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DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

| Type of Survey: | Navigable Area | |
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| Registry Number: | H13635 | |
| | LOCALITY | |
| State(s): | Wisconsin | |
| General Locality: | Western Lake Michigan | |
| Sub-locality: | Nearshore Port Washington | |
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| HYDROGRAPHIC TITLE SHEET | H13635 |
| 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): Wisconsin

General Locality: Western Lake Michigan

Sub-Locality: Nearshore Port Washington

Scale: **5000**

Dates of Survey: 05/08/2022 to 08/31/2022

Instructions Dated: 04/06/2022

Project Number: **OPR-Y396-KR-22**

Field Unit: Geodynamics LLC

Chief of Party: **David J. Bernstein, CH, PLS, GISP**

Soundings by: Multibeam Echo Sounder

Imagery by: Multibeam Echo Sounder Backscatter

Verification by: Atlantic Hydrographic Branch

Soundings Acquired in: meters at Low Water Datum IGLD-1985

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 16N, LWD-IGLD 1985. 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 H13635

Project: OPR-Y396-KR-22

Locality: Western Lake Michigan

Sublocality: Nearshore Port Washington

Scale: 1:5000

May 2022 - August 2022

Geodynamics LLC

Chief of Party: David J. Bernstein, CH, PLS, GISP

A. Area Surveyed

Geodynamics LLC conducted a hydrographic survey in the assigned area of H13635 located nearshore Port Washington, Wisconsin. Within H13635, all survey operations were conducted in accordance with the provided Statement of Work (SOW), Hydrographic Survey Project Instructions (PI), and the March 2022 National Ocean Service (NOS) Hydrographic Survey Specifications and Deliverables (HSSD). Any deviations from the aforementioned guidelines have been approved by the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Hydrographic Survey Division (HSD) Operations (OPS) branch and are documented in the survey correspondences.

A.1 Survey Limits

Data were acquired within the following survey limits:

| Northwest Limit | Southeast Limit |
|-----------------|------------------|
| 43° 26' 34.6" N | 43° 10' 2.3" N |
| 87° 53' 54.9" W | 87° 44' 25.54" W |

Table 1: Survey Limits

Data were acquired to the survey limits in accordance with the requirements listed in the PI and the HSSD.

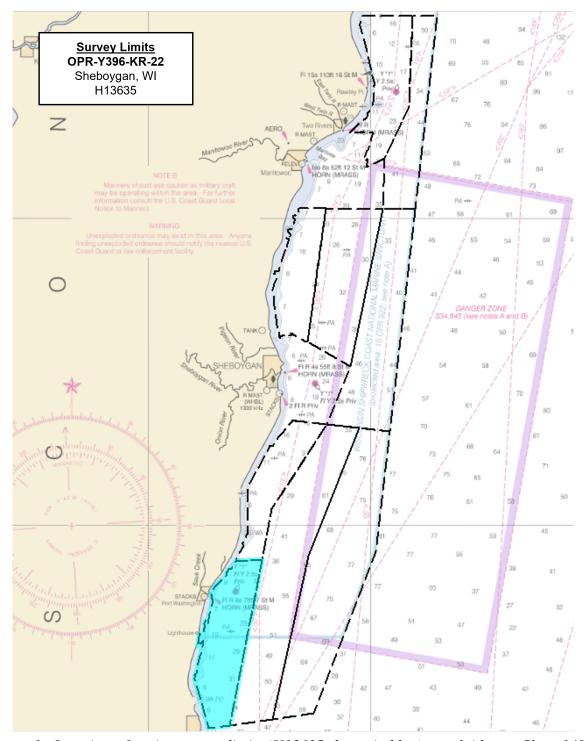


Figure 1: Overview of project survey limits (H13635 shown in blue), overlaid onto Chart 14901

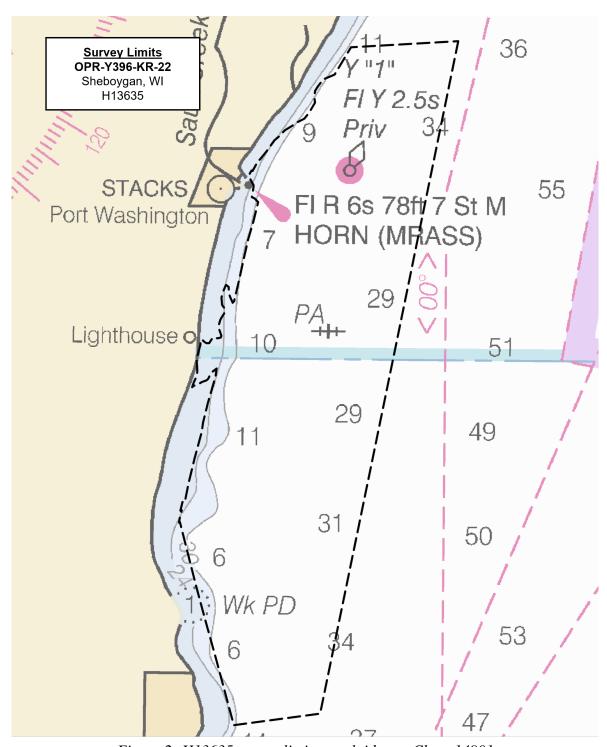


Figure 2: H13635 survey limits overlaid onto Chart 14901

A.2 Survey Purpose

This project is located in Western Lake Michigan, within the Wisconsin Shipwreck Coast National Marine Sanctuary. The sanctuary designation was a culmination of efforts from multiple stakeholders: The October

2015 community-based nomination led to the publication of the 2020 final environmental impact statement and final management plan -- both went through multiple rounds of public input. Co-managed by NOAA and the state of Wisconsin, the sanctuary brings new opportunities for research, resource protection, educational programming, and community engagement.

Previous charting efforts within the proposed 680 SNM project extent were of lead line and singlebeam echo sounders from the mid-twentieth century. The area had never before been surveyed using multibeam echosounder systems (MBES). This project addresses one of the highest priority areas for the Great Lakes by providing modern data to the scientific and benthic mapping communities. Additionally, this project encompasses a nationally significant collection of shipwrecks, including 37 known and as many as 80 shipwrecks yet to be discovered.

Conducting a modern bathymetric survey with concurrent backscatter data in this area will identify hazards and changes to the lakebed, provide critical data for updating National Ocean Service (NOS) nautical charting products, and improve maritime safety. Survey data from this project is intended to supersede all prior survey data in the common area.

