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Type of Survey:		Navigable Area	
Registry Number:		H12962	
		LOCALITY	
State(s):		Georgia South Carolina	
General Locality:		Approaches to Savannah	
Sub-locality:		South Savannah	
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INSTRUCTIONS: The Hydrographic Sheet should be accompanied by this form, filled in as completely as possible, when the sheet is forwarded to the Office.

State(s): Georgia and South Carolina

General Locality: Approaches to Savannah

Sub-Locality: South Savannah

Scale: 20000

Dates of Survey: 08/26/2017 to 11/04/2017

Instructions Dated: 03/24/2017

Project Number: OPR-G329-TJ-17

Field Unit: NOAA Ship Thomas Jefferson

Chief of Party: Christiaan van Westendorp, CDR/NOAA

Soundings by: Multibeam Echo Sounder

Imagery by: Side Scan Sonar and Multibeam Echo Sounder Backscatter

Verification by: Atlantic Hydrographic Branch

Soundings Acquired in: meters at Mean Lower Low Water

Remarks:

Any revisions to the Descriptive Report (DR) applied during office processing are shown in red italic text. The DR is maintained as a field unit product, therefore all information and recommendations within this report are considered preliminary unless otherwise noted. The final disposition of survey data is represented in the NOAA nautical chart products. All pertinent records for this survey are archived at the National Centers for Environmental Information (NCEI) and can be retrieved via https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/.

Products created during office processing were generated in NAD83 UTM 17N, MLLW. All references to other horizontal or vertical datums in this report are applicable to the processed hydrographic data provided by the field unit.

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Descriptive Report to Accompany Survey H12962

Project: OPR-G329-TJ-17

Locality: Approaches to Savannah

Sublocality: South Savannah

Scale: 1:20000

August 2017 - November 2017

NOAA Ship Thomas Jefferson

Chief of Party: Christiaan van Westendorp, CDR/NOAA

A. Area Surveyed

This hydrographic survey was completed using the coverage requirements specified by hydrographic survey project instructions OPR-G329-TJ-17, signed 24 March 2017. This survey extends approximately 9 to 22 nautical miles southeast of Tybee Island Light in the approaches to Savannah, Georgia.

A.1 Survey Limits

Data were acquired within the following survey limits (Table 1 and Figure 1):

Northwest Limit	Southeast Limit
31° 55' 44" N	31° 48' 51.49" N
80° 41' 18.71" W	80° 26' 18.56" W

Table 1: Survey Limits

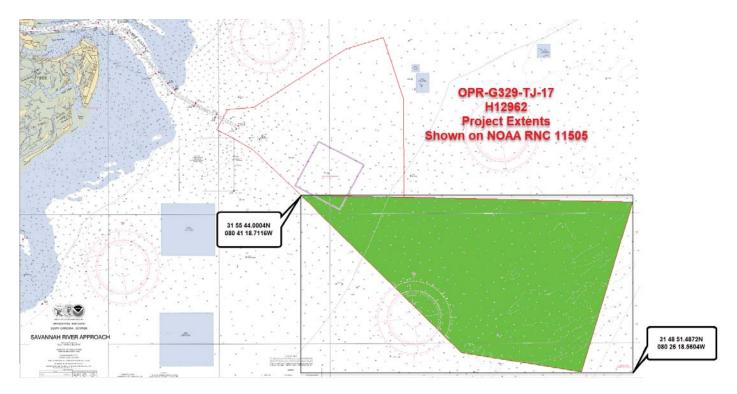


Figure 1: H12962 Survey Extents

Survey limits were acquired in accordance with the requirements in the Project Instructions and the Hydrographic Survey Specifications and Deliverables 2017 (HSSD).

A.2 Survey Purpose

This survey will update the chart to meet the needs of larger ships transiting into Savannah Harbor. The Savannah Harbor Expansion Project (SHEP) is being deepened to prepare for Neo-Panamax vessels, whose increased capacity is expected net more than \$174 million in annual benefits to the nation. Larger ships generate more business for US companies, but it also means that the ships will be passing closer to the seafloor. The Approaches to Savannah survey will provide the data to reduce risk to the transport of those goods.

In addition to supporting the SHEP, Approaches to Savannah will address concerns of migrating shoals and improving the positional accuracy of other dangers to navigation. The Port of Savannah handled 10.3% of all U.S. containerized exports in 2015. The total economic impact of Georgia's deepwater ports is \$84.1 billion, and support more than 369,000 jobs providing approximately \$20.4 billion in personal income annually.² This survey will support the navigational safety of commercial and recreational ship traffic at the mouth of the Savannah River.

¹US Army Corps of Engineers

²"Double-Digit Growth for US Ports". Port Technology. February 27, 2017

A.3 Survey Quality

The entire survey is adequate to supersede previous data.

A.4 Survey Coverage

The following table lists the coverage requirements for this survey as assigned in the project instructions(Table 2):

Water Depth	Coverage Required	
All waters in the survey area	Object detection: 200% side scan sonar (SSS) coverage with concurrent multibeam bathymetry (MBES) collection with object detection multibeam (ODMBES) developments of contacts and features. Ref. HSSD sec. 5.2.2.2	

Table 2: Survey Coverage Requirements

Survey coverage was in accordance with the requirements listed above and in the HSSD (Figures 2-4).



Figure 2: H12962 100% Side Scan Coverage Mosaic

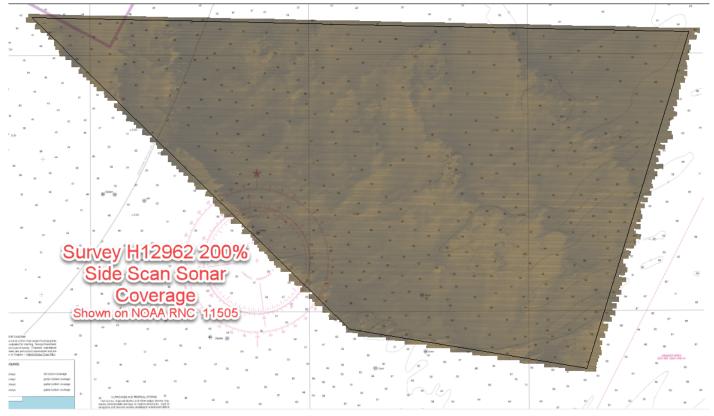


Figure 3: H12962 200% Side Scan Coverage Mosaic

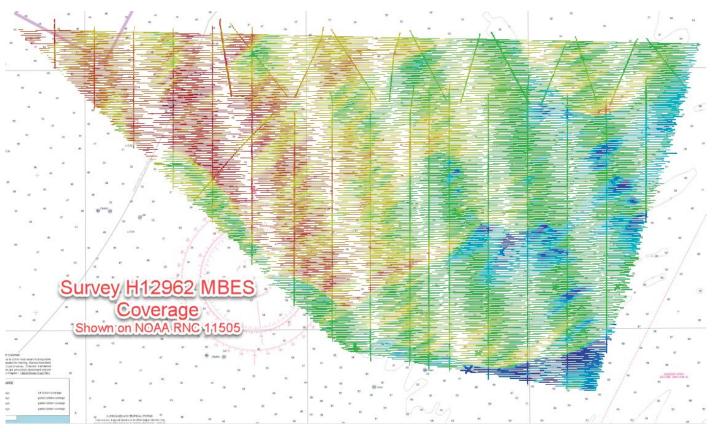


Figure 4: H12962 Multibeam coverage

A.5 Survey Statistics

The following table lists the mainscheme and crossline acquisition mileage for this survey (Table 3):

	HULL ID	S222	Total
	SBES Mainscheme	0	0
	MBES Mainscheme	7.41	7.41
	Lidar Mainscheme	0	0
LNM	SSS Mainscheme	0.59	0.59
	SBES/SSS Mainscheme	0	0
	MBES/SSS Mainscheme	1756.97	1756.97
	SBES/MBES Crosslines	90.77	90.77
	Lidar Crosslines	0	0
Number of Bottom Samples			0
Number Maritime Boundary Points Investigated			0
Number of DPs			0
Number of Items Investigated by Dive Ops			0
Total SNM			54

Table 3: Hydrographic Survey Statistics

The following table lists the specific dates of data acquisition for this survey (Table 4):

Survey Dates	Day of the Year
08/26/2017	238
08/29/2017	241

Survey Dates	Day of the Year
08/30/2017	242
08/31/2017	243
09/14/2017	257
09/15/2017	258
09/16/2017	259
10/19/2017	292
10/20/2017	293
10/21/2017	294
10/22/2017	295
10/23/2017	296
10/24/2017	297
10/25/2017	298
10/31/2017	304
11/01/2017	305
11/02/2017	306
11/03/2017	307
11/04/2017	308

Table 4: Dates of Hydrography

B. Data Acquisition and Processing

B.1 Equipment and Vessels

Refer to the Data Acquisition and Processing Report (DAPR) for a complete description of data acquisition and processing systems, survey vessels, quality control procedures and data processing methods. Additional information to supplement sounding and survey data, and any deviations from the DAPR are discussed in the following sections.

