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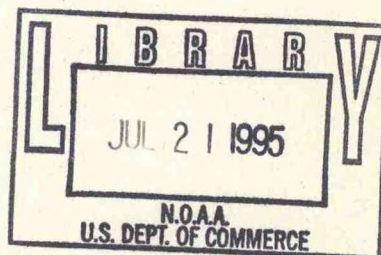
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ABSTRACT

Improved tidal current predictions in Galveston Bay, Texas, are essential to enhancing the safety level for deep draft vessels navigating the main ship channels. The National Ocean Service (NOS) of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) conducted a quality assurance study to assess the adequacy of current predictions at Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bay Entrance during late-summer and autumn, 1988. Measurements at two critical locations were made using acoustic Doppler current profilers (ADCPs) to obtain high quality data for comparison with the NOAA Tables. Results indicated that NOAA's existing tidal current information was outside established NOS working standards (Wilmot and Williams, 1987) and prompted a notice to mariners regarding caution in use of the NOAA tables. New predictions derived from harmonic analysis of the ADCP data show improvement over 1935 predictions. Descriptive statistics of differences between observed and predicted currents identify measurable improvement from a mean of 0.26 knots and a standard deviation of 0.54 knots for the 1935-based predictions to an average of 0.00 knots and standard deviation of 0.40 knots for the 1988-based predictions. Predictions for Galveston Bay Entrance (the reference station) based on averaged 29-day harmonic analyses from August through October, 1988, will appear in NOAA's **Tidal Current Tables 1996-Atlantic Coast of North America** and ensuing years. NOS recognizes that longer data sets should be employed to improve the quality of the predictions and that real-time systems should be installed in coastal areas for reporting wind, water level, and currents.

1. INTRODUCTION

The U.S. Coast Survey, which has evolved into the National Ocean Service (NOS), a branch of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), first began measuring and reporting current information for the nation's waterways during the 1890's. Today's tidal current tables include predictions for the times of slack water and the times and velocities of maximum flood and ebb currents for reference stations with differences and ratios for estimating the currents at other nearby locations. Predictions of tidal currents in estuarine and coastal areas are essential to provide a starting point for the mitigation of hazardous material spills and to help improve the safety of navigation in ports and harbors. This is particularly true along the Texas Gulf coast where increases in commercial operations have resulted in the need for improved tidal current predictions. To address this need, new harmonic constants were computed for Aransas Pass using data collected during 1990 (Nichols, 1994). Most NOS predictions along the Texas coast are based on data acquired during the 1930s using current pole measurements.

Located along the Gulf of Mexico in Galveston Bay, the port of Houston handles the second largest amount of foreign tonnage in the United States (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1992). Galveston Bay is crossed by two dredged channels, the Houston Ship Channel (HSC) and the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GICW). The HSC is 52.7 nautical miles long from Houston to the Gulf of Mexico and for the greater part of its length is 400 feet wide; the inner 9 miles have a width of 300 feet and the outer 9 miles have a width of 800 feet (Figure 1). There are approximately 50 ship movements per day within the Houston/Galveston vessel traffic system area, in addition to the approximately 300 movements of tug/barge combinations that can exceed the length of most ships. A well noted

trouble spot is the intersection of HSC and GICW where barge tows emerging from the shelter of the Bolivar peninsula into a strong current have difficulty making the turn into the HSC (Baker, 1992). Maneuverability in this area is further complicated by approximately 7,000 recreational boats, 75% of which are sailboats.

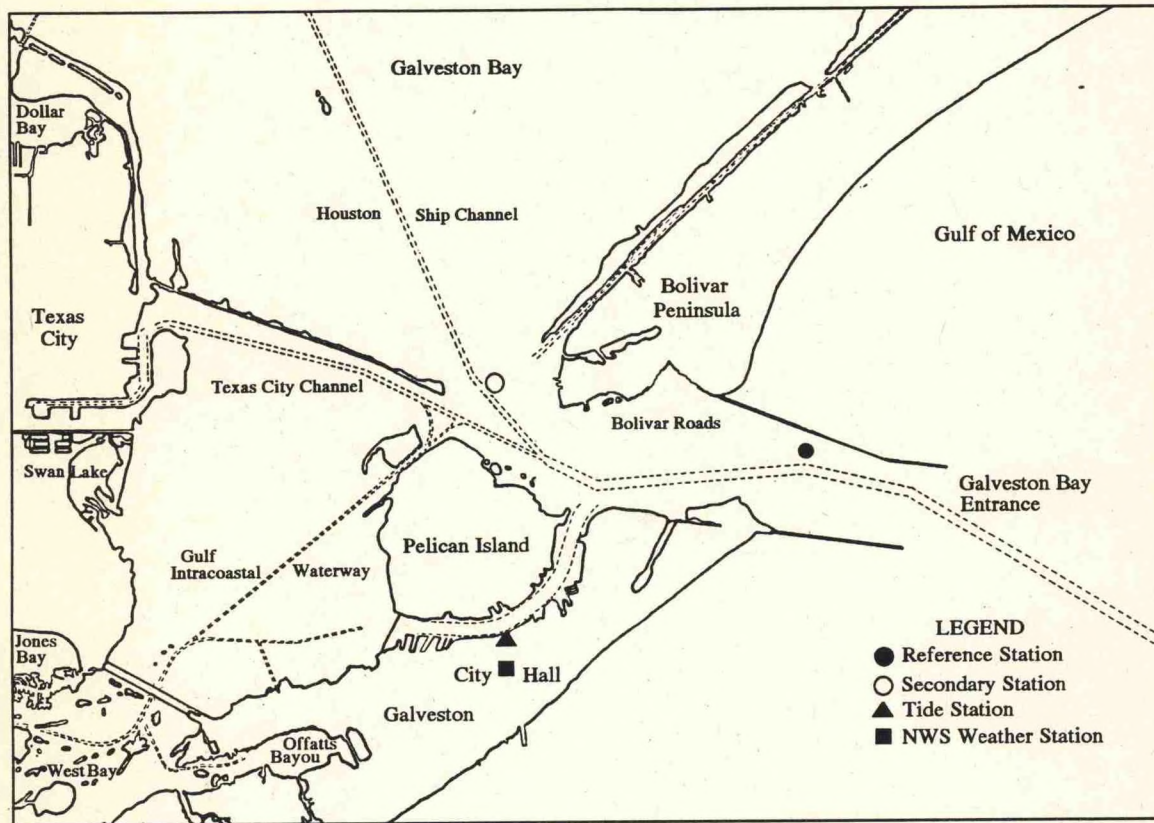


Figure 1. Galveston Bay project area. The key 1988 current meter locations are marked with a (●) for the reference station and (○) for the secondary station. Instrument siting details are given in Williams et al. (1990).

1.1. Prior Surveys

Hydrographic work in Galveston Bay was conducted by NOS during 1933, 1935 through 1937, 1962, 1963, and 1988. Evaluation of historical data at Galveston Bay Entrance from the November 13 through 15, 1933, survey indicates that nontidal currents were directed toward 100° with an amplitude of 0.41 knots. During this survey, slack waters were irregular due to the presence of a strong permanent current (Figure 2).

In 1935, NOS chose Galveston Bay Entrance as the tidal current reference station for 14 secondary stations along the Gulf Coast from Terrebonne Bay, LA, west to Matagorda Channel, TX. Galveston Bay current predictions were computed from harmonic constants derived from two 29-day current pole and Price current meter time series beginning on April 5, 1935.

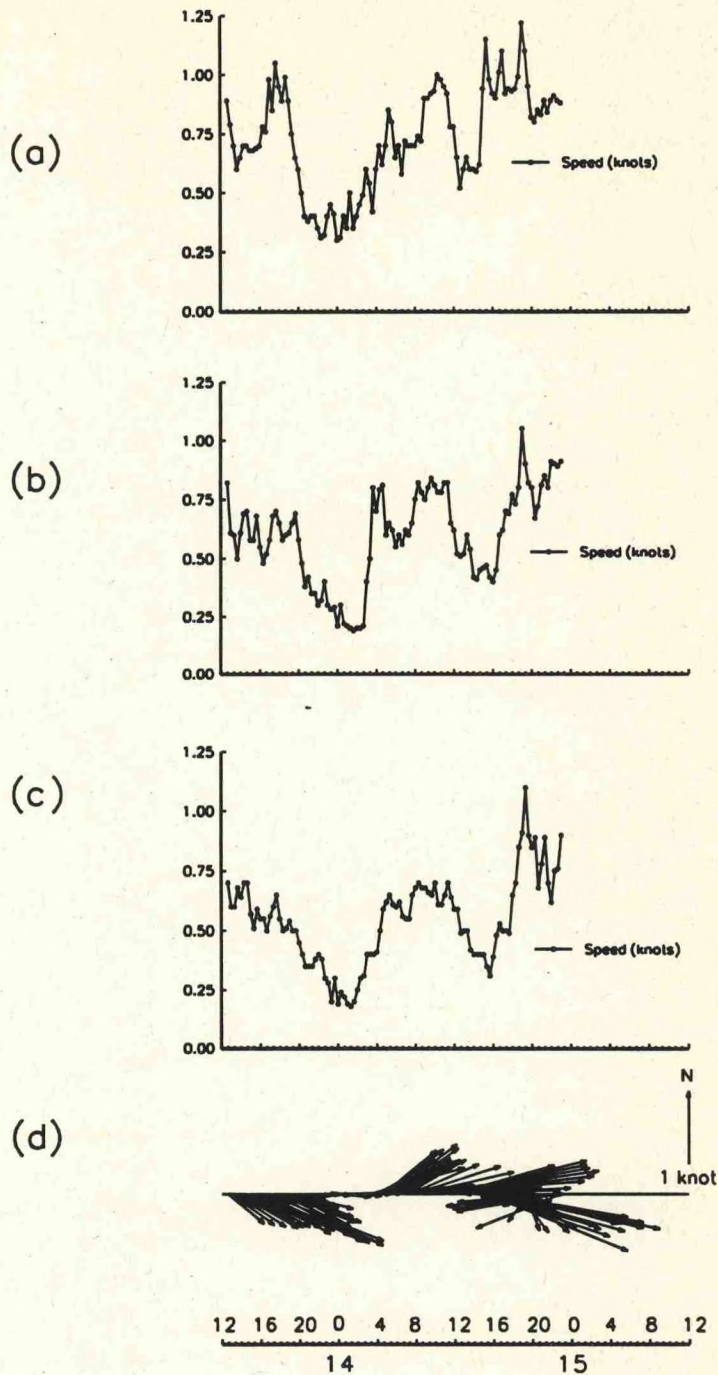


Figure 2. November 1933, Galveston Bay Entrance currents. Current meter speeds at the (a) 7-ft depth, (b) 18-ft depth, and (c) 29-ft depth; and (d) current pole velocities at 7 feet. Directions for subsurface currents in panels (a), (b), and (c) are unknown.

Since the 1935 survey, various bathymetric changes to Galveston Bay have changed circulation patterns. For example, using 1935-based predictions at Galveston Bay Entrance, maximum tidal

currents during 1988 were predicted to be 1.49 knots, while mariners have reported current speeds in excess of 2.5 knots at the same location in Galveston Bay (NOS, 1992).

Predicted tidal currents are based on astronomical forces that do not include the effects of meteorological conditions or changed bathymetry. For this reason, mariners should be cautioned that circulation patterns change with respect to weather conditions or when the basin is physically changed by severe storms, dredging operations, or the development of new structures. Attempts are being made to modernize tidal current predictions by adding new reference or secondary stations, modeling estuarine environments, and installing physical oceanographic real-time systems (Appell et al., 1991; Frey, 1991; and Nichols, 1993).

1.2. Current Prediction Quality Assurance MiniProject

The tidal current predictions of this publication (Appendix A) are based on acoustic Doppler current profiler (ADCP) data obtained during the quality assurance (QA) survey conducted in Galveston Bay from August 2, 1988, through November 4, 1988 (Williams et al., 1990). Ten-minute data from the Galveston Bay Entrance (Figure 3) and Houston Ship Channel were rotated along their principal component direction and harmonically analyzed to predict tidal currents. Cross-channel currents were only significant during severe weather events. New predictions indicate changes in current patterns from the 1935 NOAA predictions owing to minor changes in station location, dredging of the navigational channel, and improved instrumentation. This is evidenced by differences that are depicted in Figure 4.

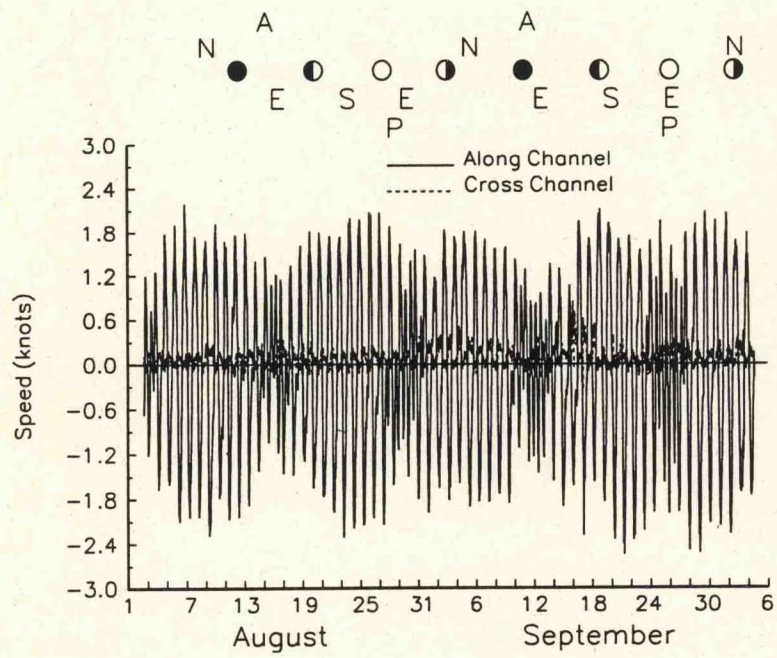


Figure 3. Observed Galveston Bay Entrance currents from August to October, 1988. Flood velocities are positive and ebb velocities are negative. The horizontal axis is Greenwich Mean Time (GMT). Lunar symbols and letters denoting declinations are listed on the inside back cover.