A.3 Survey Quality

The entire survey is adequate to supersede previous data.

Survey quality in H13635 meets or exceeds requirements set forth in the HSSD. Survey quality was assessed through visual inspection, the analysis of crosslines, and utilizing QC Tools to assess uncertainty and density. Additionally, junction analyses were conducted between overlapping data collected on this project and existing bathymetric data. For more information on methods and results of the survey data quality assessments for this survey, refer to section B.2 of this report.

A.4 Survey Coverage

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

| Water Depth | Coverage Required |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| All waters in survey area | Complete Coverage |

Table 2: Survey Coverage

The entirety of H13635 was acquired with complete coverage in accordance with section 5.2.2.3 of the HSSD, as shown in Figure 3. All efforts were made to acquire survey data to the sheet limits or to the Navigable Area Limit Line (NALL), as defined in section 1.3.2 of the HSSD. An example of where survey limits were defined by NALL can be seen in Figure 4.

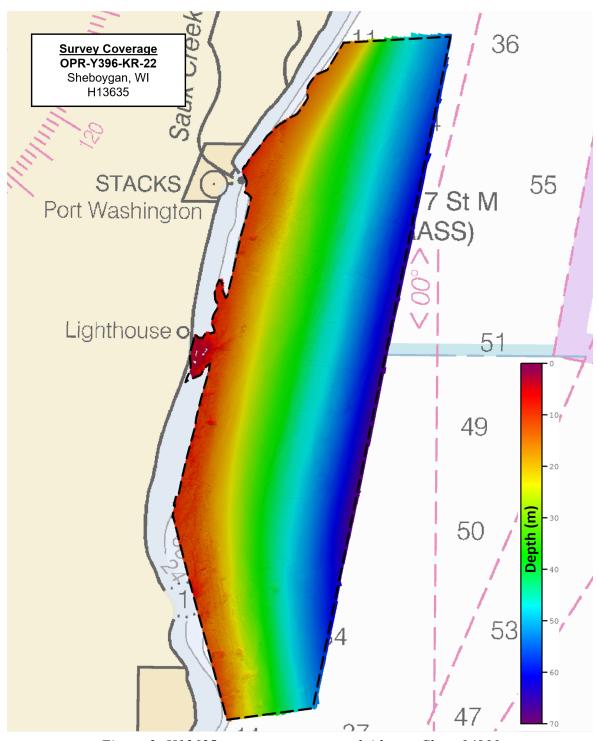


Figure 3: H13635 survey coverage overlaid onto Chart 14901

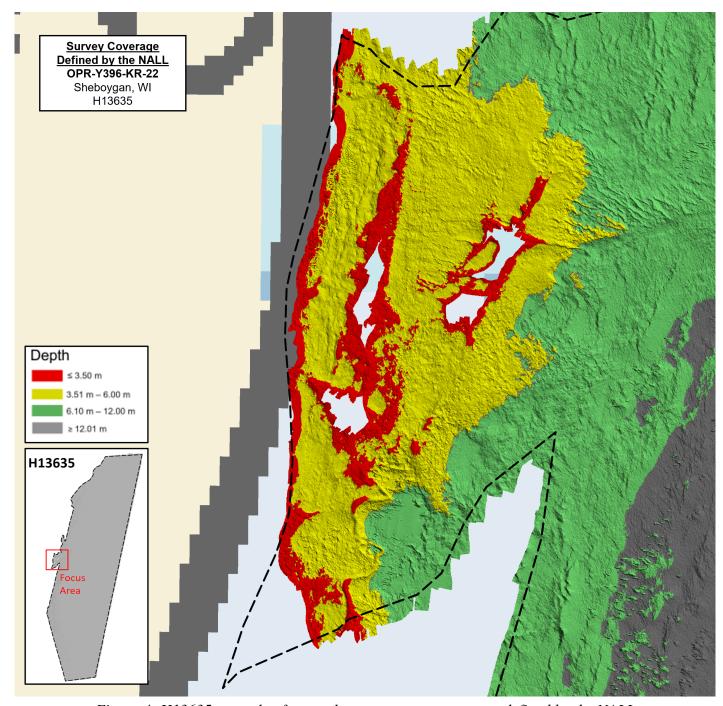


Figure 4: H13635 example of area where survey coverage was defined by the NALL

A.6 Survey Statistics

The following table lists the mainscheme and crossline acquisition mileage for this survey:

| | HULL ID | R/V Substantia | R/V Benthos | Total |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------|
| | SBES Mainscheme | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| | MBES Mainscheme | 262.73 | 1016.99 | 1279.72 |
| | Lidar Mainscheme | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| LNM | SSS Mainscheme | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| LINIVI | SBES/SSS Mainscheme | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| | MBES/SSS Mainscheme | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| | SBES/MBES Crosslines | 42.51 | 13.22 | 55.73 |
| | Lidar Crosslines | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Numb Botton | er of n Samples | | | 4 |
| - \ 02 | er Maritime lary Points igated | | | 0 |
| Numb | er of DPs | | | 0 |
| | er of Items igated by Ops | | | 0 |
| Total S | SNM | | | 64.2 |

Table 3: Hydrographic Survey Statistics

The following table lists the specific dates of data acquisition for this survey:

| Survey Dates | Day of the Year |
|--------------|-----------------|
| 05/08/2022 | 128 |

| Survey Dates | Day of the Year |
|--------------|-----------------|
| 05/10/2022 | 130 |
| 05/11/2022 | 131 |
| 05/12/2022 | 132 |
| 05/13/2022 | 133 |
| 05/14/2022 | 134 |
| 05/15/2022 | 135 |
| 05/16/2022 | 136 |
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| 05/18/2022 | 138 |
| 05/19/2022 | 139 |
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| 05/23/2022 | 143 |
| 05/24/2022 | 144 |
| 05/26/2022 | 146 |
| 06/08/2022 | 159 |
| 06/10/2022 | 161 |
| 06/11/2022 | 162 |
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| 06/14/2022 | 165 |
| 06/19/2022 | 170 |
| 06/20/2022 | 171 |
| 06/21/2022 | 172 |
| 06/22/2022 | 173 |
| 07/11/2022 | 192 |
| 07/25/2022 | 206 |
| 07/26/2022 | 207 |
| 08/19/2022 | 231 |
| 08/31/2022 | 243 |

