

W00100-W00101

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## DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

*Type of Survey* ..... HYDROGRAPHIC .....

*Field No.* .....

*Registry No.* ..... W00100 - W00101 .....

### LOCALITY

*State* ..... Hawaii .....

*General Locality* ..... South Coast of Oahu .....

*Sublocality* ..... Honolulu Harbor .....

**2000-2002**

### CHIEF OF PARTY

..... Maxim F. Van Norden .....

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**HYDROGRAPHIC TITLE SHEET**

W00100-W00101

INSTRUCTIONS The hydrographic sheet should be accompanied by this form, filled in as completely as possible, when the sheet is forwarded to the office.

FIELD NO.

State Hawaii

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Sublocality Honolulu Harbor

Scale 1:10,000

Date of Survey 8/1-12/ 20, 2000 (Lidar), 6/7-9/29, 2002 (MB)

Instructions Dated \_\_\_\_\_

Project No. \_\_\_\_\_

Vessel LIDAR (SHOALS), USNS Heezen and USNS Sumner

Chief of Party Maxim F. Van Norden

Surveyed by U.S. Naval Hydrographic Office

Soundings taken by echo sounder, hand lead, pole SHOALS 400 Lidar , Simrad EM 3000

Graphic record scaled by Fleet Survey Team

Graphic record checked by Fleet Survey Team

Evaluation by Bonnie Johnston Automated plo HP Designjet1050c

Verification by Physical Scientist: B. Johnston, Cartographer: Russ Davies

Soundings in meters at MLLW

REMARKS: Revisions and annotations appearing as endnotes were

generated by the cartographer during office processing.

All depths listed in this report are referenced to

mean lower low water unless otherwise noted.

UTM Zone 04



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March 11, 2008

MEMORANDUM TO: Captain John E. Lowell, NOAA  
Chief, Marine Chart Division

THROUGH: Captain Gerd G. Glang, NOAA  
Chief, Hydrographic Surveys Division

FROM: Commander David O. Neander, NOAA  
Chief, Pacific Hydrographic Branch

SUBJECT: Approval Memorandum for W00100-W00101

Pacific Hydrographic Branch has completed an evaluation and chart application of Outside Source Data from the Naval Oceanographic Office (W00100 – W00101). I have reviewed the data, reports and compilation to the chart. Data are suitable for nautical charting except where specifically recommended in the Evaluation and Quality Assurance Memorandum and Chart Application Memorandum.

Within the 2007 NOAA Hydrographic Survey Priorities (NHSP), the south coast of Oahu and the approaches to Honolulu Harbor are listed as “Critical Area”. Except as noted in the Evaluation and Quality Assurance Memorandum and Chart Application Memorandum, LIDAR provided adequate depth information in the near shore areas and multibeam provided complete coverage in the areas where it was utilized. However, due to the object detection limitations of LIDAR, it cannot be stated definitely that the least depths on all new and charted features were obtained. Additional fieldwork including side-scan and/or multibeam surveys of AWOIS items, approaches to harbors and anchorage areas is recommended the next time a survey asset is at this location in order to complete bottom search and object detection requirements in areas where only LIDAR was acquired. These areas where only LIDAR was conducted should remain classified as “Critical Area” and where multibeam coverage was completed the area should be reclassified as “Priority 4”.

cc: Chief, HSD Operations Branch N/CS31





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March 6, 2008

MEMORANDUM TO: Commander David Neander, NOAA  
Chief, Pacific Hydrographic Branch

FROM: Bonnie Johnston  
Physical Scientist

SUBJECT: Review of Outside Source Data Surveys W00100 to W00101  
U.S. Naval Oceanographic Office (NAVOCEANO)  
Oahu Island, Honolulu

I have reviewed outside source hydrographic surveys W00100 to W00101 with regard to data integrity and completeness of the data submission package, survey field procedures, data processing and quality assurance methods, and overall data accuracy and data quality. Surveys W00100 to W00101 comply with specifications and requirements set forth in the NOS Hydrographic Surveys Specifications and Deliverables Manual, with the following exceptions:

- SHOALS 400 LIDAR data acquired in this survey does not meet NOAA HSSDM requirements (equivalent to IHO Order 1) for object detection. The capability of LIDAR to meet NOAA object detection requirement is still unproven and questionable, and item investigations to either disprove charted features or acquire definitive least depths were not conducted. These data do meet NOAA HSSDM requirements for depth and position accuracy.
- EM1002 and EM 3000 multibeam sonar data acquired in this survey cannot be fully certified to meet NOAA HSSDM requirements due to limited documentation provided by NAVOCEANO. There are some questions as to the depth and position accuracy of the system. However, the data contains no significant artifacts and are considered suitable for partial chart update.

Refer to the Outside Source Data Quality Assurance Checklist for specific charting recommendations.

Final Recommendations:

- The data should be used to chart soundings and depth curves representing general bathymetric trends, and new shoals and features that are not currently depicted on NOAA charts 19369 and 19367.
- The data should not be used to supersede near shore features such as, charted shoals, wrecks, rocks, obstructions, foul areas or coral reefs.
- The charted shoreline should be retained as charted.



- Bottom samples were not acquired and should be retained as charted.

Reviewed and approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lieutenant(jg) Abigail Higgins, NOAA  
Acting Hydrographic Team Leader, PHB



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March 5, 2008

MEMORANDUM TO: Commander Dave O. Neander  
Chief, Pacific Hydrographic Branch

FROM: Charles R Davies  
Cartographer, Pacific Hydrographic Branch

SUBJECT: Application of Outside Source Data Surveys  
W000100-W00101  
U.S. Naval Oceanographic Office  
SHOALS 400 LIDAR, USNS HEEZEN, USNS SUMNER

I concur with all recommendations by the reviewer Bonnie Johnston except where noted in this report.

Summary of compilation:

- soundings, curves and features applied
- no rocks or features were superseded
- shoreline was retained as charted
- bottom characteristics were retained
- recommend aids to navigation be updated with the latest information

It is recommended that OSD surveys W00100-W00101 supersede charted information Within the common area and applied to charts 19367 and 19369 except as noted in this report.

Record of Application to Charts is attached.

Review and Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Gary Nelson, Cartographer Team Leader  
Pacific Hydrographic Branch





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Dates of Survey: \_\_\_\_\_

OSD Supplier: \_\_\_\_\_

OSD Project No: \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewer: \_\_\_\_\_

Review Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**I. DATA INVENTORY**

**A. Reports**

Report Type	Format	Document Title	Date
Descriptive Report or equivalent			
Data Acquisition and Processing Report or equivalent			
Horizontal and Vertical Control Report or equivalent			
System Certification Report or Equivalent			
Other			

**B. Data**

Data Type	Format	Description (Raw, Processed)
Smooth Sheet Sounding Plots		
XYZ ASCII Files		
Multibeam		
Side Scan Sonar		
LIDAR		
Single Beam		





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II. DATA ACQUISITION AND PROCESSING

A. System Calibrations and/or Certifications

\_\_\_\_\_ A sensor offset and alignment survey was conducted to NOAA HSSDM requirements

\_\_\_\_\_ Offset values provided

\_\_\_\_\_ Patch tests were conducted for shallow-water multibeam systems

\_\_\_\_\_ Alignment bias and latency values provided

\_\_\_\_\_ Draft measurements were conducted

\_\_\_\_\_ Static Draft \_\_\_\_\_ Dynamic Draft \_\_\_\_\_ Loading

\_\_\_\_\_ Draft values were provided

\_\_\_\_\_ Sensors were calibrated in accordance with manufacturer requirements and NOAA specifications

\_\_\_\_\_ Calibration reports were provided.

B. Sound Velocity Corrections

\_\_\_\_\_ Sound velocity sampling regimen is in accordance with NOAA HSSDM requirements

\_\_\_\_\_ Sound velocity profiles were supplied

\_\_\_\_\_ All profiles appear valid

C. Water Levels

\_\_\_\_\_ Water level measuring equipment and methods are consistent with NOAA equipment and methods and are capable of meeting specifications

Equipment / method used: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Tide corrector files were supplied

\_\_\_\_\_ All tide correctors appear valid

\_\_\_\_\_ Water level correctors applied to sounding data

\_\_\_\_\_ Verified \_\_\_\_\_ Observed \_\_\_\_\_ Predicted \_\_\_\_\_ NOAA Zoning \_\_\_\_\_ Other zoning

\_\_\_\_\_ Water level error estimate provided by CO-OPS

Water level / zoning error estimate: \_\_\_\_\_



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E. Survey Methodology

\_\_\_\_\_ The surveyor has conducted adequate quality control of horizontal positioning data

\_\_\_\_\_ DTM, BASE surface, and/or mosaics indicate that seafloor coverage requirements (per NOAA HSSDM) were met and no significant coverage holidays exist.

\_\_\_\_\_ All least depths over shoals, wrecks, rocks, obstructions, and other features have been determined

\_\_\_\_\_ The Hydrographer has conducted the required quantity of cross lines, or acquired sufficient redundant data, in accordance with the HSSDM, to assess internal data consistency.

F. Data Processing and Quality Control

\_\_\_\_\_ An adequate description of data processing and quality control methods is provided in documentation.

Processing software used: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Data processing methodology is robust enough and adequate to provide a dataset suitable for charting.

\_\_\_\_\_ Data have been reviewed and are cleaned appropriately with no noise, fliers, or systematic errors noted.

\_\_\_\_\_ Crossline agreement or redundant data overlap has been visually inspected by the hydrographer

\_\_\_\_\_ Disagreements have been noted

\_\_\_\_\_ A Chart comparison was conducted by the hydrographer

\_\_\_\_\_ Disagreements have been noted.



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**III. DATA QUALITY AND RESULTS**

**A. Internal Data Consistency**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Full resolution data was provided in order to gauge the adequacy of cleaning and/or processing of the data.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A review of the data reveals no positioning errors exceeding NOAA specifications
- \_\_\_\_\_ Crossline agreement or redundant data overlap shows no disagreements exceeding NOAA HSSDM tolerances.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Anomalous data (fliers, noise, etc) were apparent in the BASE surface, DTM, and/or selected sounding set.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Are there any tide errors exceeding NOAA HSSDM requirements observable in the data
- \_\_\_\_\_ Are there any observable SV errors exceeding NOAA HSSDM accuracy standards.
- \_\_\_\_\_ All shoals are valid (no fliers) and the proper least depth has been retained.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Where multiple systems, platforms, and/or sensors were used, junctioning or overlapping data agree within NOAA HSSDM tolerance between platforms.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Any statistical assessment of the data (e.g. BASE standard deviation, QC reports, etc) indicate that data agree within NOAA HSSDM tolerances.

**B. Error Budget Analysis**

- \_\_\_\_\_ An error budget analysis was provided by the surveyor
  - \_\_\_\_\_ The error budget analysis indicates that data are capable of meeting NOAA HSSDM standards
  - \_\_\_\_\_ The evaluator concurs with the provided error budget analysis
- \_\_\_\_\_ The evaluator has conducted an error budget analysis
  - \_\_\_\_\_ The error budget analysis indicates that data are capable of meeting NOAA HSSDM standards

**D. Automated Wreck and Obstruction Information System (AWOIS) Items**

- \_\_\_\_\_ AWOIS Items are located within the limits of the survey.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ AWOIS Items can be sufficiently confirmed or disproved using data from this survey (Attach AWOIS pages to the certification memorandum.).



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**E. Dangers to Navigation**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Dangers to Navigation (DTONs) were selected and submitted by the surveyor / data provider
- \_\_\_\_\_ DTONs have been verified by the office evaluator.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Additional DTONs were noted during office evaluation and submitted

**F. Aids to Navigation**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Aids to Navigation (ATONs) were positioned during this survey
- \_\_\_\_\_ New ATONS were positioned during this survey
- \_\_\_\_\_ Survey positions match charted positions
- \_\_\_\_\_ The surveyor / data provider issued DTONs or notified the USCG for any ATON discrepancies
- \_\_\_\_\_ ATON discrepancies were noted during office evaluation and submitted as DTONs.

**G. Shoreline and Bottom Samples**

- \_\_\_\_\_ The shoreline (MHW and/or MLLW lines) were included as part of this survey
- \_\_\_\_\_ Surveyed shoreline matches charted shoreline
- \_\_\_\_\_ Surveyed shoreline compares with NGS/RSD source data
- \_\_\_\_\_ Surveyed shoreline should be used to revise nautical charts
- \_\_\_\_\_ Shoreline features were positioned during this survey
- \_\_\_\_\_ Surveyed features match charted shoreline
- \_\_\_\_\_ Surveyed features compares with NGS/RSD source data
- \_\_\_\_\_ Surveyed features should be used to revise nautical charts
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bottom samples were acquired during this survey
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bottom sample spacing was in accordance with NOAA HSSDM requirements
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bottom samples should be used to update NOAA charts



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**IV. COMMENTS**

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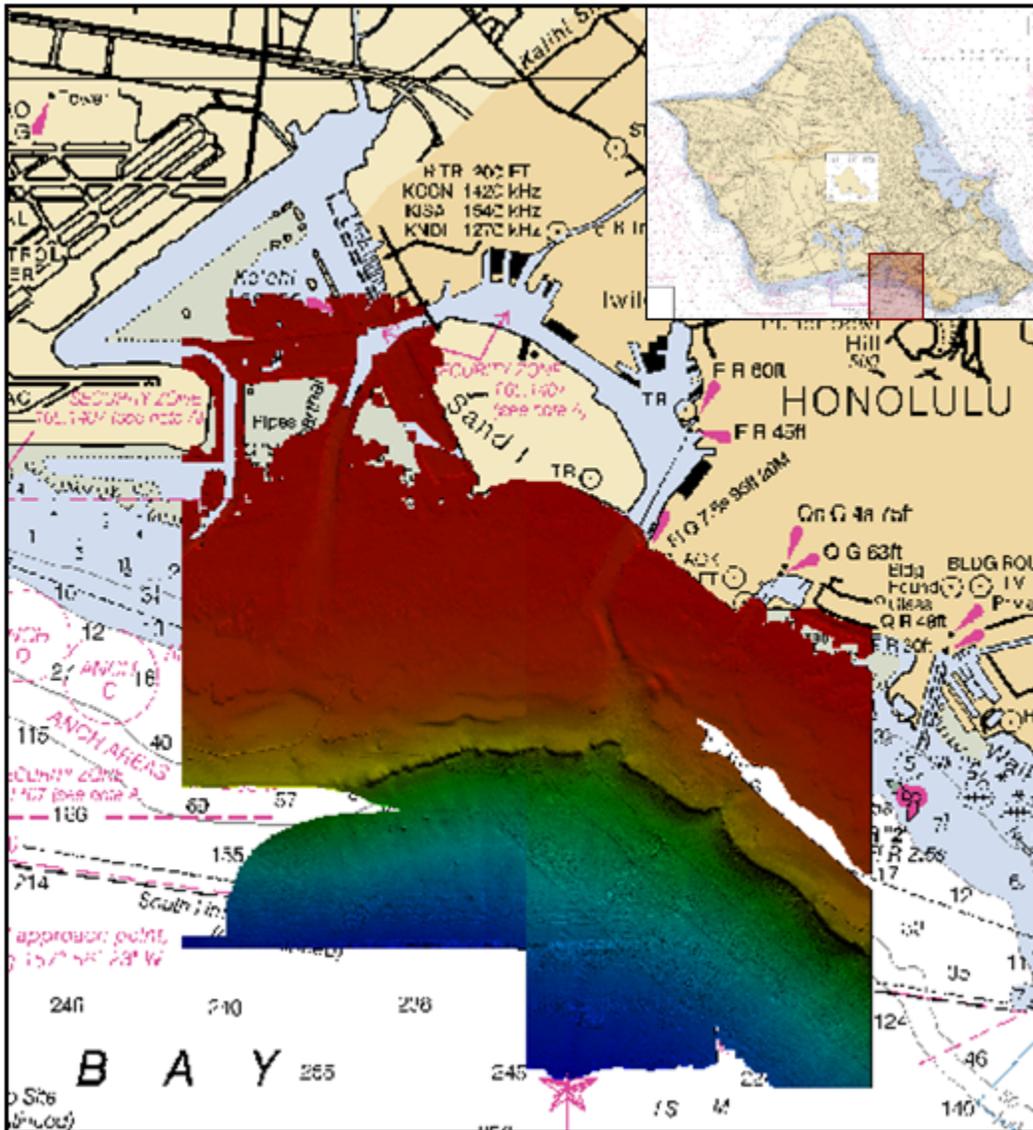
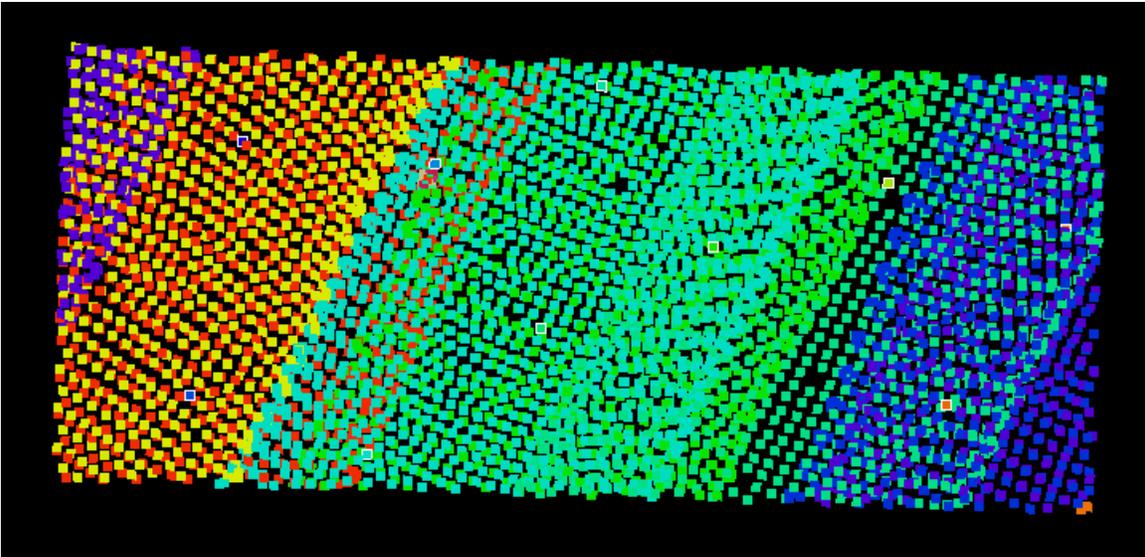
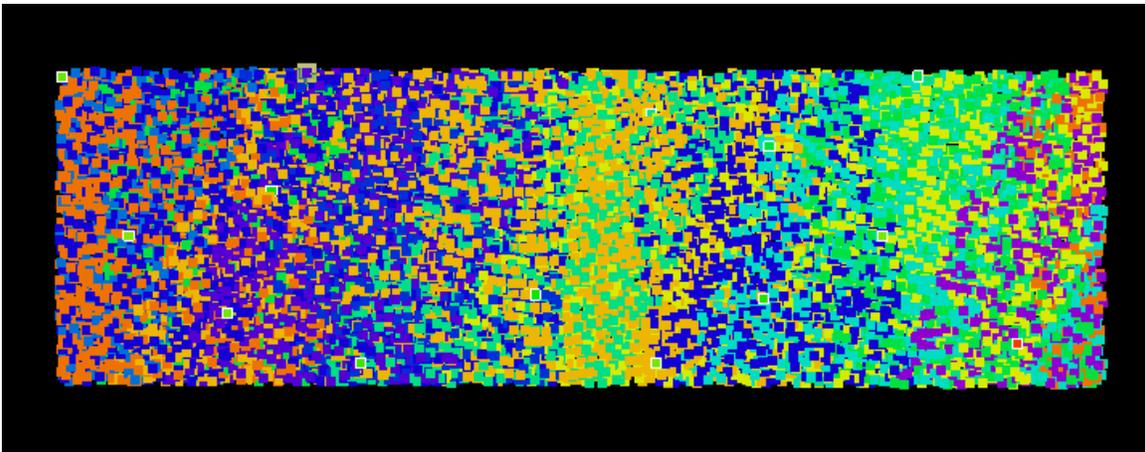


Figure 1. An overview of the area covered by NAVOCEANO surveys W00100 and W00101. The surveys cover the approaches to Honolulu Harbor located on the southern coast of Oahu Island, HI. Digital terrain models (DTMs) from each survey area were overlain on NOAA chart 19357.

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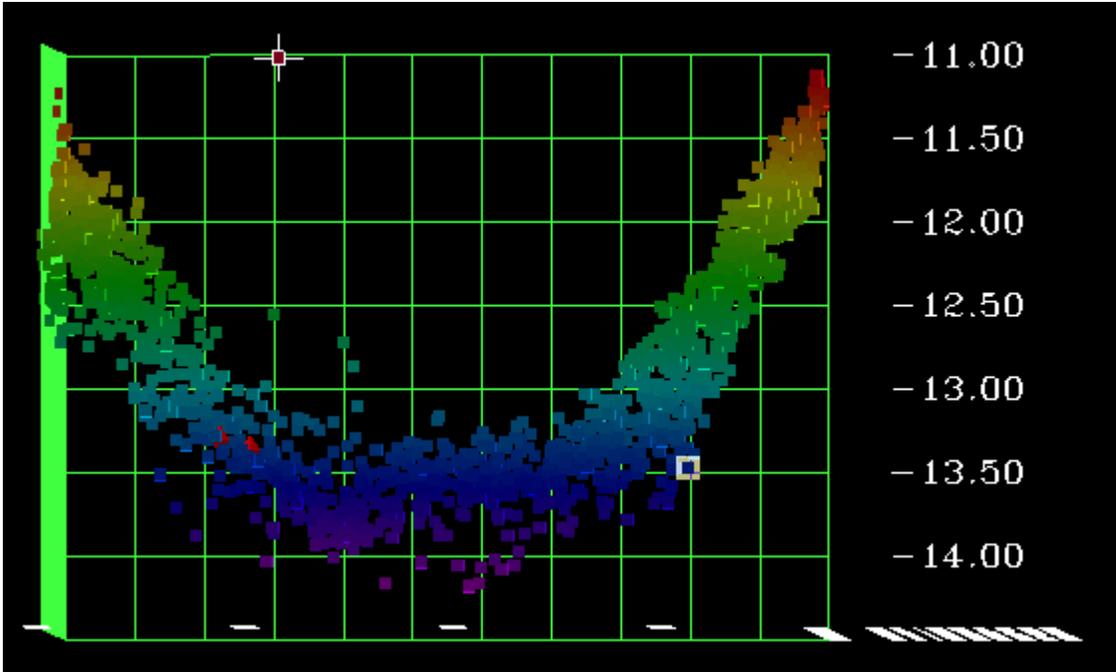


**Figure 2.** An image captured from Fledermaus' 3D Editor displaying the data redundancy from survey W00100. It appears that 200 percent coverage was achieved for the majority of the Lidar survey area, which greatly improves object detection capability of the SHOALS system. Soundings are colored by survey line.

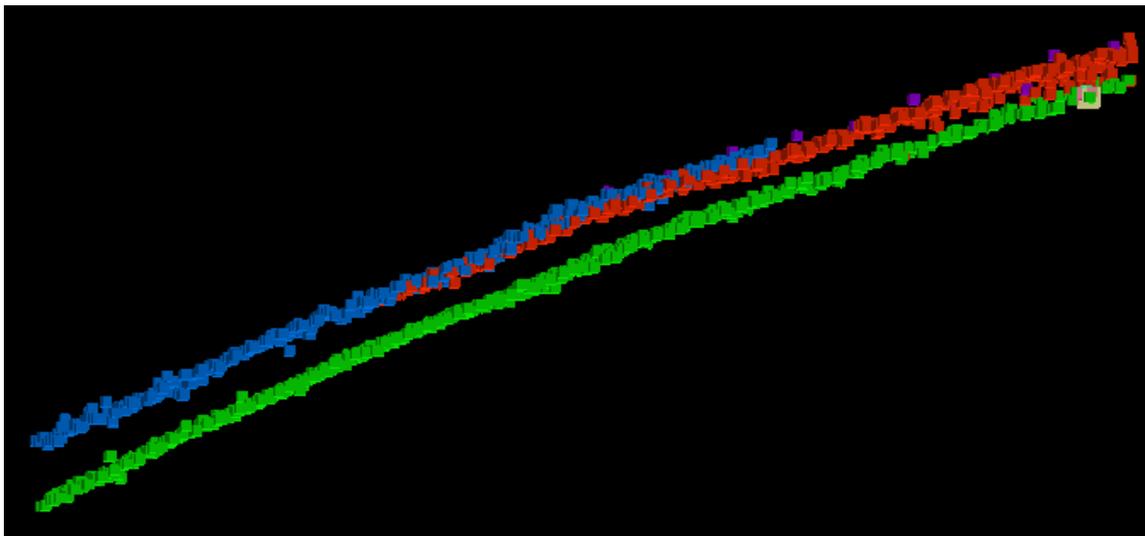


**Figure 3.** An image captured from Fledermaus' 3D Editor displaying the data redundancy from survey W00101. Lidar data coverage far exceeded 200 percent coverage. Soundings are colored by survey line.

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**Figure 4.** A flier from Kalihi channel (Survey W00101) is shown in Fledermaus 3D Editor with soundings colored by depth in meters. The flier was selected as a smooth sheet sounding by NAVOCEANO. The true depth of the channel is approximately 13 meters (42.7 feet). <sup>1</sup>



**Figure 5.** A vertical offset of up to 1 meter was observed between soundings surveyed with the EM3000 sonar system and those surveyed with the EM1002 sonar and SHOALS 400 Lidar system. An example of the offset can be seen in the above image taken in Fledermaus 3D Editor and colored by survey line. The soundings shown in green are from the EM3000 system, soundings in red and blue are from the EM1002 system and those in purple are from the SHOALS 400 system.

