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## ABSTRACT

A numerical model for computation of flow in inlets with junction is developed. The Galerkin technique is coupled with a finite element analysis in the flow model. The vertically integrated equations of momentum and mass conservation (Leendertse (1967)) are used with appropriate boundary and initial conditions. The junction conditions are introduced by the time rates of change of energy and mass flux at the junction. A "double sweep" approach is used in solving for the dynamics of flow. A parabolic shape function is adopted in the model to satisfy the requirement of linear independence.

The numerical flow model is verified with field data obtained from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (1976) for Carolina Beach Inlet, North Carolina. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers collected tide and current data in the inlet gorge and Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway in November 1974. The tidal fluctuations in the inlet gorge and tidal velocities in the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway were used as initial and boundary conditions respectively. The tidal velocities in the inlet gorge and tidal fluctuations in the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway were computed with the numerical simulation flow model and compared with field data. The Galerkin finite element flow model performed well considering the complex nature of flow in a tidal inlet.

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## INTRODUCTION

### General

Tidal inlets are major features of the Atlantic Coast barrier islands. The inlets exert a major influence on the stability of the coastline and on the dynamics of coastal estuaries. Tidal inlets affect the coastal processes along the shoreline. They control the circulation and flushing in estuarine systems. Inlets affect navigation, recreation and fish migration.

Coastal engineers concerned with the development of new tidal inlets on sandy barrier islands need simulation models to predict the flow dynamics of tidal inlets. Flow models are also needed to assess the impact of natural or man made alterations to the inlet environment.

### Objective of Project

The objective of this project was to develop and calibrate a numerical flow model for a typical Atlantic Coast barrier island tidal inlet.

### Review of Literature

The finite difference scheme and the characteristic theory have been used in the development of numerical models for unsteady flow in coastal inlets. Shubinsky et al (1965) analyzed tidal flow in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. They discretised the zone with finite elements but used a finite difference scheme for the analysis. Amein (1975) introduced the effects of channel junctions (via the conservation of mass and energy equations) into an implicit finite difference scheme. Hinwood and Wallis (1975) have reviewed the use of numerical models in tidal hydraulics.

The use of finite element methods for analyzing flow in tidal inlets is of comparatively recent origin. While using the finite element technique two approaches are possible: (1) the methods based on variational principles and (2) the methods of weighted residuals.

Variational principles do not exist for many fluid flow problems because the situations do not yield a functional which has a stationary value within the time and space domain of interest. An extensive discussion on this topic is given by Finlayson (1972). The methods of weighted residuals are, however, quite general and do not require the existence of a functional. Among the many methods of weighted residuals, the Galerkin technique is particularly advantageous when coupled with the finite element analysis. The weighting functions

of the Galerkin technique and the shape functions of the finite element have a direct relationship. Moreover, satisfying the boundary conditions using the nodal values has an added advantage when using the Galerkin technique. The effectiveness of this technique in solving initial value problems has been demonstrated in recent years. Taylor and Davis (1975) have analyzed the two dimensional tidal flow in the Southern North Sea using cubic isoparametric elements. They also indicated how implicit equations can be developed (leading to the use of large time steps) when the finite element in time is coupled with the finite element in space.

## NUMERICAL FLOW MODEL

## The Governing Equations

Taking the atmospheric pressure to be the datum and omitting the tide generating forces, the coriolis force and the wind force, the one-dimensional momentum equation can be written as:

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} + g \frac{\partial n}{\partial x} + A_f = 0 \quad . . . . . \quad 1$$

where  $U$  is the one-dimensional velocity,  $\eta$  is the instantaneous water level above a reference datum,  $g$  is the acceleration due to gravity,  $A_f$  is the friction term and  $x$  and  $t$  are the independent variables of space and time as shown in Figure 1.

The one-dimensional velocity can be mathematically expressed as:

where  $u$  is the point velocity and is a function of  $z$  at a given section and  $h$  is the depth. While adopting the one-dimensional approach the kinematic equation is written as:

which assumes unit width in the y-direction. In analyzing inlet flow, variation of the area of flow with respect to  $x$  must be taken into account; hence, the equation to be used for unsteady flow is written as:

where A is the area of flow and is a function of x and n.

