using tidal zones G308 and G309. The correspondence in which the request was made and permission granted to ignore this tidal zone is included in Appendix F.

H. CONTROL STATIONS SEE ALSO THE EVALUATION REPORT

- **H.1** The horizontal datum used for the survey was NAD83 (North American Datum of 1983).
- H.2 No horizontal control stations were established for this survey. Existing land based stations used for SATLOC and Coast Guard beacon are listed in Appendix C.*
- H.3 Results of the 24-hour monitoring of the SATLOC differential signal are shown in Appendix H.* Results of the test are as follows:

A fix was taken every second totaling 94,682 position values (26.3 hours).

The average PDOP value was 1.20.

The difference between control point LCG25 and average DGPS position:

Northing = 0.12 meters

Easting = 0.87 meters

A scatter-plot of the mean radial position error, with the mean HDOP annotated on the plot, is included in Appendix H^*

I. HYDROGRAPHIC POSITION CONTROL

I.1 Positioning aboard the M/V Inez McCall was acheived using a Trimble 4000SSi 9-channel GPS receiver, a SATLOC Trimble DSM 12 channel GPS receiver, and a POS/MV inertial navigation unit embedded with two NovAtel GPS receivers. All units were integrated with differential GPS (DGPS) corrections. Data were continuously recorded from all three GPS units throughout the survey. The real-time positional solutions were projected on the real-time coverage display during survey operations.

Positioning aboard the R/V Coastal Surveyor was achieved using a combination of two separate GPS receivers interfaced with two different differential correction receivers. Primary positioning was provided by a POS/MV inertial navigation unit embedded with two NovAtel GPS receivers and integrated with SATLOC differential corrections. Secondary positioning was provided by a Trimble 4000SSi 9-channel GPS receiver integrated with SATLOC differential

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corrections. For backup, both GPS receivers were integrated with an MBX receiver providing USCG differential corrections. Data were continuously recorded from both GPS receivers throughout the survey. Positional solutions were projected on the real-time coverage display during survey operations.

Positioning aboard the M/V Mr. Jim was accomplished using a Trimble GPS receiver with Coast Guard Beacon differential corrections. Winfrog software was used for navigation.

- **I.2** The DGPS integration included the following checks and settings to ensure that all requirements as specified in the Statement of Work were met:
 - All GPS receivers were set to have at least an 8-degree elevation mask; typically an 11-degree elevation mask was used.
 - The audio alarm was set to sound each time a GPS position that was not differentially corrected was received.
 - A PDOP value of 7 was used to ensure that at least 4 satellites were being received at all times.
- I.3 The accuracy requirements, as specified in the Statement of Work, were met. Both DGPS systems used for this survey met the 95% confidence level and did not exceed the 10-meter limit as specified in the Statement of Work. The Horizontal Dilution of Precision (HDOP) was monitored by HydroMap data collection software during data collection. When the HDOP value exceeded the allowable limit of 2.5, survey operations were suspended until DGPS performance improved. If positioning quality degraded beyond acceptable limits while on line, the data were automatically rejected by HydroMap software.
- **I.4** No difficulties that would have degraded the expected positional accuracy were encountered.
- **I.5** Positioning equipment utilized during this project, identified by manufacturer, model, and serial number are:

Unit 1:

Trimble 4000-SSi S/N 3507A09641 Firmware Version: 7.22v MBX2 USCG DGPS Receiver Unit # 212

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Unit 2:

Trimble DSM S/N not available (board) Satloc Receiver (C&C) Unit # 0047

Unit 3:

POS/MV V.3 (2) NovAtel 3151ROEM Satloc Receiver (C&C) Unit # 0047

I.6 The DGPS positioning system does not require calibrations. A comparison of each of the three positioning systems was performed for each line of data and can be found in Appendix H.* DATA FILED WITH ORIGINAL FIELD RECORDS

While computing the comparisons between each of the positioning systems it was discovered that the Version 3 upgrade to the POS/MV was not incrementing the date correctly each day at midnight UTC. This error resulted in the first two digits of the year incrementing instead of the two-digit day of the month.

This problem did not affect the data processing. The Simrad EM3000 time synchronizes once on startup and then again every second unless the time difference between itself and the POS vary by greater than five seconds. Consequently, at midnight on the first night the Simrad did not synchronize to the POS. However, the Simrad date and time remained correct and accurate because it continues to set the second on the one pulse per second.

In Hydromap processing, the time in the Simrad datagrams is used to apply all corrections, in particular the tide corrections.

In order to correlate the dates prior to performing the positioning system comparisons, the correct dates were extracted from the Trimble data by matching up the times (time of day) in the GGA strings. We have included the corrected POS/MV navigation files as part of the deliverables.

- I.7 There were no unusual methods used to calibrate or operate the electronic positioning equipment.
- **I.8** There were no equipment malfunctions or substandard operations that would have affected the positioning equipment.
- **1.9** The USCG DGPS Receivers, which were used to provide the corrections for the secondary positioning system, can be affected by atmospheric conditions such as

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thunderstorms. The Radio link from the tower site can be cut off temporarily by this atmospheric condition, but in no way is the data quality degraded. The HydroMap software was configured to provide an audio warning and automatically reject the data if a DGPS signal was not received within 20-second timeframes as specified in the Statement of Work.

- I.10 No poor geometric configurations were encountered during this survey.
- **I.11** No systematic errors that required adjustments were detected.
- I.12 Antenna offset and layback corrections were measured using conventional methods by two different procedures. These conventional methods involved the employment of tape measures, a hand level, and a plum bob.

