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#### **I. INTRODUCTION**

**Bordered** on the north **by Canada, and** on the **south** by New York State, Lake Ontario is the easternmost of the Great Lakes. Water from the other Great **Lakes** drains into **Lake Ontario** through the **Niagara River and** 1eaves by way of the St. Lawrence **River.** The Lake has the following physical characteristics: length, l90 miles, average width, 53 miles; average depth, 283 feet; maximum depth, 840 feet; volume, 403 cubic miles; and surface area, 7,520 square miles. **The** Niagara River inflow averages jus t over 200,000 cubic feet **per** second while the outflow through the St. l.awrence **River** averages about 238,000 cubic feet per second. **The** difference is accounted for by tributary inflows from the Lake Ontario drainage basin **which covers approximately** 27,300 **square** miles **and** the **net** accumulation of **ra inf all.**

The purpose of this physical model study is to acquire understanding and provide new information **regarding** the behavior of the **Lake** Ontario water mass in response to **wind** stress at **the** free surface, thermal stratification, and the major inflow and outflow. [See Rumer and Hoopes (1970).] The **model is** rotated to **incorporate the Coriolis force.**

**In** many **respects, this** model **study** is similar **to** a **previous** investigation of Lake Erie [Rumer (1970)]. This earlier study provided information **on** seiching and an **circulation** patterns **resulting** from the inflow of the **Detroit** River, **the** outflow of the Niagara River, and the Coriolis force [Rumer and Robson (1968)]. Subsequently, the wind-driven circulation **observed in the Lake Erie model was reported by Buechi and Rumer (1969).** The results of these model **studies were** utilized in the development of **an** empirical approach to predicting **pollutant distribution in the Western Basin of Lake Erie [Howell et al (1970)].** 

Two important questions arose from this earlier work on Lake Erie. The first pertains to **the** difficulty of simulating frictional resistance **in a hydraulic** model; **a problem** not very **new to hydraulic** engineers. The **second pertains** to the **effects of model scale** distortion on dispersion phenomena. The letter problem has been discussed recently by Fischer and Holley **971!** with particular attention given to the analysis of dispersion in distorted models of rivers and estuaries. Their study is limited to onedimensional fIows in which either vertical velocity gradients **or** horizontal **velocity gradients predominate and to** oscillatory **flows in estuaries. The results of the study are** not **directly applicable to the highly** two-dimensional and often three-dimensional wind-driven flows occurring in lakes, but they do give some insight **into the** possible effects of scale distortion.

**The** first-mentioned problem of scaling boundary friction in a hydraulic model of a lake has been discussed by Rumer (1970) and by Shiau (1972). Scaling the wind stress at **a liquid** free surface is a trial and **error** process. This is due not only **to** model **scale** distortion but also to the lack of a complete understanding of the momentum transfer process in both the prototype and the model. Rumer (1970) circumvented the details of this transfer process by requiring **correct** scaling of **wind** set-up in model and prototype. Shiau (1972) investigated the damping of seiches as one avenue for calibrating bottom friction in a model. **Scaling** boundary friction requires selected **field** data systematically collected from the prototype for model verification, In both **cases the** necessary prototype data requires a record of the transient response **of** water level elevations to known **wind** conditions at specific points in the lake.

The resolution **of** these **two** problems, i.e., scale distort ion and **boundary** friction, is fundamental to **the** continued development and utiliz-

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**ation** of hydraulic models of large lakes. **In** passing, **it is** ~orth noting that small **portions** of **large lakes are** being **modelled with increasing frequency.** Many of these models **are** designed to examine the temperature changes to be **expected** in the vicinity of a thermal waste discharge from **electric** power generating plants. Bottom friction and wind stress simulation are not considered to be important factors in these hydraulic models. For the most part, such models are designed **and** operated conservatively so that reasonable assurance **can be** given that proposed warm **water** discharges will not violate established standards for the receiving body of water.