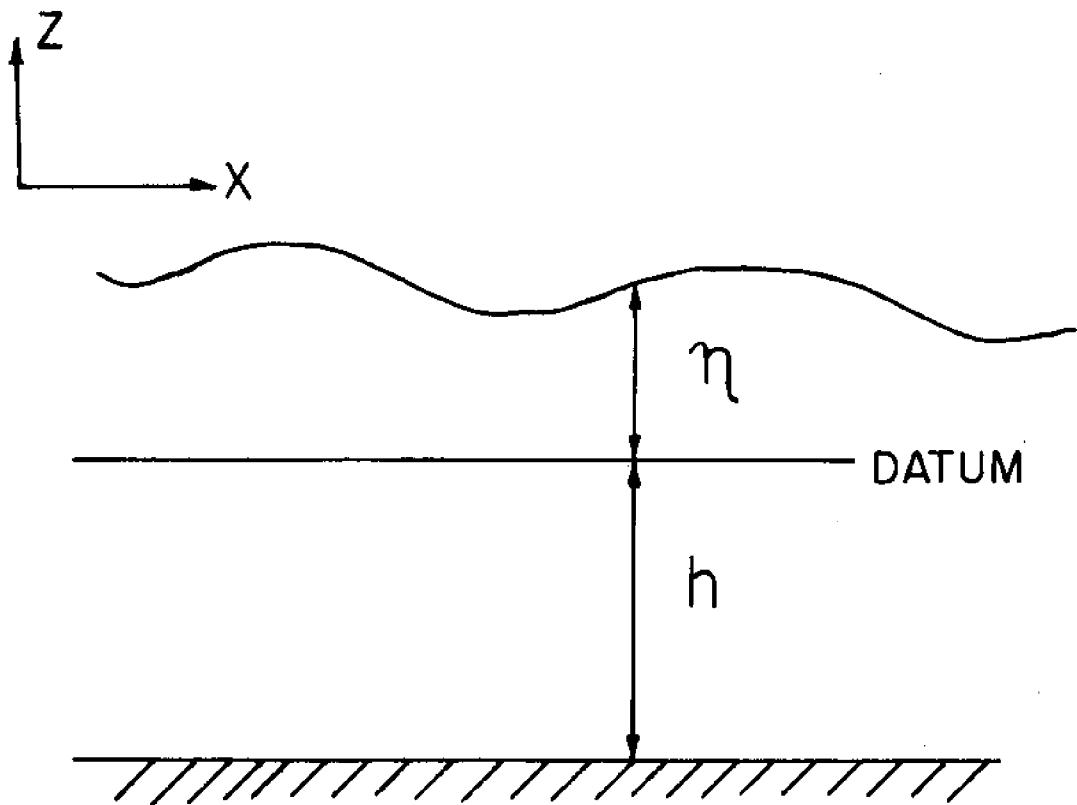


FIGURE 1. DEFINITION SKETCH .

Equations 1 and 4 give the mathematical description of the inlet flow. The friction term in Equation 1 and the area in Equation 4 can be approximated as follows:

(1) The friction term is expressed using Manning's Equation for open channel flow:

The friction slope is given by:

where  $n$  is Manning's constant, and  $R$  is the hydraulic radius.

It should be noted that both the area and wetted perimeter are functions of the instantaneous water level at a given section.

(2) The area of flow can be expressed as a linear function of  $\eta$  following Amein (1975):

where  $A^0$  and  $A^1$  are the section parameters.

(3) The wetted perimeter can also be expressed similarly:

$$P = P^0 + P^1 \eta$$

Equation 4 can now be rewritten as:

or

$$A^1 \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} + (A^0 + A^1 \eta) \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} + U \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (A^0 + A^1 \eta) = 0 \quad . . . . . 10$$

The branches of an inlet are assumed to be of uniform cross section and therefore,  $A^0$  and  $A^1$  are constants for a

given channel. Equation 10 can then be written as:

$$A^1 \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} + (A^0 + A^1 \eta) \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} + U \cdot A^1 + \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} = 0 \quad . . . . . \quad 11$$

or

Thus, after introducing the approximations, the mathematical model for analyzing inlet flow is given by Equations 13 and 14.

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} + g \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} + g \left( \frac{U^2 n^2}{R^{4/3}} \right) = 0 \quad . . . . . \quad 13$$

$$\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} + (\frac{A^0}{A} + \eta) \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} + U \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} = 0 \quad . . . . . \quad 14$$

Junction Conditions. The equations to be satisfied at the junctions of channels are the conservation of mass and energy.

