

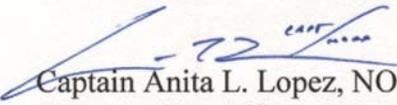


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MEMORANDUM FOR: Lieutenant Commander Benjamin Evans, NOAA  
Commanding Officer, NOAA Ship *Ferdinand R. Hassler*

FROM:  Captain Anita L. Lopez, NOAA  
Commanding Officer, NOAA Marine Operations Center-Atlantic

SUBJECT: Project Instruction for FH-13-02  
OPR-D304-FH-13 Approaches to Chesapeake Bay

Attached is the final Project Instruction for FH-13-03, OPR-D304-FH-13 Approaches to Chesapeake Bay, which is scheduled aboard NOAA Ship *Ferdinand R. Hassler* during the period of 17 July – 1 August, 2013. Of the 8 DAS scheduled for this project, 8 DAS are base funded by OMAO in support of NOS and 0 DAS are program funded. This project is estimated to exhibit a Medium Operational Tempo. Acknowledge receipt of these instructions via e-mail to [OpsMgr.MOA@noaa.gov](mailto:OpsMgr.MOA@noaa.gov) at Marine Operations Center-Atlantic.

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Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3282

## FINAL Project Instruction

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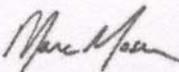
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**Project Number:** FH-13-02 (OMAO)

**Project Title:** OPR-D304-FH-13  
Approaches to Chesapeake Bay

**Project Dates:** 7/17/2013 – 8/1/2013

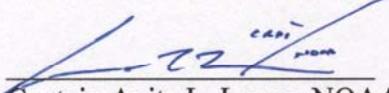
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Chief, Operations Branch  
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Captain Anita L. Lopez, NOAA  
Commanding Officer  
Marine Operations Center - Atlantic



**I. Overview**

A. Brief Summary and Project Period

B. Service Level Agreements

Of the 8 DAS scheduled for this project, 8 DAS are base funded in support of NOS and 0 DAS are funded by the program. This project is estimated to exhibit a high Operational Tempo.

C. Operating Area (include optional map/figure showing op area)

The project area is located in the Approaches to the Chesapeake Bay, VA. A map of the project area can be found with the detailed project instructions appended to these instructions.

D. Summary of Objectives

To support safe navigation through the acquisition and processing of hydrographic survey data for updating nautical charts and by the identification and dissemination of dangers to navigation as identified during the course of survey operations.

E. Participating Institutions

N/A

F. Personnel/Science Party: name, title, gender, affiliation, and nationality

Name (Last, First)	Title	Date Aboard	Date Disembark	Gender	Affiliation	Nationality
Kist, Jennifer	PS	7/17/13	7/24/13	F	NOAA	US
Kist, Jennifer	PS	7/30/13	8/1/13	F	NOAA	US

G. Administrative

1. Points of Contacts:

Principle Investigator:  
 LCDR Marc S. Moser, NOAA  
 Chief, Operations Branch  
 Hydrographic Surveys Division  
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 Silver Spring, MD 20910  
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Project Coordinator:  
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Hydrographic Surveys Division  
1315 East West Hwy, #6708  
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[Paul.Turner@noaa.gov](mailto:Paul.Turner@noaa.gov)

Chief Scientist:  
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Commanding Officer, NOAA Ship *Ferdinand R. Hassler*  
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[CO.Ferdinand.Hassler@noaa.gov](mailto:CO.Ferdinand.Hassler@noaa.gov)

2. Diplomatic Clearances

N/A

3. Licenses and Permits

Planned hydrographic surveys are included in the OCS National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis and the Programmatic Environmental Assessment for the Office of Coast Survey Hydrographic Survey Projects, dated June 2012.

## II. Operations

A. Project Itinerary

Itinerary will be based upon the ship's schedule and executed under the direction of the Commanding Officer. Every effort shall be made by the Commanding Officer to maximize the operational efficiency of assigned projects.

B. Staging and De-staging: N/A

C. Operations to be Conducted

1. Underway Operations

Hydrographic survey operations per the appended project instructions using the ability to run concurrent 24 hr ship survey operations.

2. Station Operations  
As per attached project instructions.

3. Dive Plan: N/A

E. Applicable Restrictions

Conditions which preclude normal operations:

- poor weather conditions
- equipment failure
- safety concerns
- personnel shortages

### **III. Equipment**

A. Equipment and Capabilities provided by the ship (itemized)

1. Ship fully outfitted with hydrographic survey equipment to support shallow and mid water multibeam and/or side scan sonar survey operations.
2. Personnel to staff and operate the ship's survey equipment for 24 hr/day operations.
3. The Office of Coast Survey may staff the survey department with rotating physical scientists to efficiently manage the project's data processing requirements.

B. Equipment and Capabilities provided by the scientists (itemized)

Hydrographic Surveys Division shall provide Physical Scientists for hydrographic data acquisition, processing, training and data quality assurance support during project survey operations. Additionally, shore based technical support shall be provided for survey systems and data acquisition and processing software.

### **IV. Hazardous Materials**

A. Policy and Compliance

N/A

B. Radioactive Isotopes

N/A

C. Inventory (itemized) of Radioactive Materials

N/A

## **V. Additional Projects**

N/A

## **VI. Disposition of Data and Reports**

A. Data Responsibilities

B. Pre and Post Project Meeting

Prior to departure, the Chief Scientist will conduct a meeting of the scientific party to train them in sample collection and inform them of project objectives. Some vessel protocols, e.g., meals, watches, etiquette, etc. will be presented by the ship's Operations Officer.