**This report** briefly discusses **the hydraulic** model **and** its **opmation.** The experiments conducted thus far are reported in preliminary form. Time has permitted neither the completion of the experiments nor **the** final analysis of the collected data. The experiments **have** included a study of seiche damping in the model of Lake Ontario, a study of the circulation pattern resulting from **the** inflow of the Niagara River and the outflow of the St. Lawrence River, and a study of **the** circulation resulting from a **superposed,** steady **westerly wind.** In **all cases the** model **was** rotated **about** its **center of** mass to simulate **the** Coriolis force: the model fluid **was** homogeneous and isothermal. It is planned to continue **this** model study, **concentrating on** the wind-driven circulation of the **epilimnion during** summertime stratification.

**Mathematical** modelling of lake circulation with the accompanying schemes for numerical solution is progressing at a significant rate. Rao and Murty 970! **have** investigated the steady-state wind-driven circulation of Lake Ontario using a finite-difference scheme for the numerical solution of the governing equations. Paskausky (1971) has reported the results obtained from a "barotropic, **prognostic,** numerical circulation model **that** includes topo-

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graphic, Coriolis, lateral and bottom friction, inertial, and wind terms" simulating the wintertime circulation of Lake Ontario. Simons (1971) **recently summarized** the **status of numerical** models **for** lake circulation including **an** analysis of wintertime circulation in lake Ontario resulting from a prevailing westerly wind. Later in this report, the results of these studies will be **compared with** the present hydraulic model results.

#### **I I. MODELLING** CONSIDERATIONS

Harleman et al (1962) first outlined the basic principles for achieving dynamic similarity in a hydraulic model of a large lake in which the **effect** of the earth's rotation is important. More recently, Rumer and Hoopes 970! **recounted the** criteria for similarity of such models including discussions of **the simulation** of **frictional resistance,** thermal stratification, wind stress, and mixing. A **review** of the experimental procedures used in studying fluid motion in a rotating system was also included,

The essential criteria for similitude between model and prototype is the equality of the **Froude** numbers **and** the Rossby numbers. The use of these **criteria** lead to the following relationships:

$$
U_{r} = Z_{r}^{\frac{1}{2}}
$$
  
\n
$$
T_{r} = L_{r}/Z_{r}^{\frac{1}{2}}
$$
  
\n
$$
\omega_{r} = Z_{r}^{\frac{1}{2}}/L_{r}
$$
 (1)

**Here,**  $\boldsymbol{\mathrm{U}}_{_{\boldsymbol{\Gamma}}}$  is the velocity ratio in model and  $_{\boldsymbol{\mathrm{product}}}$  prototype,  $\boldsymbol{\mathrm{T}}_{_{\boldsymbol{\Gamma}}}$  is the time rati  $\omega$  is the ratio of angular velocity in model and prototype,  $Z<sub>r</sub>$  is the **vertical scale ratio, and**  $\mathbf{L}_\mathbf{r}$  **is the horizontal scale ratio. Since th** ratio of horizontal to vertical dimensions in the prototype (Lake Ontario) is so large, distortion of scale **is** necessary. For model simulation of

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stratification the additional requirement is

$$
\left(\frac{\Delta \rho}{\rho}\right)_{\rm r} = 1 \tag{2}
$$

where  $\left(\Delta\rho/\rho\right)_\text{r}$  is the ratio of density differences in model and prototype. Taken together, equations (1) and (2) specify that the densimetric  $\mathtt{Froude}$ number ratio be unity, i.e.,

$$
\frac{U_r}{\left(g_r \left(\frac{\Delta Q}{\rho}\right)_r Z_r\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}} = 1 \tag{3}
$$

 $\mathbf{g}_{_{\mathbf{T}}}$  is the ratio of gravitational acceleration in the model and the proto type.

Based on modelling oscillatory flows such as seiches, Shiau (1972) introduced the added requirement that the Proudman number ratio,  $\theta_{\bf r}$ , be unity, i.e.,

$$
A_r = \frac{v_{r}^2 L_r^2}{g_r^2 L_r^5} = 1
$$
 (4)

This requirement leads to a constraint on the ratio of eddy viscosity in model and prototype, which is

$$
v_r = \frac{g_r^{\frac{1}{2}} z_r^{\frac{5/2}{2}}}{L_r}
$$
 (5)

When  $\theta_r \neq 1$ , similarity of frictional resistance is lost and a so-called "scale effect" is introduced. Shiau (1972) outlines a procedure for adjusting boundary roughness in a model when  $\frac{q}{r}\neq 1$  in order to minimiz the "scale effect".