The first method was to take the measurements twice by two different personnel. The second method was to measure incrementally such that the sums and differences of the measures could be used to check the overall dimensions.

All distances were referenced to the navigation center, which is the POS/MV IMU. A list and diagram of the determined measurements are provided in Appendix G.**

J. SHORELINE

"Not Applicable"

K. CROSS LINES

HydroMap contains a tool that compares data from a main line with data from cross lines. The comparison calculates the mean difference and noise level as a function of cross-track position. The measurements are used for quantitative quality assurance system accuracy and ray-bending analysis. All cross line statistical results are included as Separates II. **

K.1 Reference Data

In general, cross lines, which consisted of a minimum of 5 percent of the main scheme lines, were used to produce reference data. The reference data were considered to be an accurate representation of the bottom. Since the data were collected from an orthogonal direction, the errors were independent.

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The cross lines were processed to produce the best possible data. Frequent sound velocity profiles were taken to minimize any possible ray-bending. The swath was restricted to an angular sector of 10 degrees, resulting in a swath width of less than 2 meters to ensure that there were no measurable ray-bending or roll errors. The data were binned and thinned using a median filter. The data were then carefully edited to ensure that there were no remaining outliers.

K.2 Test line

The line to be evaluated, the test line, was processed to produce a trace file. Trace files were comprised of binned soundings that had not been thinned. Processing parameters were set to include all beams.

K.3 Cross Analysis

To perform the cross analysis, all lines of the reference data set were utilized and the results were "stacked" to produce more significant statistics.

The following operations were performed for each line of the reference data:

Optionally remove tidal effects:

Residual tidal effects were removed by eliminating the difference between the reference line data and the near-nadir beams of the test line. The beams of the test line that fell within a small (operator settable) angular sector from nadir were subtracted from the corresponding soundings of the reference data. The average difference was used to temporarily offset all of the test line soundings for comparison to this reference line.

Difference all soundings and Bin the results:

Each sounding of the test was subtracted from the sounding in the corresponding bin of the reference line. The resulting differences were used to accumulate statistics based on an operator settable across-track binning criteria. The across-track binning was based upon across-track distance, beam number, and angle from nadir. The bin size was also settable by the operator.

K.4 Results From All Reference Lines Stacked

The accumulated statistics of all test line soundings as compared to all reference lines were processed to produce four across-track profiles. The profiles represent the mean difference, standard deviation, root-mean-square difference, and

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percentile confidence interval. The data are provided in graphical form in Separates II. * DATA FILED WITH OPIGINAL FIELD RECORDS

K.5 Interpretation

Ray-bending:

The effects of ray-bending were measured by observing the values of the mean difference curve. The value of the difference at a given across-track distance indicates the amount of vertical error being introduced by incorrect ray-bending corrections.

Residual ray-bending errors occur when the sound velocity profile loaded into the sonar does not match the real world. The errors will normally be reduced if a new sound velocity profile is recorded and loaded into the sonar unit.

Errors in the velocity of sound at the sonar head cause the sonar to miscalculate the beam pointing angles, which result in a symmetric mean difference curve that closely resembles the error due to incorrect sound velocity profiles.

Evaluation Procedure:

At the end of each line, beam analysis was run to measure the raybending at the outer edge of the intended usable swath. If the raybending exceeded the allowable tolerance, another sound velocity cast was taken.

When the ray-bending appeared to be variable along the line, the survey was segmented into smaller sub-areas.

When the sound velocity changed so quickly in time and space that the specified accuracy could not be met, a narrower swath was used in that area.

Vertical accuracy:

The RMS difference and the confidence interval reflect the vertical accuracy of the system. The 90% confidence interval must be below 0.25 meters when measured beam-by-beam.

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Roll Error:

Residual roll error was measured by determining the slope of the mean difference curve with the data being analyzed in terms of cross-track distance. With cross lines, the slope directly indicates the roll bias. With reciprocal lines, the slope will indicate approximately twice the roll bias.

K.6 Each main line was compared to all the cross lines that had overlapping data. A graph was produced for each main line showing the mean difference, RMS difference, and confidence interval for each beam. The graphs showed the multibeam data to be repeatable with 90% of the soundings within 5 to 10 centimeters across the entire swath.

L. JUNCTIONS SEE ALSO EVALUATION REPORT

This survey junctions with Gulf of Mexico hydrographic survey H10803 (1998). Sheet A, to the north and hydrographic survey H10890 (1999), Sheet E, to the south. Preliminary evaluations of the junctions reveal that depths match to within a foot across the sheet limits.

M. COMPARISON WITH PRIOR SURVEYS SEE ALSO THE EVALUATION REPORT

Comparison with prior surveys was not required under this contract. See Section N for comparison to the nautical charts.

N. COMPARISON WITH THE CHART SEE ALSO THE EVALLATION REPORT

N.1 The following nautical charts were used for comparison for this survey. It should be noted that the charts were released after the Work Order was effected. Therefore, later chart editions than those indicated in Attachment #3 of the Statement of Work are reflected.

Chart Number	Scale	Edition	Edition Date
11330	1:250,000	12	August 8, 1998
11344	1:80,000	33	July 11, 1998
11347	1:50,000	32	Nov. 4, 2000

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All Local Notices to Mariners that applied to the survey area were also taken into consideration for the chart comparison.