B.1.1 Vessels

The following vessels were used for data acquisition during this survey (Table 5):

Hull ID	S222	
LOA	208 feet	
Draft	15 meters	

Table 5: Vessels Used

NOAA Ship *Thomas Jefferson* (S222) acquired the following data: ODMBES, backscatter data, SSS imagery, sound velocity profiles, surface sound velocity readings, and position and attitude data. Refer to Table 6 for specific manufacturer and model information pertaining to the primary acquisition systems used.

B.1.2 Equipment

The following major systems were used for data acquisition during this survey (Table 6):

Manufacturer	Model	Туре
Applanix	POS MV 320 v5	Positioning and Attitude System
Kongsberg Maritime	EM 2040 and EM 710	MBES
Klein Marine Systems	5000	SSS
Sea-Bird Scientific	SBE 19plus	Conductivity, Temperature, and Depth Sensor
Brooke Ocean Technology	Micro-CTD	Conductivity, Temperature, and Depth Sensor
Valeport	Thru-Hull SVS	Sound Speed System

Table 6: Major Systems Used

Kongsberg EM 710 MBES data was collected concurrently with the EM2040 MBES data between the dates of 2017-10-19 and 2017-11-04. EM710 raw data will be submitted, but will not be included in the final bathymetric grids. Collection of this data predominantly allowed for a multi-spectral backscatter project to be completed. EM710 backscatter is submitted with the final project.

B.2 Quality Control

B.2.1 Crosslines

A total of 1756.97 linear nautical miles (LNM) of SSS data with concurrent ODMBES were acquired within the sheet limits of survey H12962 with a total of 90.77 miles of multibeam crosslines. Crosslines acquired for this survey totaled 5.14% of mainscheme acquisition. A 50cm resolution surface was created for both the mainscheme MBES data and MBES crossline data respectively. Differencing the surfaces produced a mean difference of 0.06m with a standard deviation of 0.13m (Figure 5). Survey H12962 complies with section 5.2.4.3 of the HSSD.

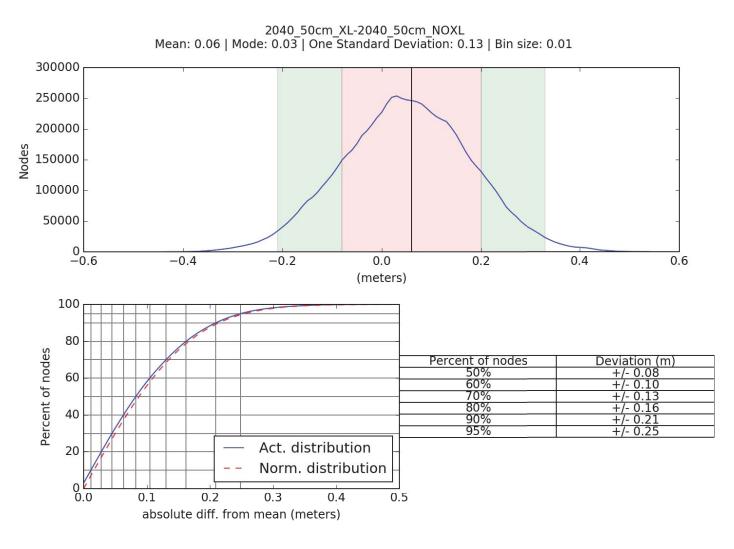


Figure 5: H12962 Crossline Comparison

B.2.2 Uncertainty

The following survey specific parameters were used for this survey (Tables 7 and 8):

Method	Measured	Zoning
ERS via VDATUM	0.11 meters	0.157 meters

Table 7: Survey Specific Tide TPU Values.

Hull ID	Measured - CTD	Measured - MVP	Surface
S222	0 meters/second	1.0 meters/second	0.50 meters/second

Table 8: Survey Specific Sound Speed TPU Values.

For the surface H12962_MB_50cm_MLLW_Final 358,497,692 nodes were evaluated and 358,496,222 (99.5%) were within acceptable IHO order one uncertainty standards (Figure 6). 1,471 nodes failed. These failures were examined in post processing and showed no indication of systematic errors. Most, if not all, of these failures were due to blowouts in the multibeam from weather and interference with the EM710. Refer to the DAPR for ship specific uncertainty calculation standards and procedures.

Uncertainty Standards

Grid source: H12962_MB_EM2040_50cm_MLLW_final.csar 99.5+% pass (358,496,222 of all nodes), min=0.65, mode=0.69, max=2.39 Percentiles: 2.5%=0.67, Q1=0.69, median=0.70, Q3=0.71, 97.5%=0.72

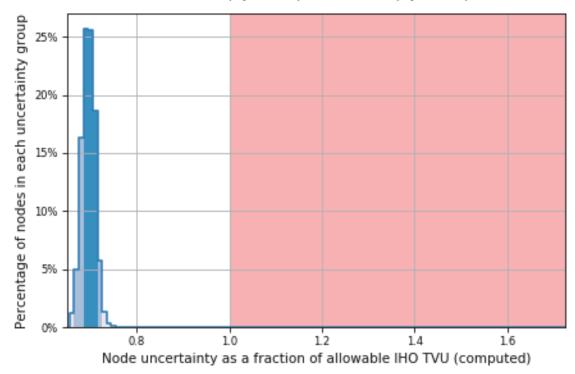


Figure 6: IHO Order 1 Uncertainty Standards

B.2.3 Junctions

Two contemporary junction surveys exist adjacent to survey H12962: H12961 (*Thomas Jefferson* 2017) and H12960 (*Thomas Jefferson* 2016) (Figure 7 and Table 9).

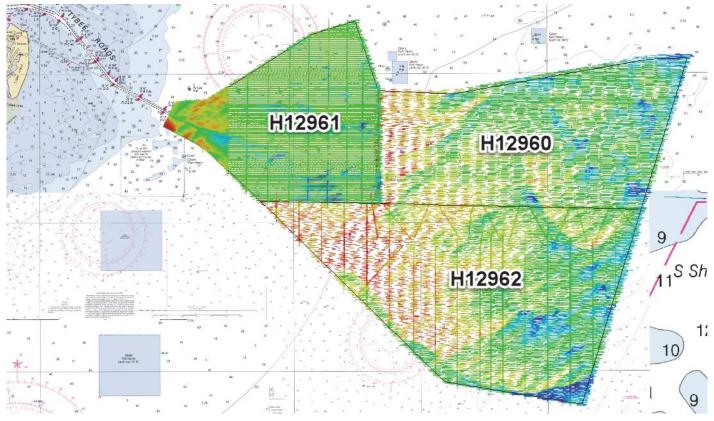


Figure 7: Overview of Junction Surveys

The following junctions were made with this survey (Table 9):

Registry Number	Scale	Year	Field Unit	Relative Location
H12960	1:20000	2016	NOAA Ship THOMAS JEFFERSON	N
H12961	1:20000	2017	NOAA Ship THOMAS JEFFERSON	NW

Table 9: Junctioning Surveys

H12960

The mean difference between survey H12962 and H12960 was 0.14m, with a standard deviation of 0.12m (Figure 8).