Table 4: Dates of Hydrography

B. Data Acquisition and Processing

B.1 Equipment and Vessels

Refer to the OPR-Y396-KR-22 Data Acquisition and Processing Report (DAPR) for a complete description of survey equipment and configurations, data acquisition procedures, data processing methods, quality control measures, and survey reporting methods. Additional information to supplement 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:

| Hull ID | R/V Benthos | R/V Substantial |
|---------|-------------|--------------------|
| LOA | 9.14 meters | 18.0 meters |
| Draft | 0.61 meters | 2.22 meters |

Table 5: Vessels Used

B.1.2 Equipment

The following major systems were used for data acquisition during this survey:

| Manufacturer | Model | Туре |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| Kongsberg Maritime | EM 2040C | MBES |
| Applanix | POS MV 320 v5 | Positioning and Attitude System |
| AML Oceanographic | MicroX SV | Sound Speed System |
| AML Oceanographic | MVP30-350 | Sound Speed System |
| AML Oceanographic | BaseX2 | Sound Speed System |

Table 6: Major Systems Used

R/V Benthos and the R/V Substantial utilized a dual-head Kongsberg EM 2040C multibeam system, a POS M/V 320 v5 positioning and attitude system, and an AML MicroX surface sound speed system. The R/V Benthos utilized an AML BaseX2 sound speed profiling system while the R/V Substantial utilized an AML MVP30-350 sound speed profiling system.

B.2 Quality Control

B.2.1 Crosslines

Multibeam crosslines acquired for H13635 totaled 4.36% of mainscheme acquisition.

H13635 crosslines were collected and analyzed in accordance with section 5.2.4.2 of the HSSD. Crosslines were evaluated in CARIS HIPS with a detailed visual inspection followed by a thorough statistical analysis. To conduct the statistical analysis, a 2 m CUBE surface was generated with strictly mainscheme data and another, separate 2 m CUBE surface was generated with only crossline data. The mainscheme and crossline surfaces were analyzed using the Compare Grids tool in Pydro Explorer, which generated a difference surface and associated statistics. In addition to the direct statistics from the surface differencing, the tool assessed the difference surface statistics and computed the proportion of NOS total allowable vertical uncertainty (TVU) consumed by the mainscheme to crossline differences per surface node.

The statistical results of the difference comparison show 95% of nodes falling within +/- 0.20 m, with a mean difference of -0.02 m (Figure 5). Additionally, at least 95% of the difference surface nodes met or exceeded TVU specifications, as described in section 5.1.3 of the HSSD.

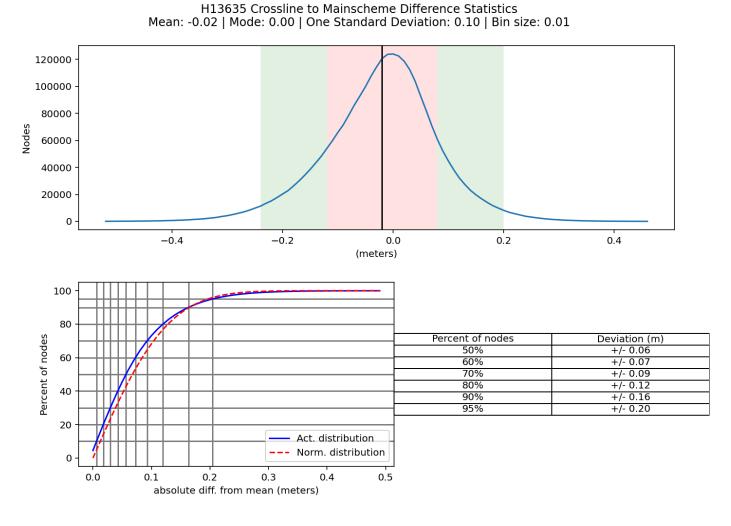


Figure 5: H13635 crossline to mainscheme difference statistics

B.2.2 Uncertainty

The following survey specific parameters were used for this survey:

| Method | Measured | Zoning |
|----------------|------------|--------------|
| ERS via VDATUM | 0.0 meters | 0.045 meters |

Table 7: Survey Specific Tide TPU Values.

| Hull ID | Measured - CTD | Measured - MVP | Measured - XBT | Surface |
|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| R/V Benthos | 2.00 meters/second | N/A | N/A | 0.05 meters/second |
| R/V Substantial | N/A | 2.00 meters/second | N/A | 0.05 meters/second |

Table 8: Survey Specific Sound Speed TPU Values.

The finalized CUBE surfaces were analyzed using the HydrOffice QC Tools Grid QA tool to assure 95% of the surface nodes meet TVU specifications. The results of the Grid QA tool determined that the finalized CUBE surfaces met or exceeded the TVU specifications, as shown in Figures 6-8.

Uncertainty Standards - NOAA HSSD Grid source: H13635 MB_1m_LWD_Final

99.5+% pass (46,161,126 of 46,161,139 nodes), min=0.18, mode=0.19, max=1.26 Percentiles: 2.5%=0.18, Q1=0.20, median=0.23, Q3=0.28, 97.5%=0.37

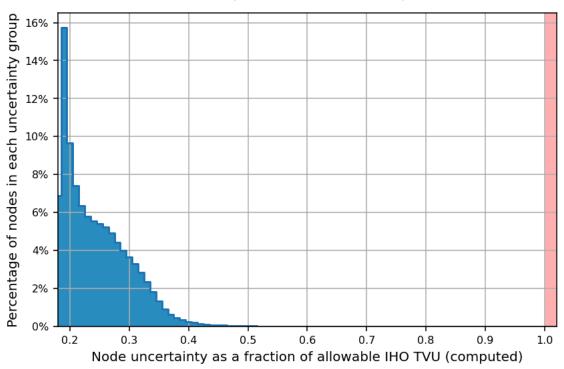


Figure 6: Finalized 1 m CUBE surface TVU statistics for H13635

Uncertainty Standards - NOAA HSSD Grid source: H13635 MB 2m LWD Final

100% pass (19,189,397 of 19,189,397 nodes), min=0.18, mode=0.20, max=0.90 Percentiles: 2.5%=0.19, Q1=0.21, median=0.27, Q3=0.36, 97.5%=0.46