Post-Project Meeting: Upon completion of the project, a meeting will normally be held at 0830 (unless prior alternate arrangements are made) and attended by the ship's officers, the Chief Scientist and members of the scientific party to review the project. Concerns regarding safety, efficiency, and suggestions for improvements for future projects should be discussed. Minutes of the post-project meeting will be distributed to all participants by email, and to the Commanding Officer and Chief of Operations, Marine Operations Center.

C. Ship Operation Evaluation Report

Within seven days of the completion of the project, a Ship Operation Evaluation form is to be completed by the Chief Scientist. The preferred method of transmittal of this form is via email to [omao.customer.satisfaction@noaa.gov](mailto:omao.customer.satisfaction@noaa.gov). If email is not an option, a hard copy may be forwarded to:

Director, NOAA Marine and Aviation Operations  
NOAA Office of Marine and Aviation Operations  
8403 Colesville Road, Suite 500  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

## **VII. Miscellaneous**

A. Meals and Berthing

The ship will provide meals for the scientists listed above. Meals will be served 3 times daily beginning one hour before scheduled departure, extending throughout the project, and ending two hours after the termination of the project. Since the watch schedule is split between day and night, the night watch may often miss daytime meals and will require adequate food and beverages (for example a variety of sandwich items, cheeses, fruit, milk, juices) during what are not typically meal hours. Special dietary requirements for scientific participants will be made available to the ship's command at least seven days prior to the survey.

Berthing requirements, including number and gender of the scientific party, will be provided to the ship by the Chief Scientist. The Chief Scientist and Commanding Officer will work together on a detailed berthing plan to accommodate the gender mix of the scientific party taking into

consideration the current make-up of the ship's complement. The Chief Scientist is responsible for ensuring the scientific berthing spaces are left in the condition in which they were received; for stripping bedding and linen return; and for the return of any room keys which were issued. The Chief Scientist is also responsible for the cleanliness of the laboratory spaces and the storage areas utilized by the scientific party, both during the project and at its conclusion prior to departing the ship.

All NOAA scientists will have proper travel orders when assigned to any NOAA ship. The Chief Scientist will ensure that all non NOAA or non Federal scientists aboard also have proper orders. It is the responsibility of the Chief Scientist to ensure that the entire scientific party has a mechanism in place to provide lodging and food and to be reimbursed for these costs in the event that the ship becomes uninhabitable and/or the galley is closed during any part of the scheduled project.

All persons boarding NOAA vessels give implied consent to comply with all safety and security policies and regulations which are administered by the Commanding Officer. All spaces and equipment on the vessel are subject to inspection or search at any time. All personnel must comply with OMAO's Drug and Alcohol Policy dated May 7, 1999 which forbids the possession and/or use of illegal drugs and alcohol aboard NOAA Vessels.

#### B. Medical Forms and Emergency Contacts

The NOAA Health Services Questionnaire (NHSQ, Revised: 02 JAN 2012) must be completed in advance by each participating scientist. The NHSQ can be obtained from the Chief Scientist or the NOAA website <http://www.corporateservices.noaa.gov/~noaaforms/eforms/nf57-10-01.pdf>. The completed form should be sent to the Regional Director of Health Services at Marine Operations Center. The participant can mail, fax, or scan the form into an email using the contact information below. The NHSQ should reach the Health Services Office no later than 4 weeks prior to the project to allow time for the participant to obtain and submit additional information that health services might require before clearance to sail can be granted. Please contact MOC Health Services with any questions regarding eligibility or completion of the NHSQ. Be sure to include proof of tuberculosis (TB) testing, sign and date the form, and indicate the ship or ships the participant will be sailing on. The participant will receive an email notice when medically cleared to sail if a legible email address is provided on the NHSQ.

#### Contact information:

Regional Director of Health Services  
Marine Operations Center – Atlantic  
439 W. York Street  
Norfolk, VA 23510  
Telephone 757-441-6320  
Fax 757-441-3760  
E-mail [MOA.Health.Services@noaa.gov](mailto:MOA.Health.Services@noaa.gov)

Prior to departure, the Chief Scientist must provide an electronic listing of emergency contacts to the Executive Officer for all members of the scientific party, with the following information: contact name, address, relationship to member, and telephone number.

#### C. Shipboard Safety

Wearing open-toed footwear or shoes that do not completely enclose the foot (such as sandals or clogs) outside of private berthing areas is not permitted. Steel-toed shoes are required to participate in any work dealing with suspended loads, including CTD deployments and recovery. The ship does not provide steel-toed boots. Hard hats are also required when working with suspended loads. Work vests are required when working near open railings and during small boat launch and recovery operations. Hard hats and work vests will be provided by the ship when required.

#### D. Communications

A progress report on operations prepared by the Chief Scientist may be relayed to the program office. Sometimes it is necessary for the Chief Scientist to communicate with another vessel, aircraft, or shore facility. Through various means of communications, the ship can usually accommodate the Chief Scientist. Special radio voice communications requirements should be listed in the project instructions. The ship's primary means of communication with the Marine Operations Center is via e-mail and the Very Small Aperture Terminal (VSAT) link. Standard VSAT bandwidth at 128kbs is shared by all vessels staff and the science team at no charge. Increased bandwidth in 30 day increments is available on the VSAT systems at increased cost to the scientific party. If increased bandwidth is being considered, program accounting is required it must be arranged at least 30 days in advance.