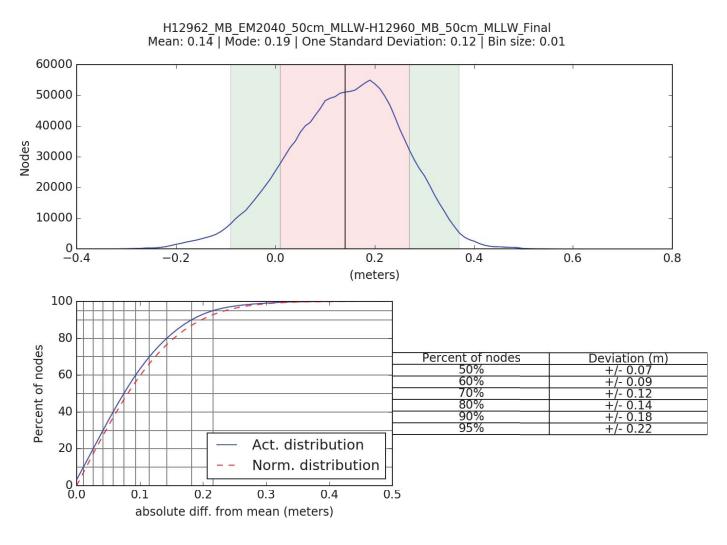


Figure 8: H12962 and H12960 comparison

H12961

The mean difference between survey H12962 and H12961 was 0.27m, with a standard deviation of 0.12m (Figure 9).

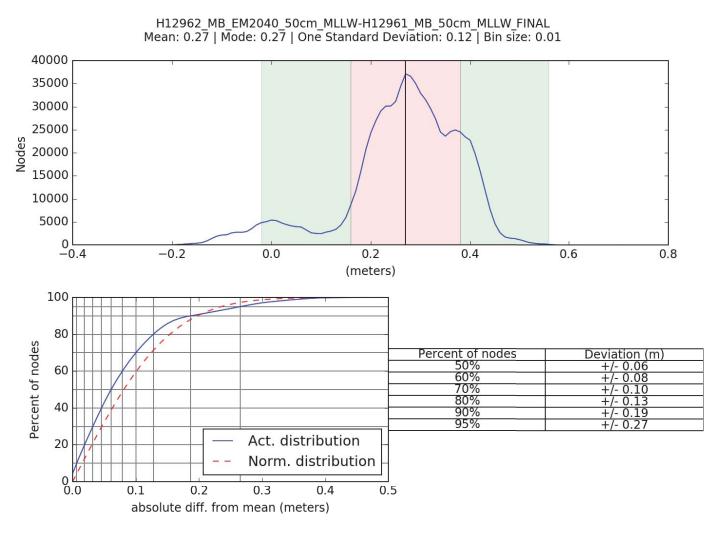


Figure 9: H12962 and H12961 comparison

B.2.4 Sonar QC Checks

Sonar system quality control checks were conducted as detailed in the quality control section of the DAPR.

B.2.5 Equipment Effectiveness

MBES blowouts

On day 296, EM710 and EM2040 data weere acquired concurrently in an attempt to deliver a multi spectral backscatter survey. During this period, multiple blowouts occured in EM2040 data due to interference with the EM710. NOAA Ship *Thomas Jefferson* also

experienced degraded weather conditions during this time. The larger holidays were covered during survey wrap up, however smaller holidays were not. Remaining holidays were covered with 200% side scan data with no significant features found in these areas. (Figure 10).

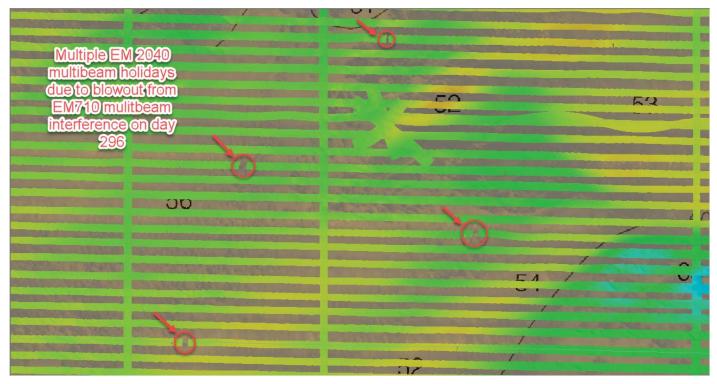


Figure 10: MBES blowouts in EM 2040 data, shown with SSS coverage.

B.2.6 Factors Affecting Soundings

Sea-State impacted data

On day 238, S222 experienced rough seas leading to several MBES blowouts. The lines run on this day were crosslines. These blowouts left several gaps in the final bathymetric grid (Figure 11). However, these gaps were covered by 200% SSS coverage as well as partially covered with MBES coverage during mainscheme data collection, and no significant features were found in these areas.

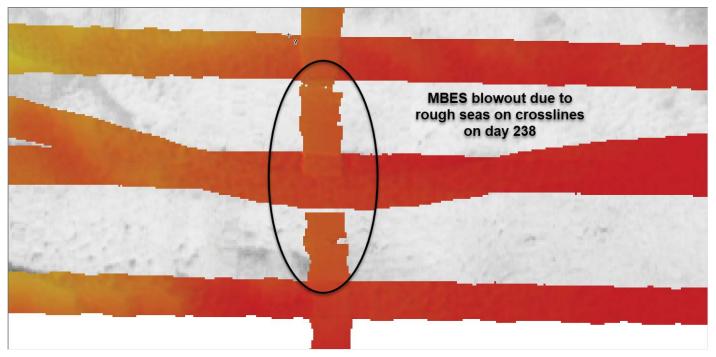


Figure 11: Sea State affected soundings with 100% SSS to prove coverage

B.2.7 Sound Speed Methods

Sound speed casts were conducted approximately every 20-40 minutes using a Moving Vessel Profiler (MVP) equipped with a micro-CTD sensor (Figure 12). Cast were acquired more frequently in areas of more dynamic fluctuations in surface sound speed. *Sound speed casts were conducted every 30-120 minutes.*

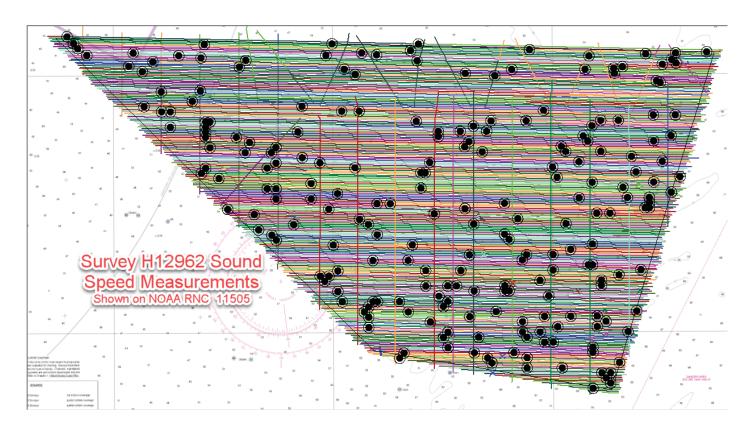


Figure 12: Distribution of MVP casts throughout H12962

B.2.8 Coverage Equipment and Methods

Refer to the DAPR and sections A.4 and B.1.2. of this report for survey equipment and methods used to meet coverage requirements for this project.

B.3 Echo Sounding Corrections

B.3.1 Corrections to Echo Soundings

All data reduction procedures conform to those detailed in the DAPR, with the following exception: Due to data being acquired duing SSS acquisition that could not be processed by Caris in its original format, 7 SSS lines were processed differently than the documented processing method in the DAPR. This method is outlined in Appendix_II of the DR: SDFtoXTF SSS processing procedure.pdf. Lines processed with this method on day 242 and 243 are denoted with a line number suffix_BF0_V14_1 in the Caris HIPS file.

B.3.2 Calibrations

All sounding systems were calibrated as detailed in the DAPR.

B.4 Backscatter

Raw Backscatter was logged as part of the .all file from the Kongsberg EM2040 system. All backscatter data were processed using Fledermaus FMGT software. From day 292 through day 307, data were collected from the Kongsberg EM710 system as well to create a multispectrial backscatter mosaic. Backscatter geotiffs have been submitted to the Processing Branch.