Considering the flow in the channel branches of Figure 2, the following equations can be written:

$$A_1 \cdot U_1 + A_2 \cdot U_2 = A_3 \cdot U_3 \quad \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \quad 15$$

The subscripts stand for the respective channels and the quantities  $U$ ,  $n$ , and  $A$  refer to the values near the junction. However, while adopting the Galerkin technique in solving the initial value problem under consideration, the time rates of quantities are involved. It is, therefore, advantageous to

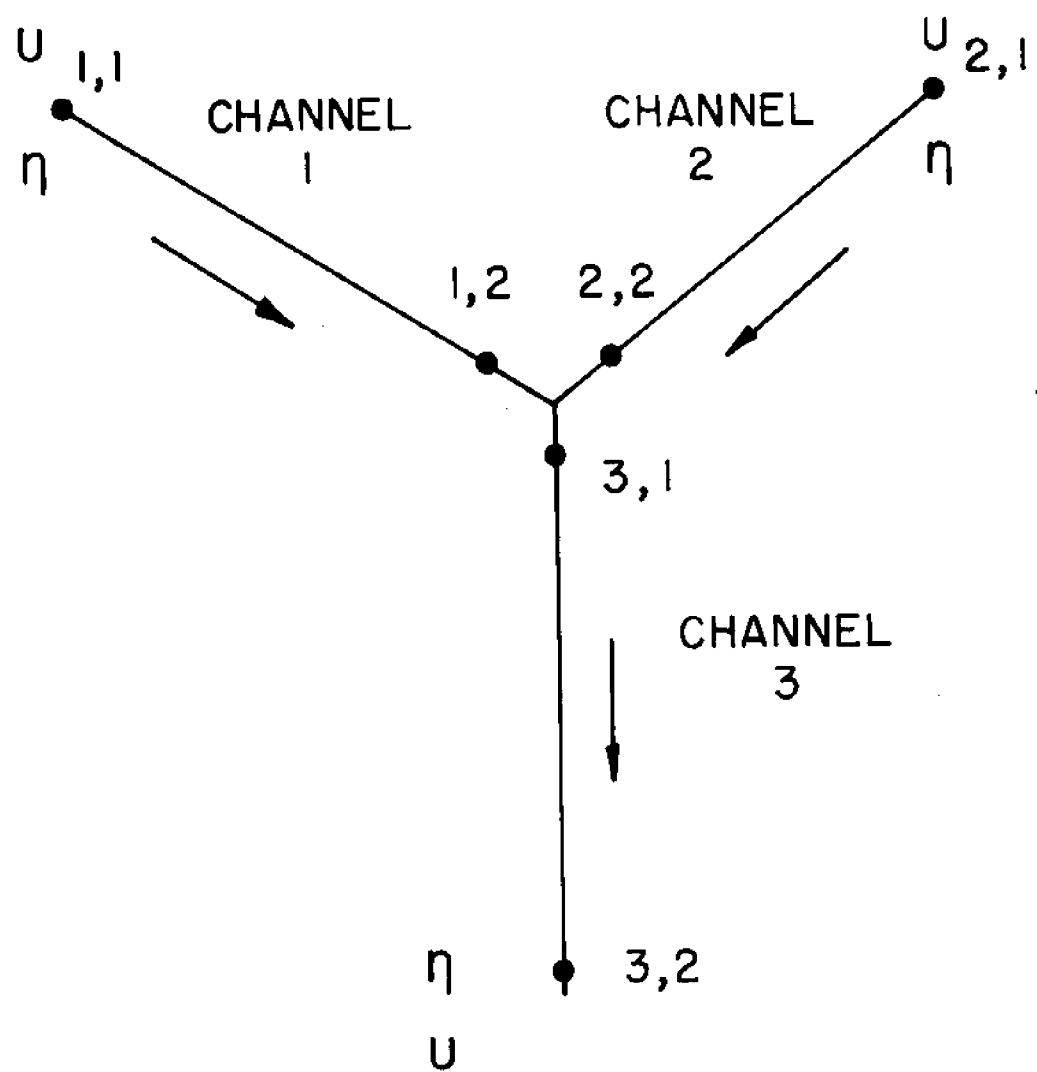


FIGURE 2. FLOW AT JUNCTIONS.

express the junction equations in terms of these rates. Taking the time derivative of quantities in Equations 15, 16 and 17 results in the following equations :

$$\frac{1}{g} \left( U_1 \frac{\partial U_1}{\partial t} \right) + \frac{\partial n_1}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{g} \left( U_3 \frac{\partial U_3}{\partial t} \right) + \frac{\partial n_3}{\partial t} \quad \dots \dots \dots \dots \quad 19$$

$$\frac{1}{g} \left( U_2 \frac{\partial U_2}{\partial t} \right) + \frac{\partial n_2}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{g} \left( U_3 \frac{\partial U_3}{\partial t} \right) + \frac{\partial n_3}{\partial t} \quad \dots \dots \dots \dots \quad 20$$