#### E. IT Security

Any computer that will be hooked into the ship's network must comply with the *NMAO Fleet IT Security Policy* 1.1 (November 4, 2005) prior to establishing a direct connection to the NOAA WAN. Requirements include, but are not limited to:

- (1) Installation of the latest virus definition (.DAT) file on all systems and performance of a virus scan on each system.
- (2) Installation of the latest critical operating system security patches.
- (3) No external public Internet Service Provider (ISP) connections.

Completion of these requirements prior to boarding the ship is required.

Non-NOAA personnel using the ship's computers or connecting their own computers to the ship's network must complete NOAA's IT Security Awareness Course within 3 days of embarking.

#### F. Foreign National Guests Access to OMAO Facilities and Platforms

All foreign national access to the vessel shall be in accordance with NAO 207-12 and RADM De Bow's March 16, 2006 memo (<http://deemedexports.noaa.gov>). National Marine Fisheries Service personnel will use the Foreign National Registration System (FRNS) to submit requests

for access to NOAA facilities and ships. The Departmental Sponsor/NOAA (DSN) is responsible for obtaining clearances and export licenses and for providing escorts required by the NAO. DSNs should consult with their designated NMFS Deemed Exports point of contact to assist with the process.

The following are basic requirements. Full compliance with NAO 207-12 is required.

Responsibilities of the Chief Scientist:

1. Provide the Commanding Officer with the e-mail generated by the FRNS granting approval for the foreign national guest's visit. This e-mail will identify the guest's DSN and will serve as evidence that the requirements of NAO 207-12 have been complied with.
2. Escorts – The Chief Scientist is responsible to provide escorts to comply with NAO 207-12 Section 5.10, or as required by the vessel's DOC/OSY Regional Security Officer.
3. Ensure all non-foreign national members of the scientific party receive the briefing on Espionage Indicators (NAO 207-12 Appendix A) at least annually or as required by the servicing Regional Security Officer.
4. Export Control - Ensure that approved controls are in place for any technologies that are subject to Export Administration Regulations (EAR).

The Commanding Officer and the Chief Scientist will work together to implement any access controls necessary to ensure no unlicensed export occurs of any controlled technology onboard regardless of ownership.

Responsibilities of the Commanding Officer:

1. Ensure only those foreign nationals with DOC/OSY clearance are granted access.
2. Deny access to OMAO platforms and facilities by foreign nationals from countries controlled for anti-terrorism (AT) reasons and individuals from Cuba or Iran without written NMAO approval and compliance with export and sanction regulations.
3. Ensure foreign national access is permitted only if unlicensed deemed export is not likely to occur.
4. Ensure receipt from the Chief Scientist or the DSN of the FRNS e-mail granting approval for the foreign national guest's visit.
5. Ensure Foreign Port Officials, e.g., Pilots, immigration officials, receive escorted access in accordance with maritime custom to facilitate the vessel's visit to foreign ports.
6. Export Control - 8 weeks in advance of the project, provide the Chief Scientist with a current inventory of OMAO controlled technology onboard the vessel and a copy of the vessel Technology Access Control Plan (TACP). Also notify the Chief Scientist of any OMAO-sponsored foreign nationals that will be onboard while program equipment is aboard so that the Chief Scientist can take steps to prevent unlicensed export of Program controlled technology. The Commanding Officer and the Chief Scientist will work together to implement any access controls necessary to ensure no unlicensed export occurs of any controlled technology onboard regardless of ownership.
7. Ensure all OMAO personnel onboard receive the briefing on Espionage Indicators (NAO 207-12 Appendix A) at least annually or as required by the servicing Regional Security Officer.

Responsibilities of the Foreign National Sponsor:

1. Export Control - The foreign national's sponsor is responsible for obtaining any required export licenses and complying with any conditions of those licenses prior to the foreign national being provided access to the controlled technology onboard regardless of the technology's ownership.
2. The DSN of the foreign national shall assign an on-board Program individual, who will be responsible for the foreign national while on board. The identified individual must be a U.S. citizen, NOAA (or DOC) employee. According to DOC/OSY, this requirement cannot be altered.
3. Ensure completion and submission of Appendix C (Certification of Conditions and Responsibilities for a Foreign National)

**Appendices**

1. Primary Project Instructions: OPR-D304-FH-13, Approaches to Chesapeake Bay, VA

# Hydrographic Survey Project Instructions

<b>Project Name:</b>	Approaches to Chesapeake Bay
<b>Project Number:</b>	OPR-D304-FH-13
<b>Assigned Field Unit:</b>	NOAA Ship <i>Ferdinand R. Hassler</i>
<b>Assigned Processing Branch:</b>	Atlantic Hydrographic Branch
<b>Signed Date:</b>	05/31/2013
<b>Project Instructions Version:</b>	Final
<b>Planned Acquisition Time:</b>	Start Date: 07/2013 End Date: 08/2013
<b>Delivery Dates:</b>	120 days from completion of data acquisition.