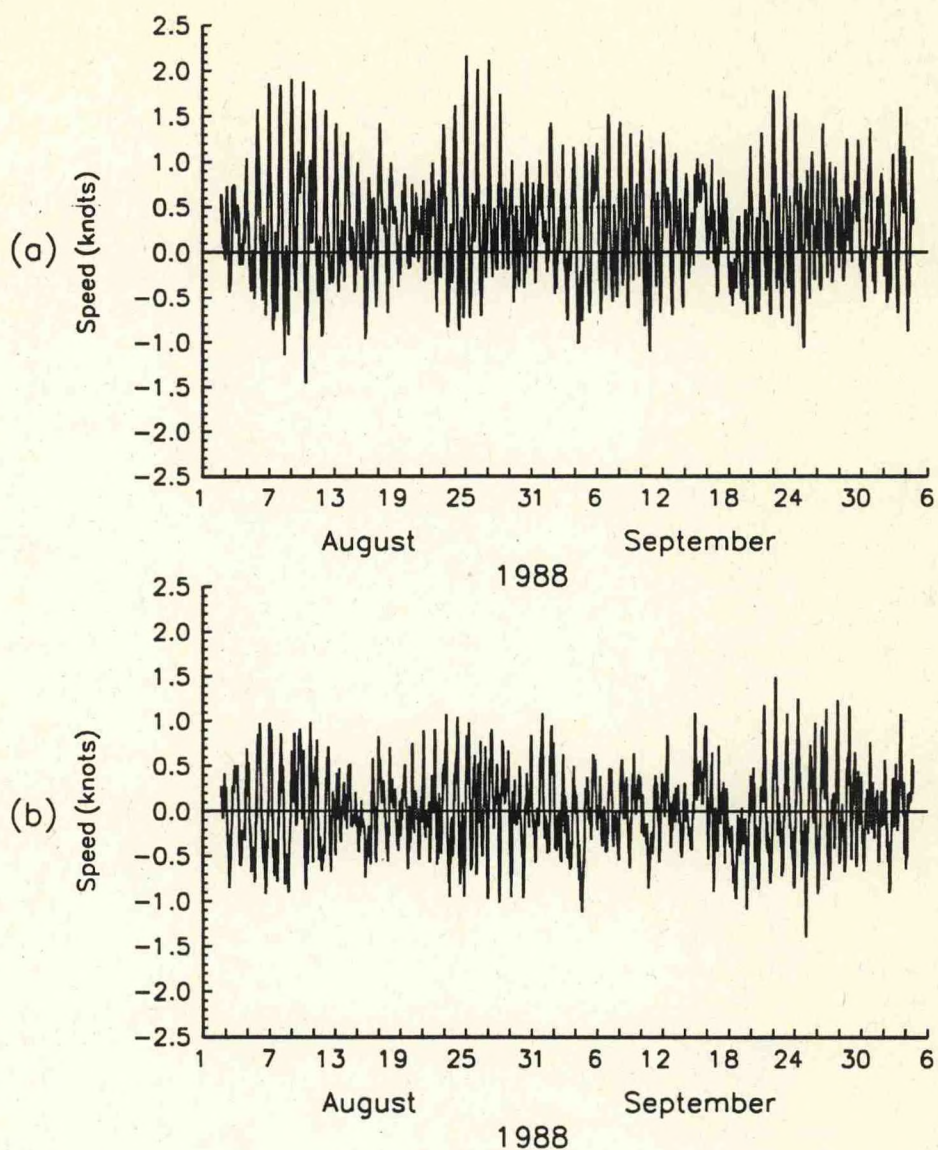


Figure 4. Galveston Bay Entrance residual currents. The residual is the component which remains after the predicted portion is removed. 1988 observed tidal currents minus predictions are based on (a) 1935 data and (b) recently-collected 1988 data.

The mean and standard deviation for residual currents at the Galveston Bay Entrance were reduced from 0.26 and 0.54 knots for 1935 predictions (Figure 4a) to 0.00 and 0.40 knots for 1988 predictions (Figure 4b). Beginning in 1996, harmonic predictions based on data collected from August 2 through November 4, 1988, will be published in NOAA's **Tidal Current Tables-Atlantic Coast of North America**.

1.3. Important Notice

These updated tidal current predictions for Galveston Bay and Houston Ship Channel do not appear in NOAA's **Tidal Current Tables 1995-Atlantic Coast of North America**. Updated predictions will appear in NOAA's **Tidal Current Tables 1996-Atlantic Coast of North America** and ensuing years.

Beginning in 1995, predictions will include near-surface and near-bottom current speeds and time differences for the Galveston Bay Entrance and the Houston Ship Channel (in Table 2, Appendix B).

NOAA Table 2 constants at the following 19 secondary stations which are referenced to Galveston Bay Entrance will be deleted in the **NOS Tidal Current Tables** following 1995 owing to the age of the data, subsequent changes along the Gulf of Mexico coastal zones, and more importantly, the lack of simultaneous observations from which to obtain the secondary station time differences. Do not use the following Table 2 stations from the **Tidal Current Tables 1995-Atlantic Coast of North America** with the updated predictions found in Appendix A.

Louisiana Coast

- 8516 Cat Island Pass, Terrebonne Bay
- 8521 Wine Island Pass
- 8526 Caillou Boca, Caillou Bay
- 8531 Calcasieu Pass
- 8536 Calcasieu Pass, 35 miles south of
- 8541 Calcasieu Pass, 67 miles south of

Sabine Pass, Texas

- 8546 Texas Point, 1.7 miles SSE of
- 8551 Sabine, channel east of
- 8556 Port Arthur Canal entrance
- 8561 Mesquite Pt., La. Causeway bridge

Galveston Bay, Texas

- 8571 Bolivar Roads, 0.5 mi. N of Ft. Point
- 8576 Quarantine Station, 0.3 mile S of
- 8581 Galveston Channel, west end
- 8586 Galveston Causeway RR. bridge
- 8591 Houston Channel, W of Port Bolivar
- 8596 Houston Ship Channel (Red Fish Bar)

Texas Coast

- 8601 Matagorda Channel (entrance jetty)
- 8611 Sabine Bank
- 8616 Heald Bank, 28 miles SSE of

2. DATA ANALYSIS

Data collected in support of the 1988 QA miniproject were used to predict tidal currents at Galveston Bay Entrance and the Houston Ship Channel for inclusion in NOAA's Tidal Current Tables for the Atlantic Coast of North America. Currents from the 15-ft depth at the reference station, Galveston Bay Entrance, were chosen for comparison with other tidal current measurements from Galveston Bay. Fourier harmonic analysis techniques were used to determine tidal current constituents from the data by matching amplitudes and phases at astronomically-determined frequencies and eliminating the disturbing effects of one tidal current constituent upon another (Schureman, 1958; Dennis and Long, 1971; and Zetler, 1982). Average speeds, directions, time differences and speed ratios were obtained by non-harmonic analyses (cycle-by-cycle) of the observed data. Tidal current characteristics are identified for Galveston Bay in Section 2.3 and residual current speed comparisons for 1935 and 1988 data are detailed in Section 2.4.

2.1. Harmonic Analysis

Harmonic predictions are the sum of constituents (Figure 5) which relate prevailing astronomical conditions such as the rotation of the earth, the revolution of the earth around the sun, the inclination of the moon's orbit to the earth's equator, and the obliquity of the ecliptic to a resultant velocity. Local epochs (κ) and amplitudes were determined from the observed current record. Longitude and time meridian corrections were applied to the local epochs to obtain a modified epoch designated kappa prime, κ' . Current amplitudes and κ 's form a basis for both reference and secondary station tidal current predictions.

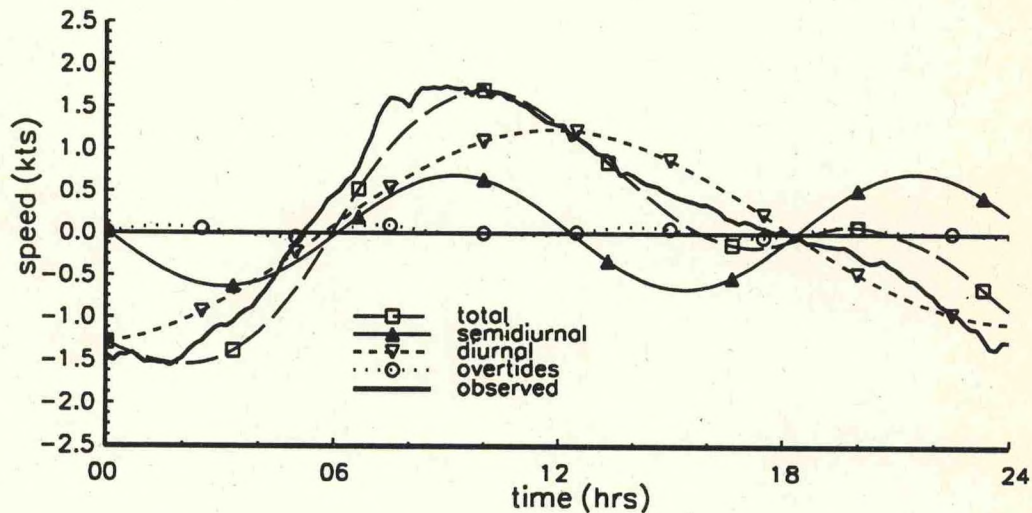


Figure 5. Computed tidal currents. By determining harmonic constants, one can compute predicted tidal currents, which better approximate the observed currents. (See Table 1 to identify all the semidiurnal species annotated with subscript 2 and all the diurnal species with subscript 1). In this case, semidiurnal current is the sum of all constituents with periods around 12 hours, and diurnal currents include all constituents with periods around 24 hours. The remaining constituents result from overtides.

Although NOS strives to obtain at least 6 months of data on which to perform harmonic analysis at reference stations, a record length of 29 days is sufficient to resolve the amplitudes and phase lags of 24 tidal current constituents. The amplitudes and phase lags of tidal current constituents at Galveston Bay Entrance were analyzed both parallel and perpendicular to the principal current direction of 273° T (Figure 6). The mean current at 15 feet below MLLW for the two-month time series is approximately 0.1 knot at 346° T.

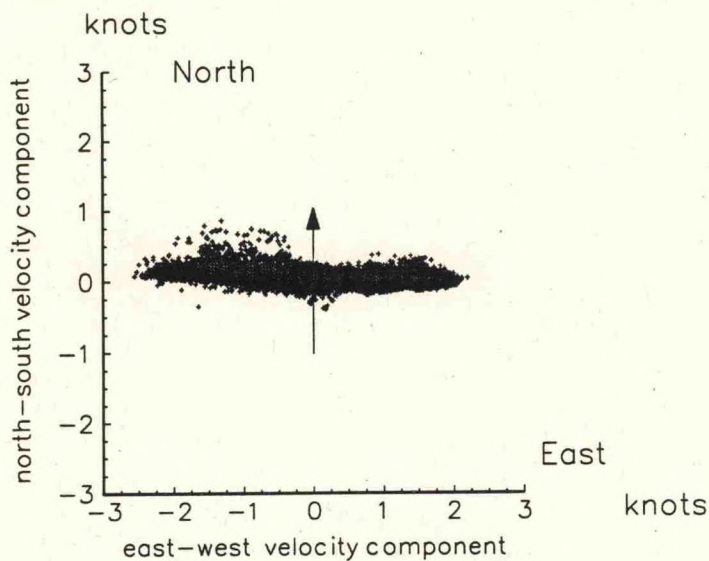


Figure 6. Galveston Bay Entrance velocity scattergram. The diagram illustrates alignment and degree of scatter in the current direction for August through October 1988.

All constituents including the primary constituents, M_2 , S_2 , K_1 , and O_1 , (Hicks, 1989) represent the tide-producing forces of the sun-earth-moon system. Ten of the constituents are determined directly from the data (i.e., M_2 , S_2 , N_2 , O_1 , K_1 , M_4 , M_6 , M_8 , S_4 , and S_6), and the remaining 14 are derived from the M_2 , S_2 , N_2 , O_1 , and K_1 constituents using theoretical relationships (Schureman, 1958). The M_2 , S_2 , and N_2 constituents are corrected for the disturbing effects of other semidiurnal constants while O_1 and K_1 are corrected for the disturbing effects of other diurnal constituents. Constituent amplitudes and phases from Fourier harmonic analysis are presented in Table 1.

Table 1. Harmonic analysis results. Summary of results from Fourier harmonic analysis of currents for Galveston Bay Entrance from August 2 through October 4, 1988. Analysis at approximately 15 feet below MLLW in 42 feet of water produced a mean flood direction of 273°T and a permanent current of approximately 0.1 knots at 346° T.

Constituent	Amplitude (knots)	κ' (degrees)	Constituent	Amplitude (knots)	κ' (degrees)
J ₁	0.067	280.5	OO ₁	0.036	280.1
K ₁	0.961	281.3	P ₁	0.318	281.3
K ₂	0.056	133.6	Q ₁	0.165	281.9
L ₂	0.016	94.3	2Q ₁	0.022	282.2
M ₁	0.060	281.1	R ₂	0.002	133.4
M ₂	0.608	126.7	S ₂	0.207	133.2
M ₄	0.077	236.2	S ₄	0.020	294.4
M ₆	0.014	271.6	S ₆	0.008	6.4
M ₈	0.014	35.6	T ₂	0.012	132.9
N ₂	0.113	100.8	λ_2	0.004	130.5
2N ₂	0.015	75.2	v ₂	0.022	104.2
O ₁	0.850	281.5	ρ_1	0.032	281.8

2.2. Non-Harmonic Analysis

Comparison of the updated NOS tidal current predictions using cycle-by-cycle non-harmonic analyses show that times of maximum flood current (MFC) and maximum ebb current (MEC) based on 1935 constituents occurred almost 15 minutes before the observed times of flood and ebb at the reference station. Comparison also indicated that 1935 predicted MFC speed was 27% higher than the 1988 tidal current predictions, while the MEC was 53% higher. Mean maximum flood speed for 1935 was 1.62 knots while mean maximum ebb speed was 1.88 knots.

The times of observed MFC at the Galveston Bay Entrance near-surface and near-bottom stations differed markedly from each other. MFC at the near-bottom (34-ft depth) occurred within a minute of maximum flood at the reference station. At the near-surface (2-ft) depth, MFC averaged about 15 minutes after the time of maximum flood at the reference station (15-ft depth).¹ Times of MEC at the same secondary stations occurred almost 15 minutes before (for near-bottom depths) and 5 minutes after (for near-surface depths) the time of maximum ebb at the reference station. At bottom depths, speed ratios of MFC and MEC averaged 85% of those at the reference depth. There was no change in near-surface speed ratio predictions from those predicted at the 15-ft depth (see Table 2, Appendix B).

¹Note: analysis of the data revealed that tidal currents from the ADCP at the 2-ft and 5-ft depths were nearly identical, being within 0.039 knots of each other. For this reason, NOS investigators chose the 2-ft depth as representative of the near-surface currents.