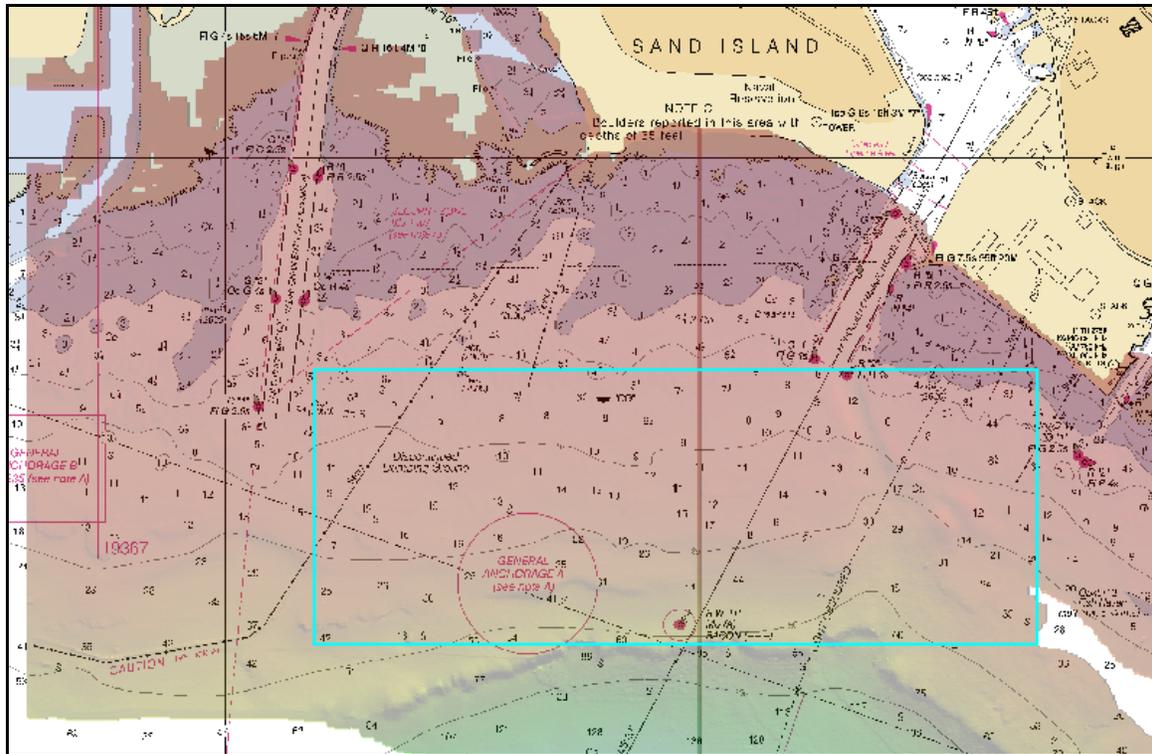


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**Figure 6.** DTMs for survey W00100 and W00101 are overlain on chart 19369 with the blue squared-off region approximating the area where data was acquired with the EM3000 sonar system. EM3000 sounding data was consistently deeper than data acquired with the EM1002 and SHOALS Lidar system where the data overlapped.

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## V. CHART COMPARISON

### Affected Charts

Chart	Scale	Edition	Date	Units
19367	1:5,000	38 <sup>th</sup>	12/1/2006	Feet
19369	1:20,000	6 <sup>th</sup>	10/01/2006	Fathoms
19357	1:80,000	23 <sup>rd</sup>	07/01/2006	Fathoms

In general, smooth sheet depths agree with the charted soundings within 1 fathom. Shoaler surveyed depths should supersede deeper charted soundings, with exceptions noted below. <sup>2</sup>

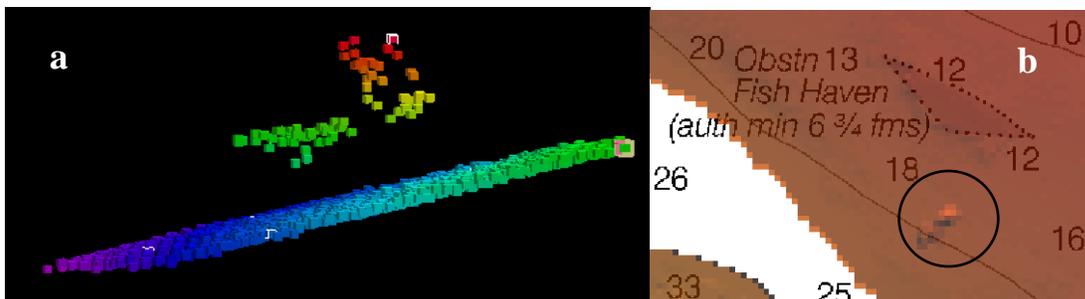
All charted wrecks, rocks, obstructions and shoals should be retained due to the absence of item investigations in the survey area and the unproven object detection capability of LIDAR systems for use in disapprovals of charted features. <sup>3</sup>

The following sections include survey specific details regarding the chart comparison completed by the Reviewer.

### SURVEY W00100

#### Reported Features

In Appendix D (Targets and Obstructions) of the Lidar Report of Survey, NAVOCEANO reported a wreck located at 21°16'48.3" N, 157°51'34.95" W. The feature was visible in both the submitted DTM and in the Fledermaus sounding grid. However, it is unclear from the soundings displayed in Fledermaus 3D Editor whether the feature is a wreck as reported or an obstruction from the charted (19369) Fish Haven located approximately 100 meters to the north (Figure 7). The least depth over the obstruction was 22.2 meters (12.1 fm) and is represented in NAVOCEANO's smooth sheet. <sup>4</sup>

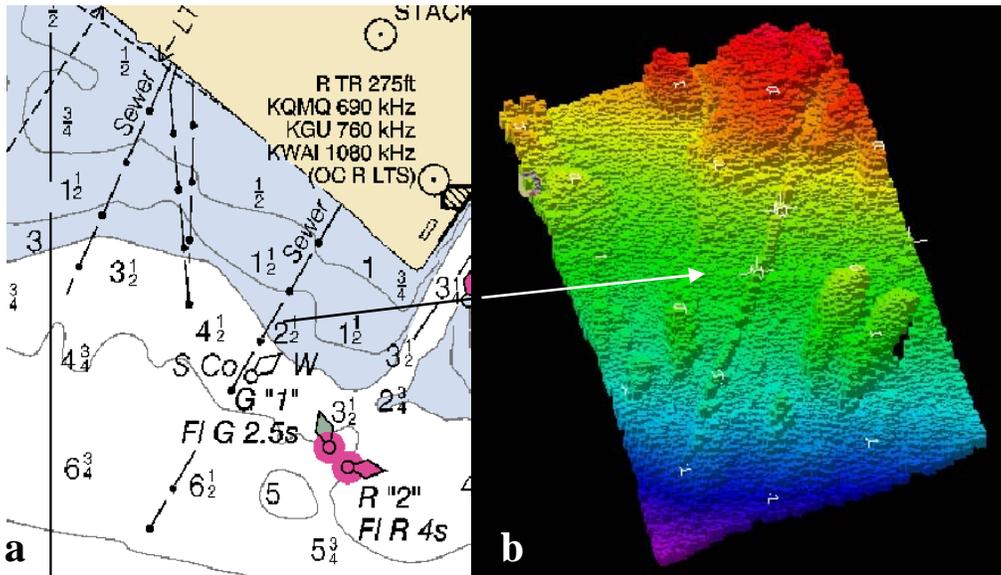


**Figure 7.** (a) A new obstruction displayed in Fledermaus 3D Editor with soundings colored by depth. (b) The obstruction is also visible in a DTM of survey W00100, located approximately 100 meters south of a charted fish haven. The DTM is overlain on chart 19369.

NAVOCEANO reported a pipeline surveyed between 21°17'18.08" N, 157°51'51.34" W and 21°17'11.72" N, 157°51'55.39" W. The reported coordinates matchup with a charted sewer

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pipeline located between Honolulu Channel and Kewalo Harbor (Figure 8). The pipeline was visible in the Fledermaus DTM and sounding data submitted by NAVOCEANO (Figure 8).<sup>5</sup>



**Figure 8.** (a) The position of a charted (19369) sewer pipeline was corroborated by NAVOCEANO data. (b) The pipeline is visible in the sounding set when displayed in Fledermaus 3D Editor. The pipeline depths are slightly shoaler than the surrounding seafloor and follow a linear path from the northeast corner to the southwest.

### Charted Features

The current issue of Coast Pilot 7-Chapter 14-556 claims that Honolulu channel is 45-feet deep. Honolulu channel depths tabulated on Charts 19369 and 19367 (see Table 1) were from an Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) survey completed in December 2004. The ACOE depths reported on charts 19369 and 19367 are more recent than those acquired by NAVOCEANO for survey W00100 which was completed in 2000. There is good agreement between those depths surveyed in 2000 and 2004, however, soundings in Honolulu Channel from survey W00100 should not supersede the ACOE depth values currently tabulated on charts 19369 and 19367.<sup>6</sup>

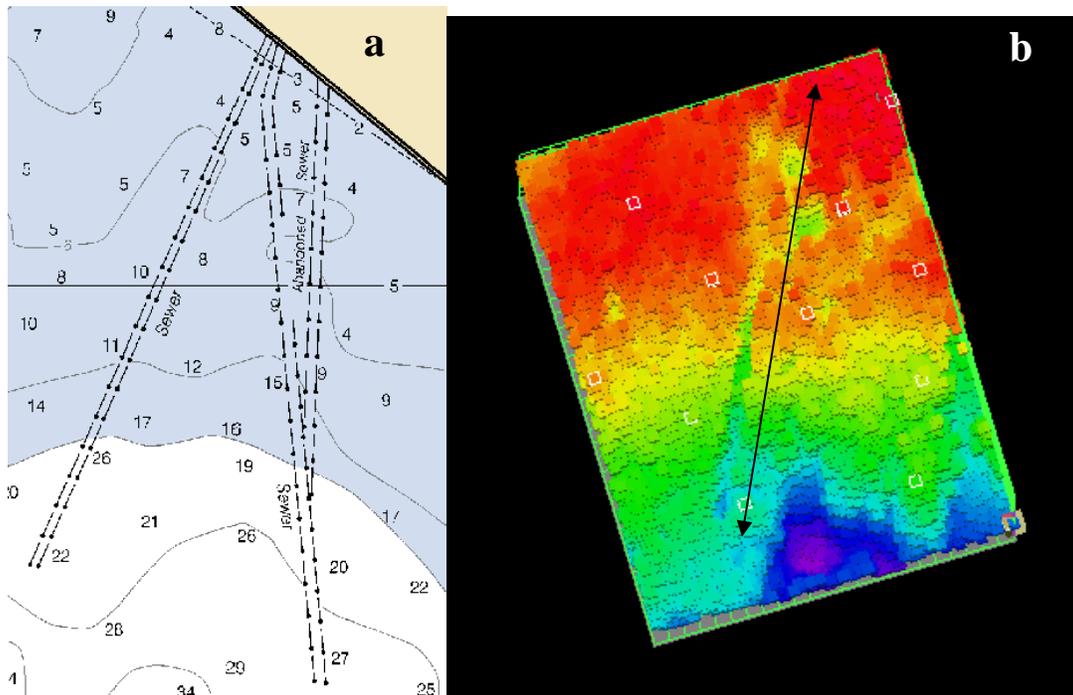
Name of Channel	Left Outside Quarter	Left Inside Quarter	High Inside Quarter	High Outside Quarter	Date of Survey
Honolulu Channel Range	39.0	47.0	45.0	31.0	12-04

**Table 1.** Honolulu channel depths surveyed by the Army Corps of Engineers and tabulated on NOAA charts 19369 and 19367.

NAVOCEANO reported that three charted (19369, 19367) sewer pipelines located between Honolulu Channel and Kewalo Harbor were not visible in the surveyed data. The Reviewer agrees that there was no visible evidence of the sewer pipeline approximately charted between 21°17'21.39" N, 157°51'52.4" W to 21°17'35.05" N, 157°51'53.14" W; however, a linear feature

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was noted in Fledermaus 3D Editor that closely approximates the position of the western most sewer pipeline in the cluster of three (Figure 9). It is recommended that the sewer pipelines remain as charted. <sup>7</sup>



**Figure 9.** (a) Three charted (19367) sewer pipelines were disputed by NAVOCEANO in the Lidar ROS. (b) Upon review of the sounding data in Fledermaus 3DEditor, a linear path was visible carved into the seafloor that closely approximated the position of the western most charted pipeline.

### Chart 19369

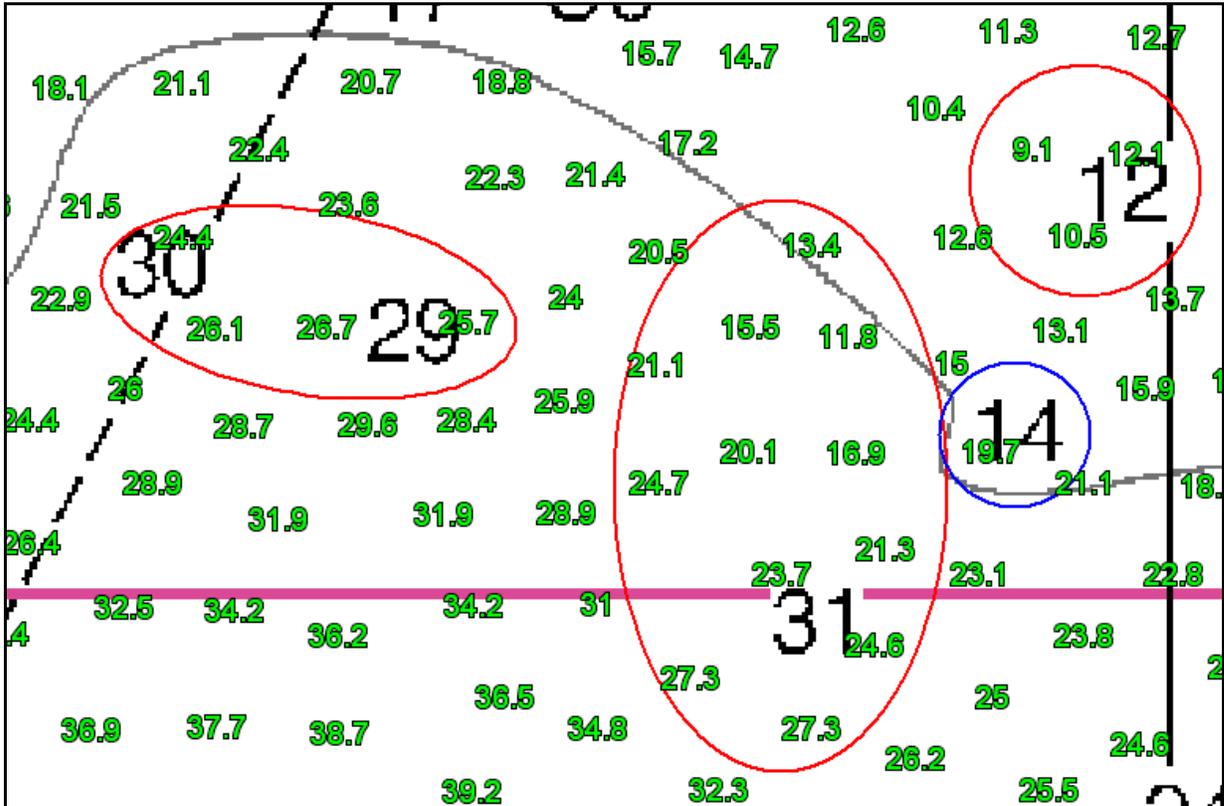
A 38-fathom sounding was surveyed in the vicinity of a charted (19369) 27-fathom depth located at 21°16'17.18" N, 157°51'20.44" W. The surveyed depths were acquired with NAVOCEANO's multibeam sonar systems, not with Lidar; therefore it is recommended that the surveyed soundings supersede the chart. <sup>8</sup>

A new shoal was surveyed in the vicinity of the charted 20-fm contour with a least depth of 11.8 fathoms surveyed at 21°17'02.53" N, 157°52'07.01" W (Figure 10). The shoal extends south of the 20-fm contour, with a depth of 24 fathoms surveyed over charted 30 and 31 fathom soundings. Also, a 9.1-fm sounding was surveyed in the vicinity of a charted 12-fm depth located just north of the 20-fm contour at 21°17'07.7" N, 157°52'01.5" W. <sup>9</sup>

In the midst of the shoaling noted above, there is one instance of the surveyed depths proving deeper than charted depths. A depth of 19.7 fathoms was surveyed over a charted 14-fm depth (21°17'03.39"N, 157°52'02.77" W) located just north of a 20-fm contour line (Figure 10). It is

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recommended that the 14-fathom depth be superseded by surveyed depths and the 20-fathom contour updated to better approximate the new shoal.<sup>10</sup>

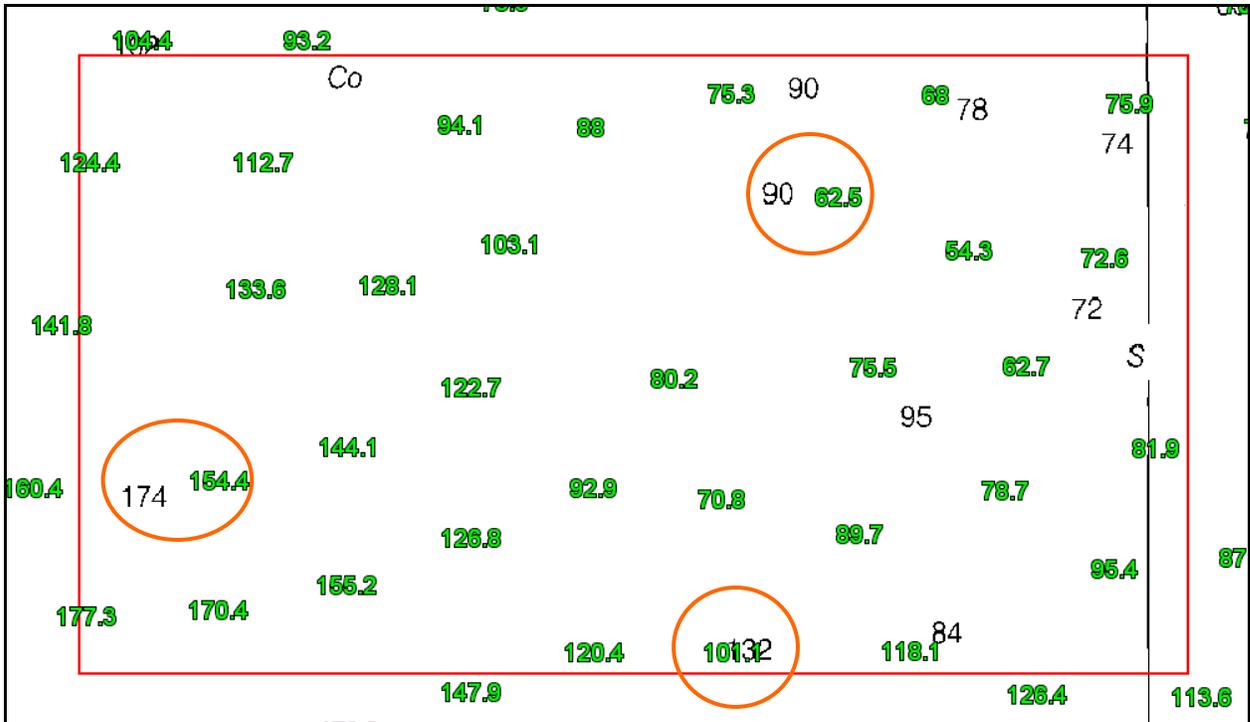


**Figure 10.** The image above is from a chart comparison completed between soundings acquired during survey W00100 and chart 19369. Surveyed depths are displayed in green and are overlain on chart 19369 with all depths shown in fathoms. The red circles highlight areas of significant shoaling and the blue circle indicates significant deepening.

Chart 19367

Significant shoaling was noted to the west of the 157°52' parallel on the southern portion of chart 19367. Surveyed depths are up to 31 feet shallower than charted soundings with a 101-foot sounding surveyed in the vicinity of a charted 132-foot depth (21°17'3.14" N, 157°52'05.4" W) and a 62.5-foot sounding surveyed in the vicinity of a charted 90-foot depth (21°17'08.99" N, 157°52'05.03" W) (Figure 11). The shoal extends to the southwest from the charted 90-foot depth where a 154-foot sounding is surveyed in the vicinity of a charted 174-foot depth (21°17'06.78" N, 157°52'06.99" W). It is recommended that the surveyed depths supersede charted soundings.<sup>11</sup>

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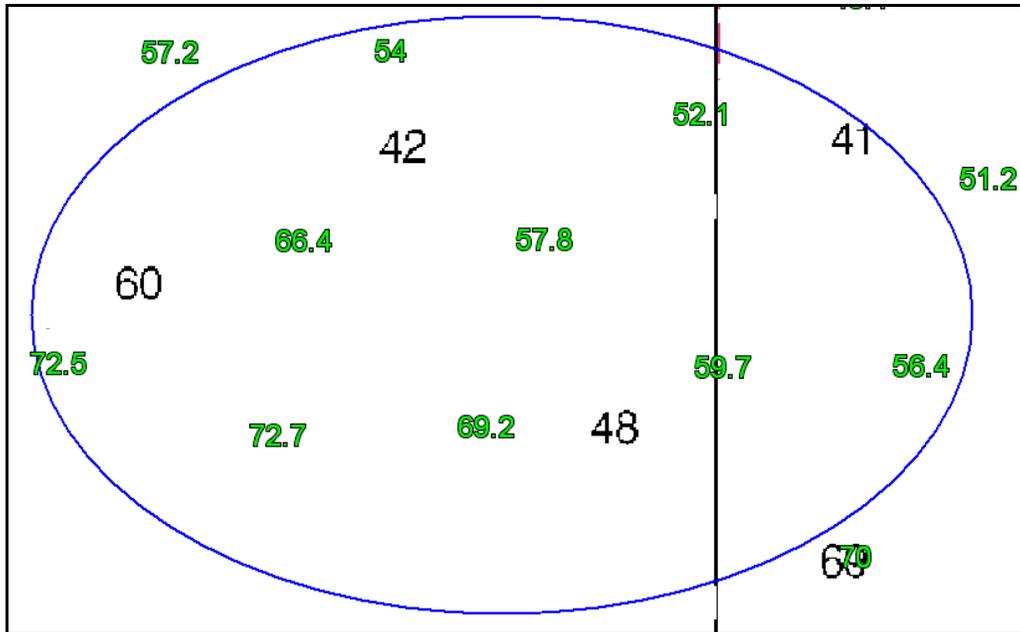
**Figure 11.** A new shoaling trend was noted in the Southeast section of chart 19367 just west of the 157°52' parallel. Surveyed depths are shown in green, overlain on chart 19367. All surveyed depths are in feet. The orange circles highlight the pronounced depth discrepancies between charted and surveyed soundings described in the section above.

Additional shoaling was noted east of the 157°52'30" parallel, with a depth of 113.6 feet surveyed in the vicinity of a charted 144-foot sounding (21°17'03.65" N, 157°52'27.94" W) and a 90-foot depth surveyed over a 109-foot charted sounding (21°17'07.74" N, 157°52'28.32" W).<sup>12</sup>

A 54-foot sounding was surveyed in the vicinity of a charted 66-foot depth (21°17'19.53" N, 157°52'21.89" W) located just east of a charted "Discontinued Dumping Ground."<sup>13</sup>

Surveyed depths were significantly deeper than charted soundings in the vicinity of 21°17'13.51" N, 157°52'01.79" W. Surveyed depths were approximately 10-15 feet deeper than charted depths (Figure 12).<sup>14</sup>

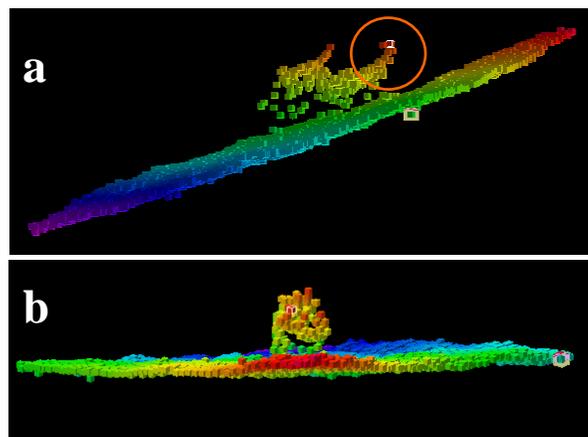
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**Figure 12.** A deepening trend was noted in the vicinity of the 157°52' parallel, with surveyed depths approximately 10-15 feet deeper than charted depths. Smooth sheet soundings are displayed in green in feet and are overlaid on chart 19367 (feet).

### New Features

A new obstruction was located during the review of survey W00100. The obstruction appears to be a potential wreck with a least depth of 49.84 meters (163.5 ft, 27.3 fm) located at 21°16'59.30" N, 157°52'8.646" W (Figure 13). It is recommended that the wreck be added to charts 19369 and 19367; however it does not pose a danger to navigation.<sup>15</sup>



**Figure 13.** (a) The new obstruction viewed from the east displayed in Fledermaus 3D Editor with soundings colored by depth. The least depth is circled in orange. (b) The obstruction viewed from the north.