<b>Purpose and Location:</b>
The primary purpose of this project is to support safe navigation through the acquisition and processing of hydrographic data for updating the National Ocean Service's (NOS) nautical charting products. This project will cover approximately 64 snm of which 35 snm are critical survey areas as designated in NOAA Hydrographic Survey Priorities, 2012 edition.
<b>Supporting Documents:</b>
Hydrography shall consist of Navigable Area Surveys in accordance with the following support documents. Data from surveys is intended to supersede all prior survey data in the common area.
NOS Hydrographic Surveys Specifications and Deliverables Manual (HSSD), April 2013
NOS Field Procedures Manual for Hydrographic Surveying (FPM), May 2013
Hydrographic Survey Technical Directive (HTD): 2013-4, Configuration Management

**PERSONNEL SAFETY AND DATA QUALITY SHALL ALWAYS BE EMPHASIZED OVER DATA QUANTITY! THE HYDROGRAPHER SHALL NEVER SUBJECT PERSONNEL OR BOATS TO UNDUE RISKS AND HAZARDS.**

<b>Registry Details:</b>						
<b>General Locality:</b> Approaches to Chesapeake Bay						
<i>Registry Number</i>	<i>Priority</i>	<i>Sublocality</i>	<i>State or Territory</i>	<i>Scale</i>	<i>Estimated SNM</i>	<i>Instructions</i>
H12575	1	Chesapeake Bay Traffic Separation Scheme's	Virginia	20000	29	
H12576	2	Vicinity of Currituck Beach	Virginia	40000	35	

<b>Coverage &amp; Limits:</b>	
<b>Inshore Limit:</b> The inshore limit of hydrography will be the farthest offshore of the following: (1) the 4-meter depth contour or (2) the line defined by the distance seaward from the MHW line which is equivalent to 0.8 millimeters at the scale of the largest scale nautical chart.	
<b>Coverage Type:</b> Object Detection	
<b>Instructions:</b>	
<i>Coverage Water Depth</i>	<i>Coverage Required</i>
Greater than 8 meters water depth	200% SSS with concurrent Set Line Spacing SBES or MBES with Backscatter, or Object Detection MBES with Backscatter

### **Assigned Tasks**

<b>Acknowledgement:</b>
Acknowledge receipt of these instructions and submit any comments or questions via email to Paul Turner at Paul.Turner@noaa.gov.

<b>Aids to Navigation (ATONs):</b>
There are no ATONs specifically assigned for this project. Any ATONs located within the survey area should be verified so that they serve their intended purpose in accordance with section 7.2 of the HSSD.

**Feature Investigations:**

Investigate AWOIS items in accordance with section 2.2.2.2 and 2.5.4.1 of the OPM. Investigate Maritime Boundary Points in accordance with section 3.5.6 of the OPM.

<i>Number of assigned AWOIS Items for Information Only:</i>	12
<i>Number of assigned AWOIS Items for Full Investigation:</i>	1
<i>Number of assigned Maritime Boundary Claim Items: (when safety permits, search inshore of the NALL line for these maritime boundary features)</i>	0

**Bottom Samples:**

Obtain bottom samples in accordance with section 7.1 of the HSSD in areas designated by the feature object class springs (SPRING) in the Project Reference File (PRF). The field unit should review the recommended bottom sample locations with the survey data acquired. Contact HSD Operations Branch to discuss modifying the bottom sample plan if the data suggest more appropriate locations for the bottom samples to better differentiate varying bottom characteristics within the survey area when compared to the sample plan provided. This may increase or decrease the sample density but should closely maintain the same numbers of samples per survey as originally assigned.

**Chart Comparison:**

Use only the latest editions of the largest scale NOS charts covering the project area. These charts are listed below and will be included with project data from Operations Branch. Compare in accordance with section 4.5 of the OPM and section 8.1.4, D.1 of the HSSD. Resolve any discrepancies in the field and explain them in the Descriptive Report.

**Affected Raster Charts**

<i>Chart Number</i>	<i>Scale</i>	<i>Edition Number</i>	<i>Edition Date</i>	<i>LNМ Date</i>	<i>NM Date</i>
12205	40000	33	05/2012	05/01/2012	05/05/2013
12208	50000	15	11/2011	11/15/2011	11/19/2011
12207	80000	23	02/2013	04/16/2013	04/20/2013
12200	419706	50	07/2011	06/28/2011	07/09/2011

**Affected ENCѕ**

<i>ENC Name</i>	<i>Scale</i>	<i>Edition</i>	<i>Update Application Date</i>	<i>Issue Date</i>	<i>Preliminary</i>
S5VA19M	20000	25	04/04/2012	02/22/2013	NO
S5VA13M	40000	29	10/23/2012	02/27/2013	NO
S5VA11M	50000	17	05/07/2012	02/22/2013	NO
S4NC32M	80000	9	04/03/2013	04/03/2013	NO
S3DE01M	419706	13	08/02/2012	02/19/2013	NO

**Coast Pilot:**

Review and make recommendations for changes to the Coast Pilot excerpts downloaded from the Coast Pilot Web site (<http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/ncd/cpdownload.htm>). Submit the revised Coast Pilot section or a report stating no changes are recommended, via email to [Coast.Pilot@noaa.gov](mailto:Coast.Pilot@noaa.gov) with a copy to the project planner and the assigned Processing Branch. The report should be submitted as soon as possible following field work for the project. NOAA field units should refer to sections 3.5.7 and 5.2.2.2.5 of the OPM for more information.