N.2 A comparison of the survey selected soundings versus the charted soundings reveal that there is a strong agreement between the two with depths varying no more than 2 feet.

In general the survey depths are 1 to 2 feet deeper than the charted depths. In the southern end of the survey area, the survey depths and charted depths match exactly.

There are five soundings that do not follow the trend described above. In these cases the survey depths are actually shoaler than the charted depths.

Pos	ition	Charted Depth	Survey Depth
Latitude (N)	Longitude (W)	(ft)	(ft)
29° 22' 40.80"	93° 15' 18.00"	38	37
29° 21' 10.20"	93° 15' 00.00"	50	49
29° 19' 25.20"	93° 12' 12.00"	55	54-55
29° 18' 00.00"	93° 11' 24.00"	57	55-56
29° 16' 09.00"	93° 10' 48.00"	59	57

- N.3 Of the seven AWOIS items that lie within the survey limits, three (6973, 6976, and 3728) have already been disproved and therefore will not be further discussed. The remaining four (6974, 8767, 8737, 8738) were all investigated and are discussed below. Each of these items was detected during investigations. In addition to charting recommendations, it is recommended that the AWOIS list be updated to reflect the results of this survey. Concern
- N.4 Additional investigations were performed for seven items within this survey area.

Item D-1

Item D-1, AWOIS item 6974, is a charted dangerous obstruction (pipe) located at 29° 19' 54.86"N, 93° 12' 02.56"W. The item which has been described as a visible pipe (well casing with stub) with light and fog horn was reported in 1979. A search for the target yielded negative results in 1990, however a suspicious contact was seen during C&C's original survey so an item investigation was recommended.

The investigation consisted of a 200% side scan survey of a 750 m search radius centered on the charted location. During this portion of the survey the item was detected and several multibeam lines were run over the target. A subsequent dive investigation of the item was also performed.

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The item was too small to be detected in the multibeam data.

A dive investigation revealed a 15 foot long section of a 10" well casing (pipe) with an attached clamp. The least depth of 53.1 feet (16.18 m) was measured on top of the clamp near the middle of the riser at a location of 29° 19' 44.75"N, 93° 12' 00.44"W.

It is recommended that the charted obstruction be removed from the chart/and that the item be charted as a 53 foot obstruction at 29° 19' 44.75"N, 93° 12' 00.44"W. consers with It is further recommended that the AWOIS listing be updated to reflect the results CLANGE CATON of this survey. INSICNIFICANT

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Item D-2

D-2 is an item that was detected during the original survey. The item was detected on two side scan sonar lines (255/213628S, 255/22345S) but lay between the multibeam swaths. The target, which showed a relief of 1 to 1.2 m, was located at 29° 22' 26"N, 93° 11' 26"W.

The investigation consisted of running orthogonal multibeam lines over the location of the side scan contacts.

The multibeam detected the target and a least depth of 43.77 feet (13.34 m) was seen at 29° 22' 25.48"N, 93° 11' 26.12"W.

It is recommended that the item be charted as a 44 foot obstruction at 29° 22' 25.48"N, 93° 11' 26.12"W. CONCUR CHART : 44: OBSTN

Item D-3

D-3. AWOIS item 8737, is a 45 foot charted dangerous obstruction located at 29° 22' 38.40"N, 93°11' 15.66"W described as 1m x 1m x 1.2m metal wreckage. The item was detected on two side scan lines (256/014413P, 256/013346P) but lay between the multibeam swaths.

The investigation consisted of running orthogonal multibeam lines over the location of the side scan contacts.

The multibeam detected the target and a least depth of 45.31 feet (13.81 m) was seen at 29° 22' 38.79"N, 93° 11' 15.98"W.

It is recommended that the charted 45 foot dangerous obstruction located at 29° 22' 38.40"N, 93°11' 15.66"W be removed and that the item be charted as a 45 REVISED

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foot obstruction at 29° 22' 38.79"N, 93° 11' 15.98"W. It is further recommended that the AWOIS listing be updated to reflect the results of this survey. SEE ALSO EVALUATION REPORT

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Item D-4

D-4, AWOIS item 8738, is a 45 foot charted dangerous obstruction located at 29° 22' 38.43"N, 93° 11' 16.81"W described as a 5 foot cubed concrete block rising The item was detected on two side scan lines 0.75 m of the seafloor. (256/014418P, 256/013340P) but lay between the multibeam swaths.

The investigation consisted of running orthogonal multibeam lines over the location of the side scan contacts.

The multibeam detected the target and a least depth of 45.70 feet (13.93 m) was seen at 29° 22' 38.76"N, 93° 11' 17.08"W.

It is recommended that the charted 45 foot dangerous obstruction located at 29° 22' 38.43"N, 93° 11' 16.81"W be removed and that the item be charted as a 45 foot obstruction at 29° 22' 38.76"N, 93° 11' 17.08"W. It is further recommended that the AWOIS listing be updated to reflect the results of this survey

* ITEM NOT PRESENTLY CHARTED

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Item D-5 is an additional survey area located outside of the original survey area, encompassing two charted 45 foot dangerous obstructions. The additional area was defined by the following coordinates:

29° 22' 49.80"N, 93° 10' 59.53"W 29° 22' 49.80"N, 93° 10' 24.49"W 29° 22' 16.60"N, 93° 10' 59.53"W 29° 22' 16.60"N, 93° 10' 24.49"W

Side scan and multibeam data were collected in the additional area. Additional multibeam lines were also run over any side scan or multibeam targets.