Freshwater flow and synoptic scale winds produce buoyancy fluxes and pressure gradient forces that modify the tide as it propagates through the entrance to Galveston Bay. The total current at Galveston Bay Entrance is the sum of tidal and nontidal currents. These nontidal forces will enhance or diminish astronomically-predicted ebb and flood currents. During this investigation, nontidal current events at near-bottom depths at Galveston Bay Entrance lasted from 3 to 13 days with current velocities on the order 0.2 knots (Figure 7c). Nontidal events are identified here as currents in one direction. Near-surface events were more transient, lasting from 2 to 4 days with velocities ranging from 0.2 to 0.6 knots (Figure 7a). Nontidal events were of longer duration at the near-bottom and near-surface than at the 15-ft depth.

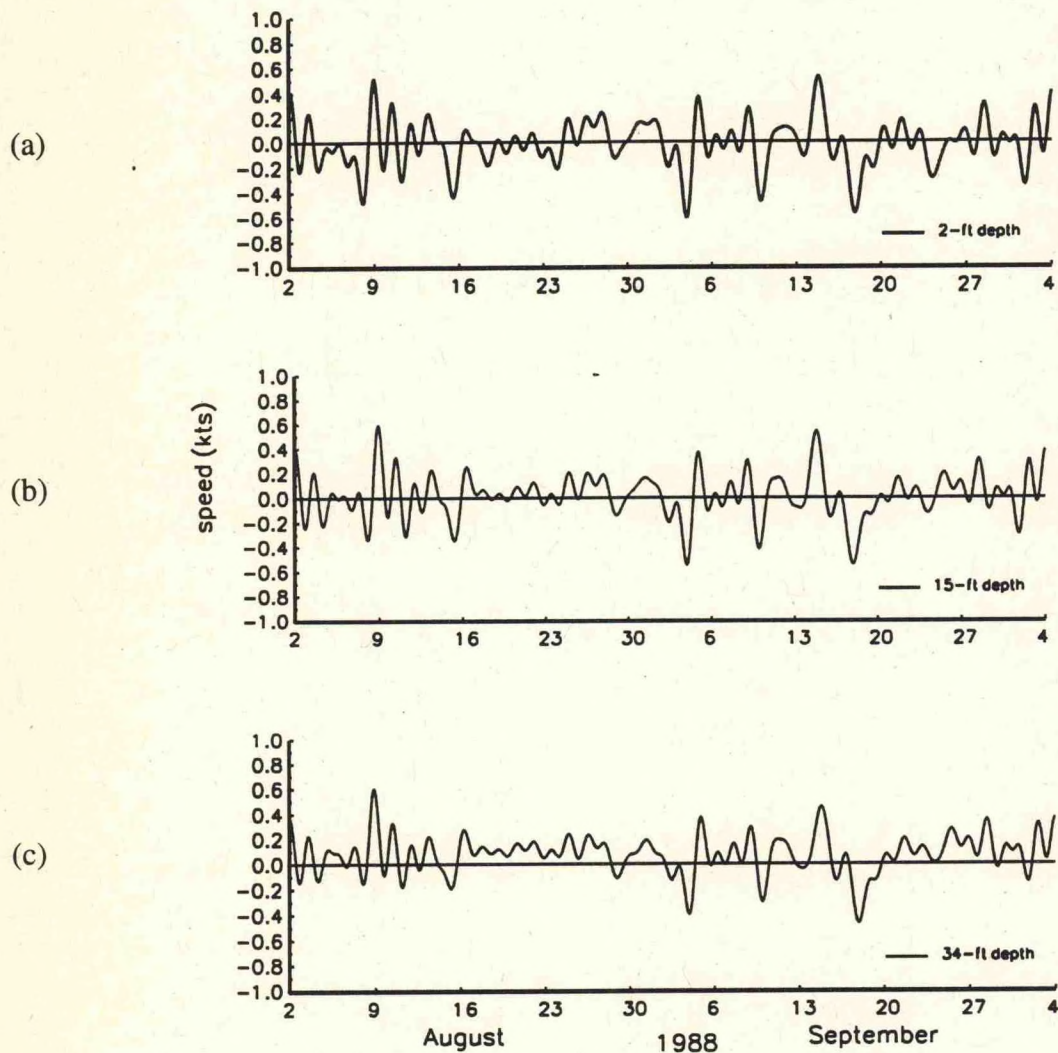


Figure 7. Nontidal currents at Galveston Bay Entrance along the principal current direction from August 2 through October 4, 1988. The observed data at the 2-ft, 15-ft and 34-ft depths were 30-hour low-pass Fourier filtered and rotated to 273°.

2.3. Tidal Current Characterization

Past investigators (Smith, 1974, and Nichols, 1994) have shown that currents along the south Texas coast are usually either mixed-mainly diurnal or mixed-mainly semidiurnal. The equation in Table 2 can be used to obtain the Defant Number which classifies tidal currents as diurnal, mixed-mainly diurnal, mixed, mixed-mainly semidiurnal, and semidiurnal. The tidal currents of Galveston Bay are characterized as mixed-mainly diurnal.

Table 2. Tidal current characterization (after Defant, 1961). The tidal current constituent amplitudes in knots at the reference station are given in Table 1.

Constituent Amplitudes (kts)	Constituent Ratio	Type of Current
$\frac{K_1 + O_1}{M_2 + S_2} =$	>3.0	Diurnal
	1.5 to 3.0	Mixed-Mainly Diurnal
	1.5	Mixed
	0.25 to 1.5	Mixed-Mainly Semidiurnal
	<0.25	Semidiurnal

The resulting ratio is 2.22 and classifies the currents at Galveston Bay Entrance as mixed-mainly diurnal. Currents had more semidiurnal energy when the moon was on the equator (Figures 3 and 8). Exaggerated floods coincided with storms and rain showers during the week of September 24 to October 1, 1988. Predicted tidal current speeds averaged 0.5 knots in excess of observed currents for 15 days during the month of August and 12 days during September. For August 8, 1988, predicted maximum flood current (MFC) occurred 2 hours and 27 minutes after the observed MFC and speeds were 10% higher. On September 1, 1988 predicted maximum ebb current (MEC) speeds were 67% higher than the observed MEC of 1.2 knots.

Galveston Bay Entrance currents on September 29, 1988, peaked at 2.5 knots at the 15-foot depth. Current directions were well established in the principal direction by the time that current speeds exceeded 0.1 knots. Therefore, slack water during this investigation is defined when current speeds are less than or equal to 0.1 knots. Periods of zero velocity are momentary. The scatter diagram (Figure 6) of velocity measurements at Galveston Bay Entrance shows symmetric reversing flow aligned with the navigation channel. The direction of flood currents at the Galveston Bay Entrance is oriented toward 273° T and ebb flow is directed toward 93° T. Mean maximum flood and maximum ebb speeds are approximately 1.41 and 1.33 knots, respectively. Measurements outside the principal current direction were influenced by severe weather such as the 35.6 knot winds on September 15, 1988 (NOAA, 1988).

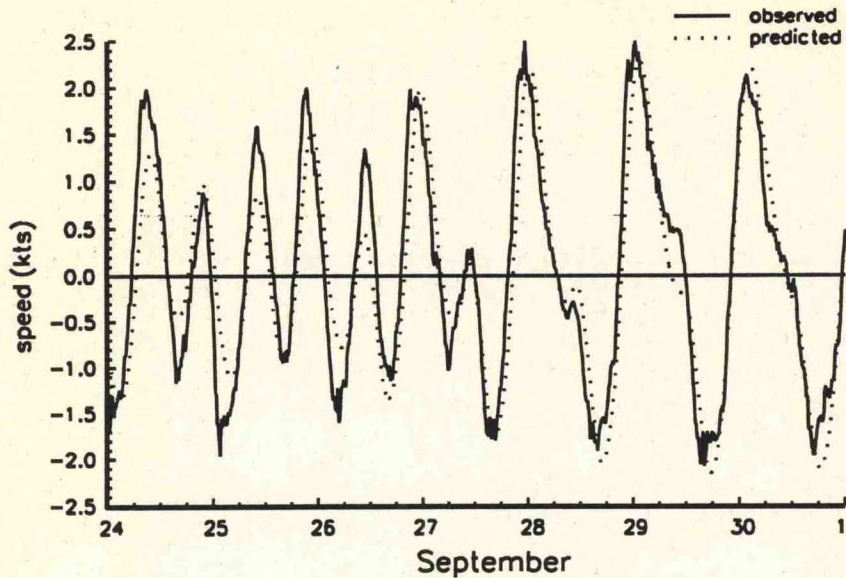


Figure 8. Observed and predicted 1988 tidal current speeds for Galveston Bay Entrance. The moon is on the equator on September 25, 1988.

2.4. Residual Current Velocity Comparisons

Residual currents as measured by differences between observed and predicted tidal currents can be quite significant. The maximum Galveston Bay Entrance residual current speeds diminished from 2.16 knots based on 1935 data to 1.49 knots using 1988 data (Figure 4). In the mixed-mainly diurnal environment of Galveston Bay, the flow is further complicated by nontidal flow out of the harbor during the rainy season as evidenced by the greatest amount of precipitation between September 29 and 30, 1988.

3. DAILY CURRENT PREDICTIONS

Predicted times of slack water and the predicted times and speeds of maximum flood and ebb current at 15 feet below MLLW for each day during 1995 at Galveston Bay Entrance are found in Appendix A. The predictions in Appendix A supersede the NOS Table 2 values for Station 5106, Galveston Bay Entrance, listed in NOAA's Tidal Current Tables. Local standard times are given in hours and minutes. Current amplitudes are in knots. For the users convenience, plotted tidal current predictions are provided in Appendix C.

4. SECONDARY STATION RATIOS AND DIFFERENCES

ADCP data from the HSC were non-harmonically analyzed at 15 feet below MLLW. Principal flood current direction is 313° T and principal ebb current direction is 133° T with a negligible permanent current. Time differences and ratios were determined at multiple depths by a cycle-by-cycle analysis of observed ADCP data for October 5 through November 3, 1988. Figure 9 shows a sample comparison of the time and velocity differences between the Galveston Bay Entrance reference station and the HSC secondary stations.

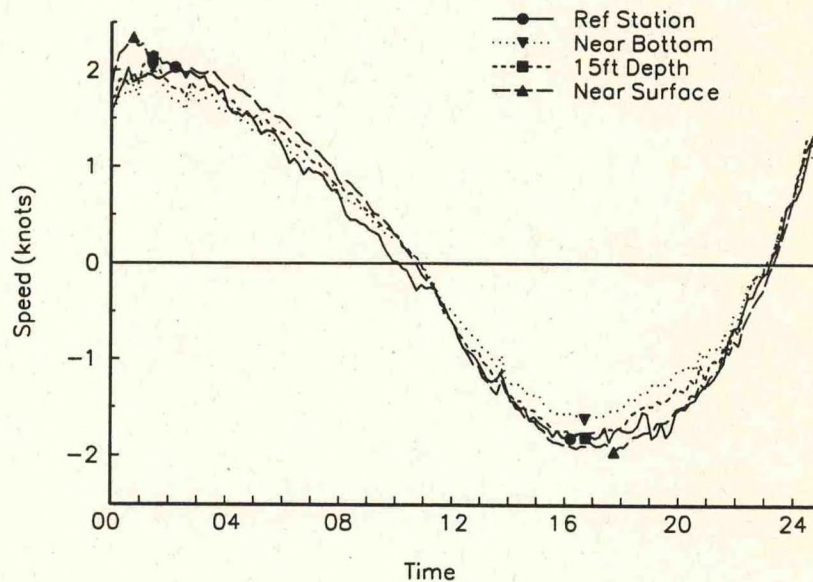


Figure 9. Cycle-by-cycle current comparison. Differences in time and velocity of maximum current at the reference station and three different depths at the secondary station are shown for October 16, 1988. Symbols indicate manual selections of maximum velocity.

Cycle-by-cycle analysis of the HSC data revealed that current directions were along the channel axis by the time current speeds exceeded 0.1 knot. The observed near-surface maximum ebb current directions occasionally varied in excess of 15° from the principal current direction at the 15-ft depth. It is assumed that these variations were caused by the effects of wind on the near-surface water layer.

Secondary station velocity ratios and time differences are provided in Appendix B. This information permits estimating times of minimum currents and times and speeds of maximum currents at each secondary station based on its relationship to currents at the 15-foot depth at Galveston Bay Entrance. By applying the specific corrections given in Appendix B to the corresponding predicted times and speeds of the current at the reference station, approximations of the current can be derived for the given secondary stations.

Speed ratio multipliers are used to approximate daily maximum flood and ebb speeds at a secondary station. The ratios should be applied to the corresponding current phases at the reference station. Speeds at the reference station and those resulting from the use of these ratios are expressed in knots. Directions of the four current phases are in degrees clockwise from 000° True North to 359° and are the directions toward which the water is flowing.

5. DATA AND INFORMATION PRODUCTS

The data used to develop these special predictions are archived and available to the public from NOAA. **The Tidal Current Tables 1996-Atlantic Coast of North America** will be revised to include the data in this publication. Additional copies of this publication can be obtained by writing or calling:

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6. CONCLUSIONS

Averaged 29-day harmonic analysis of 1988 ADCP measurements in 1-m layers from the near-bottom to the near-surface with a 10-minute sampling interval serves as a basis for tidal current predictions. Resources permitting, NOS would base tidal current predictions on time series of current speeds and directions lasting over a 6-month to 1-year period. Deviations from tidal current predictions in Galveston Bay are due in part to bathymetric changes and wind-induced nontidal currents. Physical oceanographic real-time systems along the Texas coast have been recognized as suitable instrumentation for obtaining total currents in shipping channels.

The updated tidal current predictions at the Galveston Bay Entrance reference station and the secondary station in the Houston Ship Channel should be beneficial to dockmasters, harbor pilots, and other mariners attempting to maneuver large vessels through the jetties which couple Galveston Bay with the Gulf of Mexico. This information is intended to assist the mariner in maintaining course and speed while conforming to the confined waters of the HSC and GICW. Results from this investigation will be published in NOAA's **Tidal Current Tables 1996-Atlantic Coast of North America**.

Future oceanographic efforts in Galveston Bay should examine the relationships between varying wind directions and the occurrence of exaggerated tidal currents and water level fluctuations in the navigation channels. Year-long or real-time data sets of currents, pressure, water temperature, air temperature, salinity, water level, and winds would be most useful for development of improved prediction and forecasting products.

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APPENDIX A

SPECIAL 1995 TIDAL CURRENT PREDICTIONS FOR GALVESTON BAY ENTRANCE, TEXAS

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

This table provides the predicted times of slack water and the predicted times and speeds of maximum flood and ebb currents for each day of the year for Galveston Bay Entrance. The times are given in a 24-hour format in Central Standard Time, and the speeds are listed in knots.