**Dangers to Navigation (DTONs):**

Generate DTON reports in accordance with the HSSD, section 8.1.3. DTON reports should be sent to [ocs.ndb@noaa.gov](mailto:ocs.ndb@noaa.gov). It is of paramount importance that DTONs be reported as soon as possible.

**Junctions:**

Function with data from the surveys listed below. Refer to sections 2.2.2.6 and 4.5.2 of the OPM.

<i>Registry Number</i>	<i>Scale</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Platform</i>	<i>Relative Location</i>
H12503	40000	2012	NOAA Ship <i>Ferdinand R. Hassler</i>	W
H12502	40000	2012	NOAA Ship <i>Ferdinand R. Hassler</i>	E

**Progress Reports:**

Email monthly progress reports in accordance with section 5.2.2.2.1 of the OPM to [progress.sketches@noaa.gov](mailto:progress.sketches@noaa.gov) with a copy to the chief of the assigned Processing Branch. The submittal is due within 5 days after the end of each month.

**Survey Outlines:**

Generate a survey outline in accordance with the HSSD, section 8.1.2. Survey outlines should be sent to [survey.outlines@noaa.gov](mailto:survey.outlines@noaa.gov) and shall also be included with the final survey deliverables in Separates of the Descriptive Report (see Section 8.1.4 for further guidance).

**Horizontal Control Requirements:**

Horizontal control shall meet requirements in Section 3 of the HSSD.

**Vertical Control Requirements:**

***Discrete Zoning***

Comply with the requirements from CO-OPS which are included with the project data from the Operations Branch. Submit surveys with final approved water levels applied. Contact the Operations Branch if this causes the survey to miss a submission deadline.

***VDatum***

Please refer to Appendix 1 attached to this document for E&S vertical specific deliverables. Vertical control will either be the CO-OPS provided model or VDATUM, and will officially be decided upon delivery of interim deliverable products, as per Appendix 1.

VDatum Version	Geoid	Area	Area Version	Separation Uncertainty
3.2	2012	Virginia Maryland Delaware New	V.1	8.1 centimeters

***NWLON Gauges***

<i>Operating Water Level Station</i>	<i>Station ID</i>
Duck, NC	8651370
Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel	8638863

**Orthometric Imagery:**

No Orthometric imagery has been provided for this project.

**Shoreline and Nearshore Features:**

A limited shoreline verification will be accomplished using the composite source file (CS). Preliminary analysis using imagery and the nautical chart was conducted at HSD OPS. All other submerged or visible cultural features inside the limit of survey shall be verified. All features with attribute asgnmt populated with 'Assigned' shall be verified even if they are inshore of NALL. For reference, prior survey features are provided in MapInfo and S57 format on the project CD. See section 3.5.5.2.2 of the O&M.

<b><i>Number of Assigned Features:</i></b>	3
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## **User Contacts**

*The following primary offices and persons shall be contacted at or near the beginning and end of the field operations to discuss survey objectives and accomplishment (Mandatory) or are listed for contact at the discretion of the Commanding Officer (Reference).*

### **Navigation Manager, Mid Atlantic Region**

Lt. Cmdr Denise Gruccio  
NOAA  
One Waterside Drive  
Norfolk, Virginia 23510  
*Phone: 757-627-7072*  
*Fax: 757-627-7076*  
*Email: denise.gruccio@noaa.gov*  
*Obligation: Mandatory*

### **Virginia Pilots Association**

Captain William Counselman  
3229 Sore Drive  
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23451  
*Phone: 757-233-3012*  
*Fax: 757-233-9324*  
*Email: vicepres@vapilotassn.com*  
*Obligation: or eference*

### **U.S. Coast Guard, 5th District**

Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District (OAN)  
431 Crawford Street  
Portsmouth, Virginia 23704  
*Phone: 757-398-6230*  
*Fax:*  
*Email: jwalters@lantd5.uscg.mil*  
*Obligation: or eference*

### **Chief Surveying and Engineering**

Mr. T.D. Woodward  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers District, Norfolk  
803 Front Street  
Norfolk, Virginia 23510  
*Phone: 757-441-7018*  
*Fax: 757-441-7664*  
*Email:*  
*Obligation: or eference*

### **State Historic Preservation Officer, Virginia**

Michael Barber, State Archaeologist  
Department of Historic Resources

Roanoke, Virginia 23510

Phone: 804-862-6193 x155

Fax:

Email: [Mike.Barber@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:Mike.Barber@dhr.virginia.gov)