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### SURVEY W00101

#### Smooth Sheet Soundings

A flier was found in Kalihi Channel during review of survey W00101. The sounding was positioned at 21°18'8" N, 157°53'47" W and was plotted on the NAVOCEANO smooth sheet with a depth of 11 meters (36 feet). When reviewed in Fledermaus 3D Editor, the selected smooth sheet sounding appeared to be a flier (See Figure 4). The true depth of the channel at the location is approximately 13 meters (42.7 feet). It is recommended that the submitted smooth sheet sounding of 11 meters be rejected and charted as 13 meters. <sup>16</sup>

#### Charted Features

The position of two charted (19369, 19367) sewer pipelines were confirmed by survey W00101 (Figure 14). The longer, western-most sewer was prominently displayed in the DTM submitted for survey W00101 since the pipeline was approximately 2-3 meters shallower than the surrounding seafloor (Figure 15a). The shorter, eastern-most sewer was not readily visible in the DTM of the surveyed depths, however, when soundings was viewed in Fledermaus 3D editor, there was an apparent linear indentation that followed with the charted position of the pipeline (Figure 15b). It is recommended that the sewers remain as charted. <sup>17</sup>

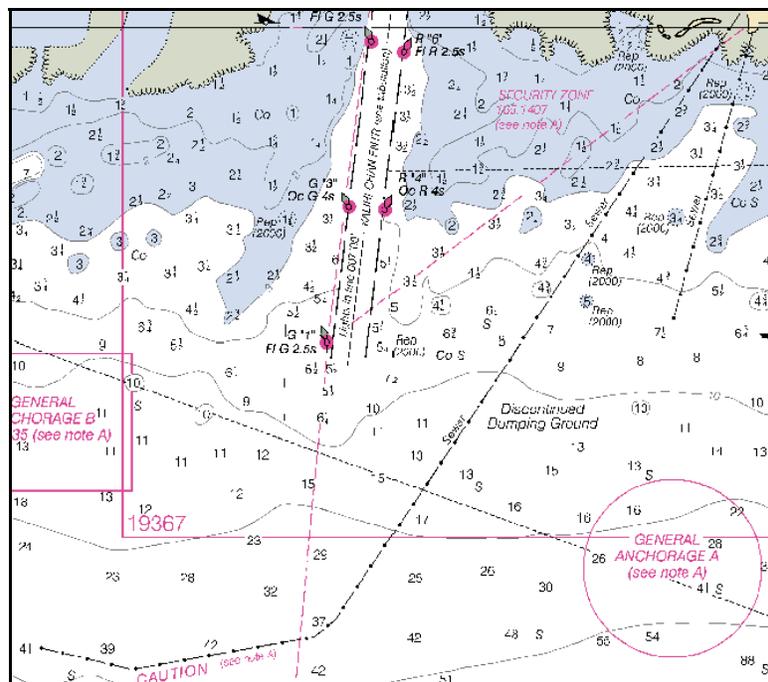
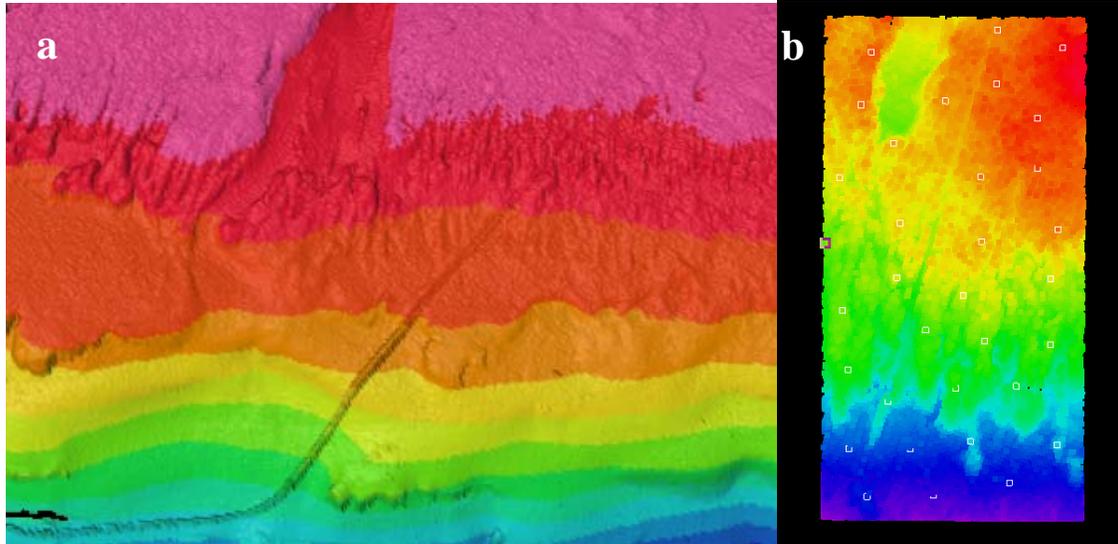


Figure 14. The charted sewer pipelines are displayed above as shown on chart 19367 (—•—•—).



**Figure 15. (a)** A charted sewer from survey W00101 is prominently displayed in a DTM of the surveyed depths shown in Fledermaus. The pipeline was approximately 2-3 meters shallower than the surrounding seafloor. **(b)** The linear depression visible in the DTM from survey W00101 that traverses the image from northeast to southwest shows the track of the eastern-most charted sewer within the survey limits. The DTM is colored by depth.

Coast Pilot 7-Chapter 14-556 claims a depth of 23-feet for Kalihi Channel leading into Kapalama Basin. The surveyed depths in the channel are significantly deeper than reported in the Coast Pilot, with NAVO surveyed depths in the southern entrance to Kalihi channel ranging between 34 and 43 feet. A table titled “Honolulu Harbor Channel Depths” from chart 19369/19367 that lists depths for the Honolulu Channel, Kalihi Channel and Emergency Turning Basin as follows:

Name of Channel	Left Outside Quarter	Left Inside Quarter	High Inside Quarter	High Outside Quarter	Date of Survey
Kalihi Channel Entrance	34.0	33.0	33.0	14.0	2-99
Emergency Turning Basin	28.0	34.0	34.0	27.0	2,3-99

The surveyed depths in Kalihi Channel corroborate the depths tabulated in Chart 19369/19367, not the 23-foot channel depth reported in the Coast Pilot. <sup>18</sup>

#### Chart 19369

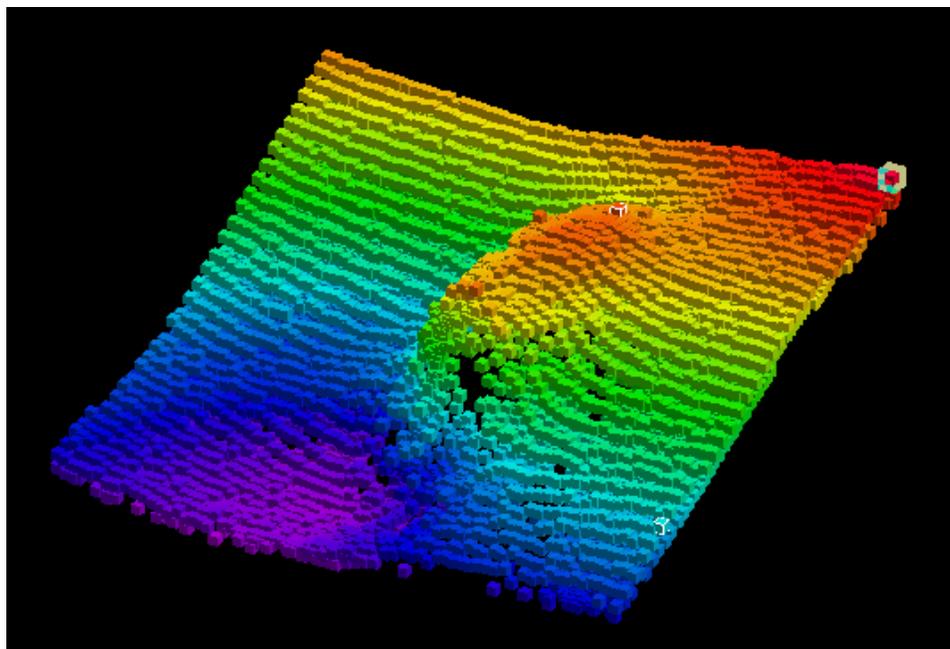
In general, surveyed depths agreed with charted depths within 1 fathom. Large discrepancies were noted along the deeper charted (19369) contours with variations of up to 4 fathoms along the 50-fathom contour and shoaling of up to 8 fathoms noted along the 200-fathom contour. <sup>19</sup> Several significant discrepancies noted during the chart comparison are listed below.

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A 74-fathom sounding was surveyed in the vicinity of a charted 88-fm sounding located at 21°16'45.8" N, 157°53'2.07" W. <sup>20</sup>

Surveyed depths were approximately 8 fathoms shoaler than a charted 44-fm sounding located at 21°16'55.8" N, 157°52'46.24" W. <sup>21</sup>

A 40-fathom sounding was surveyed in the vicinity of a charted 48-fm sounding located at 21°16'48.8" N, 157°53'31.7" W. The smooth sheet sounding of 73 meters represents the least depth of a new shoal (Figure 16). <sup>22</sup>



**Figure 16.** A new shoal located at 21°16'48.8" N, 157°53'31.7" W is displayed in Fledermaus 3D Editor with soundings colored by depth.

Some shoaling was also noted at the eastern entrance of Kalihi Channel where the reef has expanded seaward. In particular, the reef shoaling was most significant in the vicinity of 21°18'03.27" N, 157°53'42.38" W where 1-fm (2-m) soundings were surveyed seaward of the 1-fm contour and near 21°17'57.07" N, 157°53'33.16" W where a 0.2-fm (0.4-m) sounding was surveyed in the vicinity of a charted 1.5-fm depth (Figure 17). <sup>23</sup>



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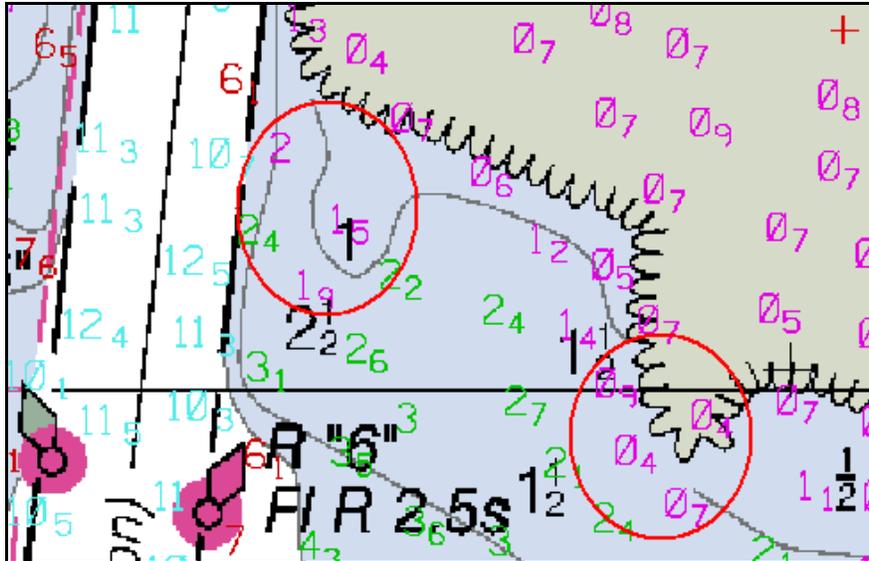


Figure 17. This image shows the W00101 smooth sheet overlain on chart 19369. Smooth sheet soundings are shown in blue, green, pink and red and are in meters, while charted depths are in fathoms. The red circles highlight areas where the reef has expanded seaward resulting in significant shoaling.

A significant deepening trend was noted to the east of the sewer pipelines along the 3-fm contour. It is recommended that the charted (19369) 3-fm contour be adjusted inland to better define the depth trends in the vicinity of 21°17'41.42" N, 157°52'55.84" W. An approximation of the true 3-fathom contour line based on the smooth sheet depths is shown in Figure 18.<sup>24</sup>

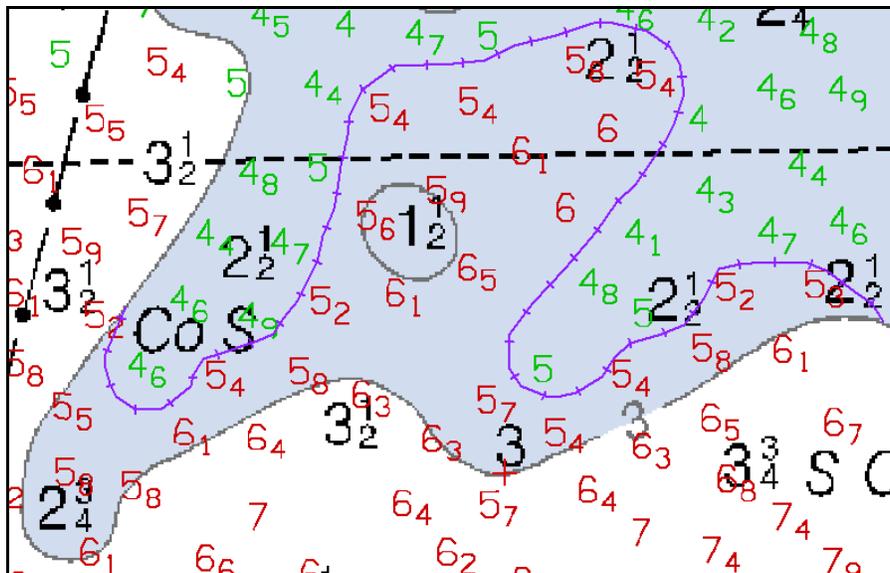
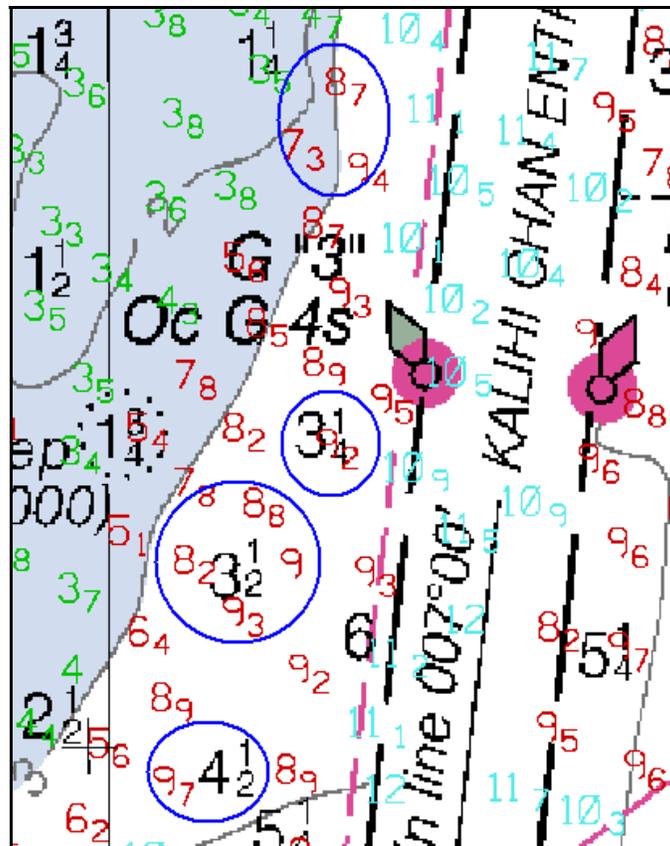


Figure 18. The purple line above is an approximation of the true 3-fm (5.5-m) depth contour. The chart in the background is 19369, with the smooth sheet from survey W00101 overlaid on top with depths in meters.

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On the west side of the Kalihi Channel, a deepening trend was noted between the charted (19369) 3 and 5 fathom contours. Surveyed depths were 0.5 – 1.75 fathoms (1.5 – 3 m) deeper than charted. The deepening trend ranged approximately from 21°17'46.03" N, 157°53'53.7" W to 21°17'28.73" N, 157°53'57.2" W (Figure 19).<sup>25</sup>

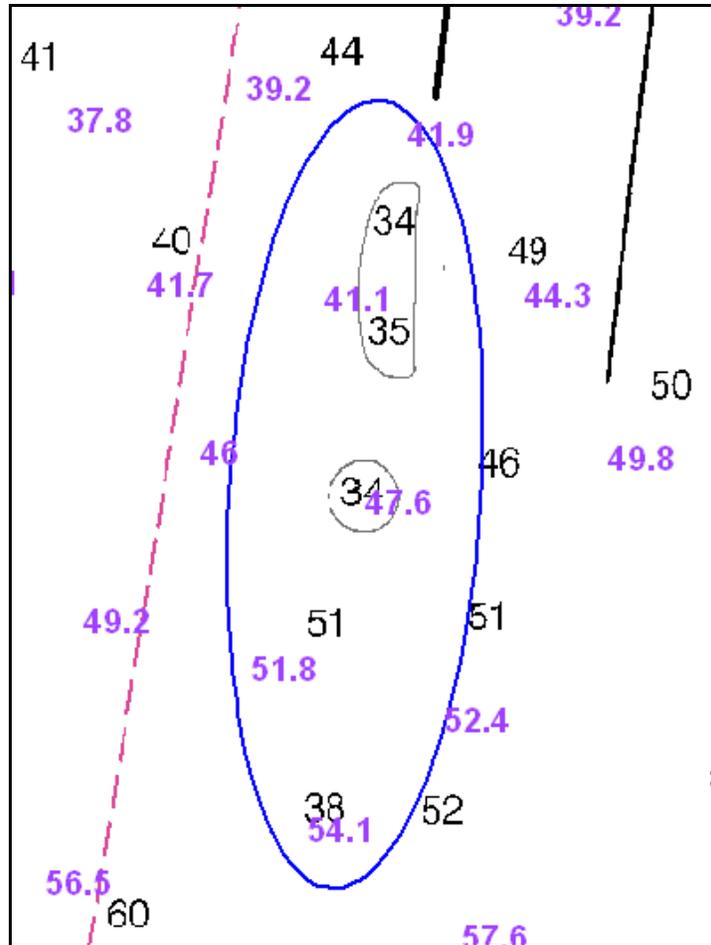


**Figure 19.** The blue circles highlight areas where surveyed depths were significantly deeper than charted depths (0.5 to 1.75 fm deeper than charted). The smooth sheet soundings from survey W00101 are shown in meters in green, red and blue and are overlaid on chart 19369, with depths in fathoms.

#### Chart 19367

It was reported by NAVOCEANO that four charted shoal depths of 34, 35, 34 and 38 feet south of Kalihi channel buoy G “1” in the vicinity of 21°17'15" N, 157°53'55" W were not supported by surveyed data. A chart comparison and a review of the high density data set in Fledermaus confirmed this claim. Surveyed depths were between 6 and 16 feet deeper than the charted depths (Figure 20). It is recommended that the surveyed depths supersede the charted soundings.<sup>26</sup>

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**Figure 20.** The blue circle highlights the four depths (34, 35, 34 and 38) that were surveyed significantly deeper than charted. Chart 19367 is shown in the background with smooth sheet depths from survey W00101 displayed in purple. Charted and surveyed depths are in feet.

There was some significant shoaling noted between the 24 and 36 foot contours on chart 19367. Surveyed depths were between 5 and 10 feet shallower than charted depths. It is recommended that the 24, 30 and 36 foot contours be updated to represent the changes in depth trends.<sup>27</sup> Some locations of particular note include:

- A 25.3-foot sounding surveyed in the vicinity of a charted 33-foot depth (21°17'29.58" N, 157°53'42.53" W).
- A 29.1-foot sounding surveyed seaward of a charted 36-foot contour (21°17'29.1" N, 157°53'33.33" W).
- An 18.4-foot sounding surveyed in the vicinity of a charted 28-foot depth (21°17'32.11" N, 157°54'17.41" W).

Significant shoaling was also noted in the vicinity of 21°17'53.32" N, 157°53'20.46" W, where surveyed depths were 6 to 8 feet shallower than charted depths. In particular, a 3.4-foot sounding

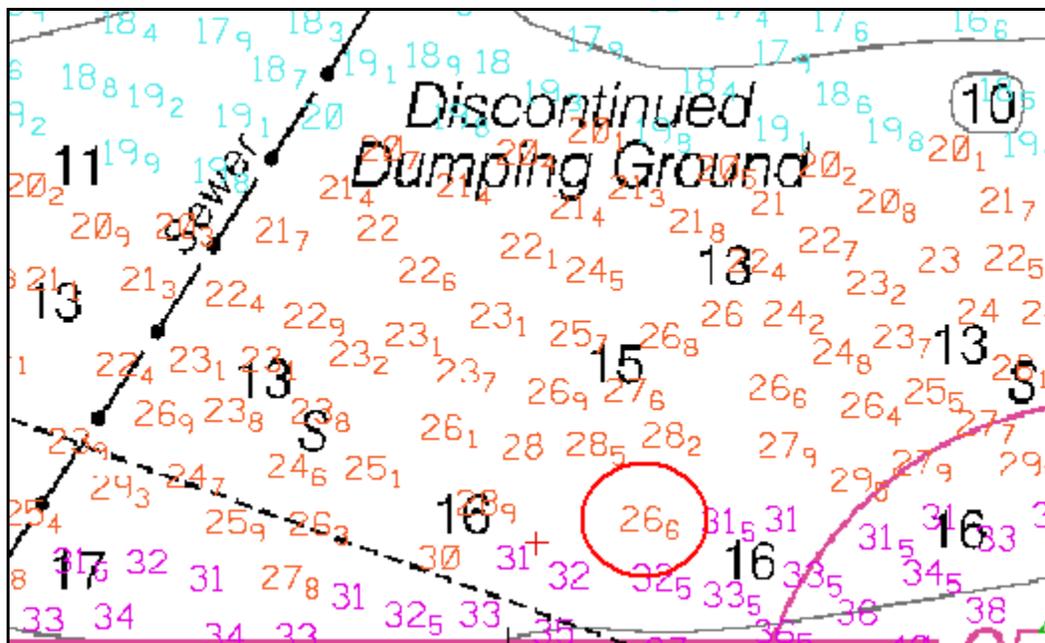
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was surveyed over a charted 9-foot sounding and a 7.2-foot sounding was surveyed over a 15-foot charted depth.<sup>28</sup>

A significant deepening trend was noted in the southeast corner of W00101 where it intersects with the Compass on Chart 19367. The largest discrepancy was between an 82.5-foot sounding that was surveyed in the vicinity of a charted 66-foot depth (21°17'10.64" N, 157°52'48.36" W).<sup>29</sup>

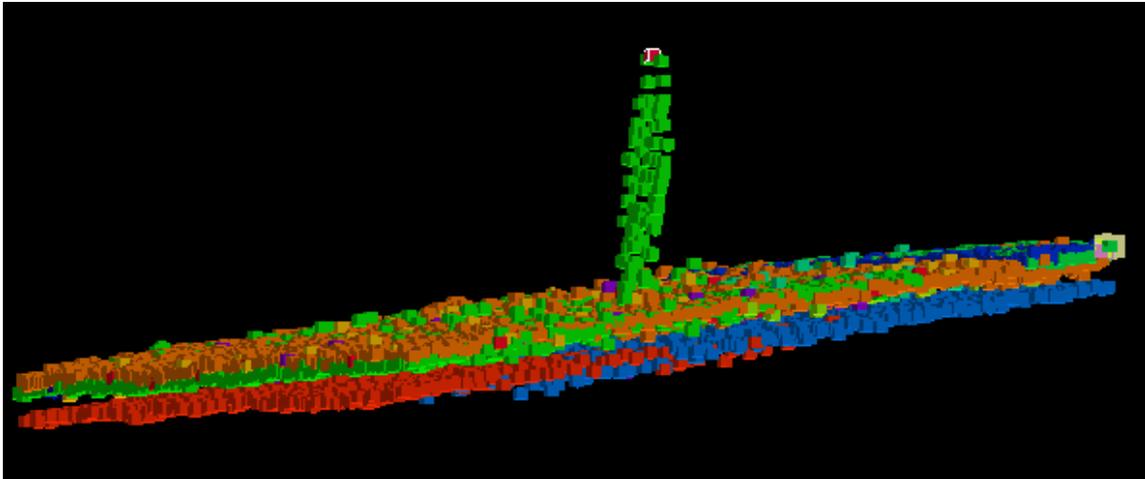
### New Features

A small pinnacle was surveyed at 21°17'3.6" N, 157°53'25.8" W with a least depth of 14.5 fm (26.6 meters). This depth is represented on the NAVOCEANO smooth sheet for survey W00101, positioned between two charted (19369) depths of 16 fathoms (Figure 21). This pinnacle is of an unknown origin and does not pose a danger to navigation. When the pinnacle was reviewed in Fledermaus 3D Editor, it was discovered that there were only hits from one Lidar survey line, despite 4 survey lines being run over the feature (Figure 22).<sup>30</sup>



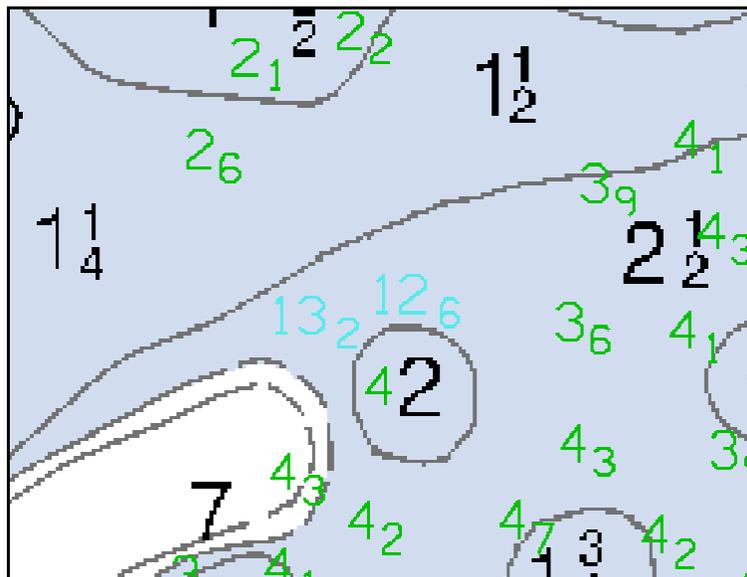
**Figure 21.** The red circle highlights the location of the pinnacle in comparison to chart 19369. The pinnacle had a least depth of 26.6 meters (14.5 fathoms). Smooth sheet soundings from survey W00101 are colored in blue, orange and pink and are shown in meters. Depths from chart 19369 are in fathoms.