Three multibeam targets were seen within the additional survey area. These contacts along with the corresponding side scan contacts are listed in the table below.

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Position		Least Depth	Side Scan Sonar Contact	
Latitude (N)	Longitude (W)	(feet (m))	Number	
29°22'24.52"	93°10'44.61"	45.63 (13.91)	061/114917P, 061/120657P, 061/121726S, 255/213213S	
29°22'39.38"	93°10'37.02"	45.60 (13.90)	061/110055P, 061/103213S, 061/104941S	
29°22'30.98"	93°10'34.02"	44.42 (13.54)	061/101902S, 061/100547S	

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It is recommended that these items be charted as depicted on the smooth sheet.

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Item D-6

D-6 is an item that was detected during the original survey at a location of 29° 26' 40.61"N, 93° 14' 07.67"W.

The additional investigation consisted of several multibeam lines over the location and a dive survey.

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The multipleam detected a least depth of 36.25 feet (11.05 m) at a location of 29° 26' 40.87'N, 93° 14' 7.50"W. There was a sounding with a depth of 10.05 m, however it was interpreted to be noise and was not deemed to be the accurate least depth over the target.

The dive survey revealed that the item appears to be one half of a sunken barge that is open on the eastern face. The debris is 35 feet by 20 feet with relief ranging from 2.25 m at the northwestern end to 2.99 m at the southeastern end. A least depth of 37.2 feet (11.34 m) was measured by the divers at a location of 29° 26' 40.78"N, 93° 14' 07.55"W.

It is recommended that the item be charted as a 37 foot dangerous wreck at 29° 26' 40.78"N, 93° 14' 07.55"W. Do Not Concor.

Item D-7

Recommend charting multibeam LO (35; loke AT LAT 29° 26' 409" LON 93° 14' 07.8" w Delite: 28: Obsta CChar 11347)

D-7, AWOIS item 8767, is described as a small outcropping of rock and debris rising 0.7 m off the bottom with a least depth of 45 feet at 29° 21' 28.09"N, 93° 10' 40.28"W. The item lies outside of the original survey limits but side scan coverage extended beyond the limits and several contacts were seen in the area surrounding the charted item.

The additional investigation consisted of running 200% side scan encompassing a 500 m search radius centered about the charted location of the obstruction. Multibeam lines were then run directly over all side scan contacts in the area.

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Ten multibeam contacts were seen within the 500 m search radius with heights ranging from about 0.3 to 1.3 m. Each of the multibeam contacts along with the corresponding side scan contacts are listed in the table below.

	Position		Least Depth	Height as Determined	Side Scan Sonar Contact	ADD:
	Latitude (N)	Longitude (W)	(feet (m))	by Multibeam (m)	Number	* * •
	29° 21' 44.43"	93° 10' 51.56"	46.65 (14.22)	0.57	061/062247P	46 ObSTNE
	29° 21' 33.82"	93° 10' 45.26"	47.01 (14.33)	1.20	061/055413S, 061/052547P	47 OBSTNS
	29° 21' 29.20"	93° 10' 40.48"	47.80 (14.57)	1.30	061/051009P	\cap
	29° 21' 31 58"	93°10′ 38.44″	48.26 (14.71)	0.95	061/045655S, 061/042706P	(48: ObstNS
V6	29° 21' 31.09"	93° 10' 39.33"	47.90 (14.60)	0.91	061/045649S, 061/044030S	*
	29° 21' 36.80"	93° 10' 36.98"	46.36 (14.13)	1.30	061/042826S, 061/040912S	46 Obsriv
	29° 21' 37.84"	93° 10' 24.62"	48.26 (14.71)	1.10	061/021512S	(48: ObsTNS
	29° 21' 29.93"	93° 10′ 24.58″	49.08 (14.96)	0.55	061/023017S, 061/021704S	(49: OBSTN
	29° 21' 39.47"	93° 10' 26.67"	49.14 (14.98)	0.45	061/023938P	
	29° 21' 38.66"	93° 10' 26.81"	49.57 (15.11)	0.30	061/025806S, 061/023950P	

It is recommended that the area be charted as a debris zone with a least depth of 46 feet. Do Not Concur Chart only the 6 (six) femures wored Above

N.5 Two significant contacts that do not correspond to the above described items of investigation was detected during the survey. The first contact was seen on three side scan lines (255/100626P, 255/094745P, 260/184841P) and one multibeam line. The contact showed a relief of between 1.4 m and 1.5 m with a least depth of 11.95 m (39.20 ft) at 29°21'29.43"N, 93°11'42.74"W. The contact is shown on the sonar contact plot and is depicted on the smooth sheet as a 39 foot obstruction. Concert Chart 139: Obsin

The second of these significant contacts was seen on two side scan lines (255/225144S, 256/001618S) and one multibeam line. The target is a relatively hard contact with a rectangular edge. The contact is shown on the smooth sheet and is depicted on the smooth sheet as a 44 foot obstruction at 29° 22' 29.95"N, 93° 11'37.49"W. Concor Chart (44: Obstru)

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N.6 Six charted pipelines lie within the survey area. The positions of at least four more pipelines were confirmed. It is recommended that the charted pipeline locations be maintained as charted and that the charts be updated to include the other pipelines that exist in the area. Concur

N.7 Eighteen oil and gas platforms and one jackup rig were present within the sheet limits at the time of the survey. The positions and names of all platforms are shown on the smooth sheet and are listed in the table below. It is recommended that the platforms be charted as depicted on the smooth sheet. Concur w/ Charaficanow