Using the dot notation for the time derivatives and remembering that the area of flow is given by Equation 7, the junction Equations 18, 19 and 20 can be simplified to yield the following:

$$A_1 \dot{U}_1 + U_1 A_1^1 \dot{\eta}_1 + A_2 \dot{U}_2 + U_2 A_2^1 \dot{\eta}_2 = A_3 \dot{U}_3 + U_3 A_3^1 \dot{\eta}_3 . \quad 21$$

It is to be noted that in Equation 21 the prime used with A denotes the section parameter as defined in Equation 7. The three Equations 21, 22 and 23 contain the six unknowns:

$\dot{U}_1$ ,  $\dot{U}_2$ ,  $\dot{U}_3$ ,  $\dot{n}_1$ ,  $\dot{n}_2$  and  $\dot{n}_3$

Three of the unknowns will be supplied from appropriate boundary conditions at the ends of the channels. Solutions are obtained for the remaining three unknowns from the Equations 21, 22 and 23.

Boundary and Initial Conditions. The tidal fluctuations at the inlet gorge will be supplied as the forcing function. The velocity fluctuations of the downstream ends of the channels

will be given as additional boundary conditions. The initial conditions include the values of velocities and water levels at selected points which serve as the nodes in the numerical scheme. Thus, the boundary and initial conditions for a system of channels shown in Figure 2 will be as follows: (the second subscript stands for the nodes).

$n_{3,2}$  for all t

$U_{1,1}$  for all  $t$

$\dot{U}_2, \quad 1$  for all  $t$

$n_{1,1}, n_{1,2}, n_{2,1}, n_{2,2}, n_{3,1}, n_{3,2}$  at  $t = 0$

$$U_{1,1}, U_{1,2}, U_{2,1}, U_{2,2}, U_{3,1}, U_{3,2} \quad \text{at } t = 0$$

The Galerkin Principle. There are several methods of weighted residuals like the Galerkin, collocation, least squares, etc. In all these methods an approximation function is selected to represent the variables which on substitution in the governing equation yields a residual. This residual is then forced to be zero by adopting a weighting function and making the integral of the product go to zero as shown:

where  $R$  stands for the residual,  $W$  the weighting function and  $D$  the domain under consideration. The different ways of selecting the weighting function leads to different methods of weighted residuals.

The Galerkin technique employs the principle, that, if the solution of the equation ( $L$  is an operator,  $\emptyset$  the unknown and  $f$  a known function):

$$L\phi - f = 0$$

can be expressed as a combination of functions  $N_1$ ,  $N_2$ , etc.

in an interval I, then the function  $L\phi - f$  is orthogonal to each one of those functions in that interval

$$\left. \begin{aligned} I \int (L\phi - f) N_1 = 0 \\ I \int (L\phi - f) N_2 = 0, \text{ etc.} \end{aligned} \right\} \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \quad 26$$

Assuming an approximation for  $\phi$  in the form:

$$\bar{\phi} = \sum_{i=1}^m a_i \phi_i \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \quad 27$$

where the  $\phi_i$ 's are known functions and the  $a_i$ 's are the unknowns.

Substituting for  $\phi$  in Equation 25 yields:

$$L\bar{\phi} - f = R \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \quad 28$$

where  $R$  is the residual resulting from the approximation. Imposing the orthogonality condition given by Equation 26 yields:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} I \int (L\bar{\phi} - f) \phi_1 = 0 \\ I \int (L\bar{\phi} - f) \phi_2 = 0, \text{ etc.} \end{aligned} \right\} \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \quad 29$$

This means that there are  $m$  equations to solve for the coefficients  $a_i$ , where  $i = 1, \dots, m$ .

By comparing Equation 29 with Equation 24 it is seen that the weighting functions in the case of the Galerkin technique are the trial functions chosen to represent the variable as in Equation 27.

## Finite Element Method

The inlet system is discretised using line elements, each channel being represented by a single element. The variables inside the element are approximated using the nodal values of the variables and the shape functions:

Where  $U_i$  and  $\eta_i$  are the nodal values and  $N_i$  is the shape function corresponding to that node. Symbol  $m$  stands for the number of nodes in an element. In general the shape functions for  $U$  and  $\eta$  can be different. In the present analysis the same shape functions are adopted for both the variables for simplicity.