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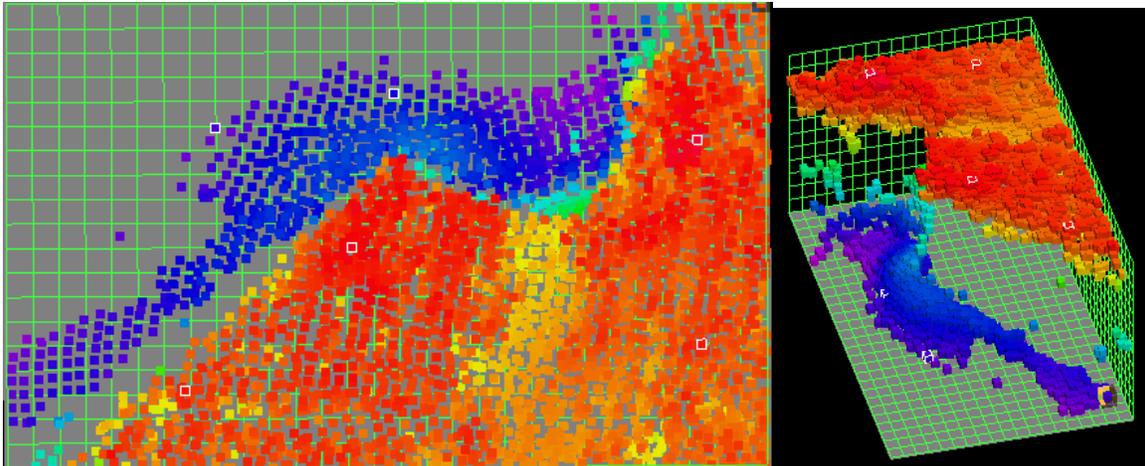
**Figure 22.** The new pinnacle shown in Fledermaus 3D Editor with soundings colored by survey line.

A small portion of a channel was surveyed in the northwest corner of survey W00101. Surveyed soundings of 13.2 and 12.6 meters (7.2 and 6.8 fathoms) were located in the vicinity of a charted 2-fathom sounding located at 21°17'44.97" N, 157°54'28.35" W (Figure 23). A review of the soundings in Fledermaus 3D Editor revealed a sudden drop in depth indicative of a channel (Figure 24). The westward extent of the channel is most likely defined by data from NAVOCEANO survey W00103.<sup>31</sup>



**Figure 23.** Smooth sheet soundings from survey W00101 are overlaid on chart 19369. The blue soundings represent the location of the surveyed channel. It is most likely an extension of the charted channel located slightly to the southwest. Smooth sheet soundings are in meters and charted depths are in fathoms.

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**Figure 24.** The channel boundary was clearly defined by surveyed data as viewed in Fledermaus 3D Editor from directly overhead and at a tilted angle. Soundings were colored by depth.

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### Revisions Compiled During Office Processing and Certification

- <sup>1</sup> Concur, delete the 11 meter sounding on the smooth sheet at approximately 21/18/8.5N and 157/53/46.3W.
- <sup>2</sup> Concur
- <sup>3</sup> Concur with clarification, chart soundings from this survey where there is an overlap of survey coverage or a consistent difference in depths with the current charted data. Retain charted soundings where there are gaps in survey coverage.
- <sup>4</sup> Chart as 12 ft Obstruction at the survey position.
- <sup>5</sup> Retain all charted pipelines.
- <sup>6</sup> Concur
- <sup>7</sup> Concur
- <sup>8</sup> Concur, chart soundings from this survey
- <sup>9</sup> Concur, chart soundings from this survey. These shoal depths also should be used to update chart 19367.
- <sup>10</sup> Concur
- <sup>11</sup> Concur
- <sup>12</sup> Concur, Chart according to this survey.
- <sup>13</sup> Concur, Chart according to this survey.
- <sup>14</sup> Concur, Chart according to this survey.
- <sup>15</sup> Do not concur, chart a 27 fathom obstruction
- <sup>16</sup> Concur, the smooth sheet has been annotated
- <sup>17</sup> Concur
- <sup>18</sup> The Coast Pilot should be updated to reflect the current depths in Kalihi Channel.
- <sup>19</sup> Concur
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- <sup>25</sup> Concur, Chart area according to the smooth sheet. These shoaling should also be used to update chart 19367.
- <sup>26</sup> Concur with clarification, chart soundings from this survey where there is an overlap of survey coverage or a consistent difference in depths with the current charted data. Retain charted soundings where there are gaps in survey coverage.
- <sup>27</sup> Concur, chart the following depths as found on this survey.
- <sup>28</sup> Concur, Chart area according to this survey.
- <sup>29</sup> Concur, Chart area according to this survey.
- <sup>30</sup> Chart an 87 foot sounding on Chart 19367 at the survey position.
- <sup>31</sup> Concur

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640702	07 June - 30 June 02	Paul Taylor	Steve Cash
640802	05 July-29 July 02	Paul Taylor	Shirley Dorsey

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## 1.0 General

## 1.1 General Information.

### 1.1.1 Scale of survey areas:

FORAC III	1:10,000
SESEF	1:10,000
LIDAR	1:10,000
PUMA	1:10,000
3 Mile Box	1:10,000

### 1.1.2 Source of shorelines. Shoreline source is imagery.

### 1.1.3 Hydrographic Project Specifications:

Hydrographic Technical Specifications for the Hawaiian Islands, Archive No. 02US27, Technical Specification No. TS-02-HYD-09.

### 1.1.4 Positioning systems (see paragraph 2.2 for specifics).

Trimble Tasman Global Positioning System (GPS) Receiver, primary GPS Receiver, used Wide Area Differential Global Positioning System (WADGPS) Beacon Receiver

### 1.1.5 Echosounder systems

#### 1.1.5.1 Transducer frequencies and beam width angles:

Echosounder System	Frequency	Swath Angle	Mode	Beams	Swath Width
ODEC 12	12 kHz	30 degrees		Single beam	
ODEC 3.5	3.5 kHz	30 degrees		Single beam	
SIMRAD EM121A	12 kHz	120 degrees			
			Shallow	61 beams	4 degrees
			Intermediate	121 beams	2 degrees
			Deep	121 beams	1 degrees
SIMRAD EM1002	95 kHz	135 degrees		111 beams	2 degrees
SIMRAD EM3000	300 kHz	120/140 degrees		127 beams	4 degrees
SIMRAD EM500/EM502	200, 38,12 kHz			Single beam	

### 1.1.6 Draft and offset information for the USNS BRUCE C. HEEZEN: See paragraphs 5.3.1, 14.1.

## 1.2 Weather.

### 1.2.1 SURVOP 640702 and 640802. Nothing significant affecting the weather.

### 1.3 Extraneous activities affecting the survey.

1.3.1 SURVOP 640702. No extraneous activities affecting the data to report.

1.3.2 SURVOP 640802. Kaula Rock. Naval exercise was being held while this survey area data collection was already in progress. The Kaula Rock area was (50) fifty percent completed. The vessel was asked to leave the area.

## 2.0 Geodetic Control

2.1 Horizontal Datum: World Geodetic System of 1984

Projection: Transverse Mercator

Spheroid: World Geodetic System of 1984

Grid: Universal Transverse Mercator

2.2 Existing and new control used.

2.2.1 SURVOPS 640702 and 640802. No existing geodetic control was used.

2.2.2 SURVOPS 640702 and 640802. No new geodetic control was used.

2.3 Datum shifts.

2.3.1. SURVOPS 640702 and 640802. No datum shifts were conducted.

2.4 Horizontal Control Reports. Not applicable.

2.5. Station Description/Recovery Forms. Not applicable

2.6 Vertical Datum: Mean Sea Level

2.7 Sounding Datum: Mean Low Low Water (MLLW)

## 3.0 Digital Surveying System

3.1 Data acquisition system

3.1.1 Ship.

ISS-60 ver. 2.1

SIMRAD EM1002 (MBES)ver 5\_1u25B 06.06.2002

SIMRAD EM121A (MBES)  
SIMRAD EA502 (SBES) ver. 1.0.0.12  
3.5 kHz Laptop Win98 ver. 4.10.98  
Bathy 2000W ver. 2.0  
ADCP  
MK12 ver. 1.12 (16 Feb99)

### 3.1.2 Hydrographic Survey Launches, (HSL's.)

ISS-60 ver. 2.1  
SIMRAD EM3000 ver. 5.1v5 15.01.2000  
DATASONICS NT ver. 4.0 Service pack 5  
GEODAS ver. 4.0

## 3.2 Data processing systems.

3.2.1 Multibeam Data processing and validation were accomplished using NAVOCEANO, Pure File Magic, Area Based Editor Version 4.0 operating under LINUX Version 7.1. UNISIPS version 4.0 was used to validate the Side Scan Sonar data.

3.2.2 CTD Processing System was SEASOFT version 4.246a, 16 October 01 and SVPG version 2.90, 02 July 01.

## 4.0 Side Scan Sonar

### 4.1 Equipment.

4.1.1 The side scan sonar system comprised the Datasonics SIS-1501 Digital System. This system frequencies are 100 kHz and 400 kHz. This system is manufactured by Oceanic Imaging Consultants, INC, GeoDAS Sonar Processing System using the Klein 5000 Towfish. Digital snaps shots of the targets were obtained and 100 percent coverage of the areas were achieved.

### 4.1.2 Confidence checks.

Rub tests were performed daily prior to deployment of the towfish.

### 4.2 Requirements.

Side scan sonar coverage was required for depths less than 40 meters specifically in harbors, approaches to harbors and in anchorage areas. Greater than 150 percent sweep coverage was required. Wrecks, obstructions, rock pinnacles, coral heads, or isolated shoals discovered were to be investigated in accordance with HP 6.4.3 guidelines and least depth attained by multibeam where possible.

### 4.3 Coverage.

4.3.1 SURVOP 640702. No side scan sonar (SSS) data files were collected during this survey operation, due to equipment failure.

#### 4.3.2 SURVOP 640802.

The above listed areas were side scanned with a 50 meter line spacing and a SSS range of 50 meters.

### 5.0 Calibrations

#### 5.1 Positioning Systems.

WADGPS along with Position and Orientation System for Marine Vessels (POSMV) were used to position the vessels. No calibrations of positioning systems were required.

#### 5.2 Multi-beam system.

5.2.1 SURVOP 640702 .EM121A. Intermediate Water Roll, Pitch and Timing Calibrations were completed on the EM121a system. Only the Deep Water Pitch Calibration was completed for the EM121a system. The Intermediate Water Roll Calibration was accomplished with the selection of a 1160 meters length line to navigate along. The Intermediate Water Pitch Calibration was accomplished with the selection of a 1479 meters length line to navigate perpendicular to the slope. The Deep Water Pitch Calibration was accomplished with the selection of a 1276 meters length line to navigate along. The depths in meters were 1694 low and 2216 high. The following are the calibrations results:

<b>EM121A Calibration</b>	<b>Results</b>
ROLL DELAY	0
SHALLOW ROLL OFFSET	0.17
INTERMEDIATE ROLL OFFSET	-0.02
DEEP ROLL OFFSET	-0.05

5.2.2 SURVOP 640702. EM1002. Roll, Pitch, Timing and Outer Beams calibrations were completed on the EM1002 system. The Roll Calibration was accomplished with the selection of a 1015 meters length line to navigate along track from end to end. The Pitch Calibration was accomplished with the selection of a 1120 meters length line navigated perpendicular to the slope. The Timing Calibrations was accomplished using the same line as the Roll Calibration but navigated at different speeds. The slow speed being 5 knots and the fast speed being 12.5 knots. No observable difference was detected. The Outer Beam Calibration was a failure. During the Outer Beam Calibration there were difficulty in maneuvering the ship in shallow water close to land. The line length was 1100 meters in length. Data was collected on perpendicular lines, N/S run at 5 knots and perpendicular E/W ran at 10 knots. The average numbers were entered in to the EM1002 as the Outer Beam Offset. The results were observed to be worse than the previously values. Therefore the old value of 0.0 was used. The following are the calibrations results:

<b>EM1002 Calibration</b>	<b>Results</b>
ROLL OFFSET	-0.05
PITCH	0.1
TIMING	0
OUTER BEAMS OFFSET	0

### 5.3 Water Level Calibration.

5.3.1 SURVOP 640702. The waterline for the ship was -1.85 meters. The waterline for the Hydrographic Survey Launch (HSL) was -0.75 meters.

## 6.0 Hydrography

### 6.1 Sounding Development.

6.1.1 FORAC III: The development line spacing was 100m for data collected with the ship. 50 meter development line spacing for depths collected aboard the Hydrographic Survey Launch (HSL). Side scan was done at 50 meter line spacing in depths less than 40 meters.

6.1.2 SESEF: The development line spacing was 100m for data collected with the ship. 50 meter development line spacing for depths collected aboard the Hydrographic Survey Launch (HSL). Side scan was done at 50 meter line spacing in depths less than 40 meters.

6.1.3 PUMA: The development line spacing was 100m for data collected with the ship. 50 meter development line spacing for depths collected aboard the Hydrographic Survey Launch (HSL). Side scan was done at 50 meter line spacing in depths less than 40 meters.

6.1.4 LIDAR HOLIDAYS: The development line spacing was 100m for data collected with the ship. 50 meter development line spacing for depths collected aboard the Hydrographic Survey Launch (HSL). Side scan was done at 50 meter line spacing in depths less than 40 meters.

6.1.5 3 Mile Box: The development line spacing was 100m for data collected with the ship. 50 meter development line spacing for depths collected aboard the Hydrographic Survey Launch (HSL). Side scan was done at 50 meter line spacing in depths less than 40 meters.

### 6.2 Sounding Selection

6.2.1 Cross check agreements. Lines were oriented E-W for ship and NW-SE directions for

HSL to align with contours and coastlines. Crosschecks were completed at 1000 meter lines spacing with the ship and 500 meter line spacing with the HSL.

6.2.2 FORAC III: FORAC III was completed with 100 % bottom coverage.

6.2.3 SESEF: SESEF was completed with 100 % bottom coverage.

6.2.4 PUMA: PUMA was completed with 150 % bottom coverage.

6.2.5 LIDAR HOLIDAYS: These holidays were completed with 100 % bottom coverage.

6.2.6 3 Mile Box: This area was completed with 100 % bottom coverage.

### 6.3 Coverage

6.3.1 Agreement with existing charts.

CHARTS AFFECTED	EDITION	DATE	SCALE
NOAA 19324		22 10/21/00	10,000
NOAA 19347		17 12/13/97	80,000
NOAA 19357		22 8//2002	80,000
NOAA 19359		10 8/15/98	15,000
NOAA 19361		7 3/30/91	10,000
NOAA 19362		12 6/1/96	20,000
NOAA 19367		37 5/8/99	5,000
NOAA 19369		5 7/8/00	20,000
NOAA 19380		14 3/29/97	247,482
NOAA 19381		8 7/17/93	80,000
NOAA 19382		15 7/17/93	5,000
NIMA 19344			
NIMA 19360	1, Limited	6/7/80	18,228
NIMA 19366		7 3/30/91	10,000

6.3.2 The Exceptions. Difficult to compare sounding with existing charts due to unit representation of soundings. The existing charts soundings are in feet and fathoms. Data files soundings were collected in meters.

6.4 Agreement with prior surveys.

Comparison with prior surveys meet IHO specifications.

## 6.5 Sheet

Comparison between survey sheets meet IHO specifications.

## 7.0 Coast Pilot and -Sailing Directions

### 7.1 General.

### 7.2 Landmarks. Nothing to update.

### 7.3 Caution. Nothing to update.

#### 7.3.1 Coastal Pollution. Nothing to update.

### 7.4 Warning. No warning updates required.

### 7.5 Anchorage. No anchorage information to update.

### 7.6 Photography.

#### 7.6.1 SURVOP 640702. No photographs were taken during this survey.

#### 7.6.2 SURVOP 640802.

##### 7.6.2.1 Shoreline. Twenty-four photographs are available. These photographs are pictures of the shoreline and one navigational aid.

Please refer to the submitted file, photographs.xls.

([..\PHOTOGRAPHYS\photographs.xls](#))

## 8.0 Tides and Tide Gages.

Five bitmap scan files are available. These files are the layout of the tide zones for the areas. Please refer to the submitted file TIDEZONESphotographs.xls.

([..\PHOTOGRAPHYS\TIDEZONESphotographs.xls](#))

### 8.1 Benchmarks and Results. Not applicable.

### 8.2 Tide Corrections.

Predicted tides were applied to the data for surveys, 640702 and 640802.

## 9.0 Tidal Streams and Currents.

Twenty-four bitmap scan files are available. These files are detailed information in regards to

the tides and currents in the area.

Please refer to the submitted file, [CURRENTandTIDESphotographs.xls](#).

([..\PHOTOGRAPHYS\CURRENTSandTIDESphotographs.xls](#))

#### 9.1 Automated Doppler Current Profiler (ADCP).

Currents were measured continuously using the ADCP sensor during both surveys.

#### 10.0 Seabed Topography and Texture.

10.1 Sonar Trace Interpretation All sonar data files were collected digitally. There were not any difficulties during the interpretation of these data files

#### 10.2 Seabed Sampling

##### 10.2.1 Method.

The method for retrieving bottom samples was by a 20 lb. grab sampler deployed from an electric winch for samples taken from the ship. These samples were taken in water depths less than 55 meters.

##### 10.2.2 SURVOP 640802.

Five (5) samples were taken in the FORAC2 survey area. Nine (9) samples were taken in the SESEF1 survey area. Nine (9) samples were taken in the SESEF2 survey area. Please refer to the submitted file, [bottom\\_samples\\_hawaii.xls](#).([..\Bottom\\_samples\bottom\\_samples\\_hawaii.xls](#))

#### 10.3 Seabed Composition

The bottom of the areas consisted primarily of volcanic coral sand.

#### 11.0 Uncharted Wrecks and Obstructions.

No hazard information was submitted during survey operations 640702 and 640802.

Side scan sonar digital files were reviewed. A target list is submitted with the digital data files.

The target list data file name is [targets.xls](#). ([..\targets\targets.xls](#) )

11.1 Charted Wrecks and Obstructions. Nothing significant was determined. The expected rock and shoal areas were verified.

11.2. Uncharted Wrecks and Obstructions. Nothing significant was determined.

#### 12.0 Charted and Uncharted Lights and Buoys and Piers.

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12.1 Charted Lights and Buoys and Piers. These items are listed in Appendix C of the Technical Specification Number TS-02-HYD-09.

12.2 Uncharted Lights and Buoys and Piers. No updates were submitted for Survey Operations 640702 and 640802.

12.3 SURVOP 640802. FORAC III. Four (4) navigational aids pictures were taken. Please refer to file , NAVAIDSphotographs.xls. ([..\navaids\NAVAIDSphotographs.xls](#))

13.0 Ancillary Observations.

13.1 Meteorological Data.

Meteorological Data was collected with WEATHER PAK 2000 meteorological system. Wind speed and direction, sea surface temperature and barometric pressure data were collected.

13.2 Sound velocity measurements.

13.2.1 Observations.

Five (5) Conductivity Temperature Depth (CTD) casts were collected during Survey Operation 640702. Five (5) CTD casts were collected during Survey Operation 640802. Seventy (70) good Expendable Bathythermographs ( XBTs) were collected during Survey Operation 640702. Seventy (70) good XBT's were collected during Survey Operation 640802.

13.3 Water clarity observations.

13.3.1 SURVOPS 640702 and 640802. Not Applicable.

13.4 Biological Observations.

13.4.1 SURVOPS 640702 and 640802.

Bioluminescences data were collected throughout both surveys.

14.0 Accuracy of Soundings.

14.1 Assessment of the accuracy of soundings, for digital multi-beam echosounders, entails an evaluation of the following:

- a. Echosounder transmission mark setting (draft)
- b. Variation of draft setting with time
- c. Sound velocity (SV) measurement
- d. Spatial variation in SV
- e. Temporal variation in SV
- f. Application of measured SV (more problematical with older analogue systems)
- g. Depth measurement (system accuracy)
- h. Heave Corrections
- i. Squat and Settlement
- j. Roll, pitch, (gyro), seabed slope
- k. Tidal Measurement
- l. Co-tidal corrections

Final computations of the assessment may be reviewed in the "PearlHarobr\_FST.crs" data file.

#### 14.2 IHO standards..

The accuracy for Order 1 allowable error (95% or 2 SIGMA) for depths from 0 to 50 meters is  $\pm 0.5$  meter to  $\pm 0.82$  meter, and for Order 2 allowable error is  $\pm 1.0$  meter to  $\pm 1.52$  meters for 0 to 50 meter depths. The calculated error (0.53 m) for wide mode, based on a depth of 75 meters, and observed tides is within the IHO accuracy limits for Order 1 surveys.

#### 15.0 Positional Accuracy:

15.1 All sounding positions were corrected for the antenna offset .

#### 15.2 WADGPS.

The Wide Area Network GPS with POS/MV receiver is accurate to within 5 meters (2DRMS).

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**LIDAR**

**HAWAII**

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Detachment: SHOALS PROJECT

Country: U. S.

Dates of Survey: 01 AUGUST - 20 DECEMBER 2000

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Areas: Hawaiian Islands

Oahu

Makua Training Area, Pokai Bay, leeward coast; Kaena Pt. to Barbers Pt.  
Kaneohe Bay  
MCBH Kaneohe  
Bellows AFS - Waimanalo Bay and Bellows Beach  
Kahuku  
Pearl Harbor/Approach  
Waialua Bay

Kauai

PMRF - Barking Sands, Majors Bay, Waimea Bay  
Port Allen

Molokai

Kaunakakai area and south coast, other areas

Hawaii

Kawaihae Harbor and approach, other areas

Maui

Lanai

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## 1.0 Introduction

### 1.1 Purpose of Survey

The Hydrographic Survey Specification for the aforementioned areas was generated at the request of the primary Functional Customer (CINCPACFLT) in response to a DoD/US Navy initiative. This initiative is to support present and future increased naval activity and usage in WESTPAC as follows.

- 1.1.1 Seal Delivery Team One (SDVT-1) has requested SHOALS surveys of several training areas within Hawaii and the WESTPAC areas of Guam, Saipan, Tinian and Farallon de Medinilla (FDM). The requirement is not simply to update existing nautical charts, but to create unique high-density digital bathymetric datasets that can be used by SDVT-1 to improve the safety of their SDV training operations. SDVT-1 uses commercial GIS packages (ESRI ArcView with Spatial Analyst) to produce tailored products for their operations, including 3D perspectives of their target and training areas. Additionally, SDVT-1 has, or will be, requesting STOIC's (Special Tactical Operational Information Charts) for their training areas.
- 1.1.2 Pearl Harbor and Approaches. Pearl Harbor and its approaches are a safe haven for major surface and sub-surface Fleet units. The survey is required for updating charts 19AHA19366, 19AHA19362, 19AHA19369 and 19AHA19364. CINCPACFLT recently removed Limited Distribution restrictions on hydrographic data in Pearl Harbor and the approach. This effectively transfers the responsibility of charts for Pearl Harbor from NIMA to NOAA NOS. CINCPACFLT also intends to cancel chart 19AHA19369 following NOS publication of new editions of 19AHA19362 and 19AHA19369 with necessary approach data for Pearl Harbor. CINCPACFLT would like to create a complete baseline dataset of unclassified hydrographic and topographic data for use by NOAA NOS in updating Pearl Harbor charts. These data will provide a complete bathymetric model of Pearl Harbor that will be suitable for a variety of uses, including SDVT-1 training, geospatial product prototyping, high- resolution DNC, environmental impact modeling, and harbor defenses. USACOE has recently completed a standard survey of Pearl Harbor in support of normal dredging operations and these data have been forwarded to NIMA and NOAA NOS.
- 1.1.3 Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) Kauai. PMRF desires detailed bathymetric data inshore of the Silas Bent survey of 1995. Their test and evaluation clientele are increasingly interested in very shallow water operations. Barking Sands, the PMRF beach north of the airfield, is also used for various amphibious training operations, including major exercises (RIMPAC). Majors Bay, south of the airfield, is a major amphibious and SOF training area. SDVT-1 also requires data in Waimea Bay, between PMRF and Port Allen, and Port Allen to support training operations. Data will be used

for updating NOAA NOS charts 19ACO19381, 19BHA19382 and 19XHA19386 and NIMA charts COMBT808528 and COMBT801253.

- 1.1.4 Bellows Air Force Station - Waimanalo Bay Bellows Beach is one of the three primary beaches in the Hawaiian Islands used for amphibious exercises including RIMPAC. Lack of high-density data for the approach to the beach presents problems for both safety and environmental protection. High-density data will improve the margin of safety in using this beach for future exercises. Data will be used to update NIMA chart COMBT800744 and NOAA NOS chart 19AHA19358. Data will also be used for future STOIC production.
- 1.1.5 Makua Training Area including Pokai Bay and leeward coast from Kaena Pt. to Barbers Pt.  
Makua Military Reservation is a live fire facility. Data are required to support SDVT-1 and ASDS and amphibious landing exercises at Makua Beach. Data will be used to update NIMA chart COMBT805647 and NOAA NOS chart 19ACO19357.
- 1.1.6 Kahuku  
Data are required to support SDVT-1 training operations. Data will be used to update NOAA NOS chart 19ACO19357.
- 1.1.7 Kawaihae Harbor, Hawaii  
This area on the leeward coast of the Big Island is used for SDVT-1 training. Kawaihae Harbor is the Sea Port of Debarkation (SPOD) for USMC units deploying to Hawaii for training at the US Army training facility on Hawaii.
- 1.1.8 Kaunakakai, Molokai  
The area is to be used for SDVT-1 training operations. Data will be used to update NOAA NOS chart 19XHA19353.
- 1.1.9 Honolulu/SE Oahu  
This area is to be used for SDVT-1 training operations. Data will be used to update NIMA chart COMBT800744 and NOAA NOS chart 19AHA19364.
- 1.1.10 Kaneohe Bay, MCBH Kaneohe  
This area is to be used for SDVT-1 training operations. Data will be used to update NIMA chart COMBT800744 and NOAA NOS chart 19BHA19359.
- 1.1.11 The Hawaiian Islands datasets consist of LIDAR data collected in support of the above requirements, and data collected in support of USACOE and USGS requirements. The delineating factor separating these data and requirements are:

## 1.2 General Survey Specifications:

All Navy LIDAR operations are planned and executed to meet IHO Order 1 as a matter of policy. No specific survey specifications exist for areas originally outside the Navy areas. However, some of these areas were developed to meet IHO Order 1, as discussed in section 1.4.