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	Platform Name	Position		
	Flatioriii Naille	Latitude (N)	Longitude (W)	
	WC-146-10	29° 25' 53.63"	93° 14' 55.05"	
	WC-146-A	29° 25' 24.16"	93 15' 21.89"	
	WC-172-E	29° 24' 26.25"	93° 14' 37.79"	
	WC-172-B	29° 23' 48.39"	93° 15' 05.74"	
	WC-171-AQ	29° 23' 46.41"	93° 15' 06.81"	
*	WC-171-A	29° 23' 47.59"	93° 15' 04.13"	
	WC-171	29° 23' 47.70"	93° 15' 08.11"	
	"IP WC 172-16" Jack-up Rig (TEMPORERY)	29° 23' 43.20"	93° 12' 00.99"	
	WC-172-CO	29° 22' 41.06"	93° 14' 31.67"	
	WC-172-CC	29° 22' 45.82"	93° 12' 00.39"	
	WC-180-EDRILL	29° 21' 52.43"	93° 11' 19.03"	
	WC-180-EWX	29° 21' 50.81"	93° 11' 18.16"	
	WC-181-CA	29° 21' 32.71"	93° 12' 03.12"	
	WC-181-FVA	29° 21' 30.97"	93° 12' 02.78"	
	WC-181-A	29° 21' 29.05"	93° 12' 03.27"	
	WC-181-B	29° 21' 29.42"	93° 12' 00.03"	
	WC-198-C	29° 19' 43.03"	93° 14' 29.76"	
	WC-198-A	29° 18' 32.95"	93° 14' 33.17"	
×	"EQUITABLE- WC-197-E	29° 17' 26.05"	93° 15' 30.25"	
	100-13" WC-204-A	29° 17' 16.52"	93° 15' 33.32"	

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P. AIDS TO NAVIGATION SEE ALSO THE EVALUATION REPORT

P.1 Three charted navigation markers were seen during the survey. The CC buoy located in Pilot Boarding Area 4 was positioned at 29° 20′ 00.41"N, 93° 13′ 19.24"W. Green buoy 1A and red buoy 2A were positioned at 29° 22′ 49.84"N, 93° 13′ 26.61"W and 29° 22′ 51.48"N, 93° 13′ 14.70"W respectively.

Q. STATISTICS

Lineal nautical miles of sounding lines (Side scan and multibeam)	1330.92 nm
Lineal nautical miles of sounding lines (Multibeam only)	59.15 nm
Square nautical miles (multibeam and 200% side scan coverage)	51.60 nm ²
Number of velocity casts (applied to data)	34
Number of supplemental tide stations	0
Number of horizontal control stations occupied/established	0
Number of items investigated	7

R. MISCELLANEOUS SEE ALSO THE EVALUATION REPORT

R.1 The "Histogram of Selected Soundings by Beam Number" is dominated by peaks at the outer edges of the swath and small humps near nadir. The outer swath peaks are centered on beams 32 and 222. The nadir humps are centered near beams 100 and 170.

The selected soundings are shoal selected. Therefore, beams that tend to have the most residual noise or shoal bias after processing are over-represented.

In addition to biases and noise, representation in the selected soundings is also a result of data thinning. Specifically, outer beams are favored in the histogram due to the EM3000D's characteristically reduced data density and an "edge effect", which is created when bins do not fall completely within the multibeam swath.

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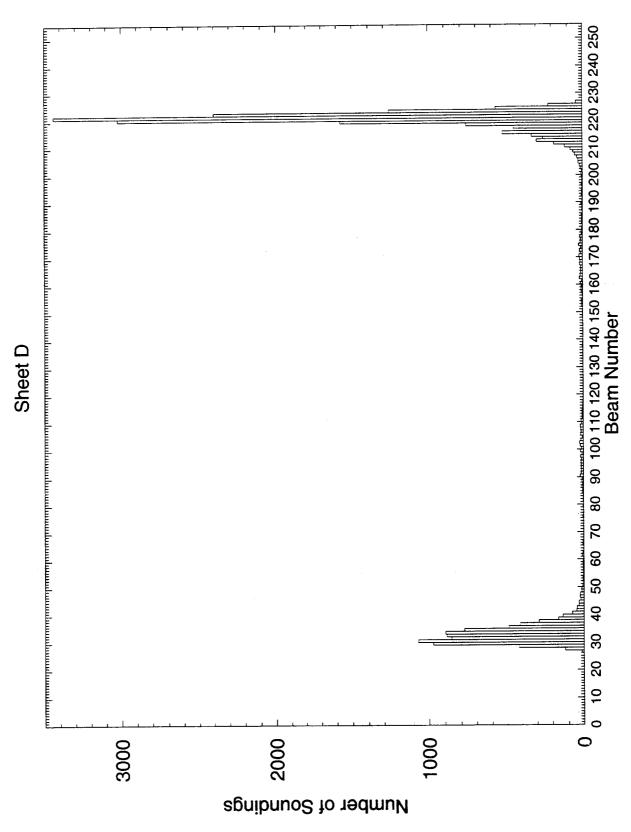
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Because the beam distribution of the EM3000-D is FFT and the heads overlap, the data density in the outer part of the swath is only about 5% of the data density near nadir. This results in less data thinning in the outer beams and thus overrepresentation of the outer beams by a factor of approximately 20.