Yale (1972) recently reviewed the status of the various procedures for modelling wind-induced water currents. His investigation led him to conclude that the most straightforward approach is to adjust model winds u ntil the model surface currents are correct ly scaled according to equations(1). In the prototype the best evidence is that the surface currents, U<sub>s</sub>, are closely approximated by

$$
U_{\rm s} = 0.033 V_{\rm w} \tag{6}
$$

where  $V_{\alpha}$  is the wind speed measured 10 meters above the water surface. However, due to the presence of developing boundary layers at the air-water interface in the model, this relationship underestimates the surface currents associated with a wind speed scaled according to equations  $(1)$ . By working with models, Yale developed correction factors for equation (6). A comparison between observed results using this approach and the approach used by Buechi and Rumer (1969) wherein the wind set-up is scaled, has not been made. Such a comparison should help to clarify the essential scaling requirements for simulating wind-driven currents in model lakes.

The "state-of-art" pertaining to the design and operation of rotating vertically distorted Froude models is still in the development stage. The problems of scaling boundary friction and simulating wind drift currents in a three-dimensional flow are also far from being solved. The exact role for such models and their ultimate usefulness will gradually be determined as these and other questions are resolved.

### III. EXPERIMENTAL EQUIPMENT AND PROCEDURES

### III.l General Considerations

The experimental work was conducted in the rotating laboratory facility at the State University of New York at Buffalo [Rumer snd Robson

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(1968). Rumer (1970)]. The distorted hydraulic model of Lake Ontario (Fig. 1) was designed with the scale ratios of  $L_r = 1:100,000$  and  $_{\rm r}$  = 1:800. As with previous models built in this laboratory [Rumer and Robson (1968), Stewart and Rumer (1970)], the Ontario model was carved out of rigid polyurethane foam. All essential topographic features in the prototype were reproduced in the model according to the distorted scale. The Coriolis effect was simulated by rotating the laboratory at 1.71 RPM about the center of gravity of the model lake.

The flow of the Niagara River into the model lake was scaled to 2.25 cc/sec. The inflow was pumped fran a collecting sump through a rotameter to a small reservoir that connected to the modelled river channel. All other tributary streams entering the prototype are small by comparison to the Niagara River flow and were neglected. Thus, the St. Lawrence River outflow was equal to the Niagara River inflow in the model. Generally, about two hours are required for the model flow circulation to become fully developed.

A stilling basin with a micrometer point gage was attached to the model and provided the means for minor adjustments of the volume of water in the model lake. Also, evaporative losses could be checked by monitoring the water level in the stilling basin.

#### III.2 Studies of Mass Oscillations (Seiches)

The seiche experiments were conducted without model rotation. The model basin was supported by a rigid frame such that a linear variation of the model bottom from the supporting floor was obtained when one end of the basin was elevated slightly in the manner illustrated in Figure 2. Raising one end of the model in this manner causes the water to slosh back and forth and a standing long wave (or seiche) is produced in the basin.

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A capacitance gage mounted above the water surface was used to sense the water level changes. The position of the gage is illustrated in Figure 2. Calibration of the gage was accomplished by precisely positioning the gage electrode at various distances above the still water surface. The changes in capacitance were amplified and recorded on a strip chart recorder. A typical calibration curve is given in Figure 3.

#### III.3 Studies of the Circulation Patterns

Several techniques were used to chart the water movements in the model: electrolysis in the presence of a pH indicator, colored dye injection and aluminum powder dusted onto the water surface. The electrolytic technique for generating a neutrally buoyant colored tracer was developed by Baker (1966) and is the primary technique for this study.