Each day lists predicted times and current speeds in a three column format read from left to right. Times of slack water are provided in the first column followed by the predicted times and speeds of maximum current. "E" indicates an ebb current and "F" indicates a flood.

Owing to the mixed-mainly diurnal tidal currents of the Galveston Bay area, there are instances when there are no slack times listed between maximum current times. These instances reflect times of double or triple flood and ebb currents. In these cases, the currents will weaken to the velocity indicated between the two maximum current times, but will never actually reach a slack water condition. Extra currents are located on page A-6 for those days where there is inadequate space to list them with the daily predictions.

Daily predictions used in conjunction with Appendix B will provide the mariner with predicted times and speeds of tidal currents for other areas within Galveston Bay.

2. EXAMPLE:

The tidal current predictions for Galveston Bay Entrance on Friday, May 19, 1995 are:

<i>Slack:</i>	<u>0420</u>		
<i>Flood:</i>	<u>0813;</u>	<i>speed:</i>	<u>1.4 knots</u>
<i>Slack:</i>	<u>1424</u>		
<i>Ebb:</i>	<u>1728;</u>	<i>speed:</i>	<u>0.7 knots</u>
<i>Ebb:</i>	<u>1920;</u>	<i>speed:</i>	<u>0.6 knots</u>

Galveston Bay Entrance (between jetties), Texas, 1995

F—Flood, Dir. 300° True E—Ebb, Dir. 100° True

April				May				June										
Slack		Maximum		Slack		Maximum		Slack		Maximum		Slack		Maximum				
	h	m	knots		h	m	knots		h	m	knots		h	m	knots			
1 Sa	0149	0459	1.2F	16 Su	0121	0501	1.5F	1 M	0151	0527	1.4F	16 Tu	0153	0545	1.6F			
	0941	1237	0.7E		1041	1330	0.6E		1147	1420	0.6E		1234	1502	0.6E	1314	0630	1.4F
	1514	1636	0.5F		1618	0.3E	1627		0.4E	1610	0.6E		1610	0.6E	2202	1610	0.6E	1314
	1802	2208	1.1E	2145	1.4E	2149	1.3E		2149	1.3E		2202	1.5E		2202	1.5E		
2 Su	0222	0539	1.3F	17 M	0207	0551	1.5F	2 Tu	0224	0606	1.4F	17 W	0242	0636	1.6F			
	1102	1336	0.6E		1213	1442	0.6E		1244	1523	0.6E		1323	1603	0.6E	1343	2318	1.2E
	1607	1706	0.4E		1646	0.5E	1657		0.5E	1657	0.5E		1649	0.6E	1649	0.6E	1919	0.3E
	1802	2230	1.2E	2225	1.4E	2223	1.3E		2223	1.3E		2250	1.5E		2250	1.5E		
3 M	0255	0624	1.3F	18 Tu	0255	0646	1.5F	3 W	0258	0650	1.4F	18 Th	0331	0726	1.5F			
	1231	1433	0.5E		1336	2312	1.4E		1340	2302	1.3E		1401	1656	0.6E	1359	1758	0.7E
	1737	2303	1.2E		1646	0.5E	1737		2303	1.2E	1737		2303	1.2E	1756	0.6E	1919	0.7E
	2303	1.2E	2303	1.2E	2303	1.2E	2303	1.2E	2303	1.2E	2303	1.2E	2303	1.2E	2303	1.2E		
4 Tu	0332	0713	1.2F	19 W	0347	0744	1.5F	4 Th	0334	0737	1.3F	19 F	0420	0813	1.4F			
	1407	1704	0.4E		1459	0.4E	1436		2347	1.2E	1424		1728	0.7E	1424	1728	0.7E	
	1809	2344	1.2E		1809	2344	1.2E		1809	2344	1.2E		1809	2344	1.2E	1809	2344	1.2E
	2344	1.2E	2344	1.2E	2344	1.2E	2344	1.2E	2344	1.2E	2344	1.2E	2344	1.2E	2344	1.2E		
5 W	0415	0805	1.2F	20 Th	0445	0843	1.4F	5 F	0414	0824	1.3F	20 Sa	0511	0859	1.3F			
	1606				1559	0.4E	1526				1431		1753	0.7E	0511	0859	1.3F	
					1559	0.4E	1526				1431		1753	0.7E	1431	1753	0.7E	
			1559	0.4E	1526			1431	1753	0.7E	1431	1753	0.7E	1431	1753	0.7E		
6 Th	0507	0902	1.2F	21 F	0550	0947	1.3F	6 Sa	0459	0914	1.2F	21 Su	0605	0944	1.1F			
	1702				1629	1856	0.6E		1557	1912	0.7E		1419	1811	0.8E	0605	0944	1.1F
					1629	1856	0.6E		1557	1912	0.7E		1419	1811	0.8E	1419	1811	0.8E
			1629	1856	0.6E	1557	1912	0.7E	1419	1811	0.8E	1419	1811	0.8E	1419	1811	0.8E	
7 F	0610	1116	1.1E	22 Sa	0659	1048	1.2F	7 Su	0551	1005	1.1F	22 M	0701	1026	1.0E			
	1737	2001	0.6E		1641	1919	0.7E		1606	1932	0.7E		1406	1826	1.0E	0701	1026	1.0E
	2054	0.6E	2054		0.6E	2206	0.4E		2207	0.5E	2139				2139		2139	
			2054	0.6E	2206	0.4E	2207	0.5E	2139			2139		2139				
8 Sa	0720	1110	1.1F	23 Su	0809	1134	1.1F	8 M	0655	1053	1.0F	23 Tu	0512	0642	0.3E			
	1801	2028	0.6E		1640	1937	0.8E		1536	1930	0.7E		0810	1104	0.8F	0810	1104	0.8F
	2214	0.5E	2214		0.5E	2218	2335		0.4F	2230	2322		0.3F	1401	1845	1.1E	0810	1104
			2214	0.5E	2218	2335	0.4F	2230	2322	0.3F	1401	1845	1.1E	0810	1104	0.8F		
9 Su	0829	1158	1.1F	24 M	0918	1211	1.0E	9 Tu	0814	1134	0.9F	24 W	0705	0826	0.3E			
	1815	2050	0.6E		1625	1950	0.9E		1510	1913	0.8E		0933	1141	0.7F	0705	0826	0.3E
	2324	0.3E	2324		0.3E	2238				2224				1353	1909	1.2E	0933	1141
			2324	0.3E	2238			2224			1353	1909	1.2E	0933	1141	0.7F		
10 M	0935	1240	1.0F	25 Tu	1023	1246	0.8F	10 W	0947	1213	0.7F	25 Th	0811	0939	0.4E			
	1812	2056	0.6E		1611	2006	1.0E		1453	1913	0.9E		1057	1218	0.4F	0811	0939	0.4E
	2311				2309				2239				1338	1932	1.2E	1057	1218	0.4F
			2311			2309			2239			1338	1932	1.2E	1057	1218	0.4F	
11 Tu	0935	1240	1.0F	26 W	1023	1246	0.8F	11 Th	0947	1213	0.7F	26 F	0900	0318	1.3F			
	1812	2056	0.6E		1611	2006	1.0E		1453	1913	0.9E		1057	1218	0.4F	0900	0318	1.3F
	2311				2309				2239				1338	1932	1.2E	0900	0318	1.3F
			2311			2309			2239			1338	1932	1.2E	0900	0318	1.3F	
12 W	0935	1240	1.0F	27 Th	1023	1246	0.8F	12 F	0947	1213	0.7F	27 Sa	0946	0353	1.4F			
	1812	2056	0.6E		1611	2006	1.0E		1453	1913	0.9E		1057	1218				

Galveston Bay Entrance (between jetties), Texas, 1995

F—Flood, Dir. 300° True E—Ebb, Dir. 100° True

July				August				September															
Slack		Maximum		Slack		Maximum		Slack		Maximum		Slack		Maximum									
	h	m	knots		h	m	knots		h	m	knots		h	m	knots								
1 Sa	0250	0639	1.3F	16 Su	0337	0655	1.2F	1 Tu	0320	0709	0.9F	16 W	0231	*	*								
	1244	1550	0.6E		1111	1417	0.8E		1009	1318	0.9E		0917	1334	1.1E	1 F	0632	1327	1.3E				
		1758	0.5E		1733	1910	0.6F		1732	2001	0.8F		1809	2113	1.0F		1824	2219	1.3F				
		2302	1.1E		2116				2327														
2 Su	0316	0715	1.3F	17 M	0401	0040	0.8E	2 W	0256	0056	0.4E	17 Th	0605	0.4F	*	2 Sa	0646	1416	1.3E				
	1224	1524	0.6E		1103	1441	0.9E		0954	1334	1.1E		0923	1356	1.1E		1935	2341	1.3F				
		1908	0.4E		1827	2026	0.7F		1821	2115	0.9F		1908	2257	1.0F					17 Su	0620	0806	0.5E
		2353	1.0E		2353																2008	0859	0.4E
																1426	1.1E						
3 M	0337	0751	1.1F	18 Tu	0349	0802	0.9E	3 Th	0158	0.5F	*	18 F	0726	0.3F	*	3 Su	0720	1516	1.3E				
	1200	1517	0.7E		1102	1508	1.0E		0649	0.5F	0933		1431	1.1E	2043								
		2019	*		1918	2220	0.8F		0809	0.5F	2006												
									0947	1407†	1.2E												
4 Tu	0344	0827	1.0F	19 W	0518	0518	0.5F	4 F	0937	1450	1.3E	19 Sa	0004	1.1F	*	4 M	0046	1.3F	*				
	1148	1452	0.8E		1059	1542	1.1E		2012				0752	1521	1.1E		0751	1657	1.3E				
		1950	2.138		2008	2344	1.0F						2102				2147						
5 W	0053	0147	0.3E	20 Th	0727	0916	0.6F	5 Sa	0007	1.3F	*	20 Su	0106	1.2F	*	5 Tu	0150	1.3F	*				
	0244	0902	0.8F		1101	1639	1.1E		0832	1548	1.4E		0811	0919	0.3E		0813	0947	0.5E				
	1131	1459	1.0E		2056				2109					1025	0.3E			1145	*				
	2016	2307	0.9F											1733	1.1E			1840	1.3E				
6 Th		0256	0.6F	21 F	0047	0844	0.3F	6 Su	0119	1.4F	*	21 M	0209	1.2F	*	6 W	0242	1.3F	*				
		0406	0.7F		1109	1732	1.2E		0854	1707	1.4E		0839	0956	0.4E		0818	1002	0.5E				
		0800	0.5F		2142				2205					1123	0.3E		1141	1253	0.4F				
		0938	0.6F											1833	1.2E		1409	1952	1.3E				

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 * Current weak and variable.
 † See page 104 for the remaining currents on this day.

Galveston Bay Entrance (between jetties), Texas, 1995

F—Flood, Dir. 300° True E—Ebb, Dir. 100° True

October				November				December																	
Slack		Maximum		Slack		Maximum		Slack		Maximum		Slack		Maximum											
	h	m	knots		h	m	knots		h	m	knots		h	m	knots										
1 Su	0528	1348	1.3E	16 M	0456	0729	0.6E	1 W	0401	0712	0.8E	16 Th	0248	0709	0.8E	1 F	0129	0619	1.1E	16 Sa	0033	0526	1.0E		
	1858	2303	1.3F		1852	2246	1.1F		2039	2338	1.0F		1022	1112	0.3F		1920	2309	0.9F		0948	1307	1.0F	0923	1216
2 M	0556	0804	0.6E	17 Tu	0519	0758	0.7E	2 Th	0339	0721	0.9E	17 F	0233	0656	0.9E	2 Sa	0121	0645	1.2E	17 Su	0018	0516	1.1E		
	0923	1449	1.2E		2001	2333	1.1F		1018	1242	0.7F		1013	1219	0.7F		1023	1414	1.2F		0950	1329	1.2F	0923	1216
3 Tu	0608	0823	0.6E	18 W	0529	0820	0.7E	3 F	0327	0737	1.0E	18 Sa	0217	0657	1.0E	3 Su	0111	0712	1.3E	18 M	1024	1434	1.4F		
	1049	1731	1.1E		2109	1559	0.8E		1047	1406	1.0F		1916	2108	0.4E		1059	1504	1.3F		2127	2315	0.4E	1024	1434
4 W	0610	0837	0.7E	19 Th	0521	0825	0.7E	4 Sa	0322	0758	1.1E	19 Su	0154	0652	1.1E	4 M	1135	1542	1.4F	19 Tu	1104	1521	1.5F		
	1049	1203	0.4F		1435	1912	0.7E		1120	1503	1.2F		2020	2227	0.5E		2141	2327	0.5E		2206	0623	1.4E	1104	1521
5 Th	0559	0844	0.8E	20 F	0451	0817	0.8E	5 Su	0007	0130	0.5F	20 M	0103	*	*	5 Tu	1211	1614	1.5F	20 W	1148	1600	1.6F		
	1110	1318	0.7E		1106	1321	0.8F		0311	0819	1.2E		0702	1.3E	0753		1.3E	2252	0706		1.5E	1148	1600	1.6F	
6 F	0539	0855	0.9E	21 Sa	0435	0819	0.9E	6 M	0213	*	*	21 Tu	0143	0.5E	0733	1.4E	6 W	1246	1642	1.5F	21 Th	1235	1637	1.7F	
	1141	1437	1.0F		1125	1426	1.0F		0833	1.3E	1200		1600	1.5F	0811	1.4E		2306	0030	0.6E		0811	1.4E	2338	0753
7 Sa	0019	0244	0.8F	22 Su	0021	0211	0.6F	7 Tu	0017	0.6E	0833	1.3E	22 W	0108	0.6E	0812	1.5E	7 Th	1321	1709	1.5F	22 F	1323	1715	1.7F
	0530	0913	1.0E		0420	0814	1.0E		0254	0.3E	1243	1640		1.6F	0226	0.6E	1321		1709	1.5F	0255		0.5E	2348	0206
8 Su	0116	0313	0.7F	23 M	0137	0248	0.4F	8 W	0118	0.6E	23 Th	0203	0.6E	8 F	1354	1738	1.5F	23 Sa	0014	0217	0.6E				
	0527	0929	1.1E		0359	0818	1.2E		0332	0.4E		1329	1723		1.6F	0307	0.6E		0910	1.4E	0337	0.5E	1410	1754	1.6F
9 M	0213	0342	0.6F	24 Tu	0322	*	*	9 Th	0210	0.6E	24 F	0222	0.6E	9 Sa	1426	1813	1.4F	24 Su	0035	0237	0.5E				
	0520	0936	1.1E		0844	1.3E	0406		0.5E	0932		1.3E	1417		1810	1.6F	0944		1.3E	1018	1.5E	1018	1.5E		
10 Tu	0309	0412	0.4F	25 W	0132	0.6E	0437	0.5E	10 F	0035	0306	0.6E	25 Sa	1456	1850	1.4F	10 Su	0041	0250	0.6E					
	0516	0945	1.2E		0918	1.4E	1005	1.3E		0109	1024	1.5E		1504	1858	1.6F		1020	1.3E	0533	0.3E				
11 W	0143	0.6E	*	26 Th	0001	0240	0.6E	11 Sa	0125	1042	1.3E	26 Su	0144	1114	1.4E	11 M	1525	1929	1.3F	26 Tu	0031	0258	0.7E		
	0443	*	*		0420	0.5E	1520		1918	1.3F	1551		1945	1.5F	0543		0.6E	1100	1.2E		0648	*			
12 Th	0030	0247	0.5E	27 F	0118	1041	1.5E	12 Su	0212	1125	1.2E	27 M	0203	0508	0.6E	12 Tu	1550	2007	1.2F	27 W	0011	0319	0.8E		
	0514	0.3E	*		1517	1915	1.5F		0437	0.5E	1639		2029	1.3F	0646		0.6E	1146	1.1E		0808	0.4F			
13 F	0148	0442	0.5E	28 Sa	0229	1131	1.4E	13 M	0253	1214	1.1E	28 Tu	0204	0529	0.7E	13 W	1610	2047	1.1F	28 Th	0001	0354	1.0E		
	0544	0.5E	*		1610	2012	1.5F		1635	2050	1.2F		0811	0.4E	1311		1.0E	1239	0.9E		1405	*			
14 Sa	0316	1205	1.2E	29 Su	0327	1228	1.3E	14 Tu	0319	0648	0.7E	29 W	0147	0544	0.8E	14 Th	0059	0549	0.7E	29 F	0828	1147	0.9F		
	1644	2042	1.2F		1710	2110	1.4F		0828	0.7E	1817		2155	1.0F	0950		*	1332	0.6E		1855	0.5F			
15 Su	0419	1254	1.1E	30 M	0358	0641	0.7E	15 W	0320	0708	0.7E	30 Th	0134	0558	1.0E	15 F	0049	0526	0.8E	30 Sa	0912	1254	1.1F		
	1743	2144	1.2F		0806	0.6E	0950		0.5E	0915	1153		0.7F	0907	1100		0.6F	1431	0.3F		2027	0.3F			
				31 Tu	1816	2209	1.3F	31 W	1811	2226	1.0F		2236	0.8F		2210	0.8F		2221	0.5F		2351	0559	1.2E	
					0408	0658	0.7E																0955	1401	1.2F
					0936	0.5E																2133	*		
					1426	1.0E																2304	0.3F		
					1927	2259	1.1F															2352	*		