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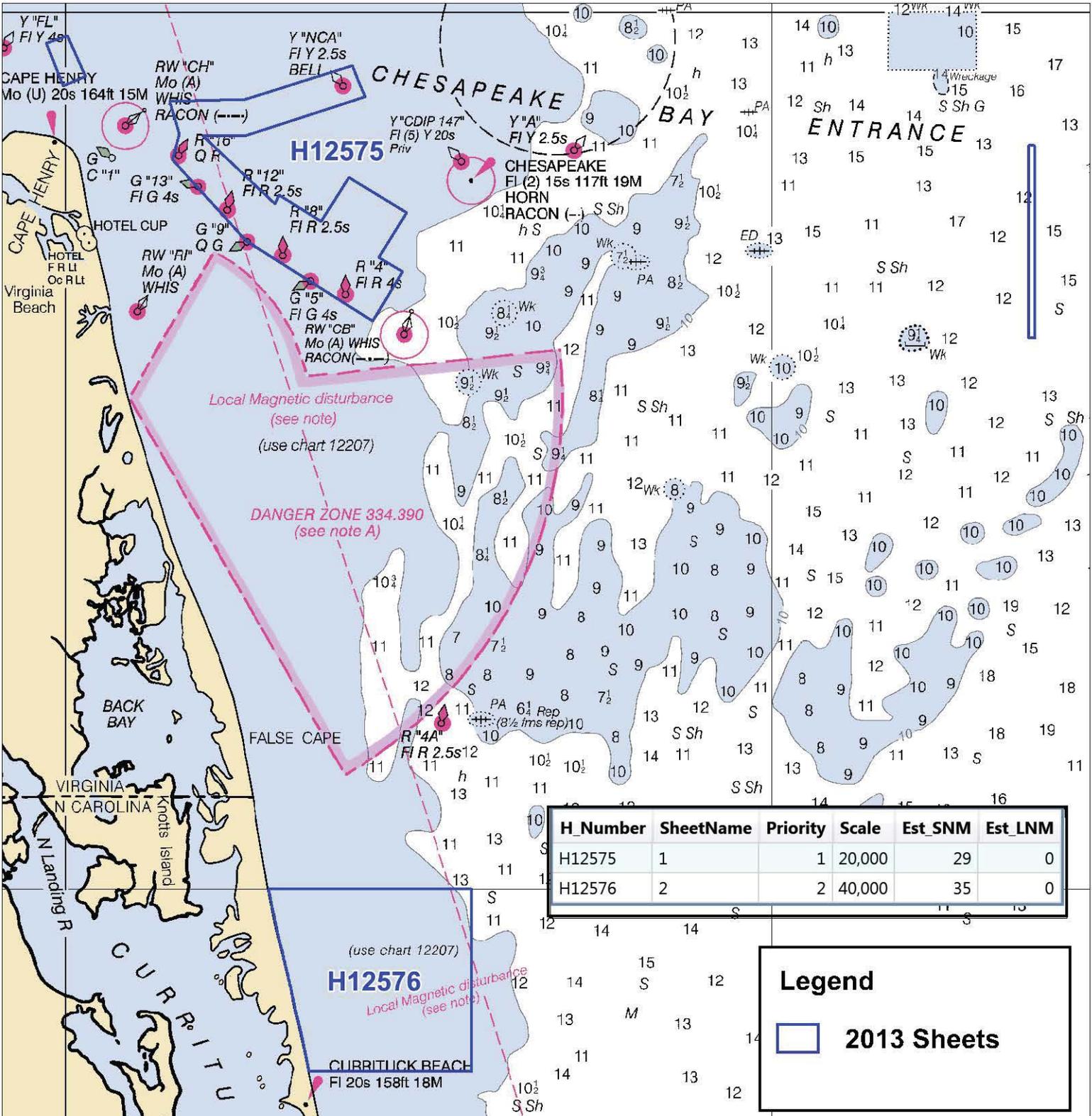
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### Sheet Layout

04/26/2013

Total SNM - 64

Critical Area SNM - 35



## OPR-D304-FH-13 ERS Test & Evaluation Deliverables

### 1 DELIVERABLES

Commanding Officer, NOAA Ship *Ferdinand Hassler* shall provide an analysis of VDatum ERS test and evaluation no greater than 60 days from the completion of data acquisition. Preliminary results to include:

- Recommendation on vertical transformation technique (VDatum ERS or Tidal Package) using crossline data. Compare crossline HIPS PVDL ProcessedDepths, referenced to MLLW reduced via discrete zoning, relative to crossline HIPS PVDL ProcessedDepths, referenced to MLLW reduced via VDatum (Pydro/Post Acquisition Tools/Tool/Caris/Compare Time Series Data).

Upon review of interim deliverables, HSD will determine the final vertical transformation technique to be used to create the final deliverables. For further information on final deliverables refer to the HSSD & FPM.

## **WATER LEVEL INSTRUCTIONS**

**OPR-D304-FH-2013 Approaches to Chesapeake Bay, VA (Revised)  
(05/13/2013 LH)**

### **1.0. TIDES AND WATER LEVELS**

#### **1.1. Specifications**

Tidal data acquisition, data processing, tidal datum computation and final tidal zoning shall be performed utilizing sound engineering and oceanographic practices as specified in National Ocean Service (NOS) Hydrographic Surveys Specifications and Deliverables (HSSD), dated April 2013, and OCS Field Procedures Manual (FPM), May 2013. Specifically reference Chapter 4 of the HSSD and Sections 1.5.8, 1.5.9, 2.4.3, and 3.4.2 of the FPM.

#### **1.2. Vertical Datums**

The tidal datums for this project are referenced to Chart Datum, Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW) and Mean High Water (MHW). Soundings are referenced to MLLW and heights of overhead obstructions (bridges and cables) are referenced to MHW.