## 1.3 Tasking

1.3.1 The scope of the LIDAR survey was depth measurement only from the shoreline out to the laser extinction depth, with shoreline delineation, limited beach topography and hazard detection within the capabilities of the system. LIDAR did not perform, nor was one intended, a comprehensive hydrographic survey and no comprehensive survey was done in areas worked solely by LIDAR. The survey specification required an IHO order 1 survey with 100% target/obstruction detection in all Navy areas of interest. USCOE and USGS requirements were not to charting specification, but were to support coastal modeling requirements.

## 1.4 IHO Standards and Coverage

1.4.1 All Navy areas meet IHO Order 1 specifications for positional and depth measurement accuracy. Theoretically, all Navy areas meet IHO Order 1 target/object detection requirements at the 95% confidence level for depths from 7m to 20m with single flight coverage. At depths deeper than 20m signal-to-noise ratio limitations greatly reduce target detection capability, particularly for small objects (Figure 1). Multiple flight coverage will theoretically improve the confidence of target detection capability in the depth range of 2m to 7m, and possibly down to 20m.

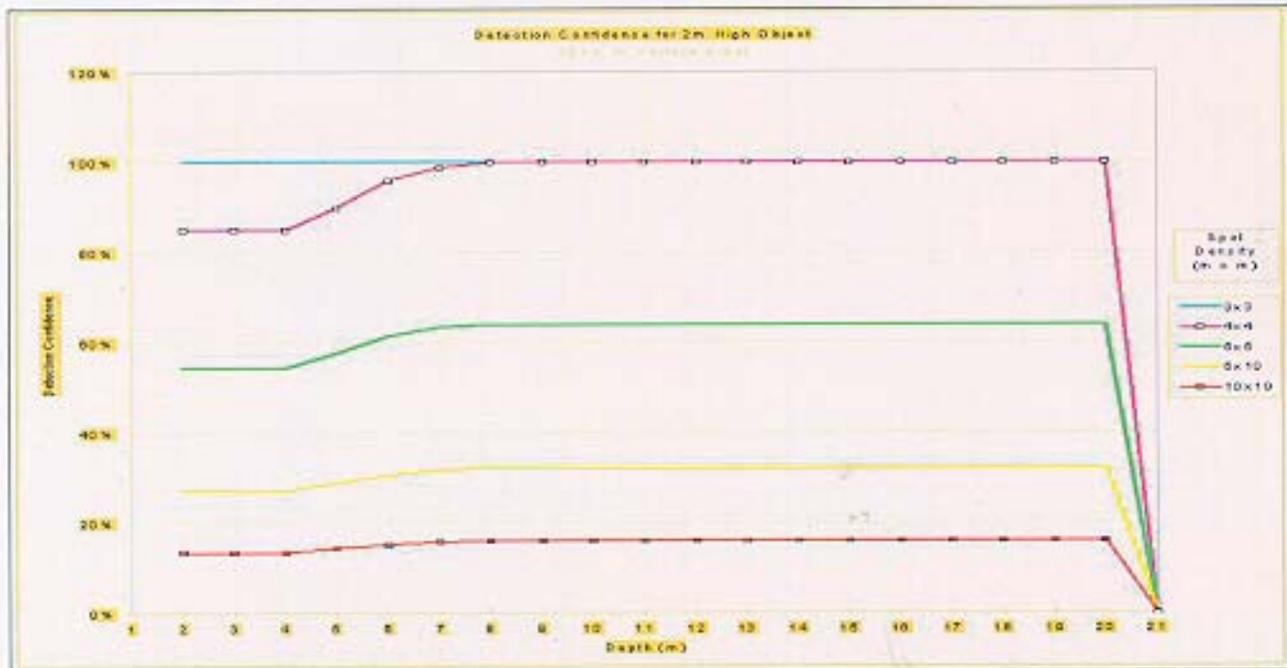
Subsequent testing of the follow-on CHARTS system, utilizing the same operating principles and algorithms and a lower power laser, at 4x4 spot spacing, targets of 2 meters were detected 100% of the time in depths 5 – 30 meters. Based on these actual tests the LIDAR system meets IHO order 1 target detection requirements. Multiple coverage provides a degree of redundancy for this capability.

1.4.2 The Navy areas were surveyed at 4x4-meter spot density and with greater than 200% coverage to ensure a very high confidence of target detection. USGS areas were also flown at 4x4-meter spot density and 100% coverage. USACE areas were flown at 8x8-meter spot density and 100% coverage. USACE and USGS areas were not typically surveyed to meet charting standards, and therefore do not require IHO accuracy and may not meet Order 1 standards for target/object detection. These areas were surveyed to support coastal modeling, storm surge, coral reef and environmental studies. There are, however, exceptions to this procedure, described below.

1.4.3 Where the USACE and USGS areas were small and adjacent to and interleaved with Navy areas, the USGS and USACE areas were typically flown as part of the Navy area for operational efficiency. In such cases, these USGS and USACOE areas will have multiple coverage and also will meet Navy requirements. Regardless of spot density and coverage, all areas meet IHO Order 1 positional and depth accuracy. These specific areas are described in the graphics of Appendix A.

1.4.4 Theoretically, based on target detection probability curves produced by NOAA, Guenther, et al, all Navy areas meet IHO Order 1 target/object detection requirements at the 95% confidence level for depths from 7m to 20m with single-flight coverage. At depths deeper than 20m, signal-to-noise ratio limitations greatly reduce target detection capability, particularly for small objects less than 2 meters (Figure 1). Multiple-flight coverage will theoretically improve the confidence of target detection capability in the depth range of 2m to 7m, and possibly down to 20m.

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Theoretical detection confidence vs. depth for a 2m target at different laser spot densities.

Figure 1. Target detection confidence

## 1.5 Survey Sheet and Survey Area Details.

### 1.5.1 Oahu

IHO Order 1 sheets consist of sheets 01 - 03, 06 - 28, and sheet 30. Portions of USACOE area sheets 29, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35 will meet Order 1 due to multiple coverage. Sheets 04 and 05 do not meet Order 1 due to lack of multiple coverage.

### 1.5.2 Kauai

All west coast sheets, 01 - 13, from Port Allen north to Barking Sands and the Na Pali coast meet IHO Order 1 requirements. Sheet 14 at Nawiliwili meets Order requirements due to lack of hazard/object detection.

### 1.5.3 Molokai

Sheets 01 - 10 along the south coast meet IHO Order 1 requirements. Sheets 11 - 18 meet Order 2 requirements due to lack of hazard/object detection.

### 1.5.4 Maui

All Maui sheets meet IHO Order 2 requirements. Maui sheets do not meet Order 1 requirements. NO TIDE CORRECTIONS APPLIED. Lack of double coverage to ensure target detection.

### 1.5.5 Lanai

All Lanai sheets meet IHO Order 2 requirements. Lanai sheets do not meet Order 1 requirements. NO TIDE CORRECTIONS APPLIED. Lack of double coverage to ensure target detection.

### 1.5.6 Hawaii (Big Island)

Kawaihae Harbor meets IHO Order 1 requirements. All other Hawaii areas meet Order 2 requirements due to lack of hazard/object detection. NO TIDE CORRECTIONS APPLIED other than Kawaihae Harbor and Bay.

### 1.5.7 Coverage. LIDAR coverage is 100% or better from above the shoreline to approximately 35m depth in all areas. Exceptions are:

### 1.5.8 Oahu - Pearl Harbor, west and north to Kaena Pt. coverage is to 50m depth. Oahu - Kaneohe Bay, coverage limited to 11m - 13m in the channel and inner bay due to water clarity issues. Turbidity and to some extent chlorophyll increases at 8m - 10m depth with a rapid falloff of transmissivity in the 532 nm optical band. See Appendix F for Kaneohe optics data demonstrating optical properties in the bay.

Oahu - Barbers Pt. harbor, coverage very limited due to water clarity.  
Oahu - Pearl Harbor, no coverage due to water clarity.  
Kauai - Port Allen, harbor coverage very limited due to water clarity.

## 1.6 Hydrographic Survey Specifications:

Hydrographic Survey Specifications for Hawaii, Archive No. 00US16

## 1.7 Weather.

The survey was conducted from late summer into winter. The only weather that affected operations were the winds, occasional rain showers and seas on the windward coasts. The Hawaiian Islands fall within the North east trade winds. The winds were a continuous 15 - 25 kts. Winds flowing over the mountain ranges and funneling down through the valleys made for difficult flying in many areas, with line keeping and altitude holding nearly impossible. Many holidays resulted that required numerous re-fly's. Surf on Oahu's north and east coasts, and the Big Islands windward north and east coasts made getting complete coverage in one or two flights difficult, if not impossible.

## 1.8 Extraneous Activities Affecting the Survey

1.8.1 Honolulu International Airport operations. This is reported to be the 15th busiest airport in the US. Initial discussions with the FAA indicated no flights would be possible within five miles of the airport, the area within the Terminal Control Area (TCA). After NAVO suggestions to the FAA to fly the survey flights during off-peak hours, we worked the survey flights into the midnight to 0500L time slot. Even at this time of day there were an average of 60 arrival/departures that required the SHOALS aircraft to vacate the area for short, though numerous, periods of time. Additionally, transitioning the flight crew from daytime to nighttime operations required a 24-hour rest period prior to and after night ops. As holidays became apparent in processing, usually after swapping back to daytime operations, we had to break flight operations for 24 hours to switch to night ops. This affected productivity and efficiency. Toward the end of the survey as time became a serious constraint, it became apparent there would be areas that did not get the required double flight coverage. This is because we couldn't continue to suffer the loss of 24 hours of survey time to swap the flight crews from days back to nights, and still meet other survey requirements within the allotted time frame. This was deemed not a serious issue in the area affected due to the relatively uniform bottom and no "surprises". The only area affected was within five miles of the VOR tower at Honolulu airport. This is an area of mixed Navy, USACoE and USGS requirements where Navy coverage requirements are not always met.

1.8.2 Political concerns. Prior to survey operations we were informed of numerous possible political concerns and sensitivities of the island residents. These were primarily noise abatement, environmental and governmental intrusion issues. We were informed by the FAA that residents are particularly sensitive to noise with respect to aircraft over-flight, and to expect many complaints concerning our low flying aircraft. During the course of five months of surveying only one noise complaint was received. Local officials informed us of native Hawaiian sensitivities and suspicions with regard to anything government or militarily related, mostly in reference to politically charged land use issues. No problems were encountered.

1.5.1 Surfers and Boogie boarders. Due to the popularity of Hawaii's beaches and surf, some lines had to be rescheduled to avoid "lighting up" the beach goers and wave riders.

## 2.0 Geodetic Control

2.1 **Horizontal Datum:** WGS-84  
**Projection:** Transverse Mercator  
**Spheroid:** World Geodetic System of 1984  
**Grid:** Universal Transverse Mercator  
**Vertical Datum:** MLLW for LIDAR derived topography  
**Sounding Datum:** MLLW

A vertical datum of MLLW for LIDAR-derived topography is contrary to the standard MSL datum for vertical elevations. All LIDAR data is referenced to the sea surface, thus LIDAR topography is referenced to the sea surface which is referenced to MLLW. The only exception to this is with kinematic GPS surveys utilizing On-The-Fly (OTF) processing techniques where the data are referenced to the ellipsoid. The Hawaii survey DID NOT USE OTF techniques.

**Sounding Datum:** Mean Lower Low Water. The NOAA-maintained automatic tide gauge, located at Honolulu Harbor, Oahu, Mokuoloe, Oahu (northern Kaneohe Bay), Nawilili, Kauai and Kawaihae, Hawaii were all referenced to MLLW.

2.4 **Time.** The time standard is UTC (GMT).

2.5 **Existing and New Control.** None used or established.

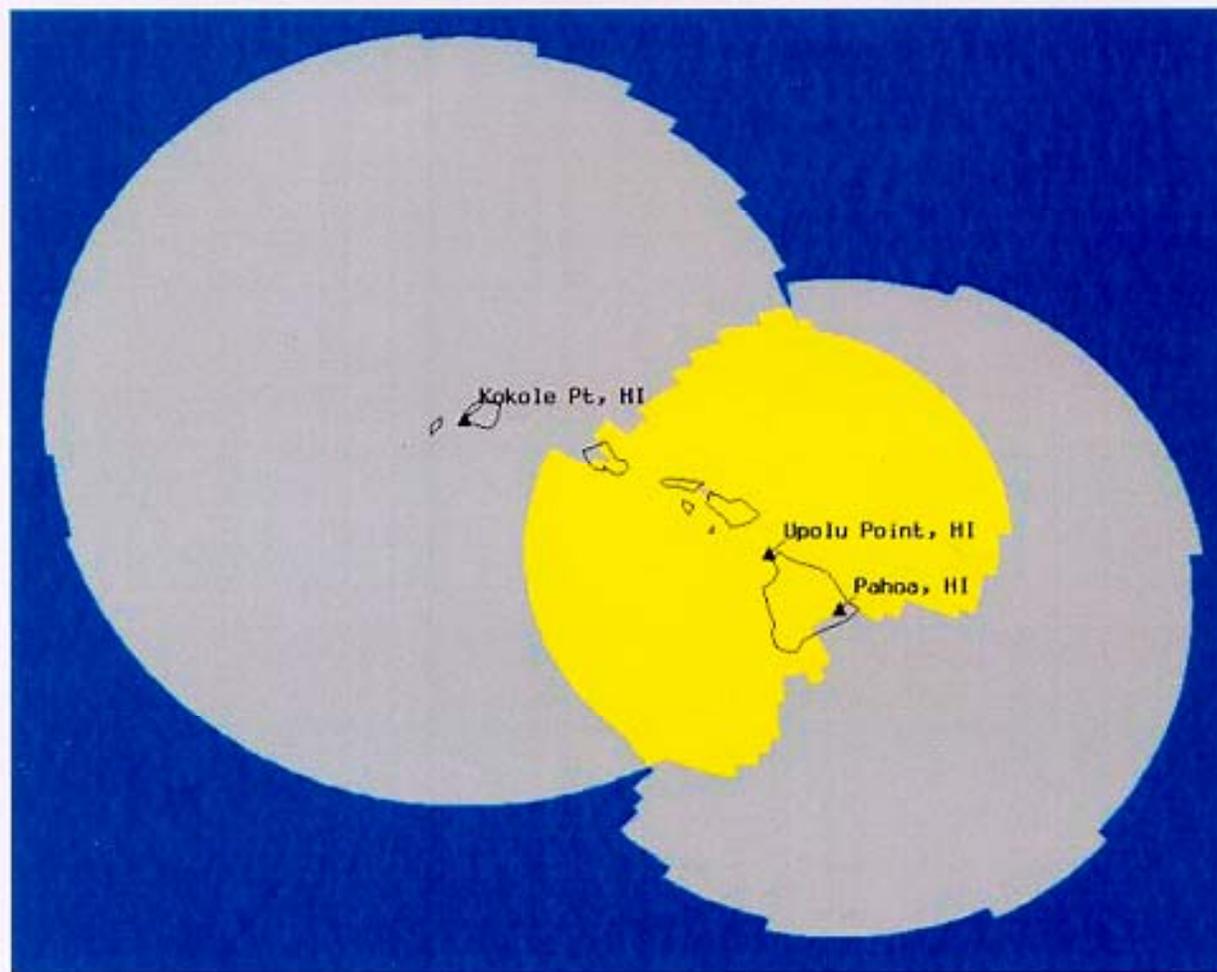
2.6 **Datum Shifts.** No datum shifts were applied.

2.7 **Horizontal Control Reports.** No horizontal control reports were generated.

2.8 **Station Descriptions/Recovery Forms.** No station descriptions/recovery forms were completed or issued.

### 3.0 Digital Survey System

3.1 **SHOALS GPS Positioning Systems.** ASHTECH Z-12 L1/L2 GPS receivers were used during the survey to provide navigational control in the survey platform in the DGPS. USCG DGPS stations located at Kokole Point Kauai, Upolu Point Hawaii (Big Island) and Pahoa Hawaii (Big Island) were utilized continuously to provide DGPS corrections to the aircraft Ashtech Z-12 receiver.



USCG DGPS beacon coverage for Hawaii.

Kokole Point was used for Kauai, and Oahu. Upolu Point was used for Molokai, Maui, Lanai and all but the south shore of Hawaii. Pahoa was used for the south shore of Hawaii.

**3.2 SHOALS Lidar data acquisition system.** The SHOALS (Scanning Hydrographic Operational Airborne Lidar Survey) system consists of an airborne laser transmitter/receiver capable of measuring 400 soundings per second. Lidar is an acronym for Light Detection And Ranging. The system operates from a deHavilland DHC-6 Twin Otter flying at altitudes between 300 and 400 meters with a ground speed of about 104 knots. The SHOALS system also includes a ground-based data processing system for calculating accurate horizontal position and water depth. The system operates by emitting a pulse of light that travels from an airborne platform to the water surface where a small portion of the laser energy is reflected back to the airborne receiver. The remaining energy at the water's surface propagates through the water column and reflects off the sea bottom and back to the airborne detector. The time difference between the surface return and the bottom return corresponds to water depth. The maximum depth the system is able to sense is related to the complex interaction of radiance of bottom material, incident sun angle and intensity, and the type and quantity of organic material or sediments in the water column. As a rule-of-thumb, the SHOALS system is capable of sensing bottom to depths equal to two or three times the Secchi depth.

3.2.1 The airborne system conducts all the data collection and is divided into three subsystems:

- 1) Acquisition, control and display,
- 2) Transceiver, and
- 3) Positioning and auxiliary sensors.

3.2.2 **Acquisition, Control and Display Sub-System (ACDS).** The ACDS is the primary component through which all data are collected and recorded, system integrity and self-checks conducted, and operator monitoring of key real-time system and survey information. All airborne data are recorded on Exabyte 8-mm dual tape drives at a rate of approximately 300 Kbytes per second. These tape drives were selected over other possible data storage media because of their proven performance and reliability in aircraft. The data tape is the only link between the airborne data collection system and the data processing system. It also provides the ability to load survey flight information for each survey mission into the airborne system prior to each flight.

3.2.3 The survey operator's interface with the system is through the ACDS. Real-time information is provided so that the operator can accomplish two tasks, first as the surveyor to ensure that the planned mission is successfully implemented and completed and second, as the Lidar system operator to monitor system status during the mission to ensure that the system operates within expected parameters. The main indicator of survey status and progress is from real-time depths provided to the operator at 100 Hz. These real-time depths are not corrected for tides or water surface waves, but they do provide an estimate of project depths to within approximately +/- 1 m.

3.2.4 The ACDS also provides survey navigation information to the pilot such as the required altitude, speed, and position along a selected survey line, necessary to conduct the planned mission and produce the desired sounding density. The operator selects the flight line and the ACDS converts

its position and other flight parameters to navigation information and presents this to the pilot on a small video monitor mounted in the cockpit.

3.2.5 The Transceiver is mounted over a window in the belly of the aircraft. The main component is the laser, which operates at 400 Hz. There are four receiver channels, two for detecting the water surface and two for detecting the sea bottom. The two water surface channels include the IR return from which the surface location is determined. The second channel is to ensure a water surface return by detecting the Raman scattering. The two bottom channels are used to detect returns from shallow and deep depths.

3.2.6 Included is a gyro-stabilized scanner, which directs each laser pulse to a predetermined location on the sea surface. An inertial reference system provides aircraft attitude information allowing the scanner to compensate for aircraft motion and measures accelerations necessary for accurately resolving the sea surface location during post-flight data processing. The width of the scan is nominally equal to half the altitude of the aircraft. At a speed of 120 knots and an altitude of 200 m, this yields a uniform sounding spacing of 4 m x 4 m. the sounding density can be altered by flying higher/lower and faster/slower and also by selecting a different scan width.  
Aircraft Positioning And Auxiliary Sensors Sub-System (APASS).

3.2.7 The APASS consist of DGPS and a video camera. DGPS is used for horizontal positioning of the aircraft and the differential correction is available through Fugro's Omnistar system. The other function of the APASS is to record a video image of the area being scanned by the laser. This provides a visual and audio record of each survey mission and a record for the data processor/hydrographer conducting the data processing to check or evaluate any anomalies that may be encountered during data processing, such as algae on the water surface or over-flight of an island.

### 3.3 SHOALS System Calibration

3.3.1 To ensure accuracy of the system, SHOALS requires both a hard target test and a calibration flight for calibration of the system. The hard target test is accomplished through firing the laser against a known baseline distance. The test is performed for each receiver of the surface and bottom channels. Any observed error is nulled out through adjustment of appropriate parameters.

3.3.2 The SHOALS system undergoes an in-flight calibration for the determination of the small offsets of the scanner mirror frame relative to the optical axes of the system, in the roll, pitch and heading directions as defined by the Inertial Navigation System. Critical to this calibration is locating and flying a calm, flat area in the field. To calculate the angular offsets an average of the water surface is derived by the system, then a special calibration program developed by the National Ocean Service derives these small angular offsets assuming that the sea surface is flat. The offsets are folded back into the collected standard data and the successful plotting of a flat-water surface shows that the angles were correctly derived.

3.3.3 In the first six years of SHOALS operation, a standard survey line was used to derive these small angular offsets. In early 2000 it was thought that a wider excursion of the scanner forward angles would result in better calibration values and a raster scanner pattern became the standard operational procedure. Either procedure raster or standard pattern is acceptable as long as the resulting angular corrections produce a flat-water surface. (Carswell; Optech, Inc. 2002)

3.4 **SHOALS Positioning Quality Control.** The operator continuously monitors position quality in the air. Flight lines are re-flown if any of the following specifications are exceeded:

PDOP exceeds 4. The PDOP is recorded as a field within the data.

The semi-major axis of the positional error ellipse exceeds 3.5m at the 95% confidence level.

The DGPS correction age exceeds 10 seconds.

The minimum number of satellites being tracked for continued sounding is less than 4 healthy SV's.

The minimum elevation for SV is less than 10° angle from the horizontal.

3.5 **SHOALS Lidar data processing system.** Hydrographic Data Processing utilized the SHOALS data processing suite; data tapes from the aircraft are read in and the depth derived from the processed laser pulse. The algorithms utilized in the SHOALS processing suite were developed at NOAA by Gary Guenther, et al. Time tagged position and depth, the \*.out file and laser waveform files were then transferred to the NAVOCEANO system. Data quality control, additional editing and validation were carried out using the NAVOCEANO Area Based Editor running under LINUX. Upon return to NAVOCEANO, the data underwent further analysis and refinement using 3D visualization tools (Fledermaus) and application of NOAA verified tides.

3.5.1 **Ground Processing Environment** All processing, cleaning and product generation is carried out on off-the-shelf NT workstations using software developed by Optech, Inc. specifically for SHOALS.

3.5.2 **Processing Of Data, General Principles.** All survey data collected are field processed, verified and validated concurrent with survey operations. Verification methods include comparison of collected data to existing charts and prior surveys. Discrepancies discovered in field processing are resolved immediately. Discrepancies requiring significant additional operational time and effort to resolve are brought to the attention of the Operations Manager, for decision.

3.5.3 **Post Processing Lidar Data.** SHOALS Lidar data is processed by an NT-based automated processing software package that includes automated post-flight depth extraction

procedures, various calculation and utility programs, and a manual processor operator interface that provides access to individual waveforms for display and editing. The suite maximizes throughput by recognizing and handling most problems routinely, minimizing the amount of human interaction with the raw data.

3.5.4 After the data is extracted from the flight tape and input into the database, it is processed by an automated routine consisting of a lidar waveform processor and sounding position determination algorithm. The main function of the automated processor is to obtain inputs from the raw data; calculate depths, positions, and other products; correct for tides and waves; and write the outputs back to file database. It runs at a 1:0.1 time ratio with data collection and data processing.

3.5.5 All data is then manually edited for obvious anomalies. Where such anomalies are clearly due to fish, or similar causes, they will be flagged as invalid returns; any other anomalies resembling bottom hazards will require investigation of the waveform in order to determine whether the feature is real and should be retained in the data set. In cases of doubt, such features will be marked for further investigation through re-flight of the area in question. The processed data is then output as an ASCII (\*.xyz) file which can either be input directly into Hypack, or converted to Fugro Binary Format (\*.fbf) for input into Starfix.Proc for review, QC and ultimately subsequent mapping and product generation. This process is outlined in Figure 6.