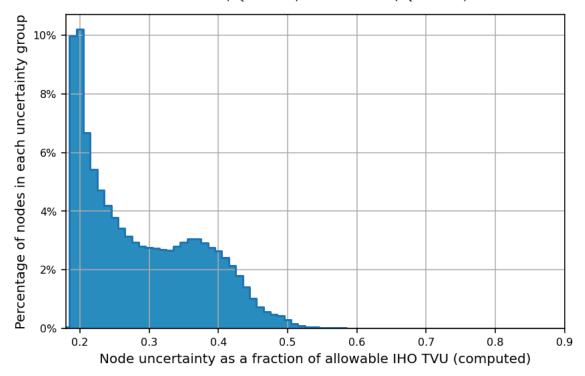


Figure 7: Finalized 2 m CUBE surface TVU statistics for H13635

Uncertainty Standards - NOAA HSSD Grid source: H13635 MB 4m LWD Final

100% pass (7,480,359 of 7,480,359 nodes), min=0.19, mode=0.20, max=0.97 Percentiles: 2.5%=0.20, Q1=0.23, median=0.31, Q3=0.43, 97.5%=0.54

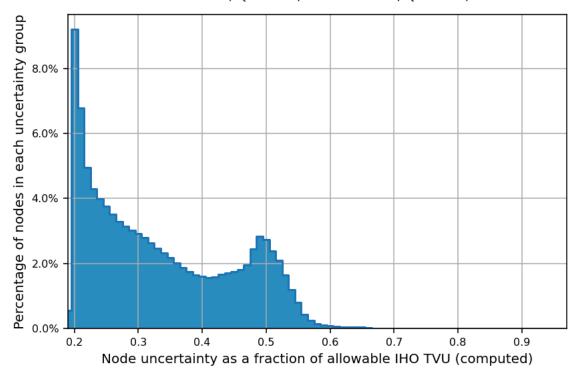


Figure 8: Finalized 4 m CUBE surface TVU statistics for H13635

B.2.3 Junctions

H13635 junctions with H13636, H13641, and 2020 JALBTCX LiDAR data (Figure 9). Data overlap between H13635 and the adjacent surveys were attained. To conduct the junction analyses, similar to section B.2.1 of this report, the Pydro Compare Grids tool was utilized. The inputs for this tool were the surfaces for each individual survey at matching resolutions.

In addition to the statistical results of the junction analyses, the resultant difference surfaces were visually inspected and CARIS HIPS Subset Editor was used to examine overlapping data for consistency, agreement between surveys, and confirming data met TVU specifications.

For the 2020 JALBTCX LiDAR junction analysis, the full extents of the survey were not available. Therefore, a junction analysis was conducted on the available data that represented partial extents of

that survey. Refer to the Project Correspondence and DR Appendix II Supplemental Records for further information regarding junctions with existing surveys.

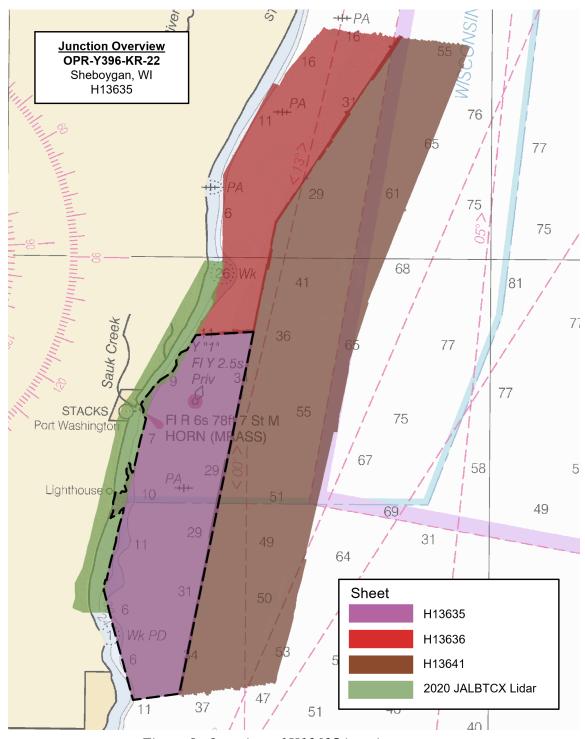


Figure 9: Overview of H13635 junction surveys

The following junctions were made with this survey:

| Registry Number | Scale | Year | Field Unit | Relative Location |
|--------------------|---------|------|---------------|----------------------|
| H13636 | 1:40000 | 2022 | Geodynamics | N |
| H13641 | 1:40000 | 2022 | Geodynamics | Е |
| N/A | 1:0 | 2020 | JALBTCX LiDAR | W |

Table 9: Junctioning Surveys

H13636

The statistical results of the difference comparison show 95% of nodes falling within ± 0.22 m, with a mean difference of 0.07 m (Figure 10). Additionally, at least 95% of the difference surface nodes met or exceed TVU specifications, as described in section 5.1.3 of the HSSD.

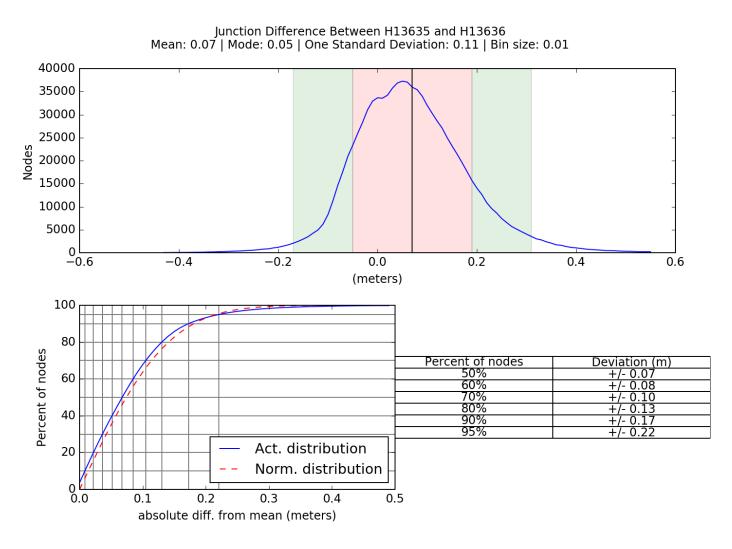


Figure 10: Junction analysis between H13635 and H13636

H13641

The statistical results of the difference comparison show 95% of nodes falling within +/- 0.33 m, with a mean difference of 0.00 m (Figure 11). Additionally, at least 95% of the difference surface nodes met or exceed TVU specifications, as described in section 5.1.3 of the HSSD.