Due to an "edge effect", bins that fall on the edge of the swath may contain as few as fifteen soundings. Data thinning exacerbates the over-representation of these beams.

The gap at the center of the histogram does not represent an absence of data. It is the result of the Simrad EM3000D's internal beam numbering and reflects overlap between the two transducer heads. Extremely dense data exists at nadir, which is centered at beams 110 to 120 and 140 to 150.

Histogram of Selected Soundings by Beam Number



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S. RECOMMENDATIONS

None

T. REFERRAL TO REPORTS

None

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APPENDIX A



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE, Office of Coast Survey Atlantic Hydrographic Branch 439 W. York Street Norfolk, VA 23510-1114

September 20, 1999

Commander (OAN) Eighth Coast Guard District. Hale Boggs Federal Building New Orleans, LA 70130-3396

Dear Sir:

While conducting hydrographic s rvey operations for NOAA Project OPR-K171, Survey H10891, in the approaches to Calcasieu Pass, Loi isiana, NOAA Contractor, C&C Technologies, Inc. discovered an uncharted obstruction. Attached re the Danger to Navigation Report and a section of NOS Chart 11344 indicating the position of this dan er.

The obstruction was located using side scan sonar, shallow water multibeam echosounder, and differential GPS. The least depth was obtain d using shallow water multibeam echosounder in accordance with NOAA hydrographic specifications and standards and corrected to MILLW using preliminary NOS tidal

Sincerely,

ACLCDR Andrew L Chief, Atlantic Hydrographic Bra ch

C&C Technologies, Inc. Cc: Calcasieu Pilot's Association NOAA Hydrographic Su vey Division NOAA Marine Chart Division **NIMA**



REPORT OF DANGER TO NAVIGATION

Hydrographic Survey Registry Number: H-10891

State:

Louisiana

General Locality:

Gulf of Mexico

Sublocality:

24 miles SSE of Calcasieu Pass

Project Number:

OPR-K171-KR

The following item was for Ind during hydrographic survey operations:

Date/Time discove ed: 15 September 1999, 2227 UTC

Object Discovered unknown, approximately 20-ft wide, 60-ft long, and 15-ft tall, rectangul ir shape. Surrounding depths are approximately 44 feet MLLW.

Least Depth over c bject: 28.471 feet obtained using shallow water beam echo sounder in accordance with NOAA specifications and standards, corrected to Mean Lower Low Water using preliminary NOS tidal data.

Chart	Edition		Reported	Charted	Geographic Position	
Number	No.	Date	Depth	Horiz. Datum	Latitude	Longitude
11330 11344	12 33	8/8/58 7/11/18	28.471 ft.	NAD 83	29-26-40.61	93-14-7.67

Charting Recommencation: Chart a 28 ft OBSTR at 29-26-40.61 N, 93-14-07.67 W.

DANGER TO NAVIGATION

NOS SURVEY: H10891

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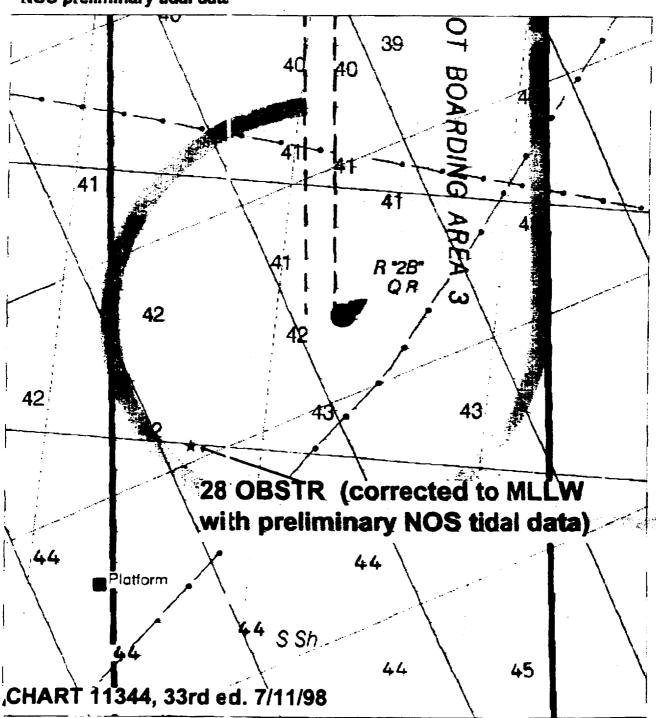
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Positioned at: 29-26-40.61 N 93-14-07.67W (NAD83)

using DGPS.

Least Depth: 28.417 ft (rounds to 28 ft) (corrected to MLLW using

NOS preliminary tidal data



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LETTER OF APPROVAL

REGISTRY NO. H10891

This report and the accompanying smooth sheet are respectfully submitted.

Field operations contributing to the accomplishment of survey H10891 were conducted under my direct supervision with frequent personal checks of progress and adequacy. This report and smooth sheet have been closely reviewed and are considered complete and adequate as per the Statement of Work.

Art Kleiner

Hydrographer

C & C Technologies, Inc.