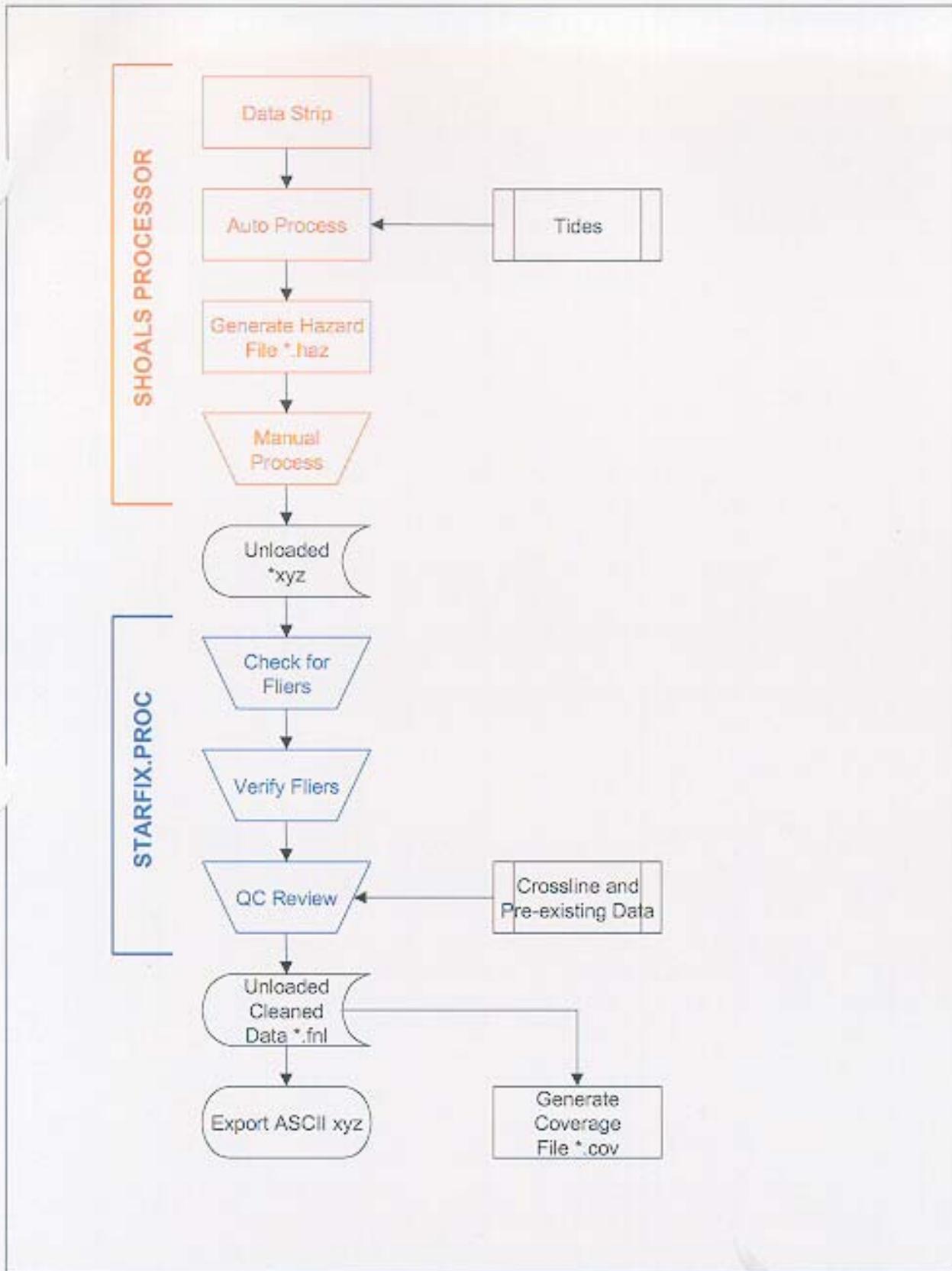


Figure 6: Data Processing Flow

**3.5.6 Data Review and Inspection.** Output xyz data from the processor is transformed to the appropriate projection using Corpscon or GeoCoordinator and then input into Starfix.Proc where the process of spatial review and comparing each data set to expected values is performed. Each dataset is compared with any available pre-existing charts, maps or other information data; overlapping datasets are also compared to each other to make sure each falls within the systems limitations. The data is then plotted out on paper with a contour interval 1 or 2 m in order to identify any further anomalies that may not have been apparent from inspection of individual flightlines and only become evident in a broader spatial context. Any such anomalies will then be resolved through reference back to the waveforms.

**3.5.7 Second Depth Description and Methodology.** The laser waveform from the bottom return is capable of having two valid returns (second depths) for a single sounding. Multiple returns can be from any object suspended in the water column, sharp drops in the bottom topography, or objects rising above the bottom. The initial processing of the data picks the more shallow depth for that particular sounding. The post processing software allows for viewing of all soundings with multiple returns and evaluation by the hydrographer to determine the validity of the return. The hydrographer is allowed to keep, swap or kill the return based on the waveform analysis and review of the surrounding and overlapping data. The keep option will keep the sounding as it was initially calculated by the post processing algorithm. The swap option allows the hydrographer to change the sounding to the second of the valid returns calculated by the software. The kill option allows the hydrographer to kill the sounding so that the sounding is not reported in the final cleaned xyz data. A report of this process is output from the post processing software and details the status of each second depth return as either keep, swap, or kill. See appendix "F" for second depth report for this project. Soundings reviewed here are kept unless there is valid evidence to support change.

**3.5.8 Flier Description and Methodology.** Possible fliers are listed within Starfix.Proc and output to a log file. The timestamps listed in this log file are then reviewed in the post processing software by the hydrographer to determine the validity of the return. The analysis is similar to that of the second depths in that adjacent and overlapping data are reviewed in conjunction with the waveform. A report of these fliers is then compiled with the action taken (either keep or kill) for each sounding. See appendix "G" for the flier report. As with the second depths all soundings are kept unless valid evidence exist to support killing of the sounding.

**3.5.9 Area Investigation and Review.** In areas where soundings are killed due insufficient energy return, or areas where the second depth and / or flier review produce questions to the validity of the sounding, re-flights are performed. The field hydrographer is responsible for determining which areas are to be re-flown based on the client's maximum gap in coverage requirements.

**3.5.10 Data Mapping.** The final cleaned xyz files are then binned using a 4m by 4m bin size to help reduce the size of the files. This file is the final delivered xyz file. The final mapping is performed using MicroStation and Inroads. These programs produce maps in DGN format. The contour files produced by Inroads where derived from a reduced data set of xyz files. The reduced

data set was produced by HyPack's point reduction program. After mapping in the DGN format the files were exported to a DXF format for the final deliverable.

#### 4.0 **Calibrations**

4.1 **Positioning Systems.** No formal calibrations of the Ashtech Z-12 receivers operating in the DGPS mode were conducted in the field. However, internal accuracy (precision) of the system was monitored by the SHOALS system utilizing standard positional QC (HDOP, PDOP, SNR data) techniques. Overall accuracy was not checked against independent (terrestrial) nav aids, but crossline, swath overlap and multiple flights over features such as pier ends/corners and NAV AIDs and comparison checks on the sounding data did allow a high degree of trust in positional integrity to be reached. Fugro/Chance personnel received daily solar storm forecasts and activity reports. Data collection during periods of high solar activity was avoided. During processing, graphical analysis of LOP data indicated no problems with the positioning system. With the vast majority of cross-checks and overlapping swaths showing good agreement however, both sounding reduction and navigational accuracy were assessed as adequate for the survey.

4.2 **SHOALS System Calibration.** To ensure accuracy of the system, SHOALS requires both a hard target test and a calibration flight for calibration of the system. The hard target test is accomplished through firing the laser against a known baseline distance. The test is performed for each receiver of the surface and bottom channels. Any observed error is nulled out through adjustment of appropriate parameters.

4.2.1 The SHOALS system undergoes an in-flight calibration for the determination of the small offsets of the scanner mirror frame relative to the optical axes of the system, in the roll, pitch and heading directions as defined by the Inertial Navigation System. Critical to this calibration is locating and flying a calm, flat area in the field. To calculate the angular offsets an average of the water surface is derived by the system, then a special calibration program developed by the National Ocean Service derives these small angular offsets assuming that the sea surface is flat. The offsets are folded back into the collected standard data and the successful plotting of a flat-water surface shows that the angles were correctly derived.

4.2.2 In the first six years of SHOALS operation, a standard survey line was used to derive these small angular offsets. In early 2000 it was thought that a wider excursion of the scanner forward angles would result in better calibration values and a raster scanner pattern became the standard operational procedure. Either procedure raster or standard pattern is acceptable as long as the resulting angular corrections produce a flat-water surface. (Carswell; Optech, Inc. 2002)

4.3 **Survey System Offsets/Alignment.** The laser system and motion sensors are optically aligned and the offsets measured with respect to the phase center of the GPS antenna. This is done at every system or component installation. The measured offsets are contained in what is

called the "STATIC" file. This file is written to the survey plan and, during initialization of the data collection system, written to the daily data tape. During processing the offset values are stripped from tape along with the data applied during post processing (SHOALS NT processor). During processing tide corrections are applied. In the event of a kinematic survey the KGPS derived positions and ellipsoid to MSL offset is also applied. For surveys covered in this report no kinematic data collection was conducted.

#### 4.4 Deep Bias Offset Correction

4.4.1 There has been a suspected deep bias present in SHOALS 400 data. This bias has never been quantifiable due to a lack of suitable ground truth data. The SHOALS-400 algorithm applied a constant bias to make the SHOALS derived depths shallower by 12 cm. This was based on the original Sarasota data and also the later Tampa Bay data. Recent testing of the follow-on Lidar system, SHOALS 1000, or CHARTS, the NAVOCEANO term for the system, at the South Florida Test Facility (SFTF) operated by the Naval Surface Weapons Center off Dania Beach Florida has allowed for the quantifying of this deep bias error. True, the deep bias error has been quantified with the SHOALS 1000 system, it is applicable to the SHOALS 400 system because the physics involved is the same as are the algorithms utilized to derive depth from the laser shots.

4.4.2 All of the SHOALS 400 data has been corrected for a depth bias that was discovered during the ground truth tests for the CHARTS system at the South Florida Test Facility. The equation used is as follows:

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if (out.au.reported_depth > 7.0)
{
    correction = 0.17235 - 0.02485 * out.au.reported_depth;