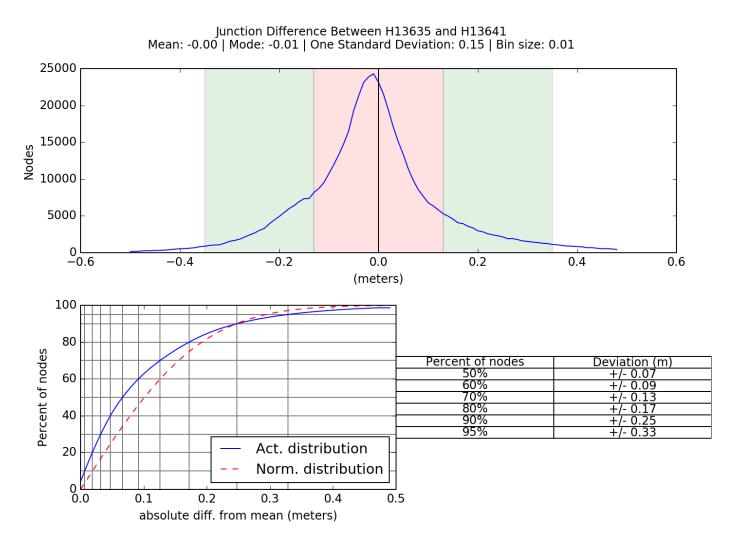


Figure 11: Junction analysis between H13635 and H13641

N/A

The statistical results of the difference comparison show 95% of nodes falling within +/- 0.23 m, with a mean difference of 0.18 m (Figure 12). Additionally, at least 95% of the difference surface nodes met or exceed TVU specifications, as described in section 5.1.3 of the HSSD.

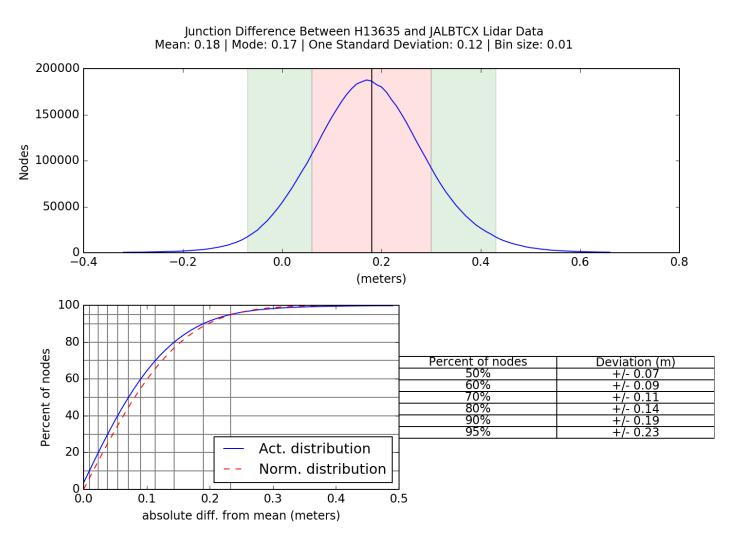


Figure 12: Junction analysis between H13635 and JALBTCX LiDAR data

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

There were no conditions or deficiencies that affected equipment operational effectiveness.

B.2.6 Factors Affecting Soundings

Sound Speed

The spatio-temporal variability in temperature of the water column created complex sound speed conditions throughout the survey. These complexities often created challenges for the field team and resulted in occasional refraction artifacts in the survey data and resultant surfaces, as shown in Figures 13 and 14.

The hydrographer made considerable efforts to reduce the impact of sound speed issues during acquisition. These efforts included increasing the frequency of casts, closely monitoring real-time swath "smiling" or "frowning", utilizing alerts for surface-to-profile sound speed deviation, observing the real-time standard deviation map display, and utilizing Sound Speed Manager to track spatial changes in surface sound speed along with profile location. Additional efforts in post-processing to minimize refraction artifacts included outer beam filtering, manual outer beam editing, and strategic application of sound speed profiles.

In addition to the outer beam noise associated with refraction, the convex or concave trend in the across-track sonar data is most prevalent in the outer beams and is noticeable in the surface as a striped line to line artifact.

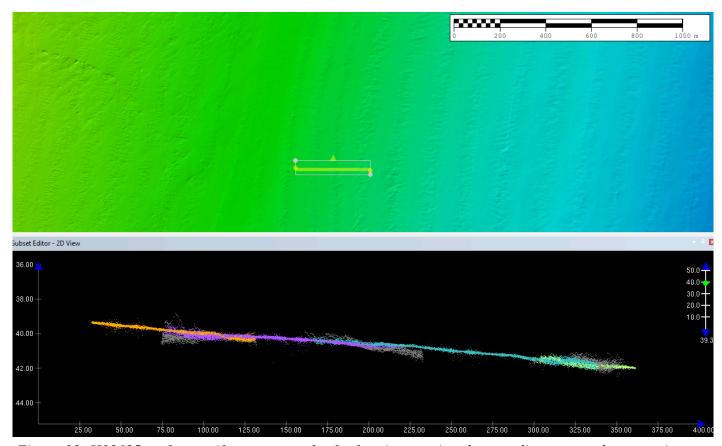


Figure 13: H13635 surface artifacts as a result of refraction causing the soundings to trend concave/convex

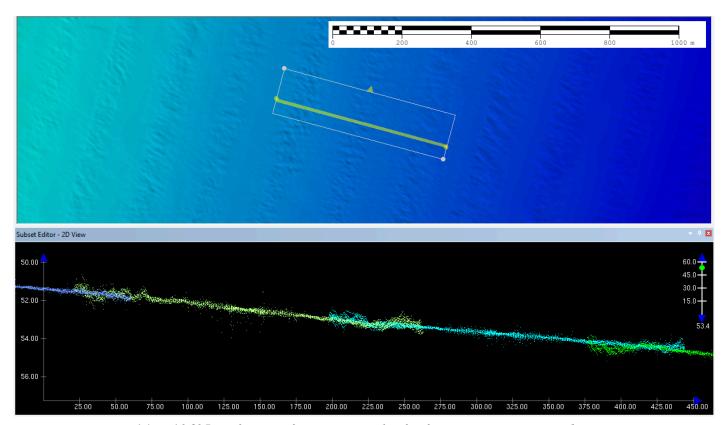


Figure 14: H13635 surface artifacts as a result of refraction causing outer beam noise

B.2.7 Sound Speed Methods

Sound Speed Cast Frequency: Sound speed casts were acquired at least once every four hours. Casts were often conducted more frequently than this time interval because of the dynamic water properties in the survey area. Additionally, the R/V Substantial utilized an MVP onboard which allowed for a higher frequency of casts.