B.5 Data Processing

B.5.1 Primary Data Processing Software

The following software program was the primary program used for bathymetric data processing (Table 10):

Manufacturer	Name	Version	
Caris	HIPS/SIPS	10.3.1	

Table 10: Primary bathymetric data processing software

The following software programs were the primary programs used for imagery data processing (Table 11 and 12):

Manufacturer	Name	Version	
Caris	HIPS/SIPS	10.3.1	

Table 11: Primary imagery data processing software

Manufacturer	Name	Version	
QPS	Fledermaus Geocoder Tool (FMGT)	7.7.6	

Table 12: Primary imagery data processing software

The following Feature Object Catalog was used: NOAA Profile V 5 6.

B.5.2 Surfaces

The following surfaces and/or BAGs were submitted to the Processing Branch (Table 13):

Surface Name	Surface Type	Resolution	Depth Range	Surface Parameter	Purpose
H12962_SSS_100	SSS Mosaic	1 meter	N/A	N/A	100% SSS
H12962_SSS_200	SSS Mosaic	1 meter	N/A	N/A	200% SSS
H12962_MB_50cm_MLLW_Final	CARIS Raster Surface (CUBE)	0.5 meters	11.6 meters - 23.5 meters	NOAA_0.5m	Object Detection
H12962_MB_50cm_MLLW	CARIS Raster Surface (CUBE)	0.5 meters	11.6 meters - 23.5 meters	NOAA_0.5m	Object Detection

Table 13: Submitted Surfaces

The submitted multibeam 50cm surface for survey H12962 meets density requirements for ODMBES as described in section 5.2.2.2 of the HSSD 2017 (Figure 13). For further discussion, see section A.4 of this report.

Pydro QC Tools Flier Finder was used to scan the finalized multibeam surface for potential false surface nodes. When fliers greater than 50cm are identified, a total of 2 nodes are flagged (Figure 14). Both features are seen in both MBES and SSS data and were developed as such. Least depths found in MBES data and shadow heights in SSS data for theses features measured below 1m and are deemed navigationally insignificant by the Hydrographer (Figures 15-18). See the final feature file submitted with this report for further details.

Object Detection Coverage

Grid source: H12962_MB_EM2040_50cm_MLLW_final.csar 99% pass (356,520,514 of all nodes), min=1.0, mode=48, max=278.0 Percentiles: 2.5%=23, Q1=41, median=50, Q3=60, 97.5%=98

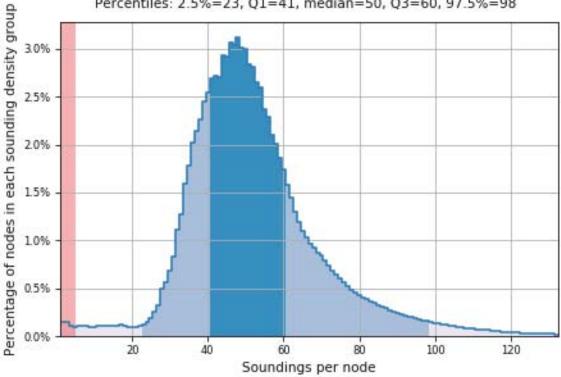


Figure 13: Survey H12962 Object Detection Density Statistics

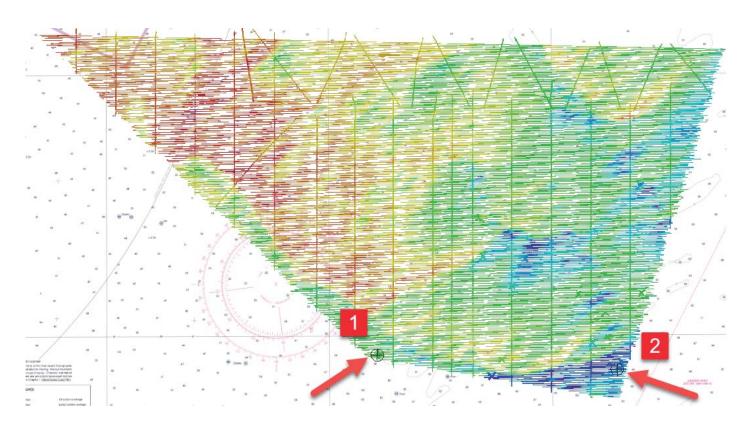


Figure 14: Location of nodes flagged as fliers greater than 50cm

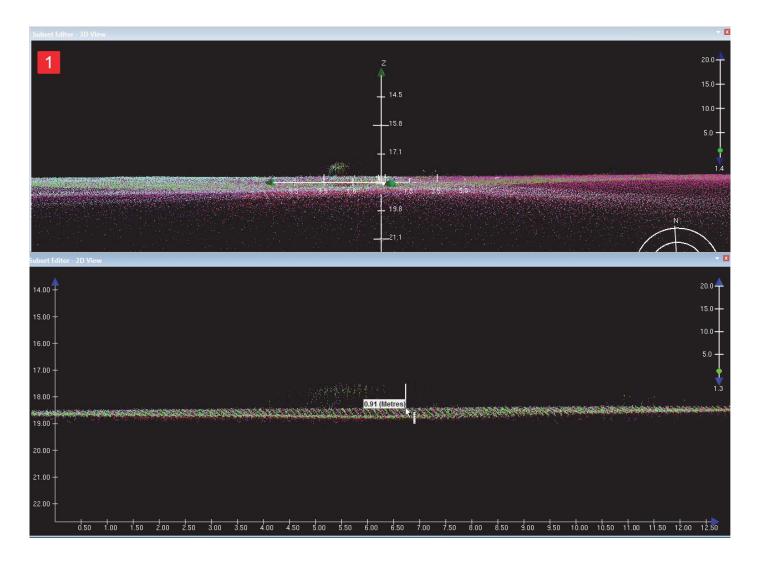


Figure 15: 2D and 3D view of feature in the southwest corner of H12962

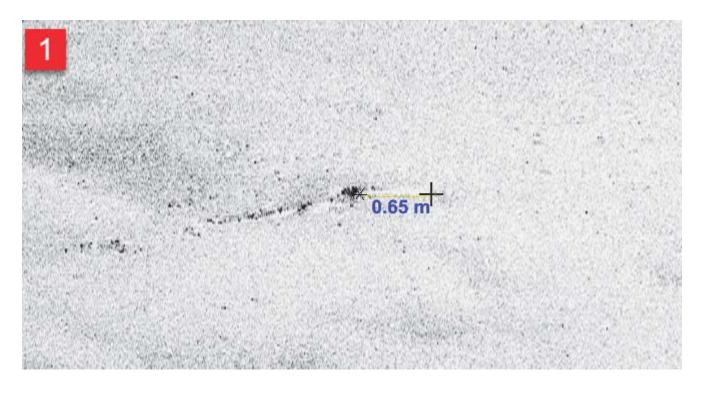


Figure 16: SSS shadow height measured of feature in the southwest corner of H12962

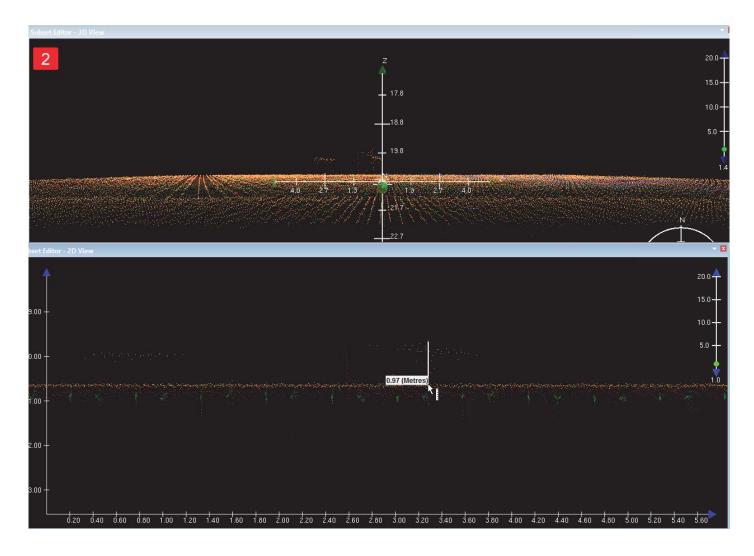


Figure 17: 2D and 3D view of feature in the southeast corner of H12962



Figure 18: SSS shadow height measured of feature in the southeast corner of H12962

C. Vertical and Horizontal Control

Additional information discussing the vertical or horizontal control for this survey can be found in the accompanying HVCR.