    out.au.tide_cor_depth -= correction;
    out.au.reported_depth += correction;
    out.au.result_depth += correction;
    out.au.sec_depth += correction;
}
```

4.4.3 The equation represents the difference between the historical depth bias corrector (SHOALS-400) that was applied to the data and the new depth bias corrector taken from the SFTF data. The equation was derived by Grant Cunningham of Optech. This information came in an email (10/10/03) from Paul LaRocque of Optech. Note that the 12cm bias mentioned in the email was not depth dependent and was not removed from the data.

0 cm effect at 7 m

8 cm effect at 10 m  
20 cm effect at 15 m  
32 cm effect at 20 m  
57 cm effect at 30 m  
82 cm effect at 40 m.

The SHOALS-400 algorithm applied a constant bias to make the SHOALS derived depths shallower by 12 cm. This was based on the original Sarasota data and also the later Tampa Bay data. The following new recipe will make the SHOALS-400 data even shallower by the amounts stated in table above.

To apply the newest depth bias corrector to older (i.e., SHOALS-400) data, the following equation should be used:

$\text{delta\_depth} = 0.0 \text{ m}$ , for  $\text{reported\_depths} < 7 \text{ meters}$   
 $\text{delta\_depth} = [ 0.17235 - (0.02485 * \text{reported\_depth}) ] \text{ m}$ , for  
 $\text{reported\_depths} \geq 7 \text{ meters}$

This  $\text{delta\_depth}$  should be ADDED to the older values of the  $\text{reported\_depth}$ , as below:

$\text{new\_reported\_depth} = ( \text{old\_reported\_depth} + \text{delta\_depth} )$

Therefore, at 40 meters  $\text{old\_reported\_depth}$  this will make the  $\text{new\_reported\_depth}$  shallower by about 82 cm.

This bias offset was proven and quantified after the first data delivery to NOAA. Subsequently, the above described procedure was applied to ALL Hawaii data and the data was re-submitted to NOAA. All Hawaii data currently held by NOAA Pacific Hydrographic Branch has been corrected for this bias.

## 5.0 Side Scan Sonar

5.1 **Requirements.** No side scan sonar requirement was defined for Hawaii.

5.2 **Equipment.** N/A

5.3 **Coverage.** N/A

## 6.0 Tides and Water Levels.

6.1 **General Requirements.** Tidal zoning shall be constructed and tidal data observed and recorded such that derived tidal corrections to the sounding data meet 0.5 meter accuracy standards. The survey area shall be sufficiently zoned and tide gauges strategically located to ensure tidal corrections meet accuracy requirements.

## 6.2 Tidal Data Collection, Scope of Work.

6.2.1 The primary NOAA tide Gauges. Also NOAA CO-OPS was responsible for posting preliminary unverified tidal data on the CO-OPS web site, tidal data processing and verification, posting of verified data to the web site and tidal zoning.

## 6.3 Tide Gauges

NOAA-maintained automatic tide gauges are at the following locations:

Honolulu Harbor, Oahu  
Mokuoloe, Oahu (northern Kaneohe Bay)  
Nawilili, Kauai  
Kawaihae, Hawaii

6.2.3 **Additional Gauges.** NAVOCEANO installed backup gauges on Oahu at the Barbers Pt. Harbor and the Waianae small craft harbor. On Kauai NAVOCEANO installed a tide gauge at a small craft harbor just south of PMRF between Kekaha and Waimea. NOAA gauges supporting the zoning were located on the windward side of the islands, well away from much of the survey area. The NAVOCEANO installed gauges were installed as a backup to the NOAA gauges. Furthermore, the data from the NAVOCEANO installed gauges were used to confirm the NOAA tide-zoning scheme.

## 6.4 Preliminary Tidal Zoning.

6.4.1 Tide zones were developed by NOAA CO-OPS based on historical data from the above mentioned gauges.

## 6.5 Tide Zone Accuracy

6.5.1 Results of comparing zone HAW213 (Oahu west coast from Barbers Pt. harbor to Kepuhi Pt. and including Waianae) referenced to NOAA's Honolulu gauge and the installed Waianae gauge are as follows:

Maximum difference:	0.35 meters
Mean difference:	0.15 meters
Standard Deviation:	0.179 meters

## 6.6 Final Tidal Zoning.

6.6.1 Tidal No adjustment was made to the NOAA CO-OPS zone scheme. Tidal time series from the NAVOCEANO gauges and tidal time series for the appropriate NOAA tide zone agreed very well. No adjustment to the NOAA zones was necessary.

## 6.7 Application of Tides.

6.7.1 The NAVOCEANO processing system does not utilize “tide correctors”, per se. The NOAA CO-OPS zoning scheme partitioned the survey areas into zones referenced to a reference tide gauge. For each zone there is a phase and amplitude correction, also referenced to the reference tide gauge. NAVOCEANO’s processing system handles tide correction by creating a tide file for each zone by applying zonal corrections to the reference gauge tides. The processing software identifies in which zone a sounding falls and applies that zone’s tide to the sounding. Tide correctors are applied during post processing, just prior to data editing and validation.

## 6.8 Currents and Tidal Streams

See Appendix E for a summary of Hawaiian currents from published literature. *Informational for Tactical Products.*

### 6.8.1 Large-scale Currents

Source: [www.atftp.soest.hawaii.edu](http://www.atftp.soest.hawaii.edu).

The average currents around the Hawaiian Islands form a large Gyre centered at about 32N. The geostrophic basin scale clockwise circulation sweeps the islands roughly east to west and intensifies southward. At and near the surface, currents driven by the wind combined with the geostrophic currents result in more complicated flow patterns.

South of Hawaii, the surface North Equatorial Current (NEC) reaches an average westward speed 0.35 knot at 13 N, and gradually decreases towards the islands. Between 18 N and 22 N, the currents are strongly influenced by the islands. The NEC forks at Hawaii; the northern branch becomes the North Hawaiian Ridge Current (NHRC), and intensifies near the islands with a typical speed of 0.5 knots. West of the islands, two elongated circulations appear. A clockwise circulation is centered at 19 N, merging to the south with the southern branch of the NEC. A counter-clockwise circulation is centered at 20-30 N. Between them is the narrow Hawaiian Lee Counter

Current(HLCC). Surface currents over the western islands and north east of the NHRC are variable. Current variability shown below indicates numerous eddies or swirls in the lee of the islands.

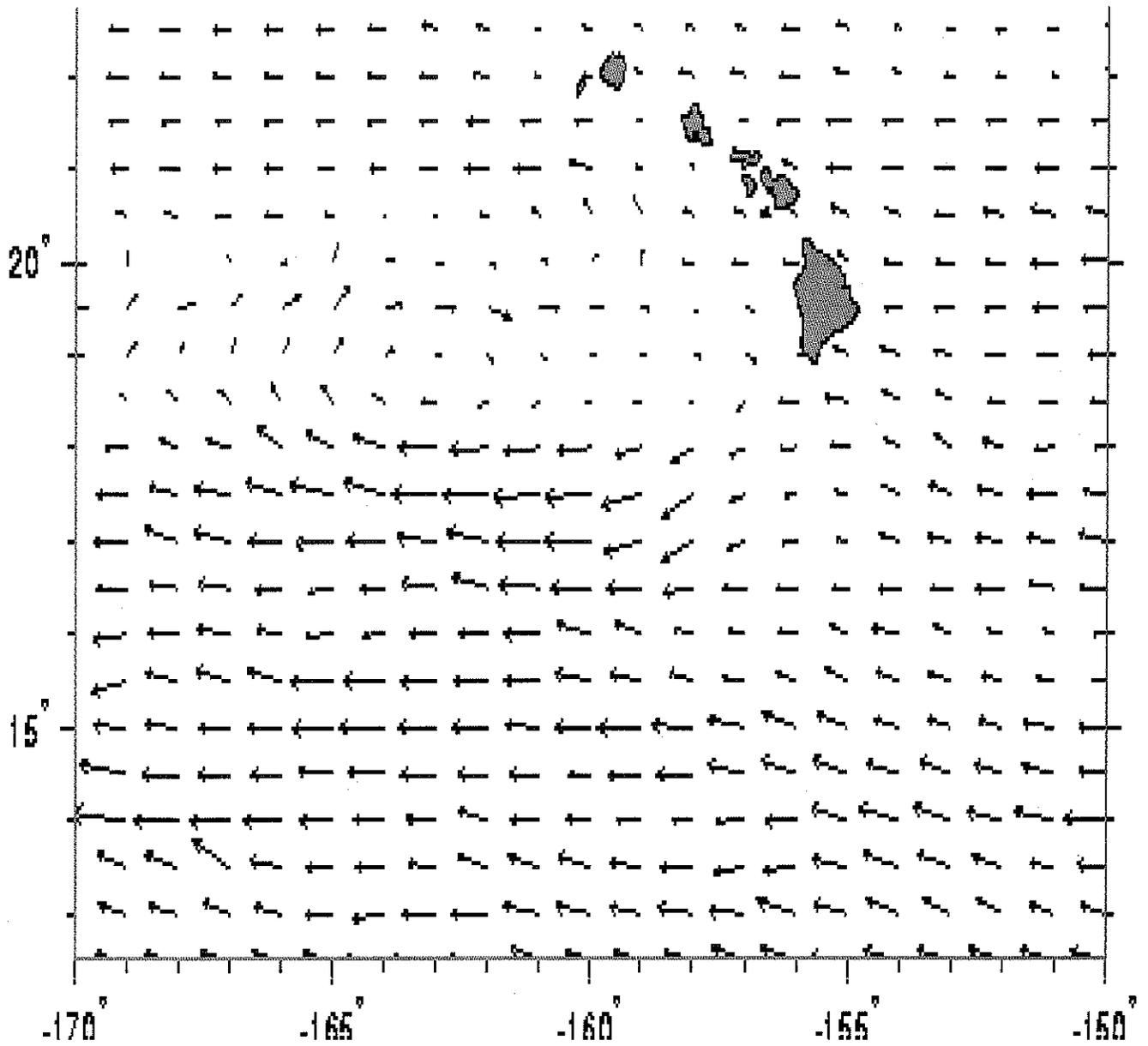


Figure 2. Large-scale ocean circulation around the Hawaiian Islands.

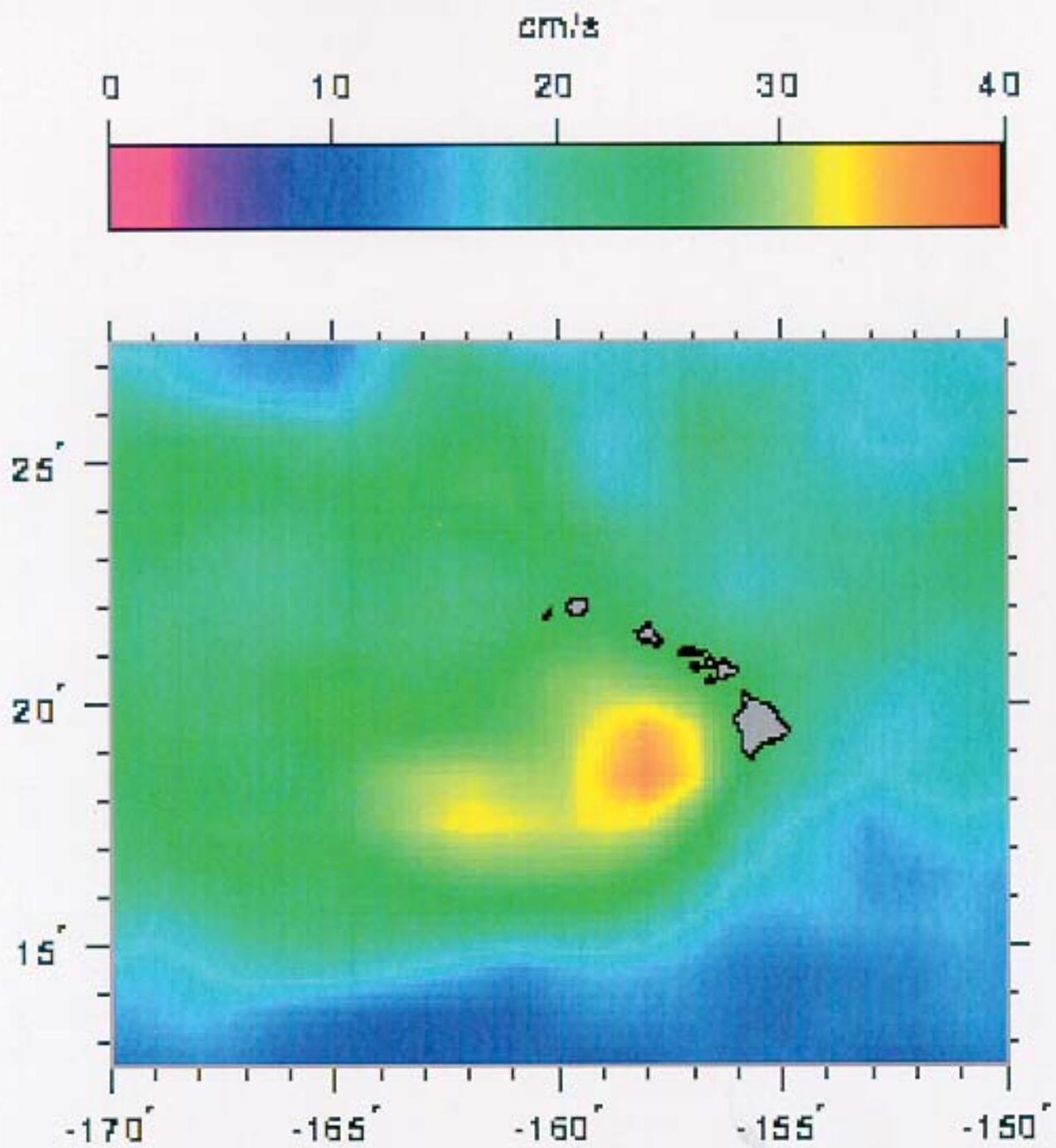


Figure 3. Large-scale ocean circulation variability around Hawaii indicates numerous eddies and swirls which obliterate slower average circulation.

### 6.8.2 Regional currents

The island chain affects the ocean by two important mechanisms:

interactions of the islands with the large scale ocean currents, and wind speed variations in the lee of the islands.

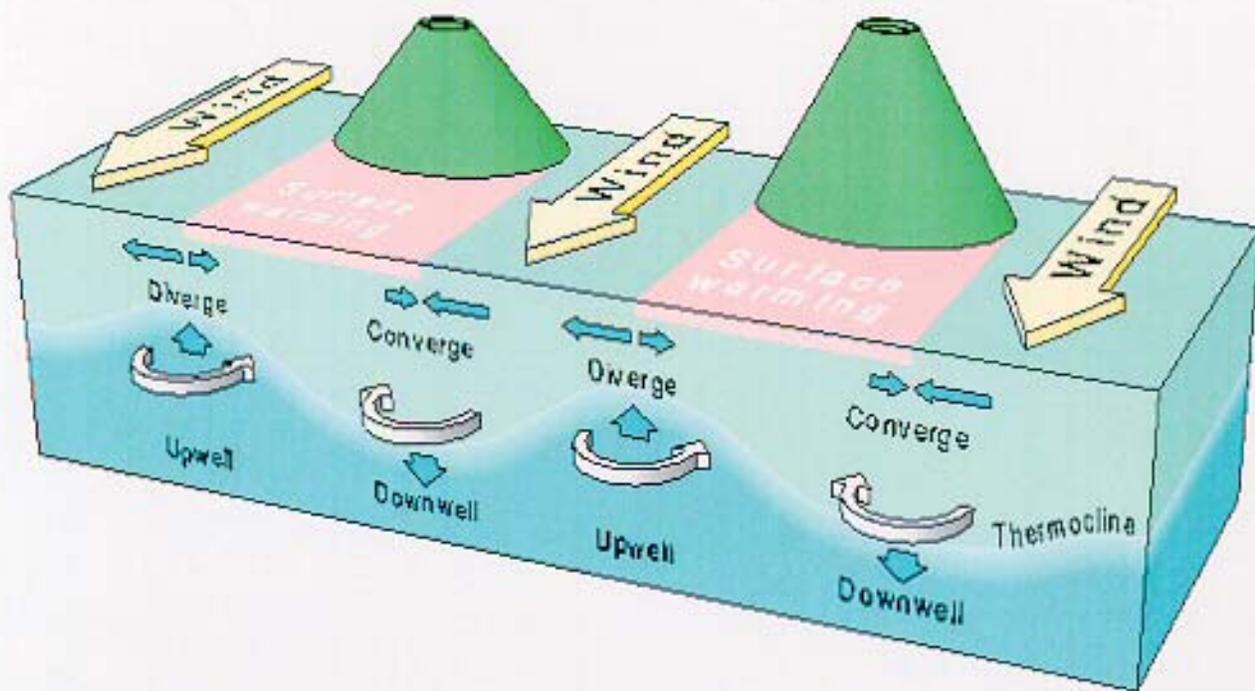


Figure 4. Regional current formation due to the modifying effect of land masses on large-scale circulation.

At the northern and southern boundaries of each island, the trade winds with speeds of 22-44 mph are separated from the calmer lee by narrow wind shear lines. Locally, the depth of the surface mixed layer depends on wind speed: in the channels, deep mixed layers are observed; in the lee, stirring by the wind is not sufficient to mix down solar heating and intense daytime warming of the ocean surface results. Sharp surface temperature fronts, sometimes reaching a difference of 4 C, are often associated with these wind shear lines.

Variations of wind have subtle effects on current patterns. When wind blows for many days over a surface mixed layer, the water moves to the right of the wind in the Northern Hemisphere due to the earth's rotation. Water therefore moves away from the northern shear line. To compensate for this divergent surface motion, water upwells from greater depths, appearing as a cold spot at the surface. Similarly, water moves towards the southern shear line, resulting in a deepening of the thermocline there.

Geostrophic currents result from these variations of thermocline depth, in the form of intense counter-clockwise eddies under northern shear lines, and somewhat less intense clockwise eddies under southern shear lines. This process is quite dramatic -- the depth of the mixed layer in the lee of the island of Hawaii can vary from less than 20 m in the counter-clockwise eddy, to more than 120 m in the clockwise eddy. The large counter-clockwise average circulation is believed to result from the repeated occurrence of eddies spun up by the shear lines of the islands of Maui and Hawaii.

Eddies can also be generated when intense currents such as the NEC impinges on the islands. The large clockwise circulation south west of the island of Hawaii appears to be caused by many such clockwise eddies repeatedly formed near South Point.

### 6.8.3 Tidal Currents and other Oscillations

On scales of oceanic basins, tides exist as very long waves propagating in patterns determined by their period and the geometry of the basin. The figure below shows the response of the North Pacific to the tidal period of 23 h 56 min, the largest diurnal component. Phase lines along which high tide occurs at the same time converge to an amphidrome point west of Hawaii where the tidal range is zero. Phase lines rotate counter-clockwise around this amphidrome, so that the offshore diurnal tide reaches the Hawaii island first, then sweeps across Maui, Oahu and finally Kauai.

Local bathymetry affects the ranges and phases of the tides along the shore, as the tidal waves wrap around the islands. For example, high tide at Haleiwa on the north shore of Oahu occurs over an hour before high tide at Honolulu Harbor.

Tidal currents result from tidal variations of sea level, and near shore are often stronger than the large scale circulation. Current meter records collected off Oahu, Maui and Hawaii (below) show that semi- diurnal and diurnal tidal currents tend to be aligned with the shoreline.

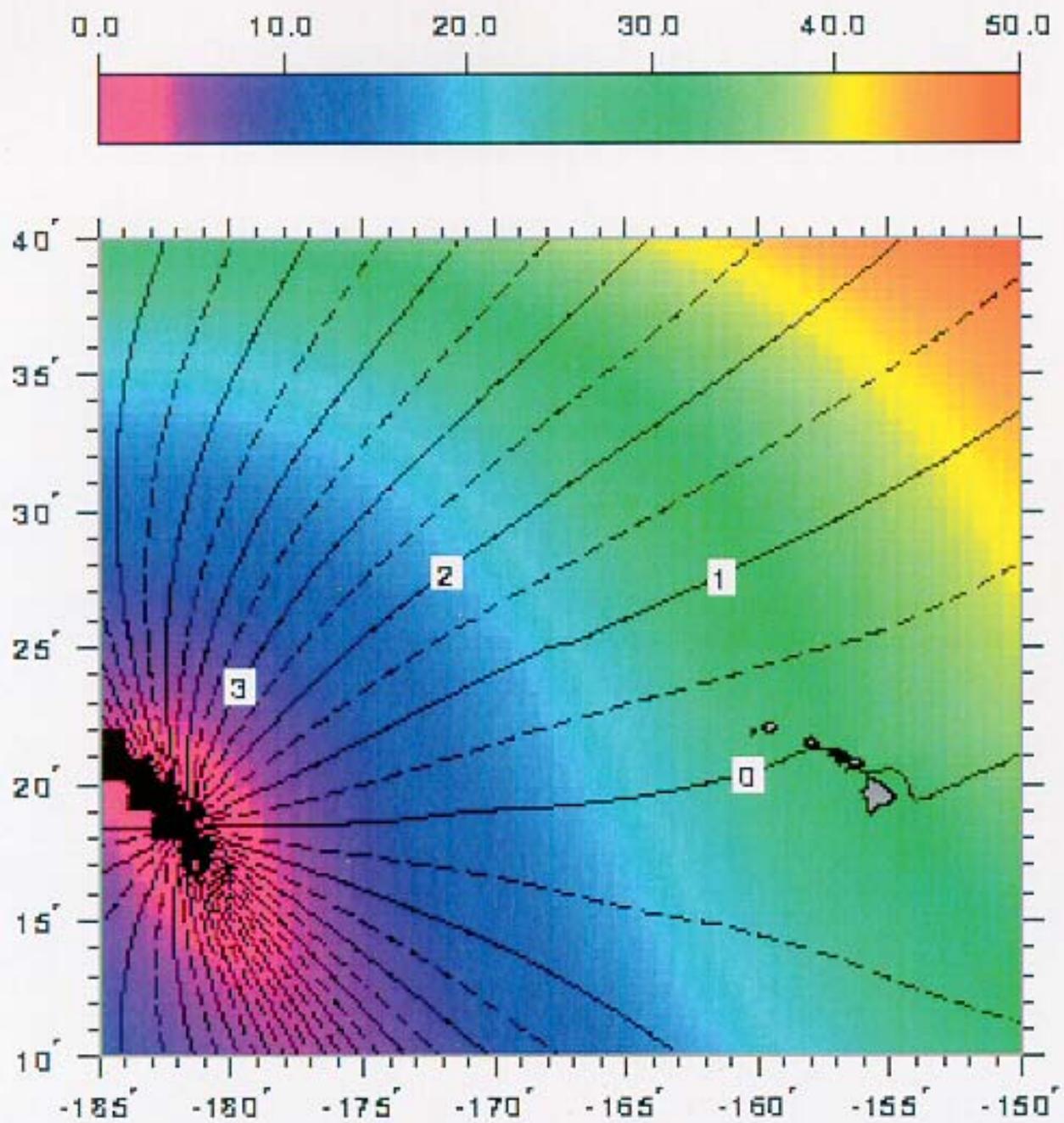


Figure 5. Response of the North Pacific to the longest duration tidal component (23h 56m) and the effect of the Hawaiian land mass.

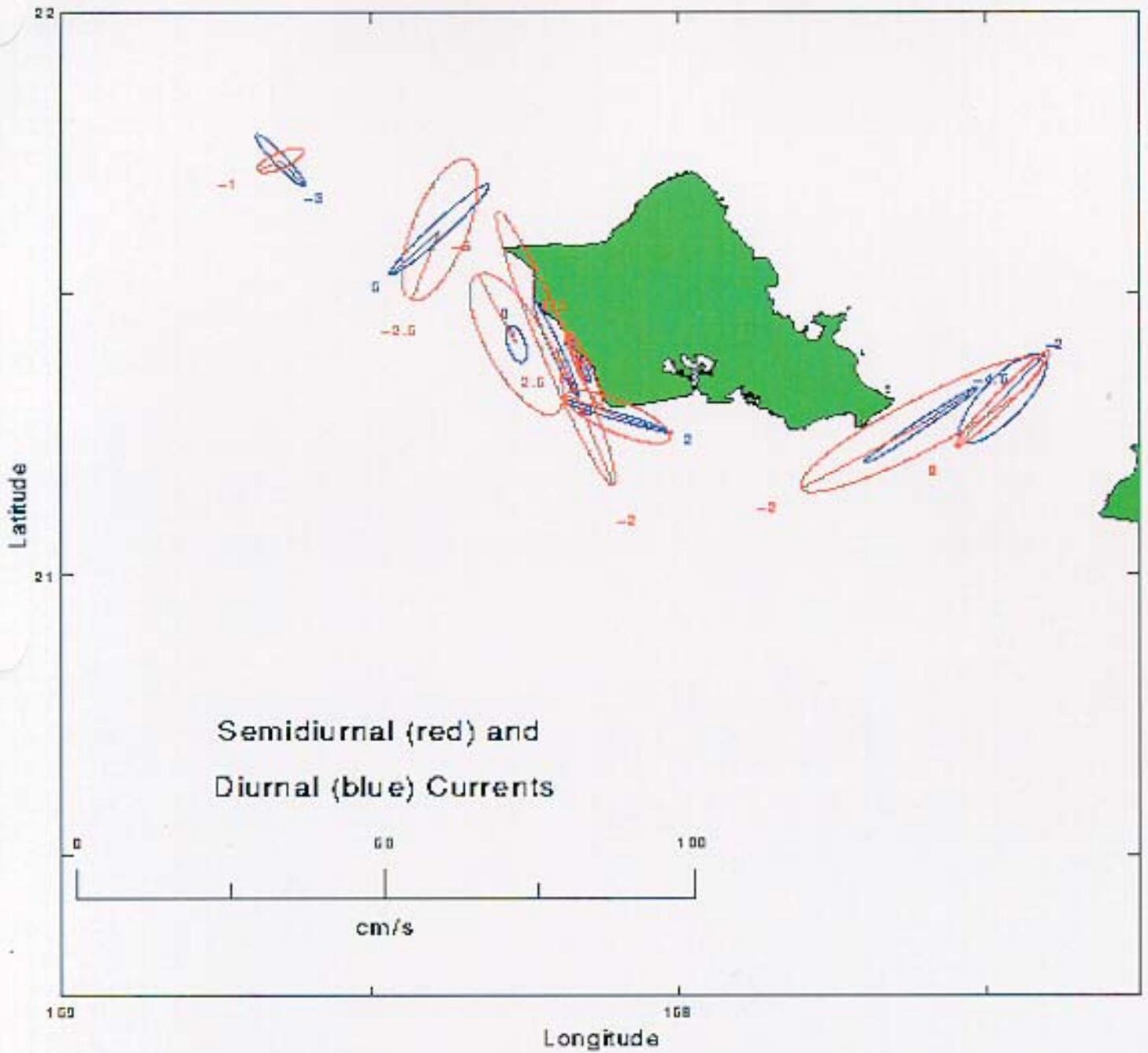


Figure 6a. Representative tidal current flow around the Hawaiian Islands. Diurnal and semi-diurnal tidal flows tend to be aligned with the shoreline. Strong eddies are often found around points and headlands.

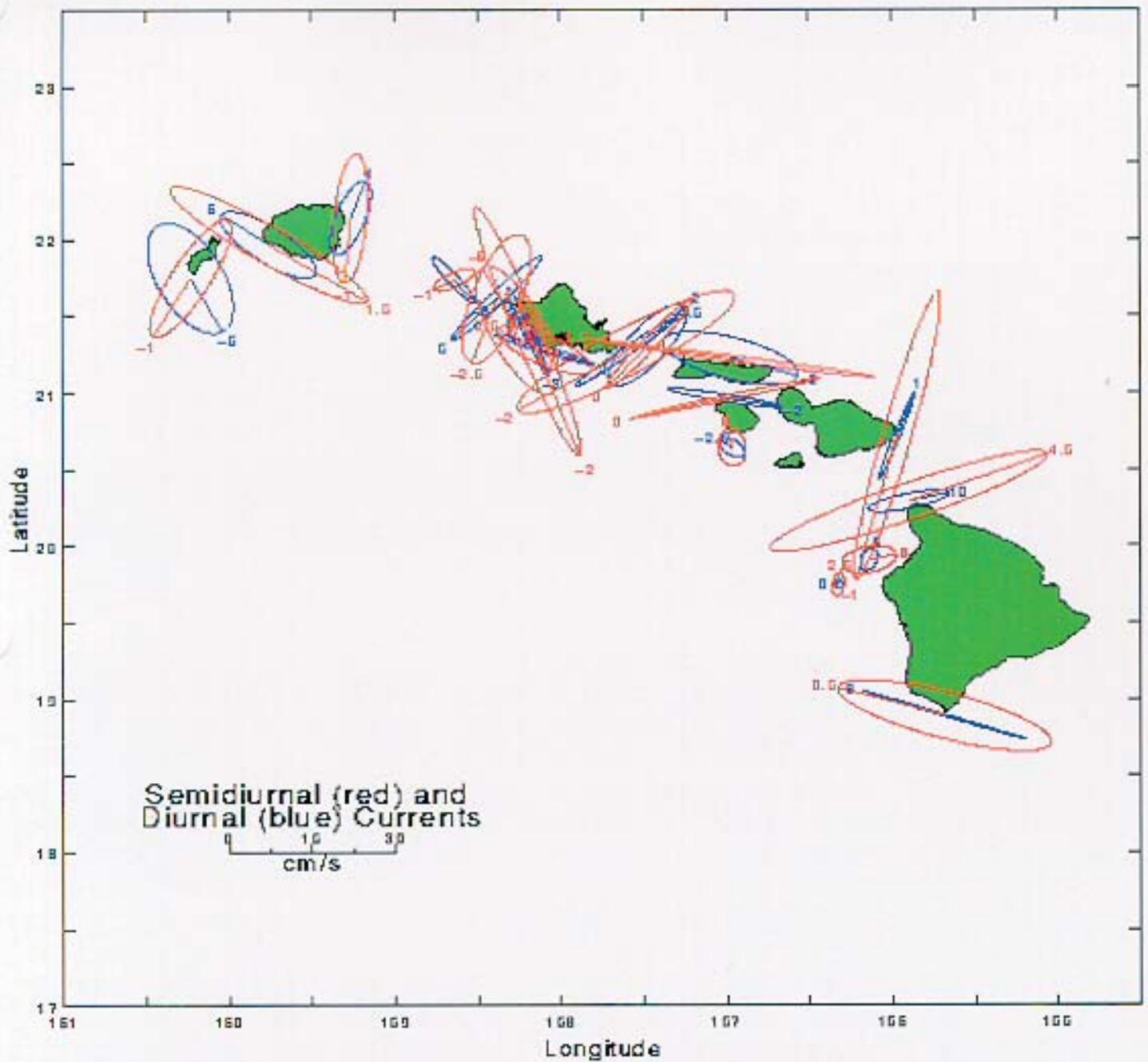


Figure 6b. Representative tidal current flow around the Hawaiian Islands. Diurnal and semi-diurnal tidal flows tend to be aligned with the shoreline. Strong eddies are often found around points and headlands.

Due to high variability of tidal currents around the islands, however, this statistical representation may not correspond to the flow at a particular time -- tidal currents cannot be predicted as precisely as sea level. Strong swirls often result from tidal currents flowing around points and headlands, and present hazards to divers.

Variations of sea level and currents at periods of 1.5 to 3 days are also observed around the Hawaiian islands. Although they manifest themselves as oscillations just like tides, they are not forced by gravitation, but by time-varying winds and possibly swells. They displace the sea surface by only a few centimeters, but the depth of isotherms by tens of meters. Such oscillations, usually occurring during the winter, may be associated with currents up to 1 knot, and horizontal water displacements of 8 km (5 miles).

## **7.0 Data Collection and Field Work**

**7.1 Units.** All soundings are in meters.

**7.2 Corrections to Soundings.** Alignments, offsets and verified tides were applied during appropriate stages of data collection and processing.

## **7.3 Hydrography**

**7.3.1 Source of Shorelines.** The shoreline source was initially generated from the vector shoreline used in the DNC of the area; this should be revised using high resolution shoreline derived from the zero contour obtained from the LIDAR datasets as the charted shoreline accuracy could use some improvement.

## **7.4 Sounding Development and Coverage**

120-meter swath at 4x4 meter spot density. Greater than 200% coverage in Navy areas separated by a time span of several hours. USGS areas were covered at 4x4-meter spot density at 100% coverage. USGS areas along Oahu's south coast were covered at 200% because of their small size and proximity to Navy areas. USACOE areas were covered at 8x8-meter spot density and 100% coverage. This is also discussed in 1.1.13.1 and 1.1.13.2.

**7.5 Sounding Selection.** NAVOCEANO area-based, shoal-biased sounding selection algorithm.

## **7.6 Seabed Topography and Texture**

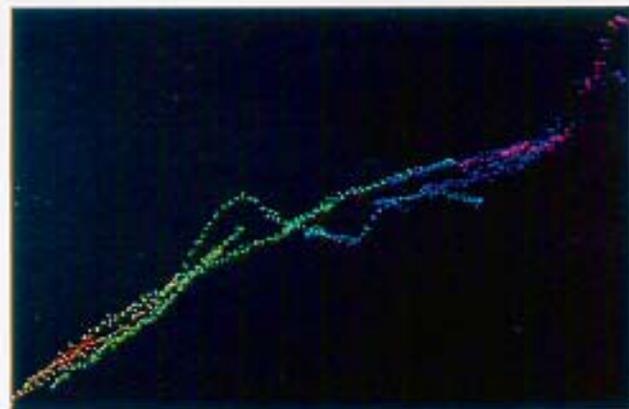
Seabed topography is derived from the LIDAR data. No bottom samples were collected.

## 7.7 Near Shore Seabed Topography.

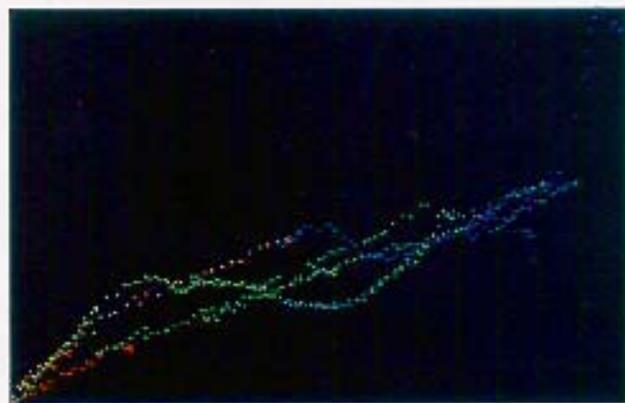
Numerous coastal areas in the Hawaiian Islands are exposed to a Predominately northerly Swell for most of the year. During the winter months the swell becomes quite significant. As a result the beaches and near shore areas are quite dynamic. Oahu north shore beaches undergo re-sculpting during the winter months. The same occurs along the leeward west coast where the beaches and near shore of Makua and Makaha are significantly altered. Along Kauai's northwest Na Pali coast the beaches completely erode in winter, then reappear in the spring. Along Barking Sands, and Majors Bay (Waiokapua Bay) Kauai, north and south of PMRF, beaches and near shore are quite dynamic during any time of high swell and rough surf.



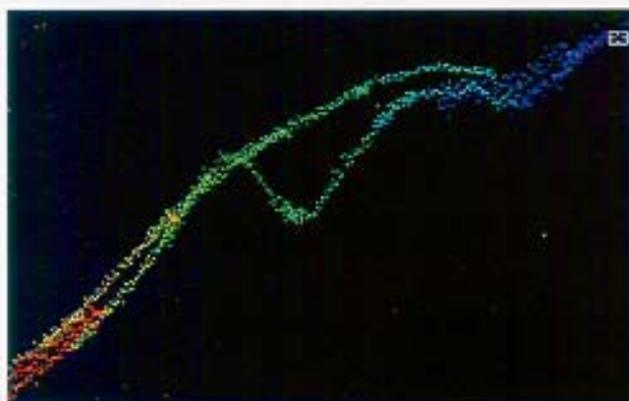
Figure 7. Barking Sands, Kauai. Near shore seabed topography.



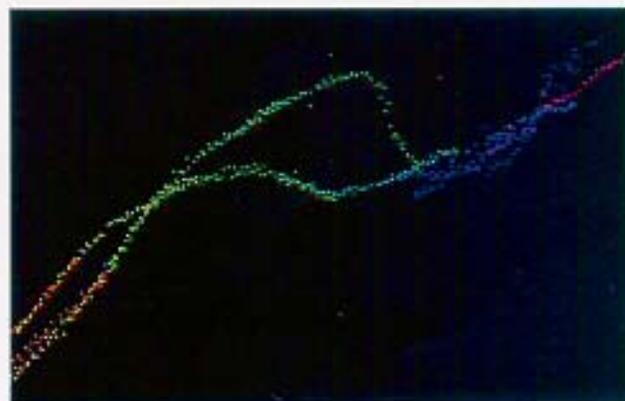
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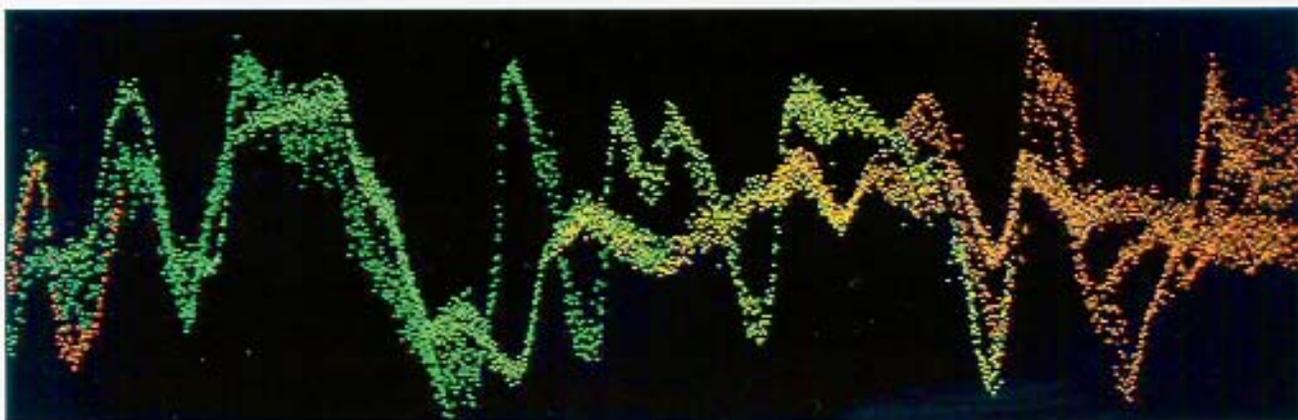
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Figure 8. Series of near shore seabed to beach profiles from the area of Barking Sands, Kauai depicted in Figure 7. Insets a-d are west to east cross sections. Inset e is from the north east to southwest along the full length of the near shore.

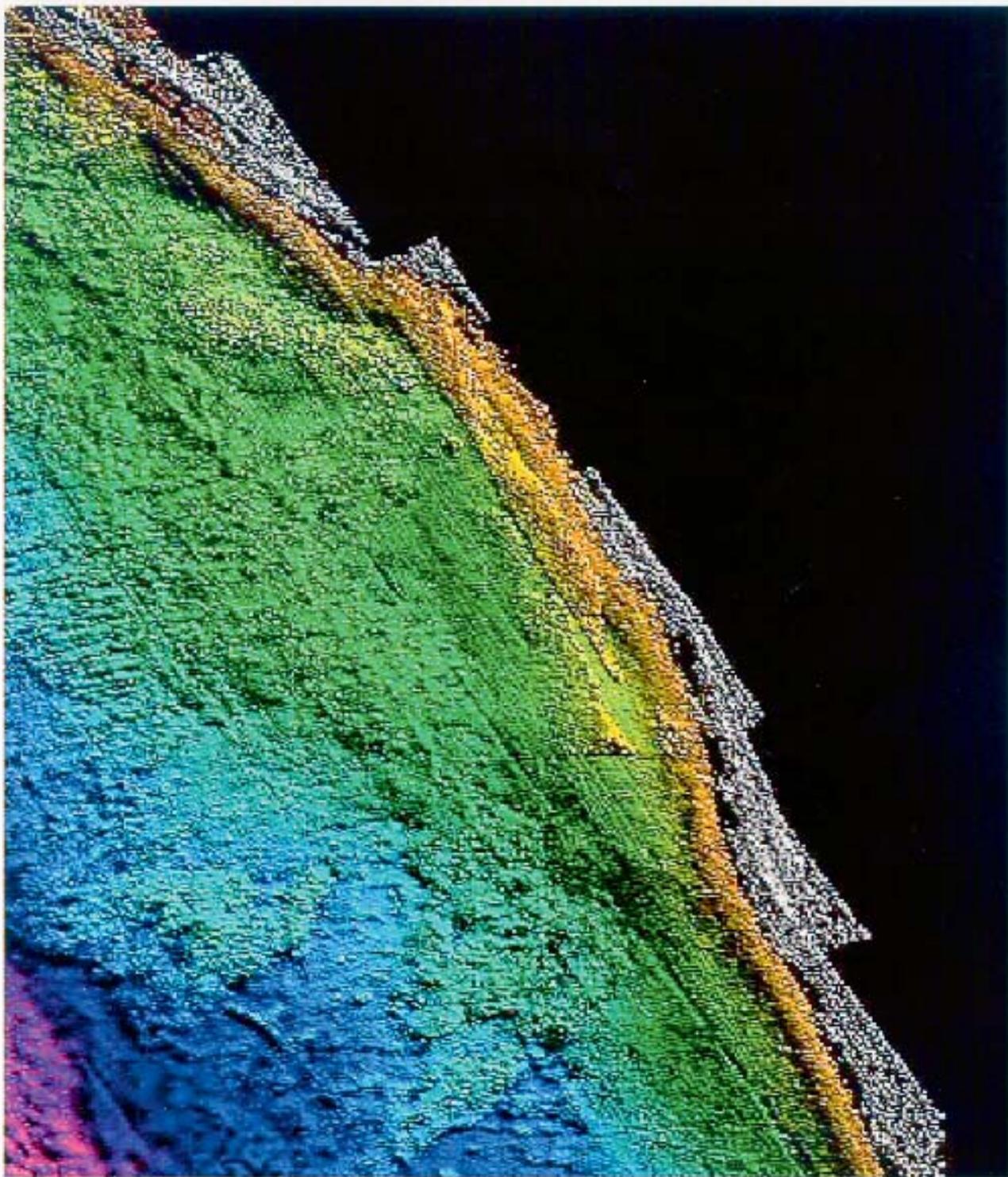
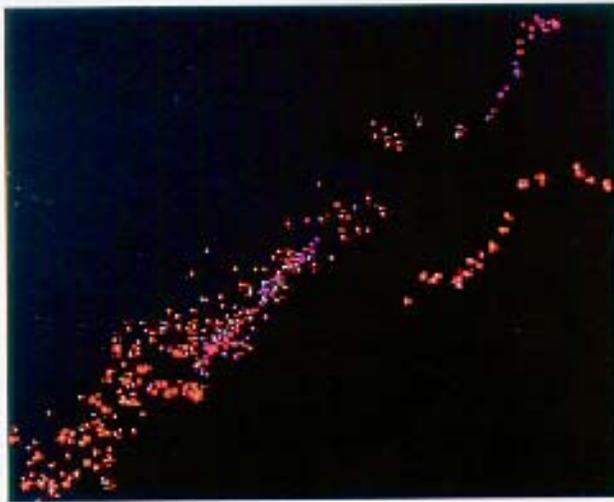
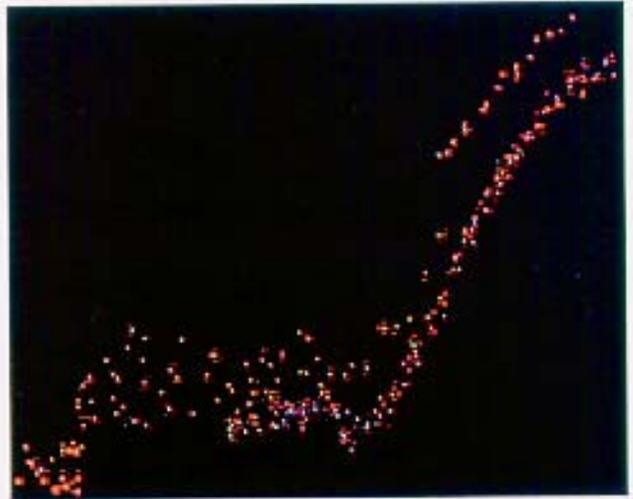


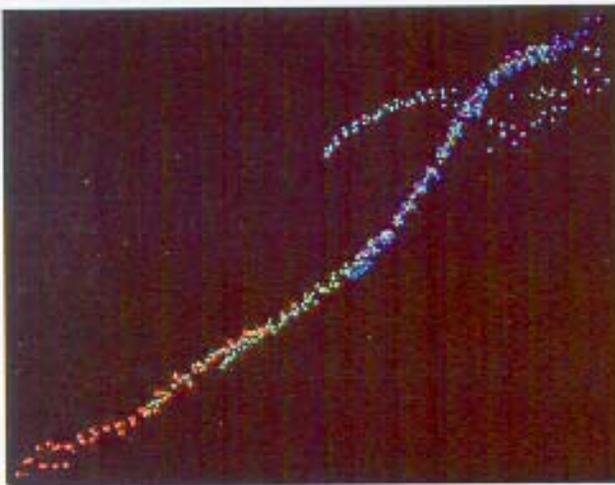
Figure 9. Majors Bay (Waiokapua Bay) Kauai showing near the shore seabed.



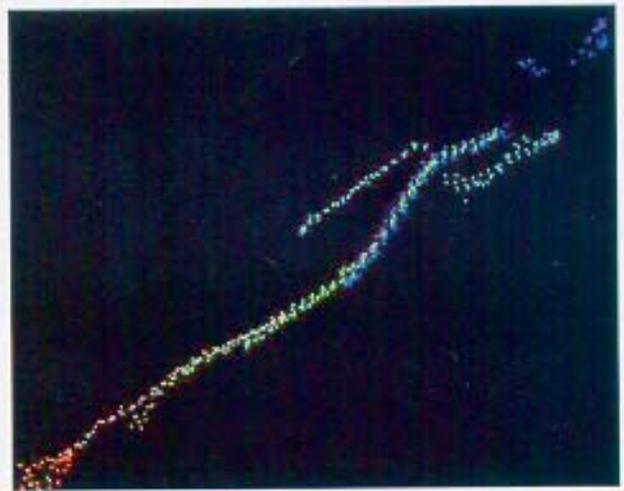
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Figure 10. Series of near shore seabed to beach profiles from the area of Majors Bay (Waiokapua Bay) Kauai depicted in Figure 9. Insets a-d are west to east cross sections. Colors represent datasets from different days. These cross sections cover a time span of 6 weeks.