Surface sound speed was compared in real-time to the sound speed profile. When the comparison differed by more than 2 m/s, a new sound speed profile was acquired. Additionally, QPS Qinsy and Kongsberg SIS provided a real-time visual assessment of data quality (standard deviation grids, bathymetric grids, swath views) aiding the hydrographer in determining when a new cast was required.

For more detailed information on sound speed methods, refer to the DAPR.

B.2.8 Coverage Equipment and Methods

All equipment and survey methods were used as detailed in the DAPR.

B.2.9 Holidays

All CUBE surfaces were analyzed using HydrOffice QC Tools Holiday Finder to determine if the surface contained holidays, as described in section 5.2.2.3 of the HSSD. The tool scanned the CUBE surfaces, identifying any holidays, and generated an S-57 file to illustrate the locations of holidays. All holidays identified were within NALL or outside of the sheet limits.

Another method of holiday evaluation was to visually pan the CUBE surface to identify holidays. The hydrographer would often alter the surface display (color ranges, symbology, shading) to help aid the hydrographer in identifying coverage gaps. The results reflected the same outcome as the tool, all holidays were within NALL or outside of the sheet limits.

B.2.10 Density

The finalized CUBE surfaces were analyzed using HydrOffice QC Tools Grid QA tool to assure data met the required density specifications. Density requirements were achieved for the finalized surfaces in H13635 with 99.5% of the surface nodes (Figures 15-17) containing at least five or more soundings, exceeding the specifications required by section 5.2.2.3 of the HSSD.

Data Density Grid source: H13635_MB_1m_LWD_Final

99.5+% pass (46,152,840 of 46,161,139 nodes), min=1.0, mode=20, max=14180.0

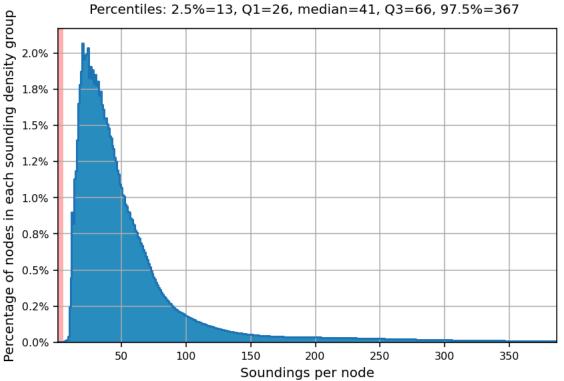


Figure 15: Finalized 1 m CUBE surface density statistics for H13635

Data Density Grid source: H13635_MB_2m_LWD_Final

99.5+% pass (19,189,096 of 19,189,397 nodes), min=1.0, mode=46, max=2750.0 Percentiles: 2.5%=24, Q1=44, median=65, Q3=98, 97.5%=213

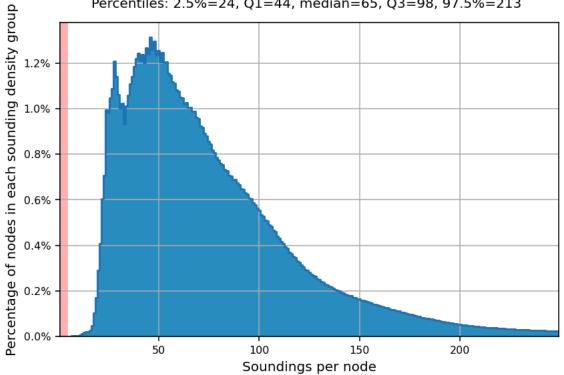


Figure 16: Finalized 2 m CUBE surface density statistics for H13635

Data Density Grid source: H13635_MB_4m_LWD_Final

99.5+% pass (7,478,899 of 7,480,359 nodes), min=1.0, mode=74, max=1458.0
Percentiles: 2.5%=39, Q1=70, median=102, Q3=159, 97.5%=326

0.8%

0.6%

0.0%

50

100

150

200

250

300

350

Figure 17: Finalized 4 m CUBE surface density statistics for H13635

Soundings per node

B.2.11 Flier Finder

In addition to a visual inspection, all CUBE surfaces were analyzed using HydrOffice QC Tools Flier Finder tool to assure data does not contain fliers (anomalous data as defined by QC Tools flier finding algorithms #2-5). While the Flier Finder tool flags surface fliers meeting a set criteria, it will also flag real surface features that meet the same criteria. Spurious soundings flagged by Flier Finder were cleaned until either no fliers remained or the remaining flagged fliers were deemed valid aspects of the surface.

B.3 Echo Sounding Corrections

B.3.1 Corrections to Echo Soundings

All data reduction procedures conform to those detailed in the DAPR.

B.3.2 Calibrations

All sounding systems were calibrated as detailed in the DAPR.

B.4 Backscatter

Raw backscatter data were collected and stored within the .ALL files. Backscatter data were processed and reviewed for quality assurance in QPS FMGT. In accordance with the PI Appendix 2, GSFs and backscatter mosaics were exported from FMGT. Hydrographers in the field monitored backscatter intensities in real-time and made efforts to collect quality backscatter without hindering bathymetric data quality. Refer to the DAPR for more information on backscatter data acquisition and processing procedures.