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 * Current weak and variable.

EXTRA CURRENTS, 1995

Galveston Bay Entrance, Texas

January

	Slack	Maximum	
	h m	h m	knots
8	2329	2100	0.6F
23	2217	2031	0.3F

February

	Slack	Maximum	
	h m	h m	knots
20		1913	*

June

	Slack	Maximum	
	h m	h m	knots
7	2135		

July

	Slack	Maximum	
	h m	h m	knots
6	2051		

August

	Slack	Maximum	
	h m	h m	knots
3	1913	2246	1.2F

APPENDIX B

SPECIAL 1995 CURRENT DIFFERENCES AND OTHER CONSTANTS FOR GALVESTON BAY, TEXAS

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

This table provides the corrections to the daily predictions at the reference station, Galveston Bay Entrance, provided in Appendix A, which allows one to calculate the predicted currents at any of the listed secondary locations.²

First, note the predicted times and speeds on the desired day at the reference station provided in Appendix A. Also note the last time and speed from the preceding day and the first time and speed of the next day. One of these two predicted currents may occur at the secondary location on the desired day, once the time differences are applied.

Secondly, determine the appropriate time differences and speed ratios to the predicted times and speeds at the reference station. The time differences are listed in four columns; Slack Before Flood (SBF), Flood (F), Slack Before Ebb (SBE), and Ebb (E). The speed ratios are in two columns, Flood and Ebb.

Next, apply the appropriate time differences to the predicted times of slacks and maximum flood and ebb currents to obtain the predicted times at your chosen location. Be sure to apply the proper time corrections. Lastly, multiply the appropriate speed ratios to the predicted speeds of the flood and ebb currents. Again be sure to apply the proper corrections.

2. EXAMPLE:

The tidal current predictions for the Houston Ship Channel (15 ft depth) on March 4, 1995 are:

<i>March 3</i>			
<i>Ebb:</i>	<i>2346 + 0021</i>	<i>= 0007 (March 4);</i>	<i>speed: 1.0 * 1.0 = <u>1.0 knots</u></i>
<i>March 4</i>			
<i>Slack:</i>	<i>0306 + 0017 (SBF)</i>	<i>= <u>0323</u></i>	
<i>Flood:</i>	<i>0554 + 0001</i>	<i>= <u>0555;</u></i>	<i>speed: 1.0 * 1.0 = <u>1.0 knots</u></i>
<i>Slack:</i>	<i>0945 + 0022 (SBE)</i>	<i>= <u>1007</u></i>	
<i>Ebb:</i>	<i>1256 + 0021</i>	<i>= <u>1317;</u></i>	<i>speed: 0.7 * 1.0 = <u>0.7 knots</u></i>
<i>Slack:</i>	<i>1532 + 0017 (SBF)</i>	<i>= <u>1549</u></i>	
<i>Flood:</i>	<i>1748 + 0001</i>	<i>= <u>1749;</u></i>	<i>speed: 0.8 * 1.0 = <u>0.8 knots</u></i>
<i>Slack:</i>	<i>2006 + 0022 (SBE)</i>	<i>= <u>2028</u></i>	
<i>Ebb:</i>	<i>2346 + 0021</i>	<i>= <u>0007(March 5);</u></i>	<i>speed: 1.0 * 1.0 = <u>1.0 knots</u></i>
<i>March 5</i>			
<i>Slack:</i>	<i>0344 + 0017 (SBF)</i>	<i>= <u>0401</u></i>	

²See Section 1.3 for an Important Notice about the Table 2 stations.

Table 2. Current differences and other constants. Results were derived from ADCP data collected during the Houston Ship Channel/Galveston Bay current prediction QA mini-project from August through November, 1988. Time differences, speed ratios, and average speed and directions were computed using non-harmonic analyses.

No.	Place	Meter Depth	POSITION				TIME DIFFERENCES						SPEED RATIOS				AVERAGE SPEED AND DIRECTIONS							
			Lat.		Long.		Slack before Flood		Flood		Slack before Ebb		Ebb		Slack before Flood		Maximum Flood		Slack before Ebb		Maximum Ebb			
			° North	'	° West	'	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	° T
1	Galveston Bay Ent.	2	29	20.92	94	42.85	0	17	0	15	0	02	0	05	1.0	1.0	0.01	318	1.43	272	0.03	181	1.31	91
2	Galveston Bay Ent.	15	29	20.92	94	42.85	<i>Daily Predictions</i>						NA				0.07	179	1.41	274	0.00	358	1.33	93
3	Galveston Bay Ent.	34	29	20.92	94	42.85	-0	18	-0	01	-0	03	-0	13	0.9	0.8	0.05	188	1.12	274	0.04	7	1.10	94
4	Houston Ship Channel	2	29	21.88	94	47.80	0	11	-0	04	0	15	0	16	1.1	1.1	0.06	226	1.69	314	0.09	38	1.31	134
5	Houston Ship Channel	15	29	21.88	94	47.80	0	17	0	01	0	22	0	21	1.0	1.0	0.02	59	1.54	312	0.00	242	1.19	133
6	Houston Ship Channel	24	29	21.88	94	47.80	0	11	0	08	0	18	0	17	1.0	0.9	0.01	170	1.39	312	0.01	233	1.11	133

APPENDIX C

SPECIAL 1995 TIDAL CURRENT CURVES FOR GALVESTON BAY ENTRANCE, TEXAS

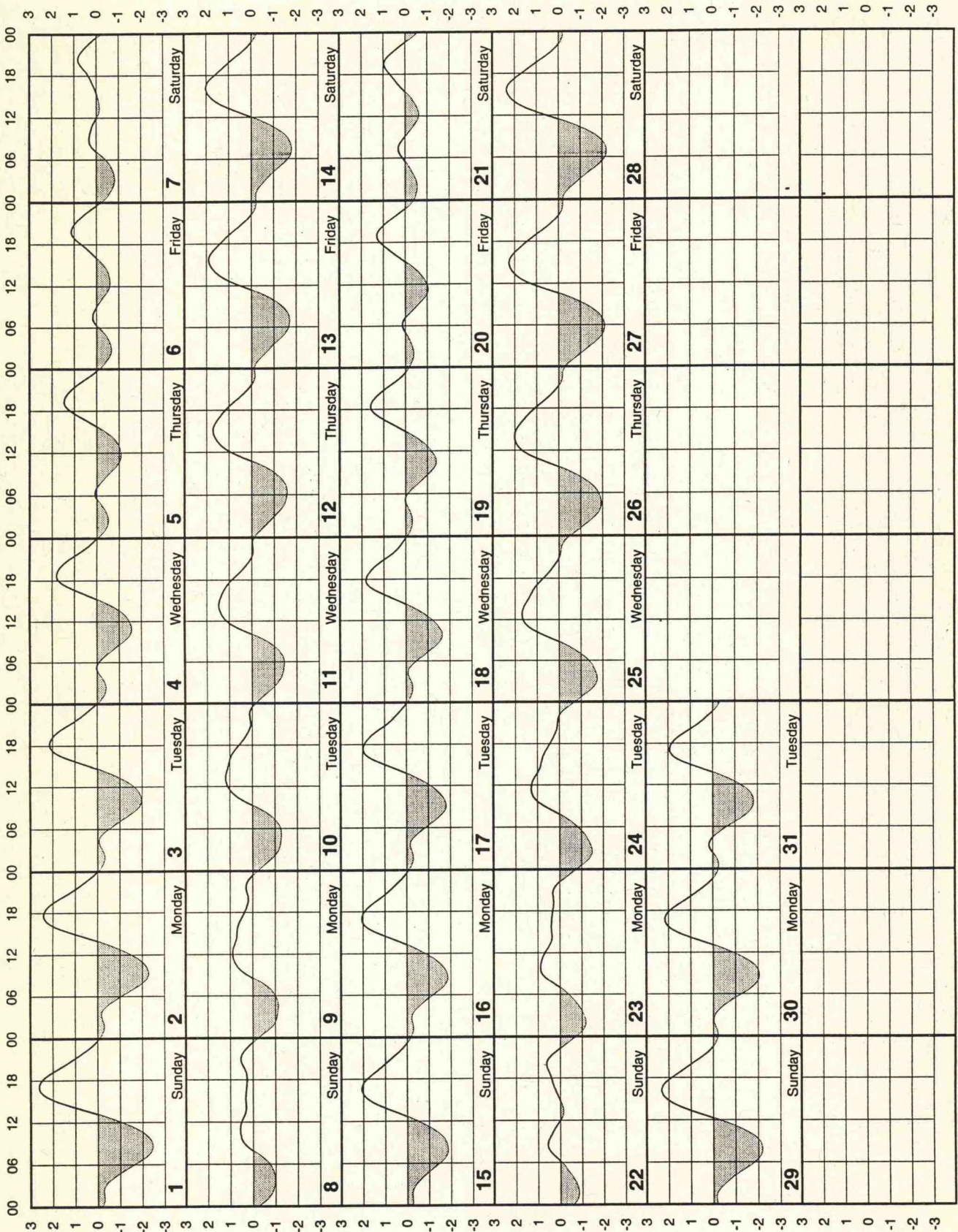
1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Galveston Bay Entrance tidal currents are shown in weekly panels for each month of 1995. The ebbs are shaded and speeds are in knots.