##### **1.2.1. Water Level Data Acquisition Monitoring**

The Commanding Officer (or Team Leader) and the Center for Operational Oceanographic Products and Services (CO-OPS) are jointly responsible for ensuring that valid water level data are collected during periods of hydrography. The Commanding Officer (or Team Leader) is required to monitor the pertinent water level data via the CO-OPS Web site at <http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/hydro.shtml>, email data transmissions through TIDEBOT, or through regular communications with CO-OPS/Engineering Division (ED) personnel before and during operations. During traditional non duty hours, the Commanding Officer/Team Leader may contact the Continuous Operational Real-Time Monitoring System (CORMS) watch stander who is available 24 hours/day - 7 days/week for assistance in assessing the status of applicable water level station operation. The CORMS watch stander may be contacted either by phone at 301-713-2540 or by Email: [CORMS@noaa.gov](mailto:CORMS@noaa.gov). Problems or concerns regarding the acquisition of valid water level data identified by the Commanding Officer/Team Leader shall be communicated with CO-OPS/ED (Colleen Roche at 301-713-2897 x137, Email: [nos.coops.oetteam@noaa.gov](mailto:nos.coops.oetteam@noaa.gov)) to coordinate the appropriate course of action to be taken such as gauge repair and/or developing contingency plans for hydrographic survey operations. In addition, CO-OPS is required to coordinate with the Commanding Officer (or Team Leader) before interrupting the acquisition of water level data for the NWLON stations mentioned above for any reason during periods of hydrography.

##### **1.2.2. The Hydro Hot List (HHL)**

Please contact CO-OPS' Hydrographic Planning Team (HPT) at [nos.coops.hpt@noaa.gov](mailto:nos.coops.hpt@noaa.gov) and CO-OPS' Operational Engineering Team (OET) at [nos.coops.oetteam@noaa.gov](mailto:nos.coops.oetteam@noaa.gov) at least three business days before survey operations begin, and within 1 business day after survey operations are completed so that the appropriate CO-OPS National Water Level Observation Network (NWLON) control water level station(s), as well as any required subordinate station(s), is/are added to or removed from the CO-OPS Hydro Hotlist (HHL) (<http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/hydro>). Include start and end survey dates, full project number (e.g. OPR-H355-TJ-10), and control and subordinate station numbers. The notification must be

sent to both teams as OET is responsible for configuring the station in the CO-OPS data base and HPT manages the addition and removal of stations from the HHL.

Station	Station ID	Control or Subordinate	Type (e.g. NWLON, PORTS <sup>®</sup> , etc)	Comment
Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel	8638863	Control	NWLON	
Duck	8651370	Control	NWLON	

Table 1: All stations that need to be added to the HHL in support of OPR-D304-FH-2013

It is important to know that the addition of a water level station to the HHL ensures the station is monitored by CORMS and any problems are reported daily. However, platforms should view the HHL each morning of active survey operations and click on the eyeball icon to double check that there are no problems with the required stations on that day. If a platform notices problems with data on their survey day of operation, please contact HPT at [nos.coops.hpt@noaa.gov](mailto:nos.coops.hpt@noaa.gov), CORMS at [CORMS@noaa.gov](mailto:CORMS@noaa.gov), and their respective headquarters point of contact at HSD or NSD. Stations on the HHL are given priority for maintenance should a station cease normal operation during scheduled times of hydrography. CO-OPS will notify a field unit within 1 business day if a HHL water level station ceases operation during scheduled times of hydrography. This is in addition to the daily CORMS report that CORMS sends to NOAA field units, if the field unit's e-mail address is added to the CORM's daily e-mail list. To be added to the CORMS daily HHL report, the platform should contact CO-OPS' Data Monitoring and Analysis Team (DMAT) at [nos.co-ops.dmat@noaa.gov](mailto:nos.co-ops.dmat@noaa.gov) and request to be added.

If the stations are listed on HHL, then weekly priority processing will occur and, for those water level stations, verified 6-minute water level data will be made available every week on Monday or Tuesday. If Monday happens to be a federal holiday, then the 6-minute verified water level data will be made available on the following Tuesday or Wednesday.

### **1.3. Tide Reducer Stations**

#### **1.3.1. CO-OPS Long Term Water Level Station Operation and Maintenance**

The NWLON stations, Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel, VA (8638863) and Duck, NC (8651370), will provide water level reducers for this project. Therefore it is critical that they remain in operation during the survey. See Sections 1.1. and 1.2. concerning responsibilities.

No leveling is required at Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel, VA (8638863) and Duck, NC (8651370) by NOAA's Ferdinand Hassler personnel.

CO-OPS/FOD is responsible for the operation and maintenance of all NWLON primary control stations. If a problem is identified at an NWLON primary control station, FOD shall make all reasonable efforts to repair the malfunctioning station. However, CO-OPS may request assistance from the NOAA ship or NRT personnel in the actual repair of the water level station to facilitate a rapid repair. CO-OPS/FOD and the Commanding Officer (or Team Leader) shall maintain the required communications until the repairs to the water level station have been completed.

#### **1.3.2. Subordinate Station Requirements**

No subordinate water level stations are required for this project, however, supplemental and/or back-up water level stations may be necessary depending on the complexity of the hydrodynamics and/or the severity of the environmental conditions of the project area. The installation and continuous operation of water level measurement systems (tide gauges) at subordinate station locations is left to the discretion of the Commanding Officer (or Team Leader), subject to the approval of CO-OPS. If the Commanding Officer (or Team Leader) decides to install additional water level stations, then a 30-day minimum of continuous data acquisition is required. For all subordinate stations, data must be collected throughout the entire survey period for which they are applicable, and not less than 30 continuous days. This is necessary to facilitate the computation of an accurate datum reference as per NOS standards.