Solution System. On substituting the values of  $U$  and  $\eta$  from Equations 30 and 31 into Equations 13 and 19 the following results:

Rewritten, Equation 32 becomes:

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \left( N_i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} U_i \right) = - \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^m U_i N_i \right) - \left( \sum_{i=1}^m U_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x} N_i \right) + g \sum_{i=1}^m \right]$$

Similarly, Equation 33 reduces to

At the initial time the nodal values of  $U$  and  $n$  are known and hence the right side of Equations 34 and 35 are functions of  $x$ . Equations 34 and 35 can be written as:

Now the Galerkin technique is used; i.e. the terms in Equations 36 and 37 are multiplied by the shape functions  $N_j$  ( $j=1, m$ ) and integrated over the element.

$$\int_{\ell} \left( N_j \sum_{i=1}^m N_i \frac{\partial U_i}{\partial t} \right) dx = \int_{\ell} (f_1(x) N_j) dx \dots \dots \dots 38$$

As the number of nodes is  $m$ , there are  $m$  equations of the type in Equation 38 and  $m$  equations of the type in Equation 39.

The  $2m$  equations thus obtained can be arranged in the matrix form as shown below:

The members of the matrix C are given by

The column vectors  $U$  and  $\eta$  represent the unknown time rate of change of these variables. The column matrices  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  are the quantities obtained from the RHS of Equations 38 and 39.

The solution of the system of Equations 40 and 41 yields the time derivatives of  $U$  and  $n$ . Using these values,  $U$  and  $n$  can be advanced in the time domain by a time stepping procedure.

Time Integrations. Assuming that the values of  $U$  and  $\eta$  are known at an instant the Euler Predictor-Corrector procedure can be adopted for integration in the time domain.

$$U^c_{t+\Delta t} = U_t + (\dot{U}_{t+\Delta t} + \dot{U}_t) (\Delta t)/2 \quad . . . . . \quad 44$$

The superscript p stands for the predictor and c for the corrector. As it can be seen from Equations 43 and 44 the corrector equation is based on the mean of the rates of change at  $t$  and  $t+\Delta t$ . The value of  $\hat{U}_{t+\Delta t}$  is obtained by using the predicted values (i.e.,  $U^P$ ). A similar procedure is adopted for  $\eta$ . To test the improvement in accuracy as a result of using higher order predictor-corrector methods the third order Adams Moulton method was used for time integration. The Euler Predictor-Corrector was found to be adequate.

Double Sweep Process. The double sweep process has been used in the past to solve channel networks. This is found to be useful in the present analysis. Here the channels are first solved for  $U$  or  $n$  as the case may be and after satisfying the junction conditions they are solved for the other

unknown. If a purely explicit method is adopted for the time integration then the double sweep technique resulted in instability. However, the predictor-corrector algorithms effectively removed the anomaly introduced by that technique.

Choice of Shape Functions. The trial function in the Galerkin approximation should be such that they satisfy the following conditions: (1) completeness and (2) linear independence.

The first condition implies that the functions must belong to a set taking sufficient terms of which we can approximate any function in the region under consideration. The second states that the functions are not related to each other by a proportionality constant.

An attempt was made to analyze an inlet using the linear and quadratic shape functions commonly used in the finite element method. The linear and quadratic shape functions introduced spurious water slopes which led to oscillatory instability during computation. A parabolic shape function was utilized since the water surface conforms more or less to a parabola. The parabolic shape function for the instantaneous water level was chosen as shown in Figure 3. The same shape function was adopted for the velocity. The parameter 'D' in the expression for the shape function was found characteristic to a particular inlet. This shape function gave good results while at the same time making the convergence rapid.