In this technique a pH indicator, Bromo-thymol blue (Bromo thymolsulphonaphthalein) is added to deionized water to make a 0.05 (weight) percent solution. This solution is then titrated with NaOH until the color of the solution just turns orange; any small increase in the hydrogen ion concentration will, at this point, cause the color to revert to a dark blue. In this study the hydrogen ions are generated locally at wire electrodes immersed in the solution. The wires were 20 gauge magnet wire from which the lacquer insulation had been stripped for  $k$  inch at  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch intervals. These wires were strung at intervals across the lake model approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$ inch below the water surface. The arrangement of the wires sre depicted in Figure 1. When a DC voltage (about 10V) is impressed across alternate wires, hydrogen ions are formed continuously at the negative electrodes and the indicator is changed in color locally from orange to dark blue. This "tagged" fluid is convected by the motion of the fluid producing path Lines much like the hydrogen bubble technique. Unlike the hydrogen bubble technique,

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however, **the** colored fluid is neutrally buoyant and thus truly remains with the initially tagged f1uid. Eventually the hydrogen ions recombine with **hydroxyl** radicals **in the** water and the **orange** color reappears.

A **Bolex** 16 mm reflex movie camera mounted above the model basin was **used** to **record** the movement of the tagged fluid. **After** sufficient time, the polarity of the electrodes **was** reversed and the motions at **the intermediate** stations was recorded. Time was recorded continuously on **the** film by **placing a clock, face up, on the model. Due to** restrictions **on** the headroom **and on** the **optical field of view in** the **laboratory** only about **half of the** basin could **be** filmed **at** a given time. The developed film was studied **using a 16** mm L **and W Photo-Op tical** Analyzer and **the patterns** of water movement **traced** onto paper. An example of the developed film can **be** seen in Figure 4.

Wind simulation was accomplished by a shutter-type control on the **discharge** side of s **battery of four centrifugal** fans. **The fans** were **installed on the eastern end of** the **model lake** such **that ambient** laboratory air would be drawn **eastwardly** across **the** model liquid surface. A **plexiglass** cover, 6" high, was placed **over** the model to contain the air stream. **A convergent** nozzle **located at** the **western end** af **the model permitted a smooth** entrance of the **air flow. Wind speeds** were measured at several **positions** inside **the cover using a vane type** anemometer. Wind **speeds of** 2.9 **fps,** 3.9 fps, **and 5.8 fps were used in these** studies.

**Since the wires were placed**  $\frac{1}{4}$  **inch below the liquid surface (approx**imately 17 ft. in the prototype), the observed flow patterns were subsurface. **Aluminum powder** was **released at different points on the water surface and the paths followed by** this **material were recorded. This procedure was followed until** the **whole lake surface circulation pattern** was **mapped.** In

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future studies, it is planned to utilize the electrolysis technique (using a vertically positioned stripped wire) as a point source for tracing surface and subsurface currents.

#### IV. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

#### IV.I Seiche Studies

The results obtained from the mass oscillation studies were quite different when the shallow basin north of Main Duck Island was isolated (the closed condition; see Figure 5) from the main basin than when it was not (the open condition). When the basin was open the relatively shallow embayment entrance region to the St. Lawrence River north of Main Duck Island acted as an effective energy dissipator or damping mechanism for the energy contained in the oscillating mass of the main basin. The observed decay modulus for the seiche in the open basin was  $0.25$  while for the closed basin the decay modulus was 0.023.

The experimental data illustrating the different rates of decay are presented in Figure 6.

The decay modulus,  $\alpha$ , is defined as follows:

$$
\alpha = \frac{1}{t}, \ln \frac{\eta}{\eta_0} \tag{7}
$$

where t' = t/T (dimensionless time) and  $\eta/\eta_{_{\rm O}}$  is the ratio of wave amplitud at time t to the initial wave amplitude,  $\eta_{_{\rm O}}^{}$ , at time t = 0; T is the perio of the oscillation. The decay rate,  $\beta$ , is defined as the ratio of successive wave amplitudes spaced one period apart, i.e.,

$$
\beta = \frac{\eta_{t+1}}{\eta_t} \tag{8}
$$

The **decay** modulus and decay **rate are** related by the following expression:

$$
\beta = e^{-\alpha} \tag{9}
$$

The decay rate for the open basin is  $3 = 0.77$  and for the closed basin,  $\beta = 0.98$ .