## 7.8 Data Quality Control

**7.8.1 Processing Methodology.** Graphical examination/evaluation of LOP time series data and deletion of bad data. Graphical examination/evaluation of roll, heading, vertical acceleration time series. 3D visualization of data as a sun-shaded surface colored by depth, line or file. Visualization of data with color and gray scale palette. Visualization of data from any view angle, elevation or lighting position. Visualization of the sun shaded statistical, minimum, average and maximum surfaces. Area based editing of data. Data can be rotated. Multiple and overlying data can be compared. Complete 3D editing capability through the Area Based Editors. Overlay of GeoTif chart images with sounding sheets.

### 7.8.2 Cross check/swath overlap agreements

Standard crosscheck lines were not run. All Navy areas required two- flight coverage, with the second flights flown some time after the first flights (4 hours to several days). This survey development technique and adjacent line overlap proved more than sufficient to identify any positional or tide correction problems.

Tide correction problems were identified early in the survey. The problem was not with the tides themselves, but with application of the tide correctors. There were three primary problems. (1) Extraneous and unprintable (viewable) ASCII characters contaminated some tide corrector files such that the tide would not apply when APPLY\_TIDES was run, and no error message issued. These were identified early and resolved. (2) A data file time stamp problem was identified in the OPTEK airborne software. When the day changed over at midnight GMT a bit is supposed to be set in the \*.fl file. This didn't always happen. However, the time stamp was not reset to zero, just continued. As ping time is derived from the ping counter, the tide correctors were being applied from the wrong day. (3) Four data file format changes occurred of which NAVO was never informed. Three of these affected data time. Addition to these main three problems, a couple of errors were discovered in the tide zone polygon definition files. One polygon was not closed and another had an extraneous point that caused the polygon to cross several others. These errors were all corrected and tides re-applied at NAVOCEANO. Currently, there are no discrepancies in the tide corrections and all soundings are properly corrected.

## 7.9 Agreement with Existing Charts

See Appendix C for a synopsis of chart and data comparison. The highly detailed LIDAR data show more features. Numerous wrecks indicated along Oahu's south coast were not detected in the LIDAR data. Status and/or existence of these wrecks is unknown.

## 7.10 Agreement with Prior Surveys

Due to the short-notice nature of the tasking and rapid generation of the definitive report, previous survey data were not made available and therefore neither a critical nor favorable comparison can be made.

## 7.11 Navigational Aids

Nav aids were not positioned during the course of this survey. No tasking for this was designated and no suitable equipment was available. Discussions, however, with the Honolulu Harbor Master, Hawaii Ports and Harbors Commission, Harbor pilots and the USCG district revealed no discrepancies with charted nav aids and the Notice to Mariners.

The only nav aids positioned were a Navy-maintained buoy off PMRF Kauai and the observation tower at the Makua Training Area, Oahu.

Buoy designated "TANGO"	Position:	N 22 00.330'	W 159 47.557'
Tower, Makua	Position:	N 21 31' 43.56"	W 158 13' 37.81"

## 7.12 Shoreline

The shoreline source was initially generated from the vector shoreline used in the DNC of the area. This should be revised where possible using high-resolution shoreline derived from the zero contour obtained from the LIDAR datasets.

## 8.0 Accuracy and Resolution of Soundings

### 8.1 LIDAR Positional Accuracy

8.1.1 The error budget discussed below pertains to the positioning system operating in differential mode.

Based on the following:

System measurement circular error:	1.0 m
Slope error (variable, 1.0 m flat bottom)	1.0 m
Navigational System accuracy:	4.0 m
Heading error	0.5 m
Roll/Pitch error (beam pointing error)	0.26 m
(less than 0.05 degrees, less than 26 cm @ 300 meters altitude)	

8.1.2 The cumulative effects of the above errors (RMS) would be: +/- 4.16 meters: allowing for the navigational accuracy of +/- 5 meters, the total RMS value for sounding positional accuracy is +/- 5.13 meters.

8.1.3 IHO Positional Accuracy (Order 1) requires +5m +5% of depth, which equates to an allowable error of:

5.25 m	in 5 m depth
5.50 m	in 10 m depth
5.75 m	in 15 m depth
6.00 m	in 20 m depth

IHO 1st order positional accuracy is therefore considered to have been met in all areas throughout the survey. In areas of steeply sloping or high bottom variability deeper than 15 m IHO 1st order positional accuracy is considered to have been met.

## 8.2 Accuracy of Soundings - Assessment and Evaluation

8.2.1 **LIDAR.** Assessment of the accuracy of LIDAR soundings entails an evaluation of the following:

a. LIDAR zero mark (water surface)	+/- 0.10 m
b. Depth measurement (system accuracy)	+/- 0.10 m
c. Laser propagation velocity error	+/- 0.05 m
d. Roll, pitch, heading	+/- 0.00 m
e. Vertical motion (heave)	+/- 0.00 m
f. Tidal Measurement	+/- 0.02 m
g. Co-tidal corrections	+/- 0.10 m
h. seabed slope	+/- 0.0 – 0.25 m

8.2.2 **LIDAR zero mark** (a) The zero or reference mark for Lidar data is not the platform or sensor, it is the water surface while operating in DGPS mode or the GPS antenna while operating KGPS mode. The accuracy of the zero reference is very dependent on the surface model utilized to compensate for wave and swell. The accuracy of the surface reference is considered to be 0.1 meters on a normal ocean surface. The surface reference accuracy improves over calm seas and in protected waters. A nominal value of 0.10 meters has therefore been accepted as typical.

8.2.3 **Depth Measurement error** (b) (Instrument Accuracy/Error). System accuracy (depth resolution) for the LIDAR is 0.1 meters RMS. A nominal value of 0.10 meters has therefore been accepted as typical, given the relatively shallow water nature of this survey.

**8.2.4 Speed of Light Correction.** (c) In any medium light travels more slowly than it does in a vacuum. The velocity of light in a medium is equal to the velocity of light in a vacuum divided by the refractive index of the medium. The refractive index of light in air is 1.00028 and, for our purposes, is not significantly different from that in a vacuum, 1.00 by definition. The refractive index of water, though it varies slightly with temperature, salt concentration and wavelength, may be regarded as 1.33 for all natural waters. Assuming a velocity of light in a vacuum of 300,000,000 m/s, the velocity in water is about 225,000,000 m/s. The refractive index variability in natural waters is negligible, as is the speed. Therefore variation in light speed is not a limiting factor for LIDAR data and errors attributed to velocity of light variability can be considered non-existent.

**8.2.5 Roll, Pitch, Heading** (d) Roll, Pitch and Heading are sensed by an onboard POS/AV. Roll, pitch and heading are fully compensated for in real time through direct interfacing to the laser/scanner servo control system. Servo compensation within the limits of +/- 20 degrees of motion ensures the scanning mirror is referenced to nadir at all times. All out-of-tolerance motion results in system warnings and discarded Lidar pulses. Roll, pitch and heading errors are considered negligible.

**8.2.6 Vertical Motion Corrections.** (e) Not applicable for LIDAR data because the zero reference is not the platform or sensor, it is the water surface (when operating in DGPS mode) or the GPS antenna (when operating in KGPS mode). However, aircraft platform motion is compensated for by an aircraft mounted inertial motion system (POS/AV). This resolves undulations in the flight path. Aircraft movement outside of normal parameters result in "jerk" flags and rejected data.

**8.2.7 Tide corrections.** (f), (g) Tide correction errors consist of the actual observation errors at the tide gauge and any errors resulting from a tidal zoning schema or cotidal analysis. Observation errors from the NOAA tide gauges are known to be very low. The estimated error for observed tides is 0.025 meters (1 SIGMA). A similarly small margin of error for co-tidal corrections (0.35 meters) was calculated from comparison of a gauge installed on the leeward sides of Oahu and Kauai and the zone corrected reference tide station data. The standard deviation between the observed tide at these locations and the tide derived from the zoning was 0.179 meters. A similarly small margin of error for co-tidal corrections is based on the range and extent of the survey area in relation to the reference tidal stations and minimal shallow water effects due to the deep surrounding ocean water.

8.2.7.1 Incidentally, the three-day period when there was 0.35 meter difference between the observed tide and the NOAA COOPs cotidal zoned tide on the west coast of Oahu, no data was being collected in the area at this time. This error was strictly an observation and part of the tidal zone validation.

8.2.8 **Sea bed slope (h)** Slope error is normally related to footprint size at the sea floor. Directly related to beam spreading, the Lidar footprint is approximately 0.5 times the water depth. In 25 meters of water the footprint size is about 8 meters across. Normally, this would induce significant error on a sloping bottom due to the shallower part of the footprint reflecting back before the deeper edge of the footprint. This error is significantly reduced with the use of a narrow field-of-view (FOV) receiver telescope. The Lidar receiver telescope FOV is approximately 1.0 meters in diameter. Regardless of the actual beam spreading, only the 1 meter diameter area in the center of the beam is actually received. The leading edge of the return pulse, that which would be received from the shallowest part of the footprint, is not where the depth is computed. Depth determination utilizes a centroid of mass method within the 1 meter receiver FOV. Induced error estimates due to seafloor slope are based on the narrow receiver FOV footprint size.

### 8.3 SHOALS Lidar Sounding Error Budget

The resultant theoretical error budget is tabulated below representing typical shallow, mid-water and deepest values in the survey area

Source of Error	At 10m	At 25m	At 50m
a LIDAR zero reference (surface mark)	0.10	0.10	0.10
b system measurement accuracy	0.10	0.10	0.10
c laser propagation velocity error	0.05	0.05	0.05
e roll, pitch (this is positional error)	0.0	0.0	0.0
f tidal measurements	0.025	0.025	0.025
g co-tidal corrections ( maximum 0.35m, STDEV 0.179m)	0.179	0.179	0.179
h seafloor slope 0	0.0	0.0	0.0
seafloor slope 1:4	0.0625	0.0625	0.0625
seafloor slope 1:2	0.125	0.125	0.125
seafloor slope 1:1	0.25	0.25	0.25
Combined total ( $\Sigma(a^2 + \dots + l^2)^{1/2}$ )			
flat bottom	0.235	0.235	0.235
1:4 bottom slope	0.25	0.25	0.25
1:2 bottom slope	0.354	0.354	0.354
1:1 bottom slope	0.500	0.500	0.500
IHO Cat 1 Requirement [ $\pm(a^2 + (b*d)^2)^{1/2}$ ]	0.502m	0.509m	0.542m
Standard Met?	YES	YES	YES

8.3.1 As an adjunct to the standard calibration procedures approximately 200 tide corrected lead line observations were collected over a flat sand bottom and flat seas. Comparison of the lead line data to LIDAR data indicated agreement within a maximum of 0.06 meters with a mean agreement of 0.04 meters. Very close agreement with the lead line observations allows a very high confidence in the accuracy of LIDAR soundings.

8.3.2 **IHO Standards.** The accuracy for Order 1 allowable error (95% or 2 SIGMA) for depths from 0 to 50 meters is +/- 0.5 meters to +/- 0.542 meters. The calculated error for the motion-corrected LIDAR data and observed tides (see comments above) for this survey has a maximum value of approximately 0.354 meters and is therefore within the IHO accuracy limits for Order 1 surveys. As has been discussed, it is considered that the accuracy's estimated are both realistic and pragmatic; in no way do they negate the quality of the survey data so rendered nor do they serve to provide critical comment on the methods and equipment used in the survey. Indeed, the error could probably be reduced a bit with tide gauges installed on all sides of the islands.

8.4 **SHOALS Lidar Target Detection** Theoretically, based on target detection probability curves produced by NOAA, all Navy areas meet IHO Order 1 target/object detection requirements at the 95% confidence level for depths from 7m to 20m with single-flight coverage. At depths deeper than 20m signal-to-noise ratio limitations greatly reduce target detection capability, particularly for small objects less than 2 meters (Figure 1). Multiple-flight coverage will theoretically improve the confidence of target detection capability in the depth range of 2m to 7m, and possibly down to 20m. Subsequent testing of the follow-on CHARTS system utilizing the same operating principles and algorithms, targets of 2 meters and larger were detected 100% of the time in depths of 5 to 30 meters. Based on actual tests the LIDAR system meets IHO Order 1 target detection requirements. Multiple coverage greatly improves this capability.

8.4.1 Subsequent testing of the follow-on CHARTS system, utilizing the same operating principles and algorithms and a lower power laser, at 4x4 spot spacing, targets of 2 meters were detected 100% of the time in depths of 5 to 30 meters. Based on these actual tests the LIDAR system meets IHO Order 1-target detection requirements. Multiple coverage provides a degree of redundancy for this capability. The results of these tests have not yet been formally documented.

9.0 N/A

## 10.0 Navigational Aids

10.1 Navigational aids were not positioned during this survey due to a lack of available equipment during the survey period.

## 11.0 Sailing Directions

11.1 **General.** Not verified due to the nature of the survey.

### 11.2 Coastal Pollution

None noted although water quality in the harbors is somewhat degraded in comparison to that of the open ocean, primarily as a result of increased turbidity due to vessel activity and reduced circulation. Local environmental awareness, however, results in minimal pollution.

11.3 **Anchorage and Moorings.** N/A\

11.4 **Photography.** Photographs of selected areas of shoreline were taken in support of future STOIC production in Navy exercise areas. Areas that were photographed are the Makua Training Area, Pokai Bay, Waimanalo Bay (Bellows AFS), Kahuku, MCBH Hawaii at Kaneohe (east of Pyramid Rock), PMRF and Majors Bay, Kauai.

12.0 **Charted and Uncharted Wrecks and Obstructions.** Targets are listed in Appendix D. Other than what is listed, no other wrecks, objects or targets, charted or uncharted, were detected or observed with the LIDAR system.

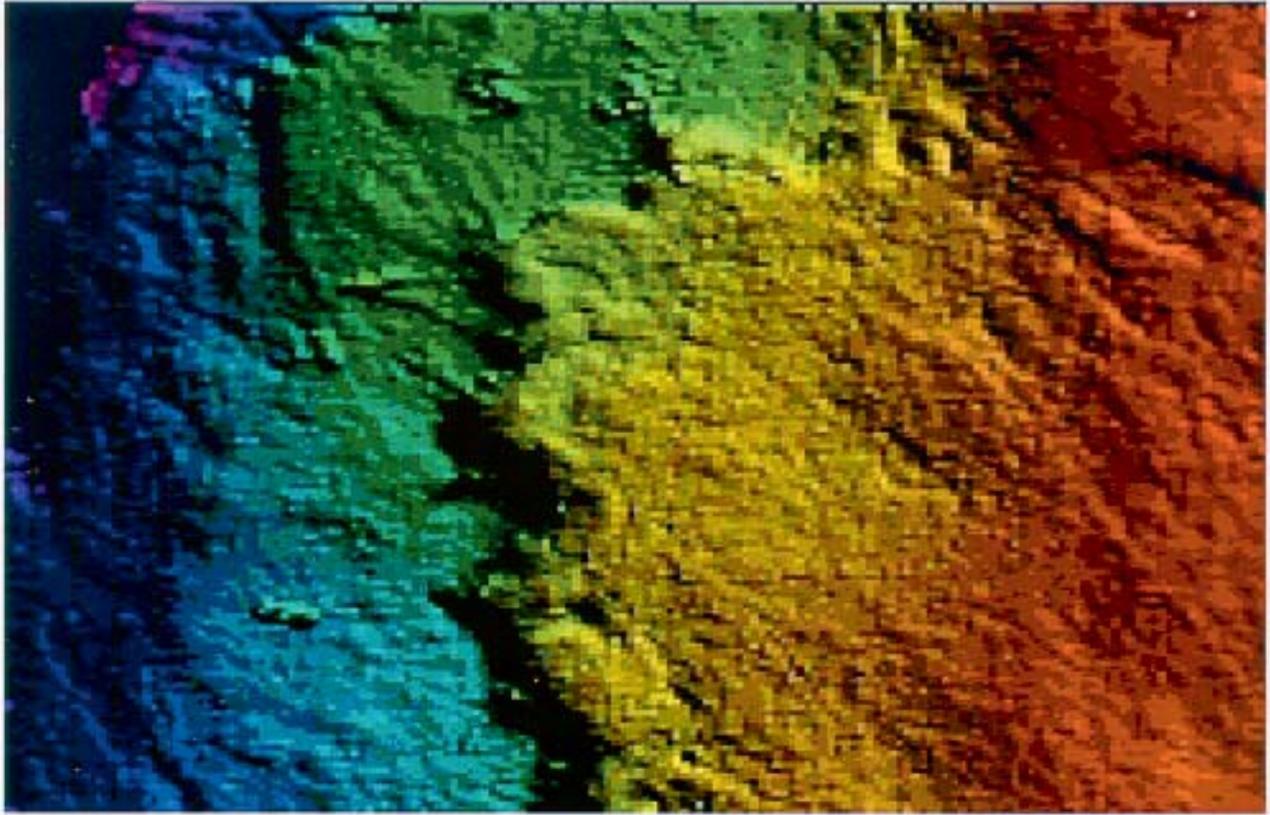


Figure 11. Wrecks and wreckage off Oahu's leeward west coast between Maili Pt. and Waianaae. Charted as fish haven and wrecks. One of these is believed to be the "Mali", a popular dive spot.

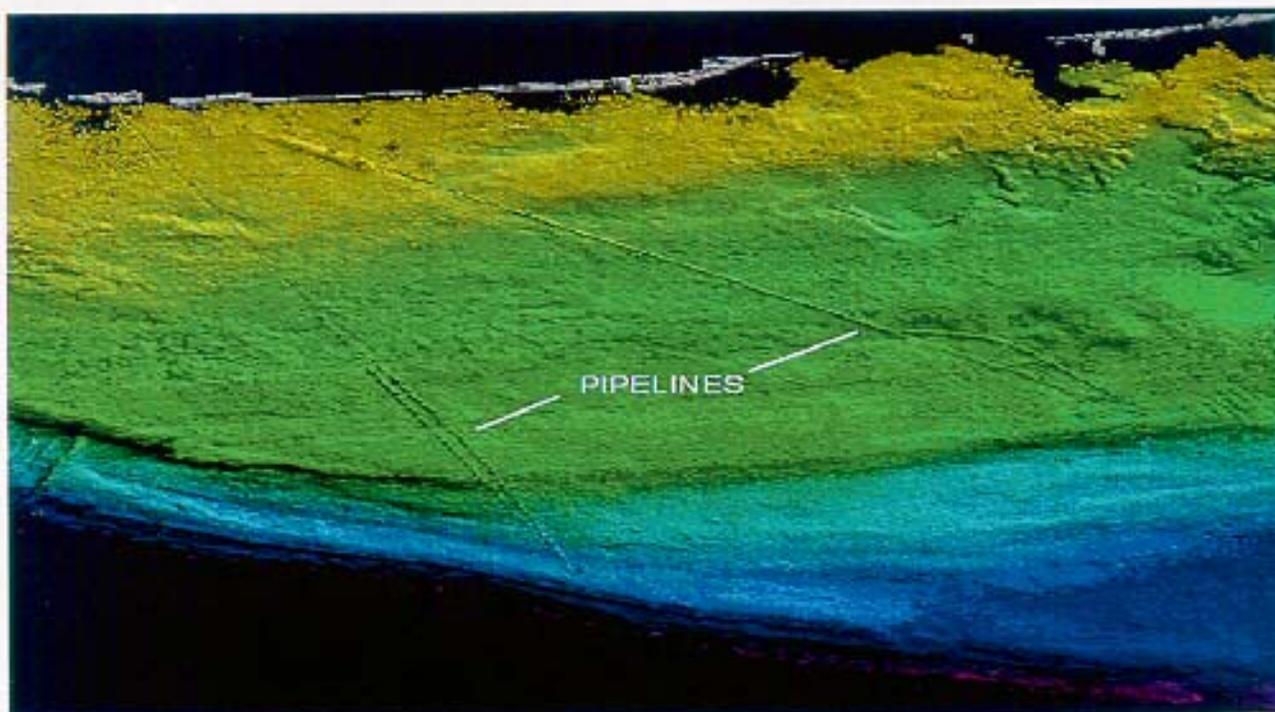


Figure 12. Offshore oil terminal pipelines off Barbers Pt, Oahu.



Figure 13. Barbers Pt, Oahu. Offshore oil terminal

13.0 **Ancillary Observations**

13.1 **Water Clarity Observations**

See Appendix F

13.2 **Meteorological Observations**

N/A

13.3 **Biological Observations**

N/A

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