#### Conceptual Flow Chart and Computer Program

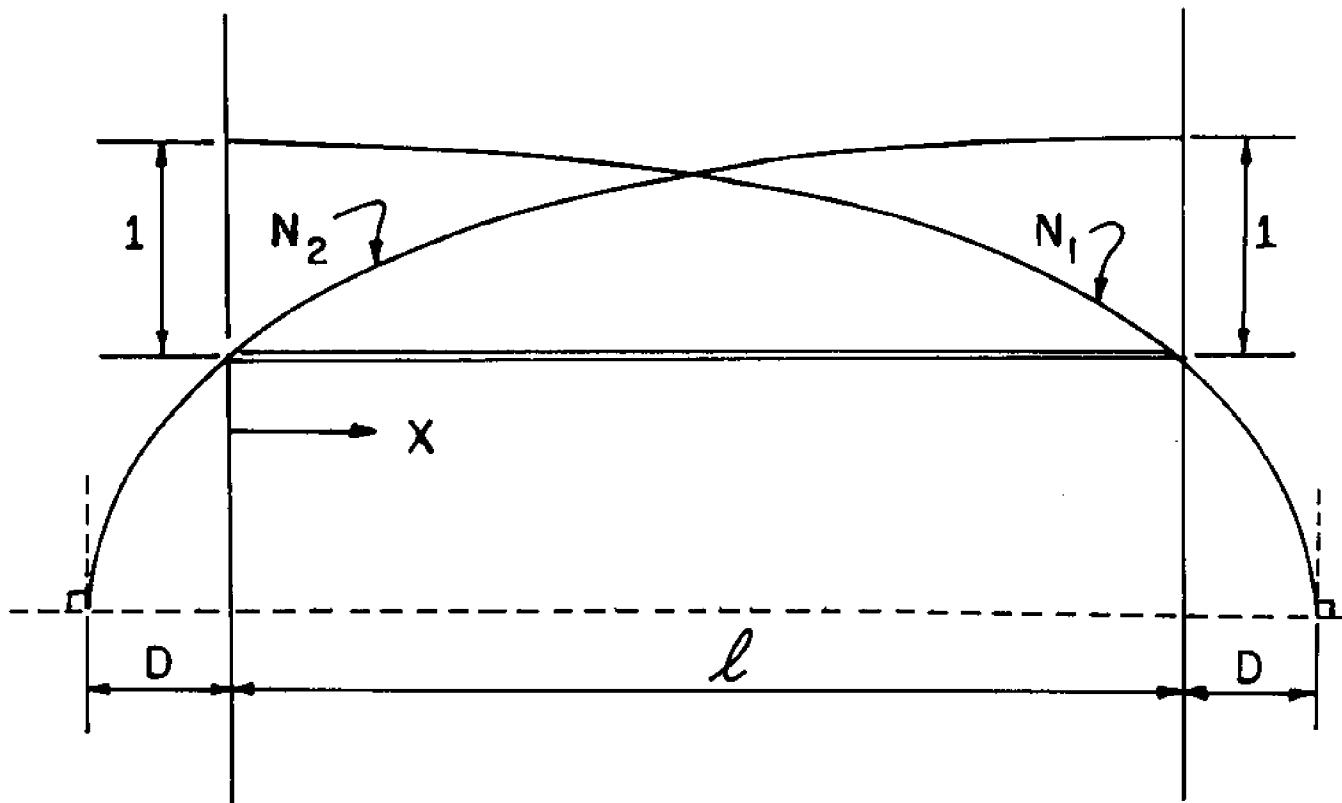
The conceptual flow chart for the main program is shown in Figure 16 (Appendix A). The computer program with subroutines is shown in Figure 17 (Appendix B). Variables in the computer program are defined in Table 1 (Appendix C).

#### APPLICATION OF NUMERICAL SIMULATION MODEL

The coastline of the southeastern United States is primarily composed of sandy barrier islands which are separated from the mainland by elongated lagoons containing expansive marshlands. The marshlands or estuarine areas are characterized by salt marsh and shallows interlaced with small tidal channels. The Atlantic Coast barrier islands are breached by tidal inlets. One of these inlets under investigation by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (1976) is Carolina Beach Inlet, North Carolina.

#### Carolina Beach Inlet

Carolina Beach Inlet is located in the coastal zone of



Where:

$$N_1 = \frac{\sqrt{D + l - x} - \sqrt{D}}{l}$$

$$N_2 = \frac{\sqrt{D + x} - \sqrt{D}}{a}$$

$$a = \sqrt{D + l} - \sqrt{D}$$

FIGURE 3. SHAPE FUNCTIONS.

the southeastern region of North Carolina. The Inlet is approximately 18 miles (29 kilometer) north of the Cape Fear River in New Hanover County as shown in Figure 4. A history of the inlets is shown in Figures 5 and 6.

Carolina Beach Inlet was first opened in 1952 by excavating through the barrier island. The inlet connected the 12 ft. (3.7 m) deep Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (AIWW) through a 15 ft. (4.6 m) deep gorge to the Atlantic Ocean over an ocean bar as shown in Figure 7. The ocean bar was 3 to 4 ft. (0.9 to 1.2 m) deep below mean low water (MLW). The inlet is connected with the Cape Fear River through snows cut as shown in Figure 8. Snows cut was completed in 1970 while connecting channels between the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway and Masonboro Inlet were completed in 1957.

Hydrographic Cross Sections. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (1976) collected hydrographic data for locations shown in Figure 9. Cross sections and cross-sectional areas for ranges 2 through 4 are shown in Figures 10 through 12.