The observed period of oscillation in the open model basin was  $T_\mathsf{M}$  = 5.14 secs. and in the closed model basin  $T_\mathsf{M}$  = 4.60 secs. In Table I **a comparison** between these **results and** analytical results is presented. **In Table** I, the **model** results **have been scaled** up to prototype times. The **analytical** results **listed under** present study were obtained employing the method outlined by Stewart and Rumer (1970) for free undamped oscillations. In this method, **the open basin** was divided into 44 sections while the closed basin had 42 sections. (See Figure 5.)

Prototype observations were reported by Simpson and Anderson (1964) for **one** brief event **occurring on** March 5, 1964, The observed period **at** Port Weller was  $5.3$  hms  $+ 0.2$  hrs. and at Toronto it was  $5.0$  hrs.  $+ 0.4$  hrs. Their discussion of these observed **results indicates** that **this** seiche **episode was probably not a free damped oscillation and that other** factors such as wind and higher harmonic oscillations were in effect, Hamblin (1968) **analyzed** the spectra **of water level variations** in **Western Lake** Ontario **for** a three **month** winter **period** and **found a** period **of** 5.4 hrs. and that the **uninodal surface seiche was amphidromic.**

Based on **the** above results, it is evident that **the** prototype period is **just over** 5 hours. When **the** shallow basin north of Main **Duck** Island is **excluded in the calculations,** the seiche period reduces to less than 5 **hours.**

#### **TABLE** I

### **Lake** Ontario Seiche **Periods**



**Using** the **criterion that the Proudman number ratio** must be **one,** the requirement for vertical **eddy** viscosity becomes

$$
v_r = z_r^{5/2} / L_r
$$
 (10)

Assuming that the flow in the model is essentially laminar, the viscosity of the fluid in the model is closely approximated by  $q_a = 10^{-5}$  ft<sup>2</sup>/sec. Equation (10) requires that  $u_p = 1.8 \times 10^{-3} \text{ ft}^2/\text{sec}$ . This compares with  $10^{-4}$  ft<sup>2</sup>/sec. to  $10^{0}$  ft<sup>2</sup>/sec. [Murthy (1972)] reported in the upper layers of **the** prototype. Actually the vertical distribution of fIuid density and local velocity gradients markedly affect the value of the viscosity; it is well known, for example, that the eddy viscosity decreases significantly **with** depth **as the thermocline region is approached.**

The prototype observations deal mainly with wind-generated drift currents and the turbulent mixing resulting therefrom. The oscillatory motion of the **entire** lake **mass** during **seiching, on** the **other hand,** gives rise to bottom **shear-generated** turbulence **and** a Local eddy viscosity dependent upon this bottom shear. **It is likely** that this eddy viscosity will differ from the observed values measured in **the** upper regions of **the** lake near the free surface. Since the objective of the study of seiche decay is to adjust

bottom friction, the shear-generated eddy viscosity is precisely the coefficient of interest and not the wind-generated turbulent eddy viscosity, Unfortunately, however, this coefficient is unknown for the prototype.

Assuming laminar flow in the model during seiching the Reynolds number was less than 500), the calculated Proudman number for the model is  $\theta_{\rm M}$  = 6 x 10<sup>-9</sup>. Using the hydraulic radius instead of the average depth, the calculated Proudman number for the model is  $\theta_{\star}$  = 2 x  $10^{-8}$ . The calculated Proudman number for the prototype is equal to the former of these two. This follows naturally, since the prototype eddy viscosity used in the calculation was determined on the basis of  $9<sub>r</sub> = 1$ . According to the theory developed by Shiau (1972) for rectangular basins, the decay modulus for a Proudman number equal to  $10^{-8}$  is  $\alpha = 0.02$ , which corresponds to the measured value,  $\alpha = 0.023$ , for the basin operated in the closed condition, This indicates that the seiching results obtained for the Lake Ontario modeI in the closed condition are more representative of the actual prototype behavior and that boundary friction did not need major adjustment in the model.