C.1 Vertical Control

The vertical datum for this project is Mean Lower Low Water.

ERS Methods Used:

ERS via VDATUM

Ellipsoid to Chart Datum Separation File:

VDATUM AREA xyWGS84-MLLW geoid12b.csar

Sounding elevations relative to the ellipsoid were collected through real time precise point positioning (RT3P) via Fugro Marinestar services and a post-processed precise point positioning (5P) solution was applied to soundings in post-processing, as detailed in the DAPR.

C.2 Horizontal Control

The horizontal datum for this project is World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS84).

The projection used for this project is Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) 17N.

NOAA Ship *Thomas Jefferson* positioning correctors were created using 5P methods in POSPac MMS 8.1 and applied to data in Caris 10.3.

C.3 Additional Horizontal or Vertical Control Issues

C.3.1 Failure of SBETs

Due to an IMU failure that did not allow for the creation of a smooth best estimated trajectory (SBET), a 5P solution was not used on line 0223 on day 307. RT3P solution was used for this line. The data with RT3P solution was examined and no significant differences were found when compared to the data with 5P solution.

D. Results and Recommendations

D.1 Chart Comparison

A chart comparison was conducted between survey H12962 soundings and previously charted ENC soundings using both Chart Review and DtoN Scanner tools embedded within Pydro QC Tools v.2.2.4.

D.1.1 Electronic Navigational Charts

The following are the largest scale ENCs, which cover the survey area (Table 14):

ENC	Scale	Edition	Update Application Date	Issue Date	Preliminary?
US5GA20M	1:40000	2	10/24/2017	10/24/2017	NO

Table 14: Largest Scale ENCs

US5GA20M

A shoal sounding comparison reveals that soundings from Survey H12962 generally agree with charted depths. By visual inspection of flagged soundings, the Hydrographer noted eight significant areas (Figures 19-26). Of note, the shoal identified in Figure 21 was reported as a Danger to Navigation (DtoN) and is further discussed in D.1.5 of this report.

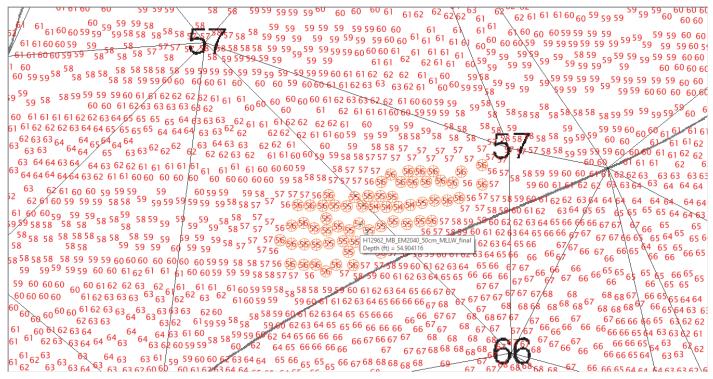


Figure 19: Shoaling in the vicinity of 31.893599N 080.474313W

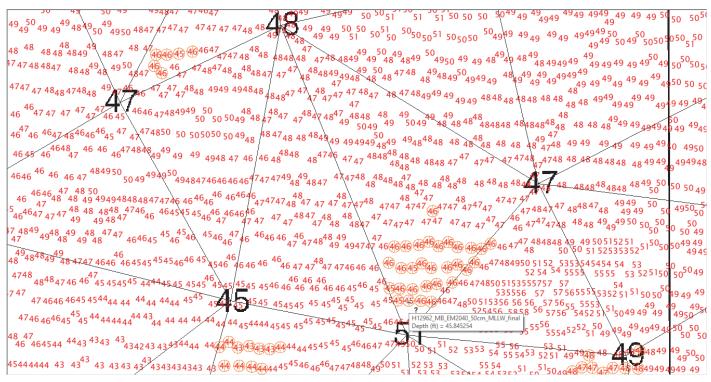


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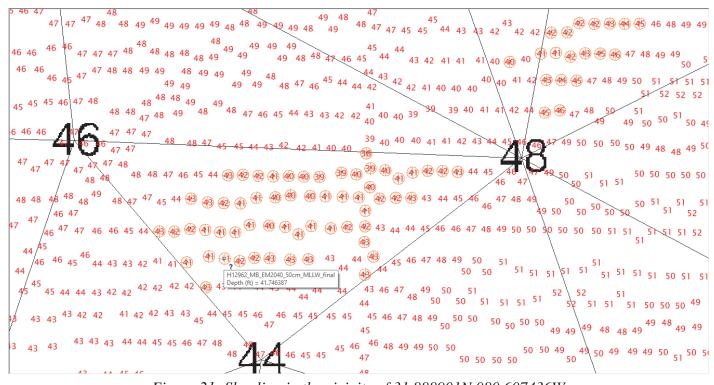


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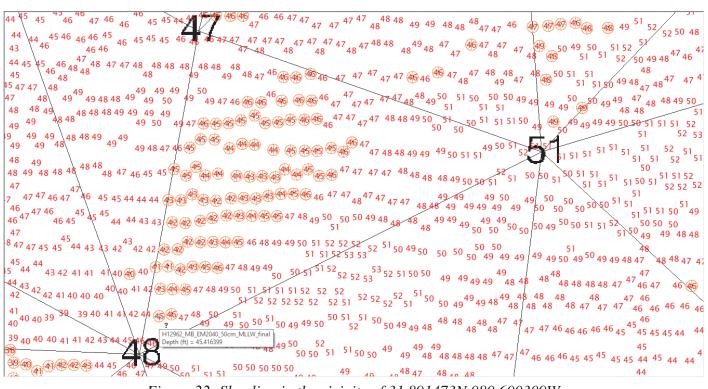


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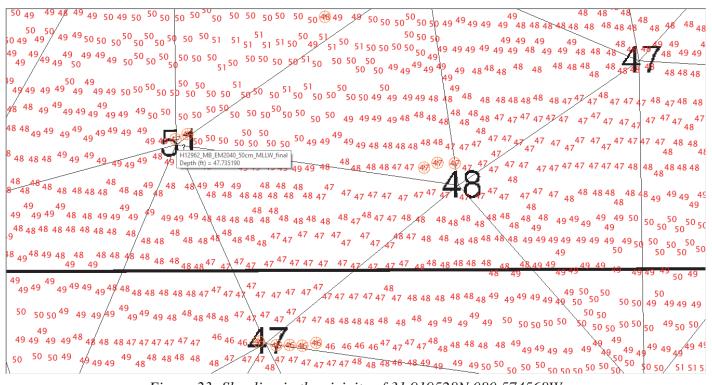


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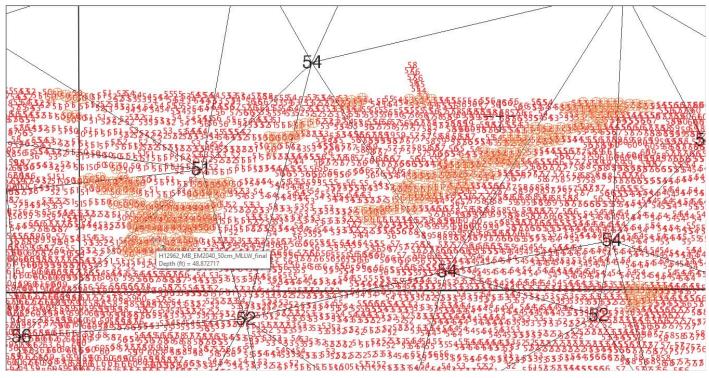