Galveston Bay Entrance, 1995

January

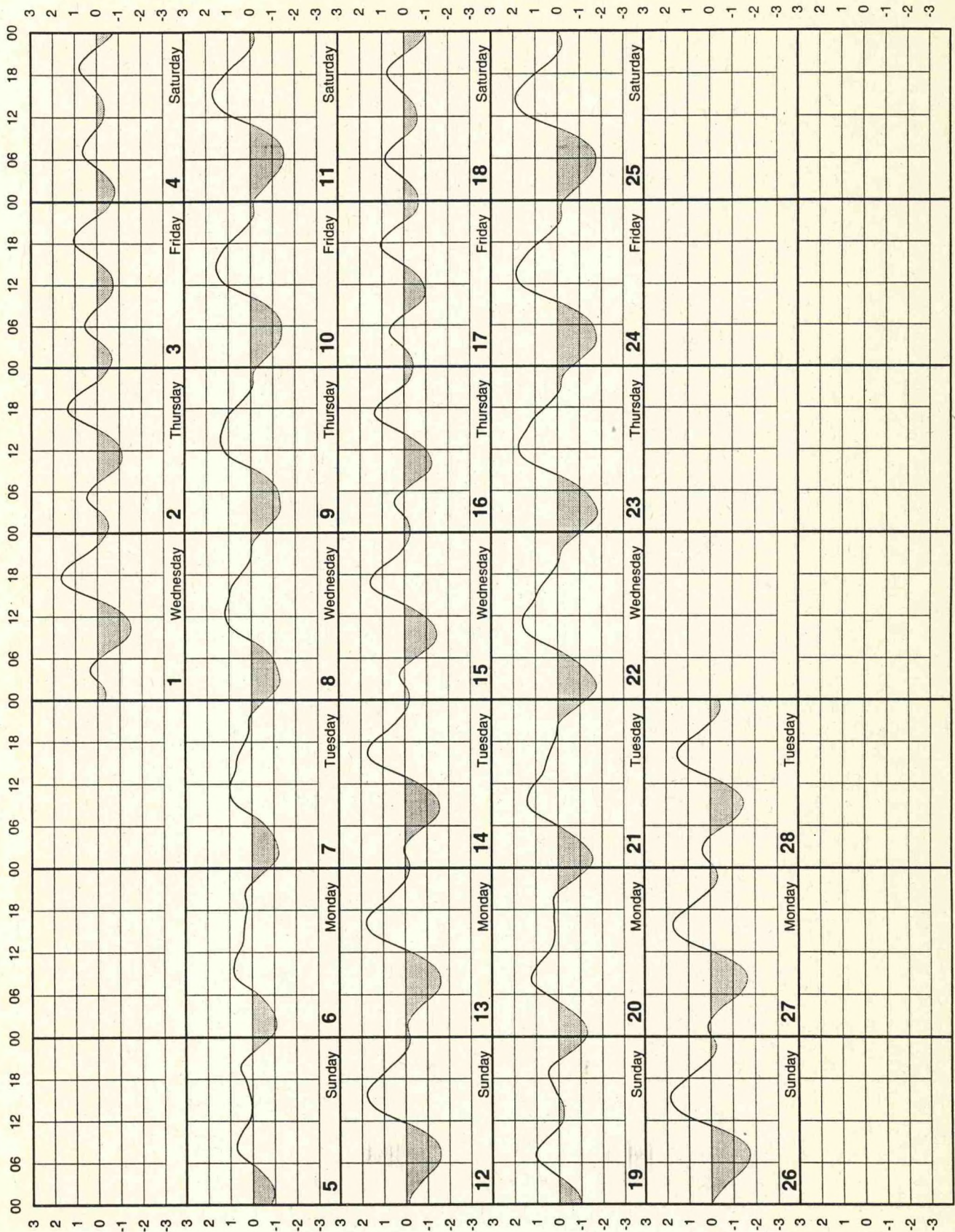
Velocity in Knots



Galveston Bay Entrance, 1995

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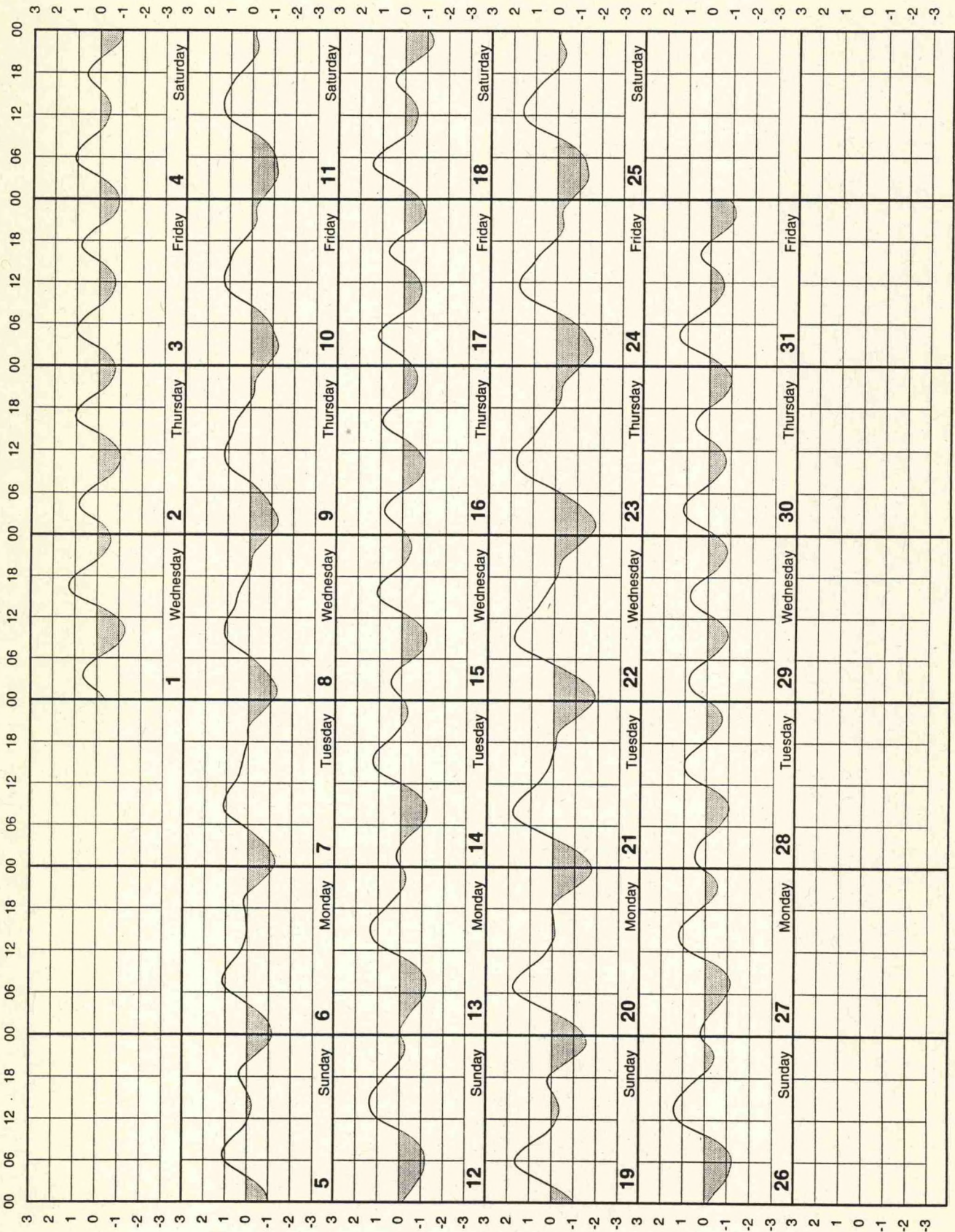
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Galveston Bay Entrance, 1995

March

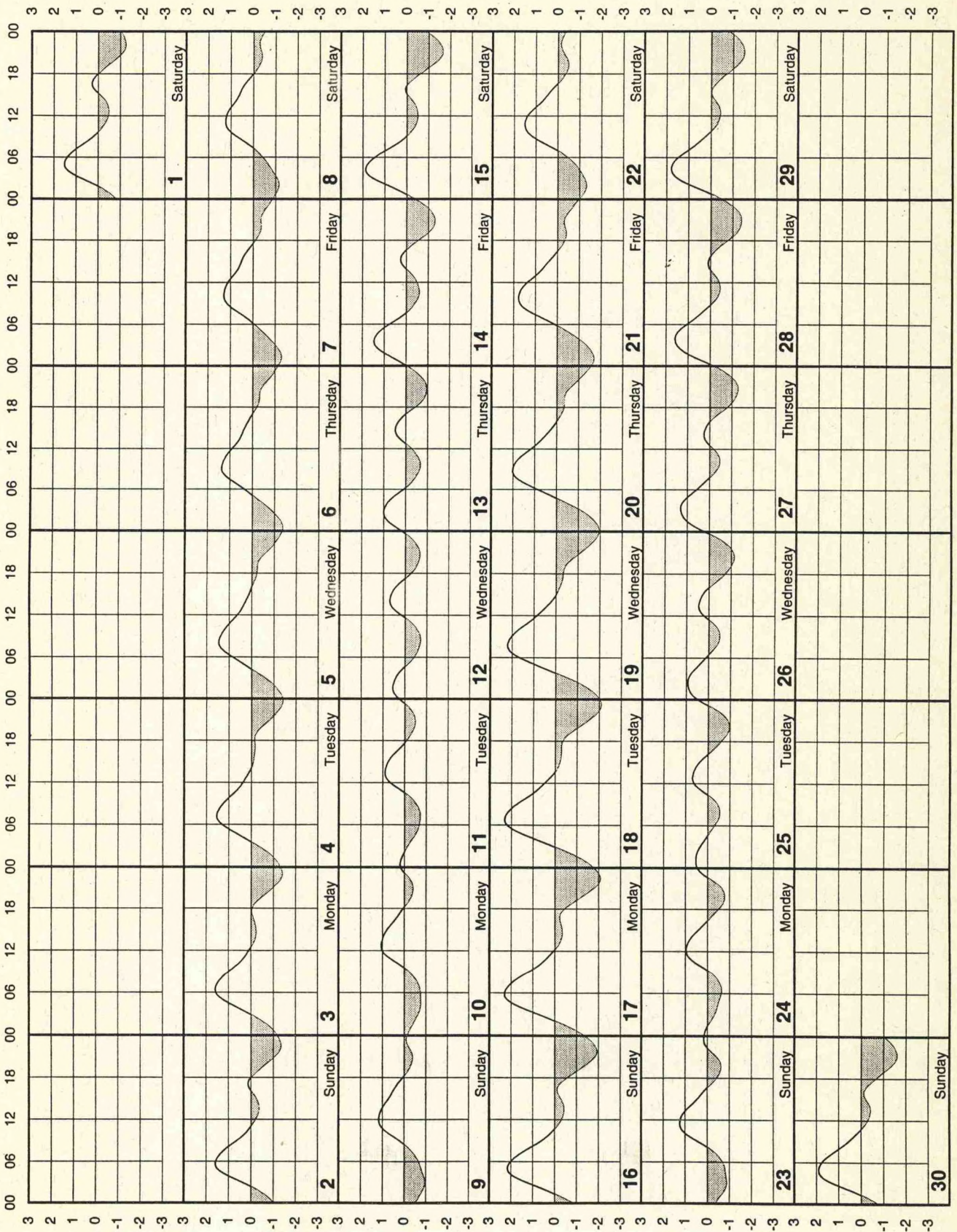
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Galveston Bay Entrance, 1995

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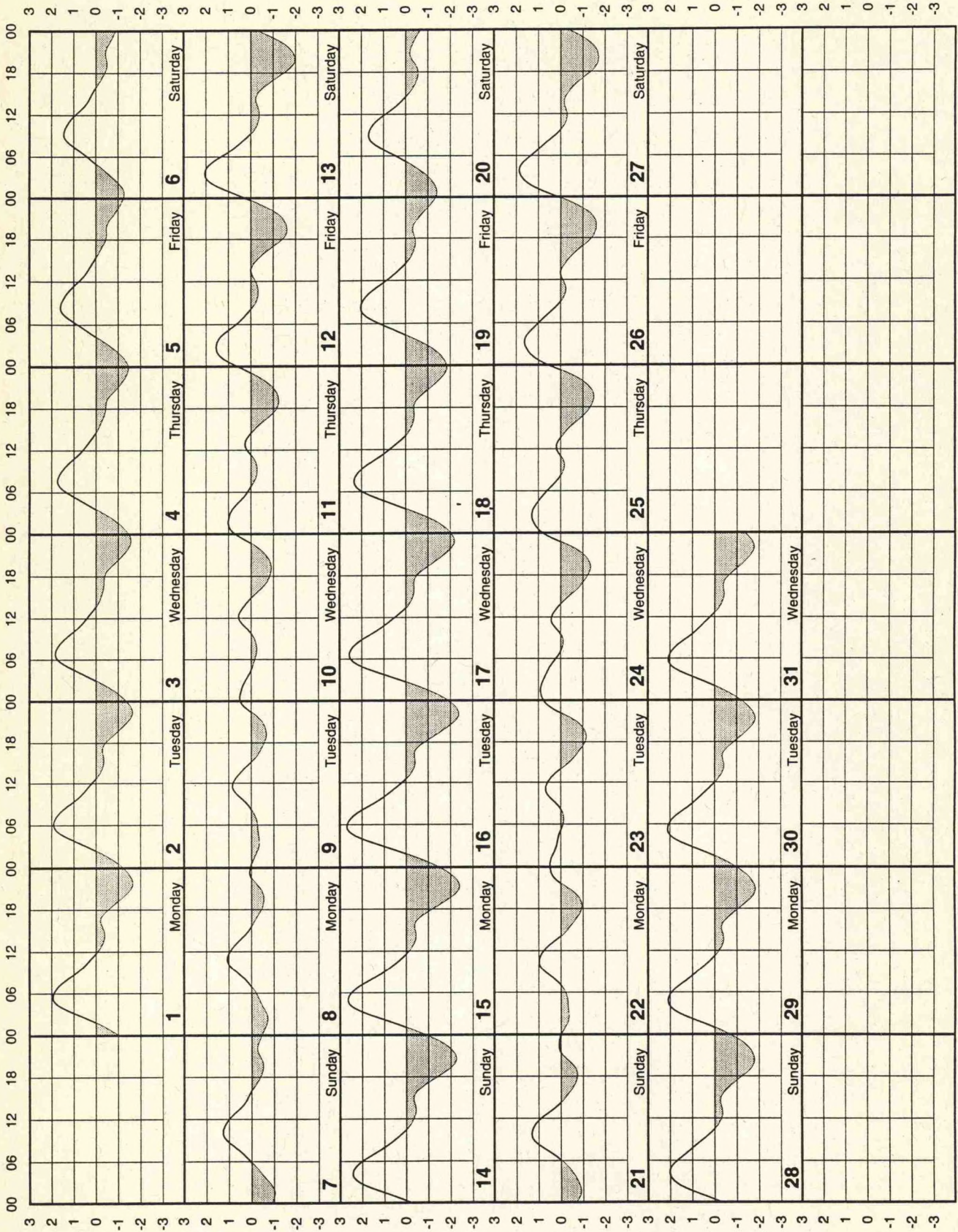
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Galveston Bay Entrance, 1995