### IV.2 Circulation Studies: No Wind

In the absence of wind the only driving forces causing motion in the model lake are the momentum of the incoming Niagara River flow and the gravitational force resulting from free surface gradients required to conduct this flow through the lake basin to the St. Lawrence River. The motion resulting from these driving forces will, of course, be influenced by the topography of the basin, the boundary friction, and the Coriolis force. ln particular, the topography of the Niagara River must influence strongly the circulation in the western end of the lake. For this reason, great

care was **taken in** the construction of this portion **of** the model in order that **the** flow in this region be simulated as accurately as possible.

The **observed circulation patterns** for the **zero wind condition** are illustrated in Figures 7 and 8 for the subsurface  $\binom{k}{k}$  deep) flow and in Figure 9 **for** the surface flow. The close similarity **between** the flows at the two levels is to be noted. Because the measurements reflect the circulation only in **the upper** 5 percent **or** less **of** the model **lake,** they must **not be interpreted as depth averaged conditions. In fact** it **appears** that the circulation in **the** model is unstable in the absence of the wind **and** tends to be three-dimensional. Additional experiments in which currents are mapped at **greater depths will be required** before final conclusions can be drawn regarding depth **averaged** circulations.

The experiments demonstrated **that** the **electrolytic technique** is **a satisfactory method for observing** relatively slow **motions** and **tracking** water movement. Future experiments **should be conducted with a portable electrode** that **can. be placed at any depth.** The **experimenter could position** this "probe" as required to delineate **the** details of the circulation pattern **and** thus reduce the level of conjecture in the **interpretation of** the results.

Paskausky (1971) has presented analytical results for the steady state circulation in Lake Ontario **resulting from just the inflow of** the Niagara **River** and **the outflow** of the St. Lawrence **River;** wind shear was neglected. **The** circulation pattern **obtained by Paskausky for this condition is** shown **in** Fig. 10. This **result** is clearly **quite** different **from that portrayed in** Figures 7 - 10 for the present **model.** Although vertical motion is **not** accounted for **in the** analysis **of Paskausky,** this is **not felt to be** a **serious defect of** his **analytical model.** The **effect of scale** distortion **in** the **model**

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could be a significant factor. It would seem desirable to make additional experimental observations for greatly reduced distortion ratios. The present physical model distortion ratio is  $\text{Z}_\text{r}/\text{L}_\text{r}$  = 125. If the verti scale ratio were changed to  $Z_r = 1:10,000$ , the distortion ratio would reduce to 10, a value commonly used with some confidence in river and estuary models. Unfortunately, this would give an average depth in the physical model of just under 1 cm. The effects of bottom friction would be greatly exaggerated and surface tension effects would probably be introduced. Based on the seiche measurements, it would appear that boundary friction in the present model is already a reasonable first order approximation to prototype boundary friction. A significant reduction in the average depth in the model would require further smoothing of the boundary, a nearly impossible task since the present model already is quite smooth.

Comparison of these experimental data for the no wind condition with prototype observations is not reasonable since the prototype circulation pattern is strongly inf1uenced by wind stress.

#### IV.3 Circulation Studies: With Wind

Wind-driven circulation patterns were examined for model wind veIocities of 2.9 fps, 3.9 fps, and 5.8 fps. The observed circulation pattern for the wind velocity of 3.9 fps is shown in Figures ll, 12, and 13 for the subsurface flow. The surface currents can be seen in Figure 14 and are generally what would be expected. Sinking along the southeastern shore and upwe11ing along the northwestern shore were observed using dye tracers as an adjunct to the regular filming of the streamers emitted from the electrodes.