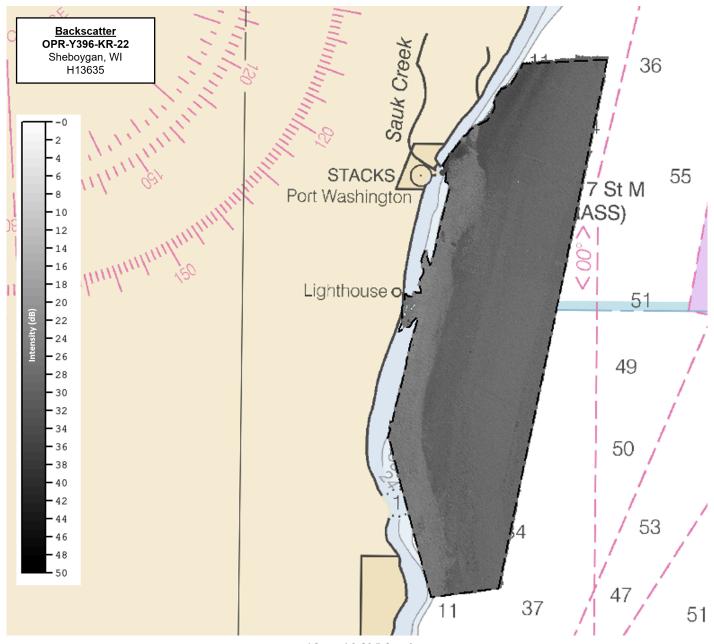


Figure 18: H13635 backscatter

B.5 Data Processing

B.5.1 Primary Data Processing Software

The following software program was the primary program used for bathymetric data processing:

| Manufacturer | Name | Version |
|--------------|---------------|---------|
| CARIS | HIPS and SIPS | 11.4.4 |

Table 10: Primary bathymetric data processing software

The following software program was the primary program used for imagery data processing:

| Manufacturer | Name | Version |
|--------------|------|---------|
| QPS | FMGT | 7.10.1 |

Table 11: Primary imagery data processing software

The following Feature Object Catalog was used: NOAA Profile Version 2022.

B.5.2 Surfaces

The following surfaces and/or BAGs were submitted to the Processing Branch:

| Surface Name | Surface Type | Resolution | Depth Range | Surface Parameter | Purpose |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| H13635_MB_1m_LWD_Final | CARIS Raster Surface (CUBE) | 1 meters | 1.99 meters - 20.0 meters | NOAA_1m | Complete MBES |
| H13635_MB_2m_LWD_Final | CARIS Raster Surface (CUBE) | 2 meters | 18.0 meters - 40.0 meters | NOAA_2m | Complete MBES |
| H13635_MB_4m_LWD_Final | CARIS Raster Surface (CUBE) | 4 meters | 36.0 meters - 68.75 meters | NOAA_4m | Complete MBES |
| H13635_MB_1m_LWD | CARIS Raster Surface (CUBE) | 1 meters | 1.99 meters - 68.93 meters | NOAA_1m | Complete MBES |
| H13635_MB_2m_LWD | CARIS Raster Surface (CUBE) | 2 meters | 2.16 meters - 68.91 meters | NOAA_2m | Complete MBES |

| Surface Name | Surface Type | Resolution | Depth Range | Surface Parameter | Purpose |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| H13635_MB_4m_LWD | CARIS Raster Surface (CUBE) | 4 meters | 2.27 meters - 68.75 meters | NOAA_4m | Complete MBES |

Table 12: Submitted Surfaces

All surfaces submitted are in compliance with the complete coverage MBES requirements per section 5.2.2.3 of the HSSD. See Figure 19 below for an overview of the submitted finalized surface resolutions.

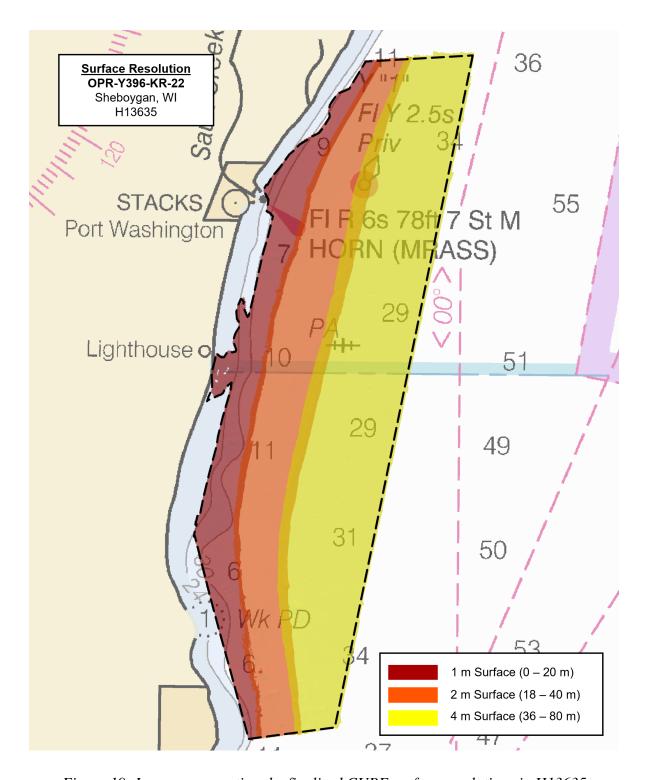


Figure 19: Image representing the finalized CUBE surface resolutions in H13635

B.5.3 Designated Soundings

H13635 contains seven designated soundings in accordance with section 5.2.1.2.3 and 7.4 of the HSSD. These designated soundings were created to facilitate feature management and best represent the least

depth of features in the Final Feature File (FFF). In the finalized CUBE surfaces, the CARIS HIPS Apply Designated Soundings function ensured designated sounding depths are retained in the finalized surfaces.

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 Low Water Datum IGLD-1985.

ERS Datum Transformation

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

| Method | Ellipsoid to Chart Datum Separation File |
|----------------|---|
| ERS via VDATUM | TO3_SEP_extents_new_100m_NAD83_2011- LWD_IGLD85_geoid18.csar |

Table 13: ERS method and SEP file

Real-time positional data were corrected with G2+ Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) satellite corrections provided by the Fugro Marinestar Satellite-Based Augmentation System (SBAS). To improve the accuracy of the real-time data, real-time position data were post-processed using Applanix POSPac Mobile Mapping Solution (MMS) software. Trimble CenterPoint RTX correction methods were used to create Smoothed Best Estimate of Trajectory (SBET) files, which were applied to the survey data in CARIS HIPS. The provided separation model was then utilized to bring the data from ellipsoid heights to chart datum.

C.2 Horizontal Control

The horizontal datum for this project is North American Datum 1983 (2011).

The projection used for this project is Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) Zone 16.

RTK

Real-time positional data were corrected with G2+ GNSS satellite corrections provided by the Fugro Marinestar SBAS.