April, 2000

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HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY STATISTICS REGISTRY NUMBER: H10891

NUMBER OF CONTROL STATIONS		2
NUMBER OF POSITIONS		27530
NUMBER OF SOUNDINGS		27530
	TIME-HOURS	DATE COMPLETED
PREPROCESSING EXAMINATION	44.0	05/22/2000
VERIFICATION OF FIELD DATA	75.0	12/05/2000
QUALITY CONTROL CHECKS	30.0	
EVALUATION AND ANALYSIS	13.0	
FINAL INSPECTION	6.0	11/30/2000
COMPILATION	103.5	12/29/2000
TOTAL TIME	271.5	
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ATLANTIC HYDROGRAPHIC BRANCH EVALUATION REPORT FOR H10891 (1999-2000)

This Evaluation Report has been written to supplement and/or clarify the original Descriptive Report. Sections in this report refer to the corresponding sections of the Descriptive Report.

D. AUTOMATED DATA ACQUISITION AND PROCESSING

The following software was used to process data at the Atlantic Hydrographic Branch:

Hydrographic Processing System NADCON, version 2.10 MicroStation 95, version 5.05 I/RAS B, version 5.01 AutoCAD release 12 CARIS HIPS/SIPS

The smooth sheet was plotted using a Hewlett Packard DesignJet 2500CP plotter.

H. CONTROL STATIONS

Horizontal control used for this survey during data acquisition is based upon the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83). Office processing of this survey is based on these values. The smooth sheet has been annotated with ticks showing the computed mean shift between the NAD 83 and the North American Datum of 1927 (NAD 27).

To place this survey on the NAD 27, move the projection lines 0.856 seconds (26.351 meters or 1.32 mm at the scale of the survey) north in latitude, and 0.562 seconds (15.166 meters or 0.76 mm at the scale of the survey) west in longitude.

L. <u>JUNCTIONS</u>

H10803 (1998) to the north H10890 (1999-2000) to the south

A standard junction was effected between the present survey and H10803 (1998) and H10890 (1999-2000). There are no junctional surveys to the east, or to the west. Present survey depths are in harmony with the charted hydrography to the east and to the west.

M. COMPARISON WITH PRIOR SURVEYS

A comparison with prior surveys was not done during office processing in accordance with section 4. of the memorandum titled, "Changes to Hydrographic Survey Processing", dated May 24, 1995.

N. <u>COMPARISON WITH CHART 11330 (12th EDITION, Aug. 8/98)</u>

11344 (33rd EDITION, July 11/98)

11347 (32rd EDITION, Nov. 4/00)

Hydrography

The charted hydrography originates with the prior surveys and requires no further consideration. The hydrographer makes adequate chart comparisons in section N. of the Descriptive Report. Attention is directed to the following:

- 1. Automated Wreck and Obstruction Information System (AWOIS) Item #8738, wreckage with a depth of 45 feet (13⁷ m) in Latitude 29'22'38.43"N, Longitude 93'11'16.81"W, originates with FE347 (1990). This feature is presently uncharted due to the close proximity to AWOIS Item #8737, a charted dangerous wreck with a depth of 45 feet (13⁷ m), in Latitude 29'22'38.40"N, Longitude 93'11'15.66"W. AWOIS Item #8737 also originates with FE347 (1990). Both features were investigated and located by the hydrographer. It is recommended that the charted dangerous wreck be revised to dangerous Obstructions with a depth of 45 feet (13⁷ m) and charted in Latitude 29'22'38.79"N, Longitude 93'11'15.98"W, as shown on the present survey.
- 2. The following charted <u>platforms</u> were not observed in their charted positions. It is recommended that data from the Eighth Coast Guard District, New Orleans, Louisiana be consulted for proper disposition.

<u>Feature</u>	<u>Latitude (N)</u>	Longitude (W)
platform	29'26'02"	93'14'38"
platform platform	29'24'30" 29'23'47"	93'11'39" 93'10'58"
<pre>platform platform "EREC-WC-181-2"</pre>	29'23'27" 29'21'49"	93'14'35" 93'14'33"
platform "EREC-WC-180-A"	29'21'56"	93'10'57"

platform	29'21'21"	93'10'41"
platform	29'20'24"	93'12'02"
platform "SENECA-WC-182-A"	29'20'53"	93'15'39"

- 3. The charted <u>platform</u> with <u>the notation "IP-WC-172-16"</u>, in the vicinity of Latitude 29'23'43"N, Longitude 93'12'01"W, was located by the field unit. A temporary jackup rig was located in 29'23'43.20"N, Longitude 93'12'00.99"W. It is recommended that data from the Eighth Coast Guard District, New Orleans, Louisiana be consulted for proper disposition of this feature.
- 4. The charted <u>platform</u> with <u>the notation EOUITABLE-100-13</u>, in Latitude 29'17'26.05"N, Longitude 93'15'30.25"W, was located by the field unit. It was noted that the notation is now <u>"WC-197-E"</u>. It is recommended that data from the Eighth Coast Guard District, New Orleans, Louisiana be consulted for proper disposition of this feature.
- 5. Two charted <u>obstructions</u> originate with unknown sources. These features were neither verified nor addressed by the hydrographer. These features are considered disproved because of 200% side scan sonar and 200% multibeam coverage in the area.

Depth (ft/m)	Latitude (N)	Longitude (W)
45/13 ⁷	29.22.02.	93'11'10"
46/14	29'22'18"	93'11'12"

It is recommended that these features be deleted from the chart.

Dangers to Navigation

One Danger to Navigation report was submitted to Commander(oan), Eighth Coast Guard District, New Orleans, Louisiana for inclusion in the Local Notice to Mariners. A copy of this report are appended to the Descriptive Report.

Except as noted above, the present survey is adequate to supersede the charted hydrography within the common area.