The circulation pattern observed at  $\frac{1}{4}$ " depth is complex (see Figs. 12 and 13). Based on repeated observation of the films the major features of

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the pattern at this depth are depicted in Figure 13. These results resemble the analytical results of Rao and Murty (1970) in which they solved numerically for the steady state **wind-driven** circulation **with** a uniform westerly wind (see Fig. 15). However, their results are for depth averaged velocities and the correspondence may be fortuitous. Nevertheless, **the** gyres obtained in both cases are similar in direction **of** rotation and in their geographic location. The equilibrium water surface profile **for** this **condition** has also **been calculated** by **Rao** and **Nurty for a wind speed** of 16 **feet per second.** It would be of interest **to** compare **the** water **surface** profile in the model with that predicted by the analysis of Rao and Murty. This is planned in **future** experiments. Nore could be learned **about** scaling winds by adjusting model wind speeds and/or wind friction coefficients used **in** analysis until **good correspondence was obtained between the two** approaches.

The Ekman depth **of** frictional **influence** derived for the case of wind shear on a liquid of infinite depth with no **horizontal** boundaxies is given **by**

$$
D = \pi \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_z}{\Omega \sin \varphi}}
$$
 (10)

where  $\epsilon$  is the coefficient of vertical eddy viscosity and  $\Omega$  sin  $\varphi$  is the **local angular velocity component. For** laminar fl ow **in** the **model,**  $\epsilon_z = 10^{-5}$  ft<sup>2</sup>/sec. and  $\Omega$  sin  $\varphi = .179$  rad/sec. This gives D = .023 ft. or .28 inches. For greater values of  $\epsilon_z$ , D increases. Therefore, it can be assumed with certainty **that** the observed currents at \$" depth **are** within **the depth** of **frictional influence** in the model. Near the **boundaries** the Ekman theory would be invalid.

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#### V. SIMMARY

The experimental results obtained for seiche decay indicate that boundary friction in the model is reasonably simulated for the main basin but exaggerated in the shallow entrance region to the St, Lawrence River. The observed period and frictional dissipation of the uninodal seiche were found to be strongly influenced by this shallow region north of Main Duck Island.

The electrolytic technique for observing water movement has proven to be highly satisfactory but it would be premature to make any final conclusions regarding the observed circulation patterns in the prototype based on this study.

Additional work is planned for experimenting with the Lake Ontario model. This work will concentrate on the study of the wind-driven circulation of the epilimnion for the summertime stratified condition. The effects of model distortion will be minimized by confining future work to the circulation in the epilimnion.

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 E! WATER PUMP, F! CONSTANT HEAD TANK, G! ROTAME TER, H! CONTROL VALVE, I ! TYGON TUBING J! D C. POWER 5UPPLY, K! CONVERGENT NOZZLE, L! POINT GAUGE, M! BLOWER;  **N! BLOWER DISCHARGE GATE**

Plan View!



(Elevation View)





Figure 2 - Schematic Diagram of Experimental Set-up for Seiche Studies





Figure 4 Sample Frames from Film Record of Circulation Pattern (Dark streamers are **"tagg**ed" fluid emanating from electrodes)



Open Condition!



Closed Condition!



Figure 6 Experimental Results for Seiche Decay in Madel Basin of Lake Ontario



Figure **7 Subsurface Circulation Observed in Madel:** hlu **Wind Western Basis!**



Figure 8 - Subsurface Circulation Observed in Model: No Wind (Eastern Basin)







Figure 10 - Numerical Model for Steady State Wintertime Flow in Lake Ontario (after Paskausky, 1971)



Figure 11 - Subsurface Circulation Observed in Model: Wind Velocity in Model, 2.94 fps (Western Basin)



**Figure \$2 Subsurface Circulation Observed** in **Model: Wind** Velocity in Model, 2.94 fps **Eastern** Basin!



Figure 13 - Synthesized Observed Subsurface Circulation in Model: Wind Velocity in Model, 2.94 fps



Figure 14 Obsewed Surface Circulation in Model. **Wind** Velocity in Model, **2.94 fps**



Filinre f 5 Alnmerical Model **for Transport Stream Function for Uniform Westerly Wind of Velocity** f6.4 **fps** after **Rao and Murty, 1170!**