D. Results and Recommendations

D.1 Chart Comparison

A comparison was performed in CARIS HIPS between H13635 and the ENCs listed in Table 14 of section D.1.1. Sounding layers were generated from the CUBE surface and overlaid onto the ENCs to visually assess differences between the surveyed and charted depths.

In addition to a detailed visual inspection in CARIS HIPS, all soundings from the chart were downloaded as a shapefile from NOAA's ENC Direct to GIS application and differenced with the nearest surveyed depth from the 4 m surface in ESRI ArcPro. A statistical analysis of the difference comparison is shown in Figure 20. The surveyed depths from H13635 generally agree with the charted soundings from the largest scale ENCs within the survey area, with a mean difference of 0.79 m.

Contour layers were generated from the CUBE surface and overlaid onto the ENCs to visually assess differences between the surveyed and charted contours. In H13635, the surveyed contours are in general agreement with the charted contours.

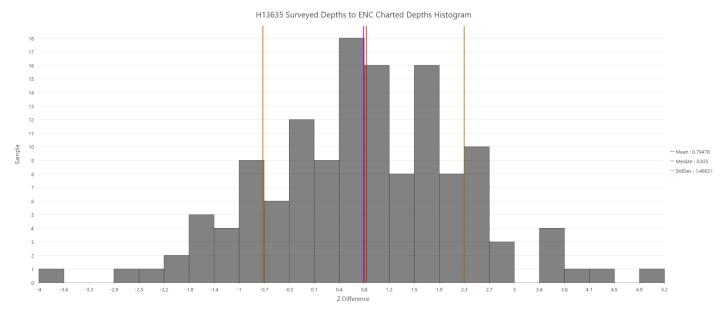


Figure 20: H13635 statistical analysis of surveyed depths to charted depths

D.1.1 Electronic Navigational Charts

The following are the largest scale ENCs, which cover the survey area:

| ENC | Scale | Edition | Update Application Date | Issue Date |
|----------|----------|---------|----------------------------|------------|
| US4WI33M | 1:120000 | 26 | 09/15/2021 | 09/14/2022 |
| US5WI33M | 1:10000 | 8 | 02/04/2022 | 02/04/2022 |

Table 14: Largest Scale ENCs

D.1.2 Shoal and Hazardous Features

No shoals or potentially hazardous features exist for this survey.

D.1.3 Charted Features

All assigned charted features within H13635 are detailed in the FFF in accordance with section 7.3 of the HSSD. H13635 contained charted obstructions with the category of "snag/stump". These obstructions were determined to be correlated to temporary fishing stakes and therefore are included in the FFF with a description of 'Delete'. All data associated with these temporary fishing stakes were rejected. See DR Appendix II Supplemental Records for related correspondence with the HSD Project Manager.

One new feature (Unique ID 1_017_2) was deemed to be associated with a nearby charted obstruction and was addressed as a Delete/New. The pipe-like extension on the feature is attached at the base and was interpreted to be a potential intake on a crib, therefore considered to be a part of the obstruction.

D.1.4 Uncharted Features

All new features found within H13635 are detailed in the FFF in accordance with section 7.3 of the HSSD. See DR Appendix II Supplemental Records for related correspondence with the HSD Project Manager.

D.1.5 Channels

No channels exist for this survey.

D.2 Additional Results

D.2.1 Aids to Navigation

All Aids to Navigation within H13635 are considered Type 3 and were reported through the Marine Chart Division's ASSIST reporting system in accordance with section 1.6.2.2 of the HSSD. See DR Appendix II Supplemental Records for related correspondence with the HSD Project Manager.

D.2.2 Maritime Boundary Points

No Maritime Boundary Points were assigned for this survey.

D.2.3 Bottom Samples

Four bottom samples were acquired in accordance with section 7.2.3 of the HSSD and are described completely in the FFF. Backscatter data were used to modify bottom sample locations from what was originally assigned in the Project Reference File (PRF) and the related correspondence is documented in Appendix II Supplemental Records.

D.2.4 Overhead Features

No overhead features exist for this survey.

D.2.5 Submarine Features

Charted pipelines existed within H13635 and are documented completely in the FFF. There was no evidence of pipelines within the MBES data.

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 or Environmental Conditions

No abnormal seafloor 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 Recommendations

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

D.2.11 ENC Scale Recommendations

No new ENC scales 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 Specifications and 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.

| Report Name | Report Date Sent |
|--|------------------|
| Data Acquisition and Processing Report | 2022-12-18 |
| Horizontal and Vertical Control Report | 2022-12-18 |
| Coast Pilot Report | 2022-11-21 |

| Approver Name | Approver Title | Approval Date | Signature |
|--------------------|----------------|---------------|--|
| David J. Bernstein | Chief of Party | 12/20/2022 | David J. Digitally signed by David J. Bernstein Date: 2022.12.20 12:30.38-05'00' |

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 |
| CO | Commanding Officer |
| CO-OPS | Center for Operational Products and Services |
| CORS | Continuously Operating Reference Station |
| 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 |
| ERTDM | Ellipsoidally Referenced Tidal Datum Model |
| 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 |
| | |

| Acronym | Definition |
|---------|---|
| HSSD | Hydrographic Survey Specifications and Deliverables |
| HSTB | Hydrographic Systems Technology Branch |
| 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 |
| MBAB | Multibeam Echosounder Acoustic Backscatter |
| MCD | Marine Chart Division |
| MHW | Mean High Water |
| MLLW | Mean Lower Low Water |
| NAD 83 | North American Datum of 1983 |
| NALL | Navigable Area Limit Line |
| NTM | 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 |

| Acronym | Definition |
|---------|--|
| PRF | Project Reference File |
| PS | Physical Scientist |
| RNC | Raster Navigational Chart |
| RTK | Real Time Kinematic |
| RTX | Real Time Extended |
| SBES | Singlebeam Echosounder |
| SBET | Smooth Best Estimate and Trajectory |
| SNM | Square Nautical Miles |
| SSS | Side Scan Sonar |
| SSSAB | Side Scan Sonar Acoustic Backscatter |
| ST | Survey Technician |
| SVP | Sound Velocity Profiler |
| TCARI | Tidal Constituent And Residual Interpolation |
| TPU | Total Propagated Uncertainty |
| USACE | United States Army Corps of Engineers |
| USCG | United States Coast Guard |
| UTM | Universal Transverse Mercator |
| XO | Executive Officer |
| ZDF | Zone Definition File |