P. AIDS TO NAVIGATION

The hydrographer located three (3) floating aids to navigation. These aids appear adequate to serve their intended purpose. The following charted buoys were neither located nor addressed by the hydrographer.

Buoy	<u>Latitude(N)</u>	Longitude (W)
1	29°21'47"	93'13'23"
2	29°21'48"	93'13'13"
2B	29'27'18"	93'13'18"

R. MISCELLANEOUS

Chart compilation was done by Atlantic Hydrographic Branch personnel, in Norfolk, Virginia. Compilation data will be forwarded to Marine Chart Division, Silver Spring, Maryland. The following NOS Chart was used for compilation of the present survey:

11344 (33rd Edition, July 11/98) 11347 (32nd Edition, November 4/00)

ADEQUACY OF SURVEY

This is an adequate hydrographic/side scan sonar/multibeam survey. No additional work is recommended. Robert Snow

Cartographic Technician Verification of Field Data Evaluation and Analysis

APPROVAL SHEET H10891

Initial Approvals:

The completed survey has been inspected with regard to survey coverage, delineation of depth curves, development of critical depths, cartographic symbolization, and verification or disapproval of charted data. The digital data have been completed and all revisions and additions made to the smooth sheet during survey processing have been entered in the digital data for this survey. The survey records and digital data comply with NOS requirements except where noted in the Evaluation Report.

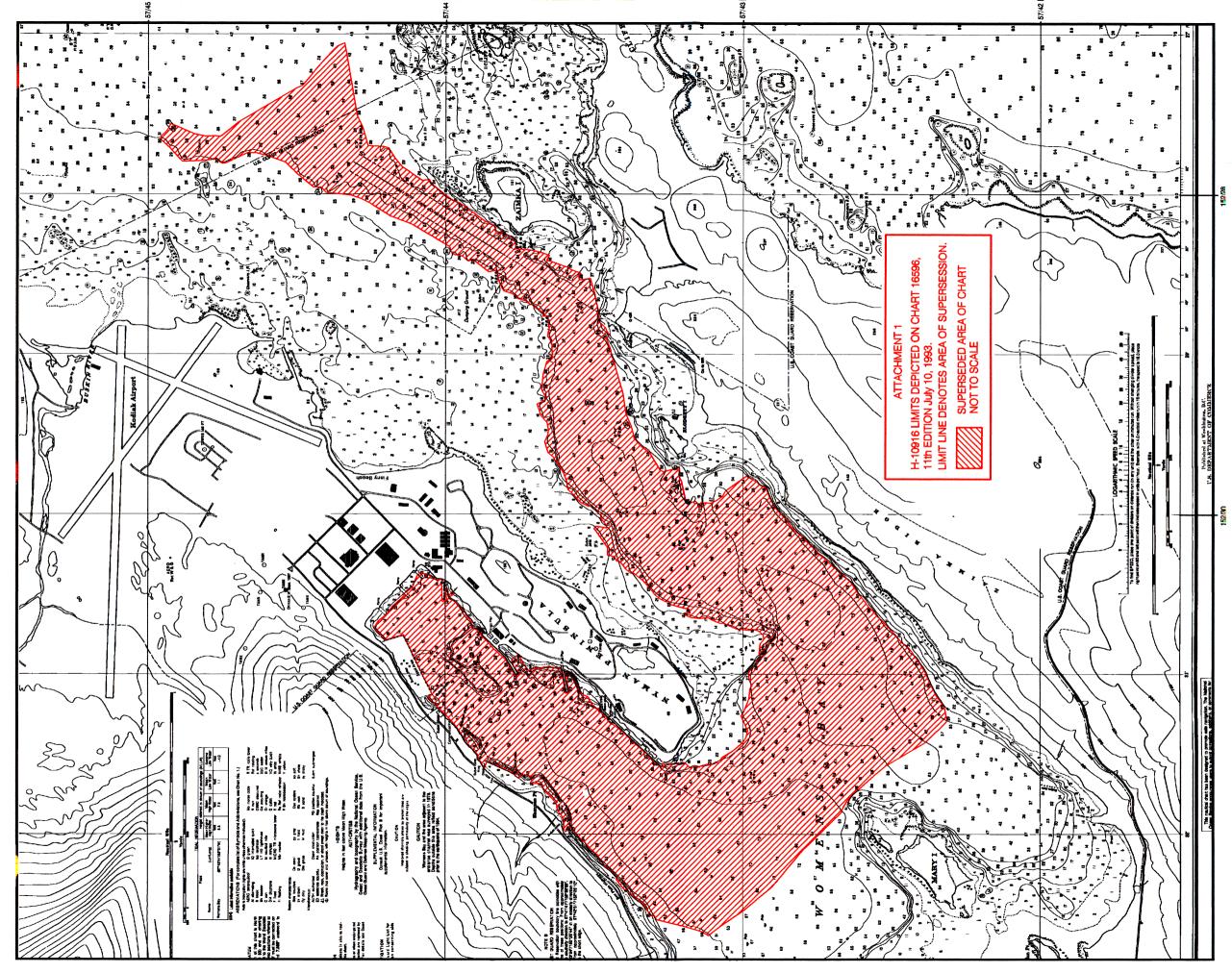
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Andrew L. Beaver Lieutenant Commander, NOAA Chief, Atlantic Hydrographic Branch

Final Approval:

Approved: _______ Date: 15 Feb 2001

Samuel P. DeBow, Jr.
Captain, NOAA
Chief, Hydrographic Surveys Division



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