The cross-sectional areas and wetted perimeters were expressed as a linear function of instantaneous water level in the numerical model.

Tide and Current Data. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (1976) collected tide and current data at ranges 2 through 4 during November 1974. The tide near range 3 (i.e.,  $n_{3,2}$ ) in the inlet gorge and the current velocities at range 2 and 3 (i.e.,  $U_{1,1}$  and  $U_{2,1}$ ) in the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway were used as initial and boundary conditions respectively.

The inlet was subject to a tidal range of about 4 ft. (1.2 m) an average spring range of 4.7 ft. (1.2 m) and to higher stage resulting from hurricane storm surges.

#### Model Verification

The model was verified with the tidal and current data supplied by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (1976) for Carolina Beach Inlet, North Carolina. The velocities in the inlet gorge (i.e.  $U_{3,2}$ ) and tidal fluctuations in the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (i.e.  $n_{1,1}$  and  $n_{2,1}$ ) were computed in the numerical simulation flow model. The computed values for tide and current are given in Appendices D and E and are compared with the field values in Figures 13 through 15.

#### CONCLUSION

The analysis suggested by Taylor and Davis (1975) has

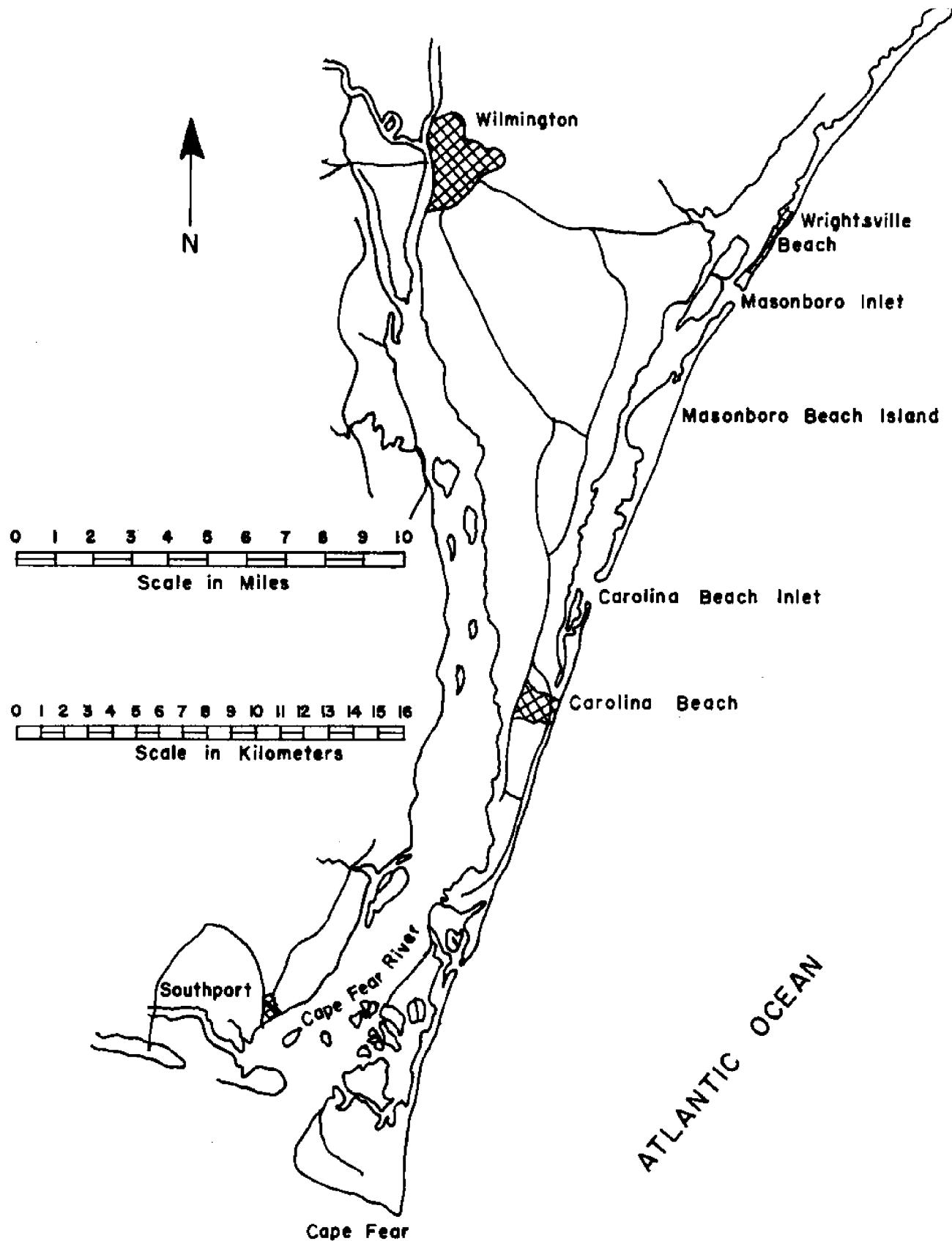


FIGURE 4. LOCATION MAP.

