

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 Datum Transformation

The following ellipsoid-to-chart vertical datum transformation was used:

Method	Ellipsoid to Chart Datum Separation File
ERS via ERTDM	R341KR2019_ERTDM_NAD83-MLLW

Table 11: ERS method and SEP file

All soundings were reduced to MLLW using the ERTDM NAD83 to MLLW separation model grid file provided by NOAA using ERS methodology.

Discrete tide zones were generated using project gauge data but were used for comparison purposes only.

A comparison between the provided ERTDM model and a ERZT model created using the tide zones was undertaken. There is generally good agreement between the models, with project-wide agreement averaging 0.033 m with a standard deviation of 0.271 m.

See the HVCR for additional information.

C.2 Horizontal Control

The horizontal datum for this project is North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83).

The projection used for this project is Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) Zone 3.

The following PPK methods were used for horizontal control:

- Smart Base
- RTX

The Trimble PP-RTX subscription-based correction service within POSPac was used for final positioning. Results were good overall, with RMS error usually at 0.10 m or better vertically. Applanix Smart Base (ASB) was used on a handful of lines to improve vertical agreement. These were itemized earlier in this report. Refer to the DAPR for additional detail.

RTK

The survey vessels were configured to receive RTK-level correctors via Hemisphere AtlasLink SBAS (L-band) receivers. This was utilized throughout the survey on the ASV-CW5 but only briefly at the start of operations on the Q105. However, all real-time correctors were superseded in processing with PPK correctors from Applanix POSPac. Refer to the DAPR for additional detail.

WAAS

The FAA Wide Area Augmentation System (WAAS) was used for real-time positioning on the Q105 for the majority of the survey. These positions were superseded in processing with PPK correctors from Applanix POSPac, as described in the DAPR.