Figure 24: Shoaling in the vicinity of 31.919023N 080.495646W

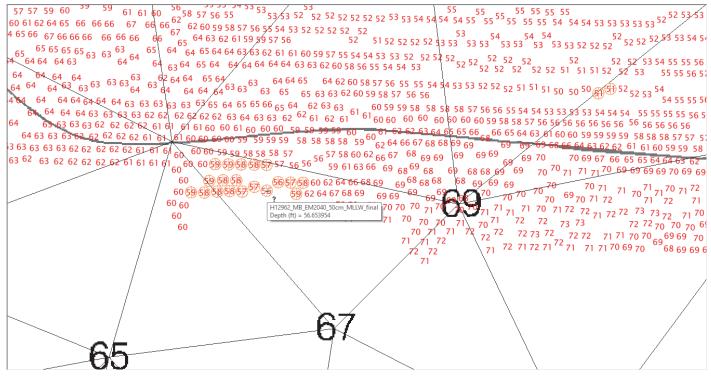


Figure 25: Shoaling in the vicinity of 31.820439N 080.527919W

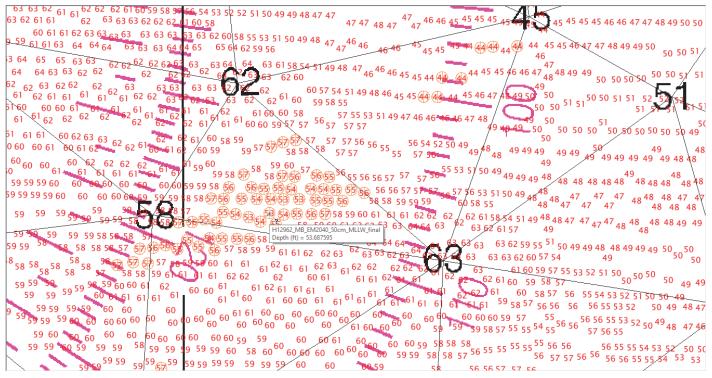


Figure 26: Shoaling in the vicinity of 31.843495N 080.591132W

D.1.2 Maritime Boundary Points

No Maritime Boundary Points were assigned for this survey.

D.1.3 Charted Features

There were two charted obstructions assigned for investigation witin the sheet limits of H12962 (Figures 27-29). Both charted obstructions were covered with 200% SSS coverage with concurrent ODMBES. For a full discussion, refer to the final feature file submitted with this report.

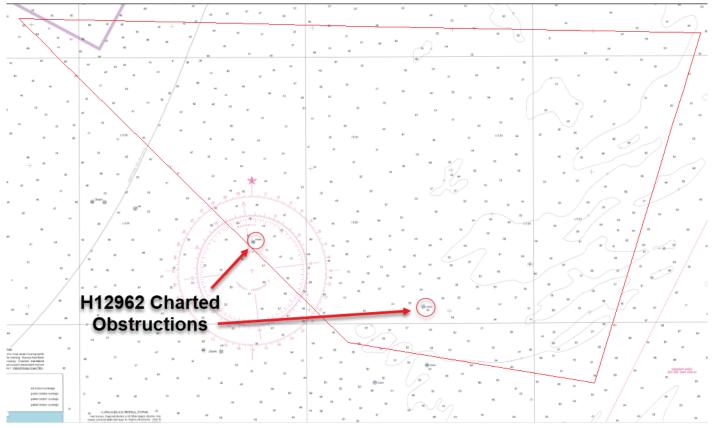


Figure 27: H12962 Charted Obstructions

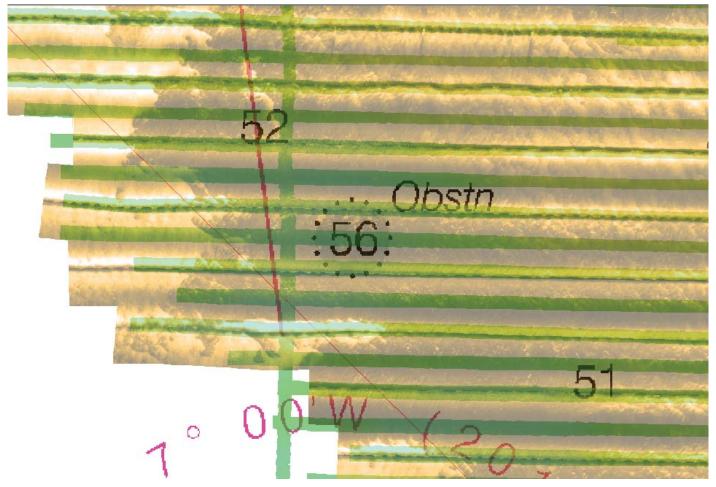


Figure 28: Charted Obstruction 1 of 2

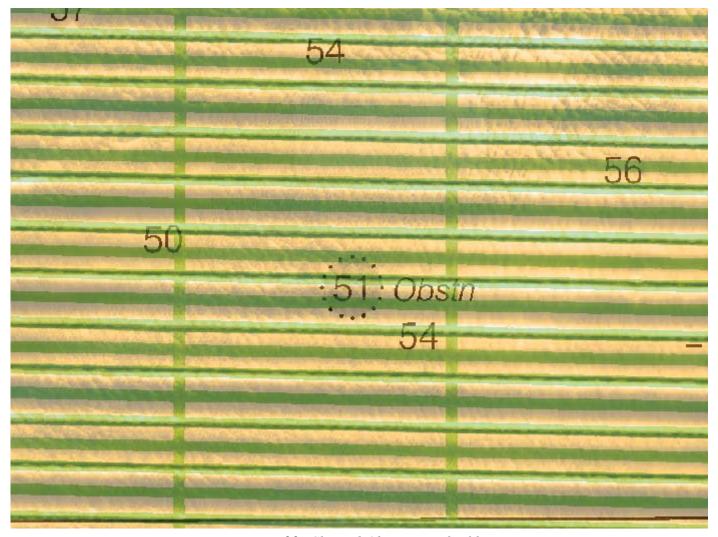


Figure 29: Charted Obstruction 2 of 2

D.1.4 Uncharted Features

No uncharted features exist for this survey.

D.1.5 Shoal and Hazardous Features

A surveyed sounding of 38 feet in the vicinity of a charted 48 foot sounding was located. The sounding in question is located at 31.890749N 080.604098W (Figure 30). For further information, refer to Appendix II of the descriptive report submitted with this survey.

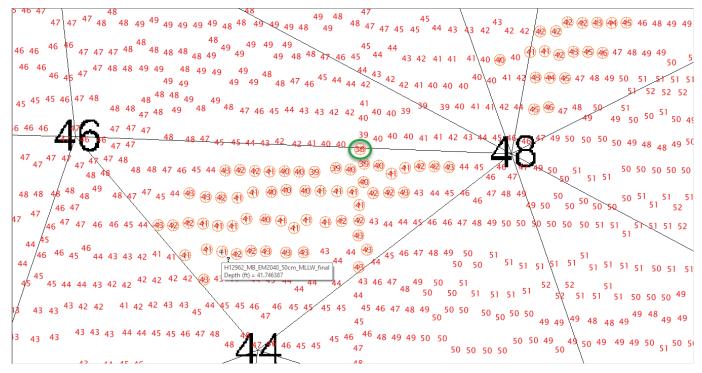


Figure 30: Potentially hazardous surveyed depth indicated by the green circle

D.1.6 Channels

A portion of a pilot boarding area exists within the survey limits of H12962 in the vicinity of 31.918840 N 80.658845 W.

D.1.7 Bottom Samples

No bottom samples were required for this survey.

D.2 Additional Results

D.2.1 Shoreline

Shoreline was not assigned for this survey.

D.2.2 Prior Surveys

No prior survey comparisons exist for this survey.

D.2.3 Aids to Navigation

No Aids to navigation (ATONs) exist for this survey.

D.2.4 Overhead Features

No overhead features exist for this survey.

D.2.5 Submarine Features

No submarine features exist for this survey.

D.2.6 Platforms

No platforms exist for this survey.

D.2.7 Ferry Routes and Terminals

No ferry routes or terminals exist for this survey.