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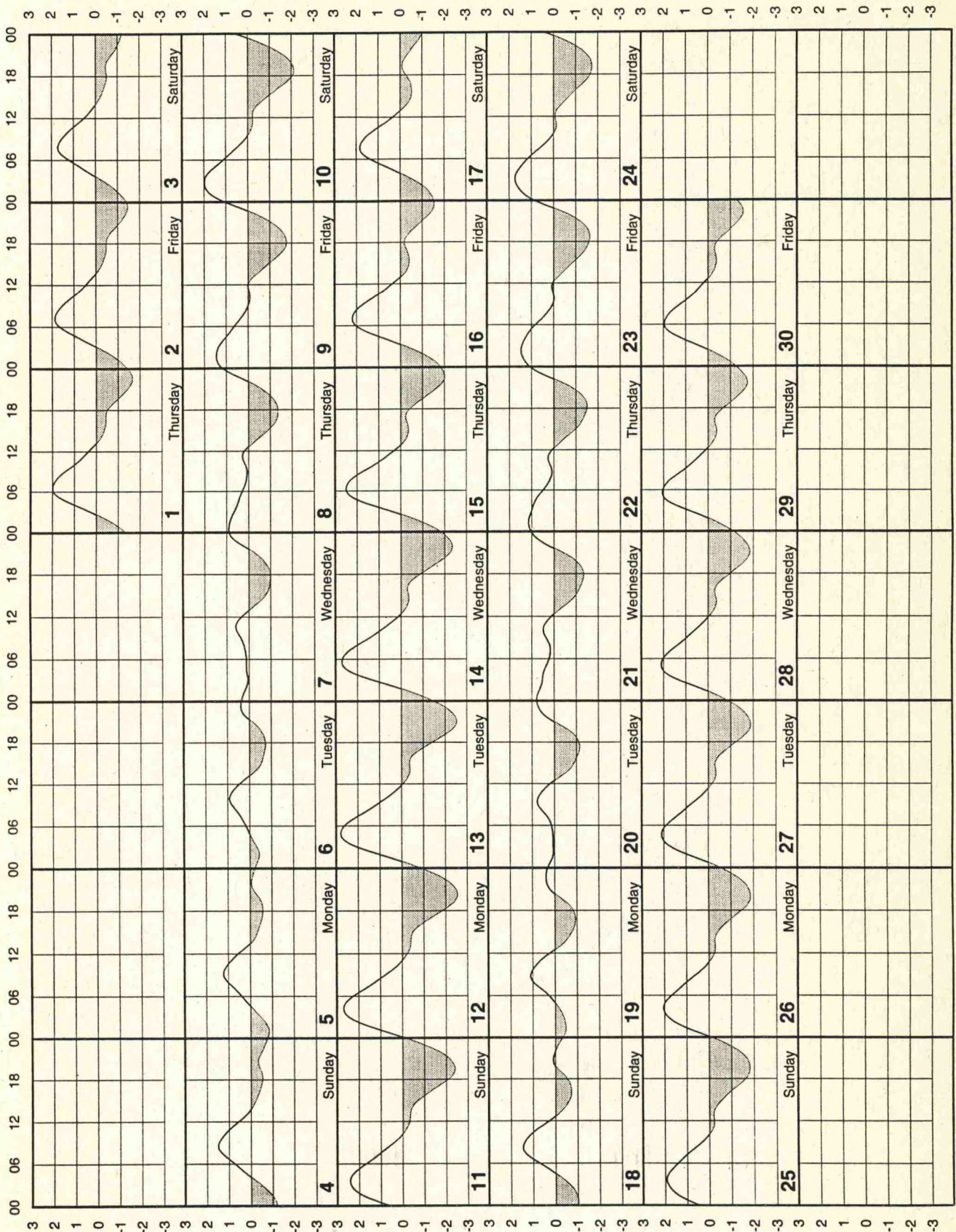
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Galveston Bay Entrance, 1995

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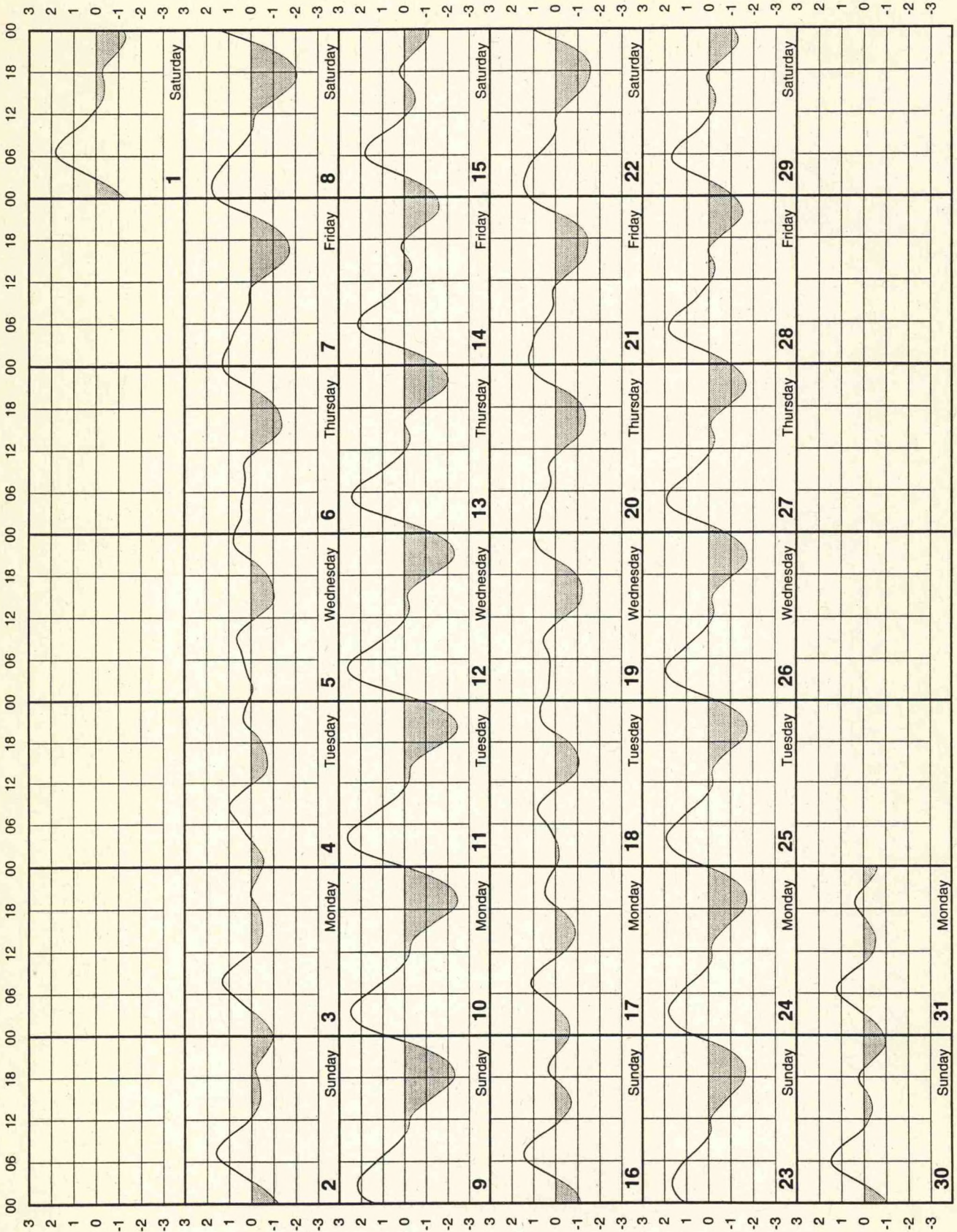
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Galveston Bay Entrance, 1995

July

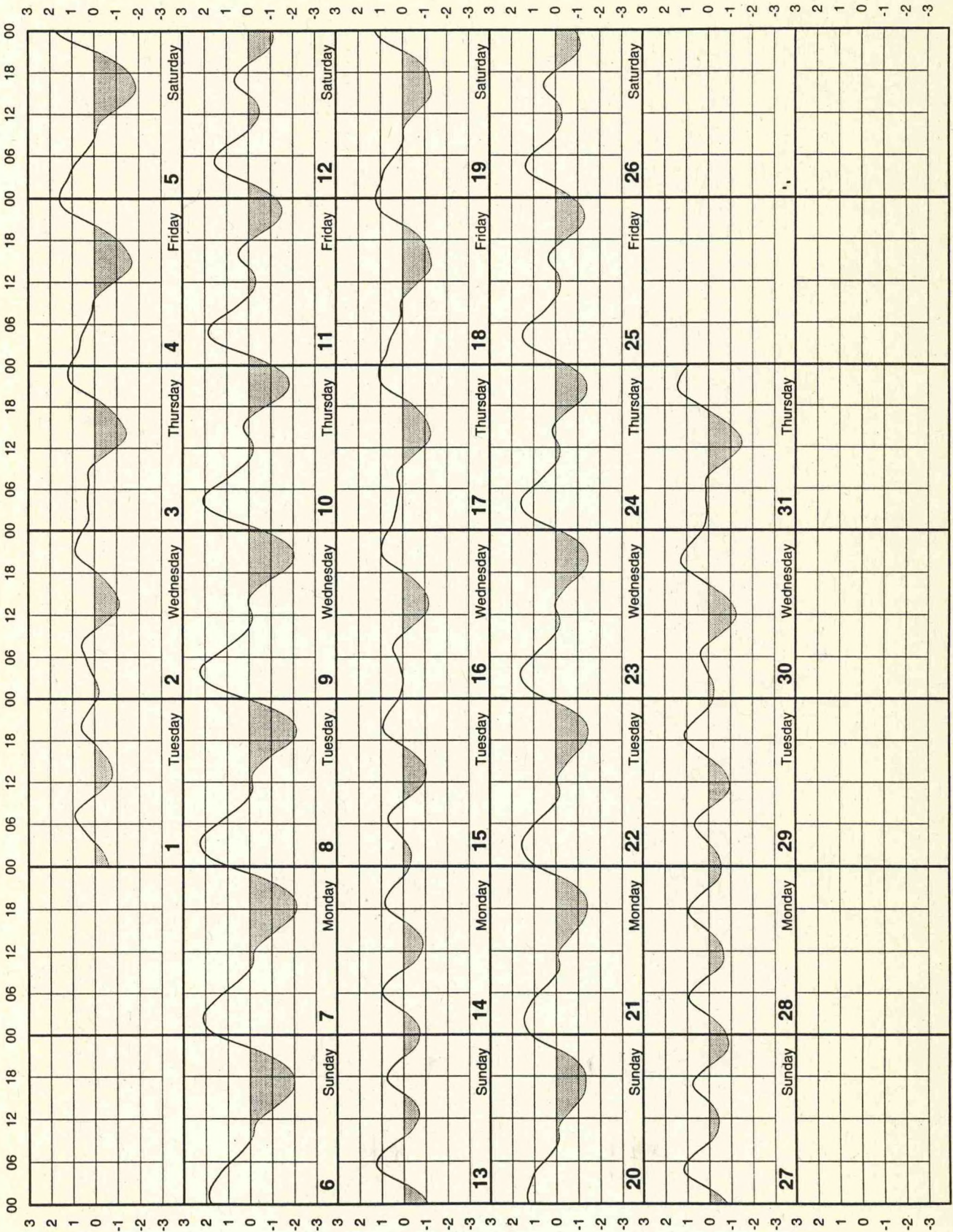
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Galveston Bay Entrance, 1995

August

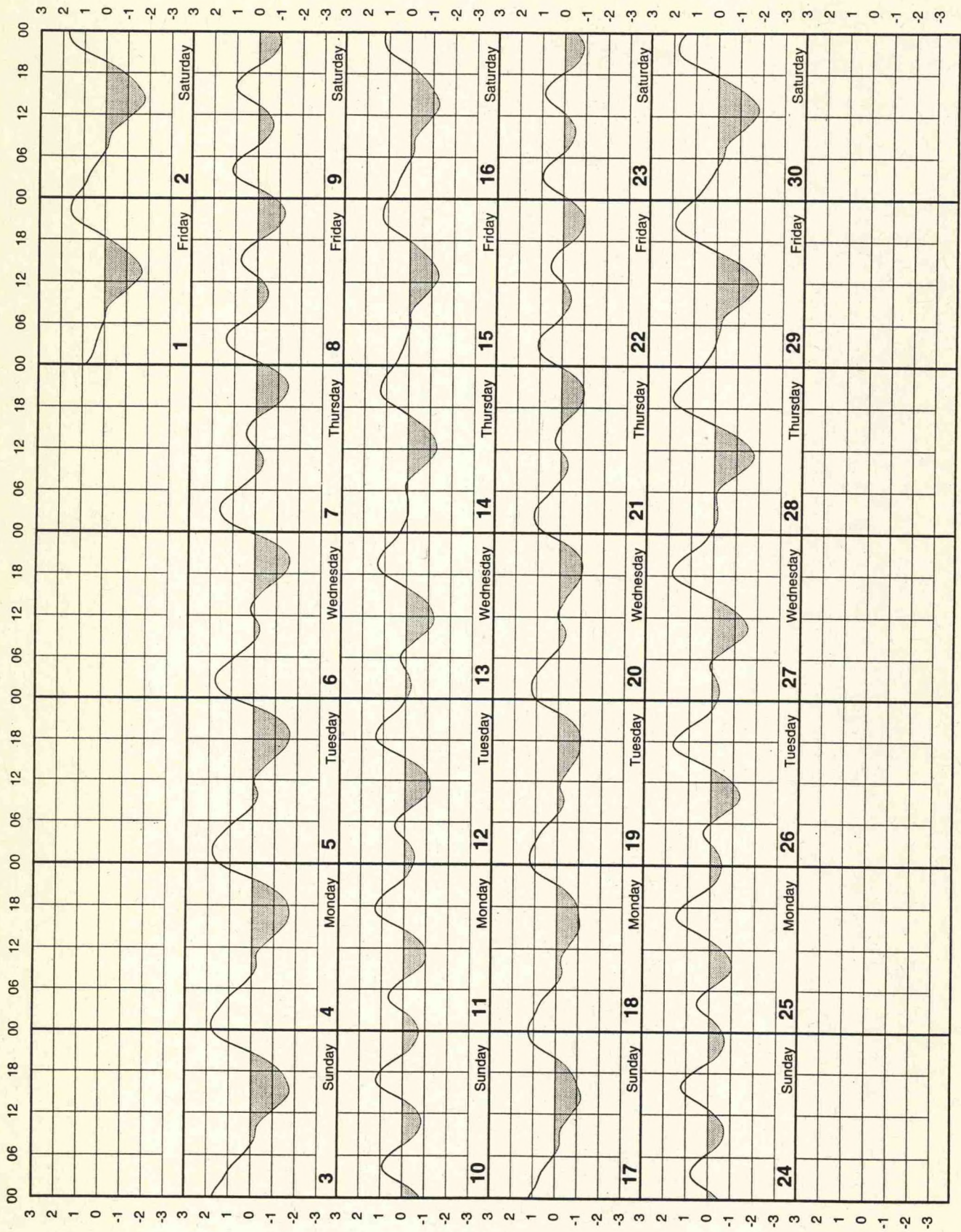
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Galveston Bay Entrance, 1995