### 1.3.3. Tide Component Error Estimation

The estimated tidal error contribution to the total survey error budget in the vicinity of Approaches to Chesapeake Bay, VA is 0.23 meters at the 95% confidence level, and includes the estimated gauge measurement error, tidal datum computation error, and tidal zoning error. It should be noted that the tidal error component can be significantly greater than stated if a substantial meteorological event or condition should occur during time of hydrography.

### 1.3.4. GOES Satellite Enabled Subordinate Stations

This section is not applicable for this project.

### 1.3.5. Benchmark Recovery and GPS Requirements

This section is not applicable for this project.

1.3.6. This section is not applicable for this project.

## 1.4. Discrete Tidal Zoning

1.4.1. The water level stations at Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel, VA (8638863) and Duck, NC (8651370) are the reference stations for preliminary tides for hydrography in Approaches to Chesapeake Bay, VA. The time and height correctors listed below for applicable zones should be applied to the preliminary data at Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel, VA (8638863) and Duck, NC (8651370) during the acquisition and preliminary processing phases of this project. **Preliminary data may be retrieved in one month increments over the Internet from the CO-OPS SOAP web services at <http://opendap.co-ops.nos.noaa.gov/axis/text.html>.** The Commanding Officer (or Team Leader) must notify CO-OPS/ED personnel immediately of any problems concerning the preliminary tides. Preliminary data are six-minute time series data relative to MLLW in metric units on Greenwich Mean Time. For the time corrections, a negative (-) time correction indicates that the time of tide in that zone is earlier than (before) the preliminary tides at the reference station. A positive (+) time correction indicates that the time of tide in that zone is later than (after) the predicted tides at the reference station. For height corrections, the water level heights **relative to MLLW** at the reference station are multiplied by the range ratio to estimate the water level heights relative to MLLW in the applicable zone.

<u>Zone</u>	<u>Time Corrector(mins)</u>	<u>Range Ratio</u>	<u>Predicted Reference Station</u>
SCB1	-12	x1.25	8638863

SCB4	-12	x1.20	8638863
SA46	0	x1.09	8651370
SA50D	-24	x1.33	8638863
SA51	-30	x1.33	8638863
SA54	+12	x1.12	8651370
SA54A	+12	x1.06	8651370
SA56	+18	x1.12	8651370

**1.4.2.** Polygon nodes and water level corrections referencing Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel, VA (8638863) and Duck, NC (8651370) are provided in CARIS<sup>®</sup> format denoted by a \*.zdf extension file name.

**NOTE: The tide corrector values referenced to Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel, VA (8638863) and Duck, NC (8651370) are provided in the zoning file “D304FH2013CORP\_Rev” for this project and are in the fourth set of correctors designated as TS4.** Longitude and latitude coordinates are in decimal degrees. Negative (-) longitude is a MapInfo<sup>®</sup> representation of West longitude

“Preliminary” data for the control water level station, Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel, VA (8638863) and Duck, NC (8651370), are available in near real-time and verified data will be available on a weekly basis for the previous week. **These water level data may be obtained from the CO-OPS SOAP web services at <http://opendap.co-ops.nos.noaa.gov/axis/text.html>.**

### **1.4.3 Zoning Diagram(s)**

Zoning diagrams, created in MapInfo<sup>®</sup> and Adobe PDF, are provided in digital format to assist with the zoning in section 1.4.1.

### **1.4.4 Final Zoning**

Upon completion of project OPR-D304-FH-2013, submit a Pydro generated request for final tides, with times of hydrography abstract and mid/mif tracklines attached. Forward this request to [Final.Tides@noaa.gov](mailto:Final.Tides@noaa.gov) . Provide the project number, as well as a sheet number, in the subject line of the email.

CO-OPS will review the times of hydrography, final tracklines, and six-minute water level data from all applicable water level gauges. After review, CO-OPS will send a notice indicating that the tidal zoning scheme sent with the project instructions has been approved for final zoning. If there are any discrepancies, CO-OPS will make the appropriate adjustments and forward a revised tidal zoning scheme to the field group and project manager for final processing.

## **1.5 TideBot and Fetchtides**

Preliminary and verified six minute water level time series data may be retrieved from the CO-OPS database via the TideBot application. TideBot delivers timely preliminary/verified tidal and Great Lakes six minute water level observations via email to users on a scheduled, recurring basis. To access TideBot through an email account, send an email to [TideBot@noaa.gov](mailto:TideBot@noaa.gov) with the word “help” as the subject. An email reply will be sent with instructions on how to subscribe to TideBot for time series data retrieval.

Alternately, users may download preliminary and verified six minute water level time series data from the CO-OPS database via the Fetchtides application. Fetchtides provides a mechanism to store imported data locally and combine multiple days worth of data into one CARIS readable tide (.tid) file. Fetchtides is available for download at Hydrosoft Online (<https://inside.nos.noaa.gov/hydrosoft/hydrosoftware.html>). For more information, please see the Fetchtides User Manual in the FPM chapter 3 appendix.

## **1.6 Water Level Records**

This section is not applicable for this project.

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