D.2.8 Abnormal Seafloor and/or Environmental Conditions

No abnormal seafloor and/or environmental conditions exist for this survey.

D.2.9 Construction and Dredging

No present or planned construction or dredging exist within the survey limits.

D.2.10 New Survey Recommendation

No new surveys or further investigations are recommended for this area.

D.2.11 Inset Recommendation

No new insets are recommended for this area.

E. Approval Sheet

As Chief of Party, field operations for this hydrographic survey were conducted under my direct supervision, with frequent personal checks of progress and adequacy. I have reviewed the attached survey data and reports.

All field sheets, this Descriptive Report, and all accompanying records and data are approved. All records are forwarded for final review and processing to the Processing Branch.

The survey data meets or exceeds requirements as set forth in the NOS Hydrographic Surveys and Specifications Deliverables, Field Procedures Manual, Letter Instructions, and all HSD Technical Directives. These data are adequate to supersede charted data in their common areas. This survey is complete and no additional work is required with the exception of deficiencies noted in the Descriptive Report.

Approver Name	Approver Title	Approval Date	Signature
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F. Table of Acronyms

Acronym	Definition
AHB	Atlantic Hydrographic Branch
AST	Assistant Survey Technician
ATON	Aid to Navigation
AWOIS	Automated Wreck and Obstruction Information System
BAG	Bathymetric Attributed Grid
BASE	Bathymetry Associated with Statistical Error
СО	Commanding Officer
CO-OPS	Center for Operational Products and Services
CORS	Continually Operating Reference Staiton
CTD	Conductivity Temperature Depth
CEF	Chart Evaluation File
CSF	Composite Source File
CST	Chief Survey Technician
CUBE	Combined Uncertainty and Bathymetry Estimator
DAPR	Data Acquisition and Processing Report
DGPS	Differential Global Positioning System
DP	Detached Position
DR	Descriptive Report
DTON	Danger to Navigation
ENC	Electronic Navigational Chart
ERS	Ellipsoidal Referenced Survey
ERZT	Ellipsoidally Referenced Zoned Tides
FFF	Final Feature File
FOO	Field Operations Officer
FPM	Field Procedures Manual
GAMS	GPS Azimuth Measurement Subsystem
GC	Geographic Cell
GPS	Global Positioning System
HIPS	Hydrographic Information Processing System
HSD	Hydrographic Surveys Division
HSSD	Hydrographic Survey Specifications and Deliverables

Acronym	Definition
HSTP	Hydrographic Systems Technology Programs
HSX	Hypack Hysweep File Format
HTD	Hydrographic Surveys Technical Directive
HVCR	Horizontal and Vertical Control Report
HVF	HIPS Vessel File
IHO	International Hydrographic Organization
IMU	Inertial Motion Unit
ITRF	International Terrestrial Reference Frame
LNM	Linear Nautical Miles
MCD	Marine Chart Division
MHW	Mean High Water
MLLW	Mean Lower Low Water
NAD 83	North American Datum of 1983
NAIP	National Agriculture and Imagery Program
NALL	Navigable Area Limit Line
NM	Notice to Mariners
NMEA	National Marine Electronics Association
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NOS	National Ocean Service
NRT	Navigation Response Team
NSD	Navigation Services Division
OCS	Office of Coast Survey
OMAO	Office of Marine and Aviation Operations (NOAA)
OPS	Operations Branch
MBES	Multibeam Echosounder
NWLON	National Water Level Observation Network
PDBS	Phase Differencing Bathymetric Sonar
РНВ	Pacific Hydrographic Branch
POS/MV	Position and Orientation System for Marine Vessels
PPK	Post Processed Kinematic
PPP	Precise Point Positioning
PPS	Pulse per second
PRF	Project Reference File

Acronym	Definition
PS	Physical Scientist
PST	Physical Science Technician
RNC	Raster Navigational Chart
RTK	Real Time Kinematic
SBES	Singlebeam Echosounder
SBET	Smooth Best Estimate and Trajectory
SNM	Square Nautical Miles
SSS	Side Scan Sonar
ST	Survey Technician
SVP	Sound Velocity Profiler
TCARI	Tidal Constituent And Residual Interpolation
TPE	Total Propagated Error
TPU	Topside Processing Unit
USACE	United States Army Corps of Engineers
USCG	United Stated Coast Guard
UTM	Universal Transverse Mercator
XO	Executive Officer
ZDA	Global Positiong System timing message
ZDF	Zone Definition File



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Fwd: Final Tide Notes for OPR-G329-TJ-2017, Registry Nos. H12962 and H12963

1 message

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Mon, Dec 4, 2017 at 4:00 PM

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Subject: Final Tide Notes for OPR-G329-TJ-2017, Registry Nos. H12962 and H12963

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UNITED STATES DEPARMENT OF COMMERCE National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration National Ocean Service Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

DATE: 12/04/2017

MEMORANDUM FOR: CDR Christiaan Van Westendorp

Commanding Officer, NOAA Ship THOMAS JEFFERSON

FROM: Gerald Hovis

Chief, Products and Services Branch, N/OPS3

Delivery of Tide Requirements for Hydrographic Surveys SUBJECT:

This is notification that the preliminary zoning is accepted as the final zoning for survey project OPR-G329-TJ-2017, Registry Nos. H12962 and H12963 during the time period between August 26 and November 7, 2017. The accepted reference station for Registry Nos. H12962 and H12963 is Fort Pulaski, GA (867-0870).

Included with this memo are the Tide Notes in .PDF format, stating the preliminary zoning has been accepted as the final zoning.

Cristina Urizar Oceanographer National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration NOS/CO-OPS/Oceanographic Division 263 13th Avenue South, Rm. 302 St Petersburg, Florida 33701

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UNITED STATES DEPARMENT OF COMMERCE **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

National Ocean Service Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

PROVISIONAL TIDE NOTE FOR HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY

DATE: December 4, 2017

HYDROGRAPHIC BRANCH: Atlantic

HYDROGRAPHIC PROJECT: OPR-G329-TJ-2017

HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET: H12962

LOCALITY: South Savannah, Approaches to Savannah, GA

August 26 - November 4, 2017 TIME PERIOD:

TIDE STATION USED: 8670870 Fort Pulaski, GA

> Lat. 32° 2.2′N Long. 80° 54.1' W

PLANE OF REFERENCE (MEAN LOWER LOW WATER): 0.000 meters

HEIGHT OF HIGH WATER ABOVE PLANE OF REFERENCE: 2.173 meters

REMARKS: **RECOMMENDED ZONING** Preliminary zoning is accepted as the final zoning for project OPR-G329-TJ-2017, H12962, during the time period between August 26 and November 4, 2017.

Please use the zoning file G329TJ2017CORP submitted with the project instructions for OPR-G329-TJ-2017. Zones SA169, SA172A, SA172B, SA172C and SA190 are the applicable zones for H12962.

Refer to attachments for zoning information.

Note 1: Provided time series data are tabulated in metric units (meters), relative to MLLW and on Greenwich Mean Time on the 1983-2001 National Tidal Datum Epoch (NTDE).

Note 2: Annual leveling for Fort Pulaski, GA (8670870) was not completed in FY17. A review of the verified leveling records from October 2005 - 2015 shows the tide station benchmark network to be stable within an allowable 0.009 m tolerance. This Tide Note may be used as final stability verification for survey OPR-G329-TJ-2017, H12962. CO-OPS will immediately provide a revised Tide Note should subsequent leveling records indicate any benchmark network stability movement beyond the allowable 0.009 m tolerance.