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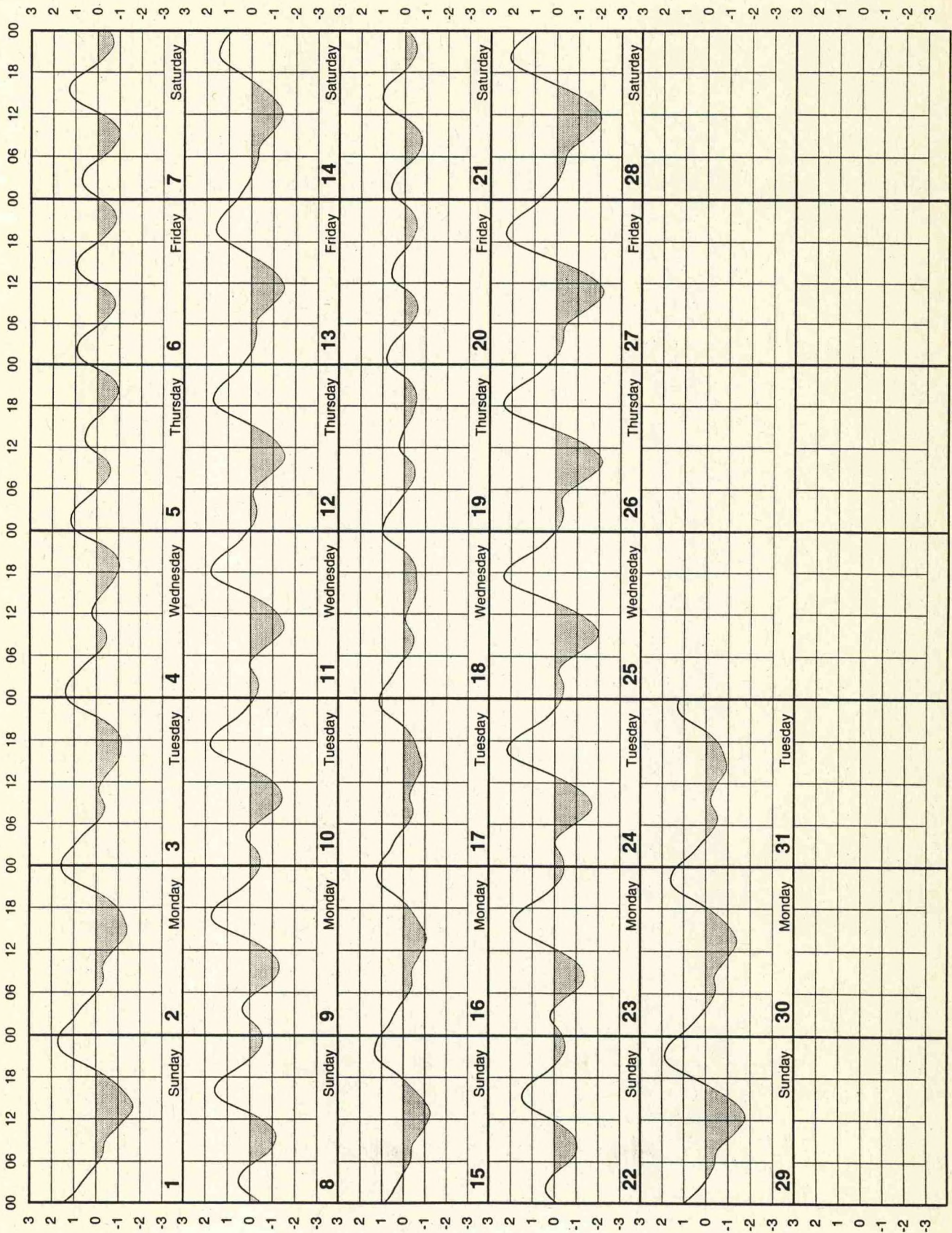
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Galveston Bay Entrance, 1995

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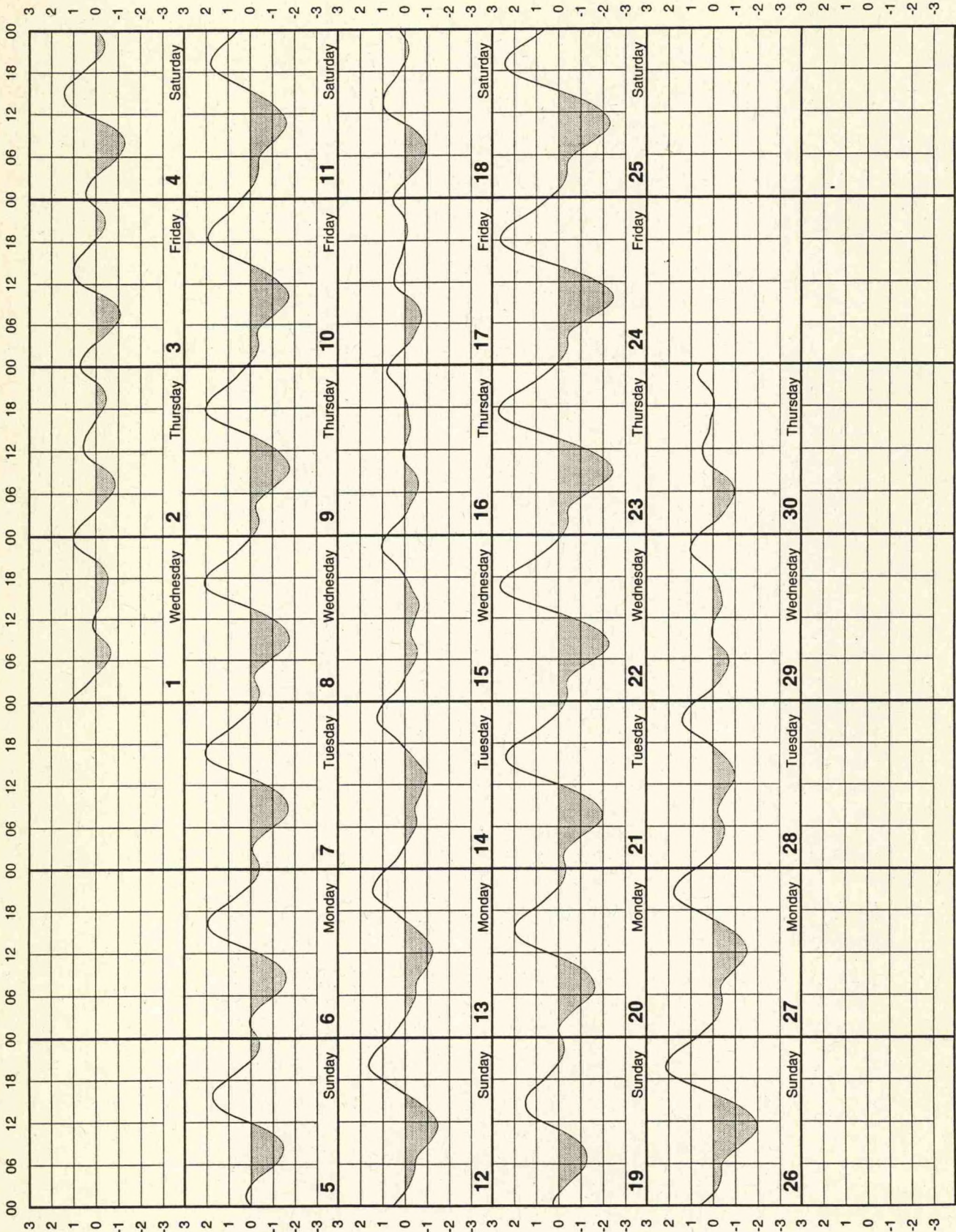
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Galveston Bay Entrance, 1995

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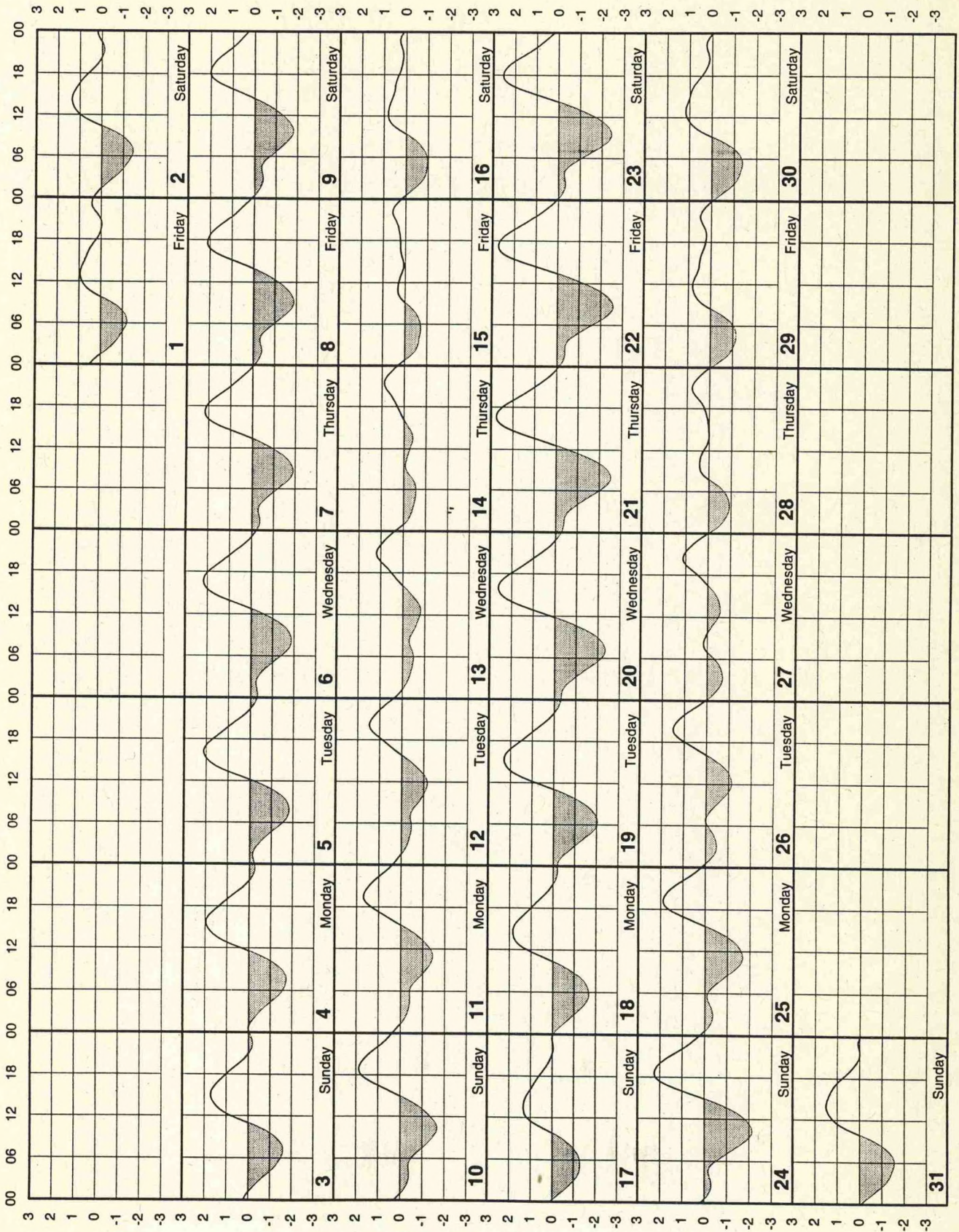
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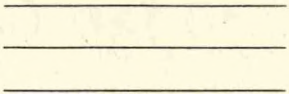
December

Velocity in Knots



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ASTRONOMICAL DATA, 1995

January				
	d.	h	m	
●	1	10	56	
E	6	11	..	
○	8	15	46	
A	11	22	..	
N	13	23	..	
○	16	20	26	
E	21	02	..	
○	24	04	58	
S	27	12	..	
P	27	23	..	
●	30	22	48	

February				
	d.	h	m	
E	2	22	..	
○	7	12	54	
A	8	18	..	
N	10	07	..	
○	15	12	15	
E	17	09	..	
○	22	13	04	
P	23	02	..	
S	23	19	..	

March				
	d.	h	m	
●	1	11	48	
E	2	08	..	
A	8	15	..	
○	9	10	14	
N	9	16	..	
E	16	18	..	
○	17	01	26	
P	20	13	..	
⊙ ₁	21	02	14	
S	23	01	..	
○	23	20	10	
E	29	16	..	
●	31	02	09	

April				
	d.	h	m	
A	5	10	..	
N	6	0	..	
○	8	05	35	
E	13	04	..	
○	15	12	08	
P	17	08	..	
S	19	07	..	
○	22	03	18	
E	25	21	..	
●	29	17	36	

May				
	d.	h	m	
A	3	01	..	
N	3	07	..	
○	7	21	44	
E	10	13	..	
○	14	20	48	
P	15	15	..	
S	16	17	..	
○	21	11	36	
E	23	03	..	
●	29	09	27	
A	30	08	..	
N	30	14	..	

June				
	d.	h	m	
○	6	10	26	
E	6	22	..	
P	13	01	..	
○	13	04	03	
S	13	04	..	
E	19	11	..	
○	19	22	01	
⊙ ₂	21	20	34	
A	26	11	..	
N	26	20	..	
●	28	00	50	

July				
	d.	h	m	
E	4	06	..	
○	5	20	02	
S	10	15	..	
P	11	10	..	
○	12	10	49	
E	16	20	..	
○	19	11	10	
A	23	20	..	
N	24	04	..	
●	27	15	13	
E	31	12	..	

August				
	d.	h	m	
○	4	03	16	
S	7	01	..	
P	8	14	..	
○	10	18	15	
E	13	06	..	
○	18	03	04	
A	20	12	..	
N	20	12	..	
●	26	04	31	
E	27	19	..	

September				
	d.	h	m	
○	2	09	03	
S	3	08	..	
P	5	01	..	
○	9	03	37	
E	9	16	..	
N	16	20	..	
○	16	21	09	
A	17	06	..	
⊙ ₃	23	12	13	
E	24	03	..	
●	24	16	55	
P	30	04	..	
S	30	13	..	

October				
	d.	h	m	
○	1	14	36	
E	7	01	..	
○	8	15	52	
N	14	04	..	
A	15	02	..	
○	16	16	26	
E	21	12	..	
●	24	04	36	
P	26	21	..	
S	27	20	..	
○	30	21	17	

November				
	d.	h	m	
E	3	07	..	
○	7	07	20	
N	10	12	..	
A	11	21	..	
○	15	11	40	
E	17	22	..	
●	22	15	43	
P	23	23	..	
S	24	05	..	
○	29	06	28	
E	30	13	..	

December				
	d.	h	m	
○	7	01	27	
N	7	20	..	
A	9	10	..	
○	15	05	31	
E	15	08	..	
S	21	17	..	
●	22	02	22	
⊙ ₄	22	08	17	
P	22	10	..	
E	27	21	..	
○	28	19	06	

LUNAR DATA

- - new Moon
- - first quarter
- - full Moon
- - last quarter
- A - Moon in apogee
- P - Moon in perigee
- N - Moon farthest north of Equator
- E - Moon on Equator
- S - Moon farthest south of Equator

SOLAR DATA

- ⊙₁ - March equinox
- ⊙₂ - June solstice
- ⊙₃ - September equinox
- ⊙₄ - December solstice

Greenwich mean time (GMT) or universal time (UT) is the mean solar time on the Greenwich meridian reckoned in days of 24 mean solar hours written as 00^h at midnight and 12^h at noon. To convert the above times to those of other standard time meridians, add 1 hour for each 15° of east longitude of the desired meridian and subtract 1 hour for each 15° of west longitude. This table was compiled from data supplied by the Nautical Almanac Office, United States Naval Observatory.