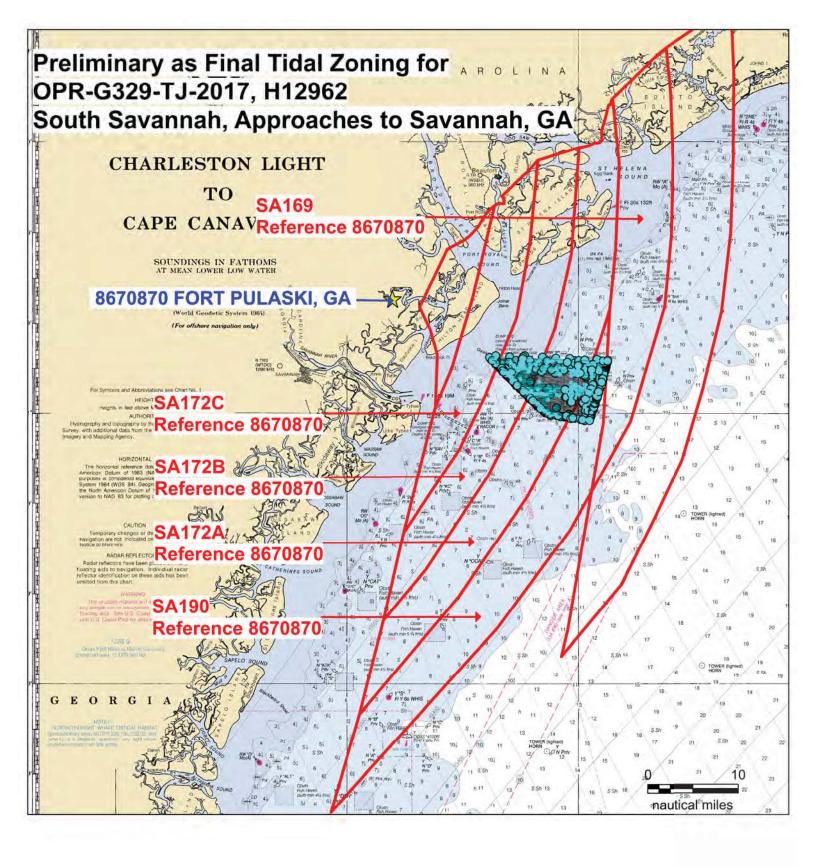
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Reopening Savannah OPR-G329-TJ-17

3 messages

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Tue, Oct 10, 2017 at 9:53 AM

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NOAA Ship Thomas Jefferson,

Please proceed with reopening Project OPR-G329-TJ-17 for acquisition, including completing the rest of survey H12962. We will likely ask that you close out the 2017 field season with this project. Additional sheets will be opened to the eastern side of the project if needed.

Thank you, Starla Robinson

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Starla D. Robinson, Physical Scientist

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National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration Office: **240-533-0034** (Updated 6/13/17)

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Hi Starla,

Understood. We will keep you up to date on our progress.

Best regards, Anthony

LT Anthony Klemm, NOAA Field Operations Officer NOAA Ship *Thomas Jefferson* 439 W York Street Norfolk, VA 23510 757-647-0187

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Thanks Anthony,

FYI: I have reviewed the environmental compliance for this area, and it is good for the duration of the survey.

Fair Seas, Starla [Quoted text hidden]



DTON Report for H12962; OPR-G329-TJ-17 Approaches to Savannah, GA

OCS NDB - NOAA Service Account <ocs.ndb@noaa.gov>

Fri, Jan 26, 2018 at 3:10 PM

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DD-29177 has been registered by the Nautical Data Branch and directed to Products Branch B for processing.

The DtoN reported is a shoal located approximately 4.5 NM southeast of the center of the Pilot Boarding Area in the Approaches to Savannah in the Atlantic Ocean.

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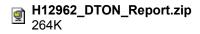
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This information was discovered and submitted by the crew of the NOAA Ship Thomas Jefferson.

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HSSD waiver request for H12962; G329-TJ-17

4 messages

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Hi Starla,

Please see the attached memo as our formal request to submit a single, 50cm MBES surface for H12962, in spite of depth ranging from 11m - 23m.

Please let me know if you have any questions. We would be happy to supply you with more information upon request.

Best regards, Anthony

LT Anthony Klemm, NOAA Field Operations Officer NOAA Ship *Thomas Jefferson* 439 W York Street Norfolk, VA 23510 757-647-0187

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Tue, Jan 30, 2018 at 8:23 AM

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Thank you, Starla Robinson

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Thank you Starla.

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1/24/2017

MEMORANDUM FOR:	Starla Robinson Project Manager, OPR-G329-TJ-17 Hydrographic Surveys Division Operations Branch
FROM:	Commander Chris van Westendorp, NOAA Commanding Officer, NOAA Ship <i>Thomas Jefferson</i>
SUBJECT:	Waiver request – Submission of single resolution depth surface
multibeam surface grid-resolu	waiver of the HSSD 2017 Section 5.2.2.3: Object detection ution thresholds requirement. <i>Thomas Jefferson</i> requests approval ution CUBE multibeam surface for H12962, in spite of depths
Justification	
	greater than 20m have an average ping density of 33 pings/node, nimum required sounding density requirements at the 50cm grid
<u>Decision</u>	

cc: Chief, HSD OPS

Waiver is:

OPS, Thomas Jefferson HCST, Thomas Jefferson

Granted





Coast Pilot Review

1 message

Joshua Hiteshew - NOAA Federal <joshua.hiteshew@noaa.gov> Wed, Jan 31, 2018 at 8:09 AM To: OCS NDB - NOAA Service Account <ocs.ndb@noaa.gov>, _NOS OCS NSD Coast Pilot <coast.pilot@noaa.gov> Cc: Starla Robinson - NOAA Federal <Starla.Robinson@noaa.gov>, _OMAO MOA ChiefST Thomas Jefferson <chiefst.thomas.jefferson@noaa.gov>, _OMAO MOA OPS Thomas Jefferson@noaa.gov>, Anthony Klemm - NOAA Federal <anthony.r.klemm@noaa.gov>

To whom it may concern,

Attached is the Coast Pilot review for project OPR-G329-TJ-17.

V/r,

Josh

HST Joshua Hiteshew, NOAA NOAA ship Thomas Jefferson 439 W York St, Norfolk, VA 23510

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Fwd: Thomas Jefferson 2017 NODC Files

2 messages

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Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 12:46 PM

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I apologize for not sending this Friday. I didn't see your email until I had already left for the day. H12961 and H12962 didn't have any issues to correct so I assume they were added to the database already. I will work on the issues found with the other sheets from the season after our content review. Again, I'm sorry for the delay.

Tracy

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From: Tracy McMillan - NOAA Federal <tracy.mcmillan@noaa.gov>

Date: Tue, Jan 2, 2018 at 8:29 AM

Subject: Thomas Jefferson 2017 NODC Files

To: "NODC.Submissions" < nodc.submissions@noaa.gov> Cc: Sam Greenaway <Samuel.Greenaway@noaa.gov>

Attached are all the NODC files from the Thomas Jefferson for the 2017 Field season.

Please let me know if there are any issues.

Thank you,

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Tracy,

Perfect. Thanks for forwarding this on.

Best. Anthony

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Denied

6/22/2017

MEMORANDUM FOR:	Starla Robinson Project Manager, OPR-G329-TJ-17 Hydrographic Surveys Division Operations Branch
FROM:	Commander Chris van Westendorp, NOAA Commanding Officer, NOAA Ship Thomas Jefferson
SUBJECT:	Waiver request – WGS84 Datum
33	waiver of the HSSD 2017 Section 2.2 Horizontal Datum y data for project OPR-G329-TJ-17 in WGS84 rather than NAD83
<i>Justification</i> Retaining the current procedu	are and configurations will reduce the possibility of errors.
<u>Decision</u>	
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Chief, HSD OPS cc:

Waiver is:

OPS, Thomas Jefferson HCST, Thomas Jefferson

Granted



APPROVAL PAGE

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Data meet or exceed current specifications as certified by the OCS survey acceptance review process. Descriptive Report and survey data except where noted are adequate to supersede prior surveys and nautical charts in the common area.

The following products will be sent to NCEI for archive

- Descriptive Report
- Data Acquisition and Processing Report
- Collection of Bathymetric Attributed Grids (BAGs)
- Processed survey data and records
- Geospatial PDF of survey products
- Collection of backscatter mosaics

The survey evaluation and verification has been conducted according to current OCS Specifications, and the survey has been approved for dissemination and usage of updating NOAA's suite of nautical charts.

Approved:	
	Commander Meghan McGovern, NOAA
	Chief, Atlantic Hydrographic Branch