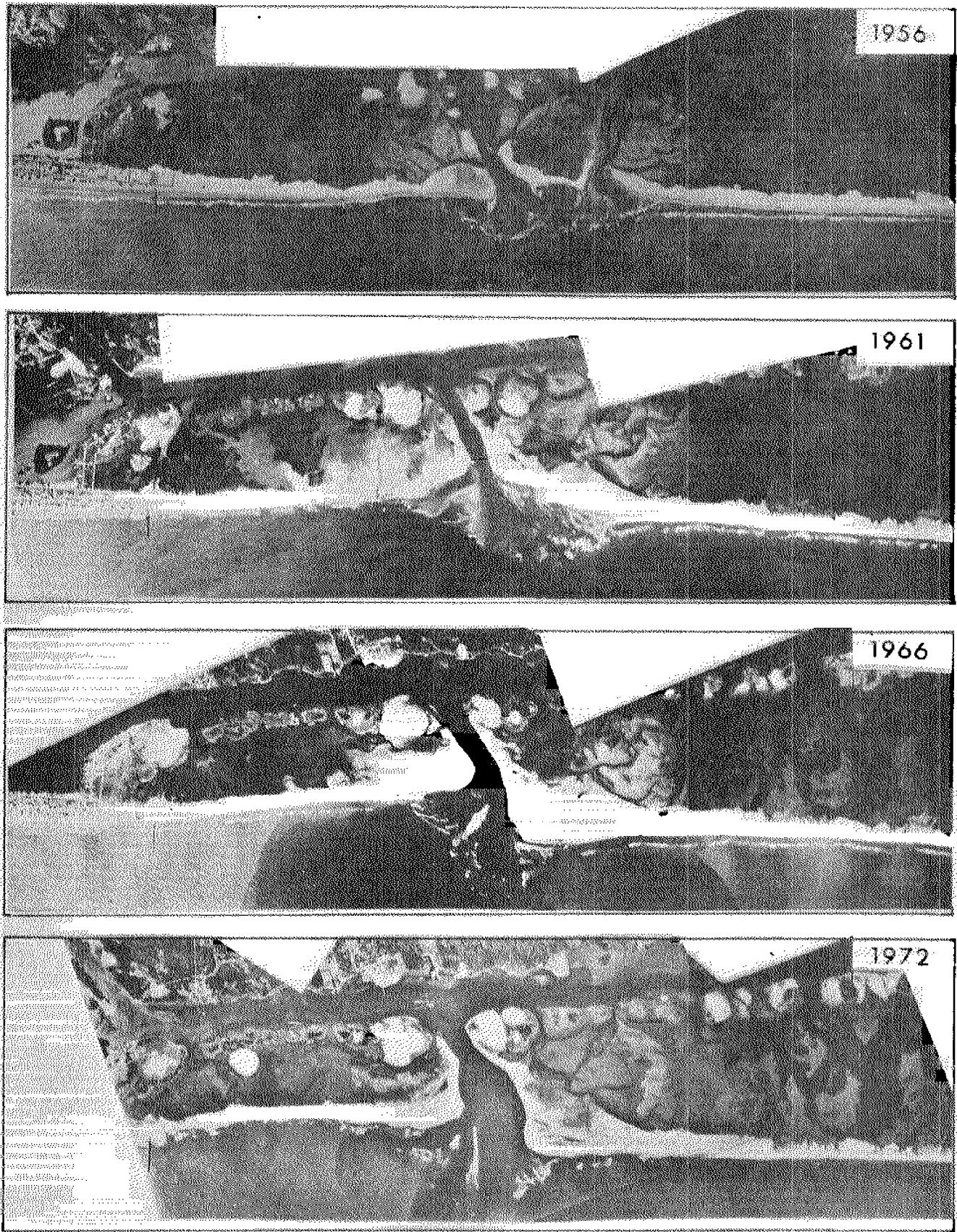


FIGURE 5. CAROLINA BEACH INLET, NORTH  
CAROLINA FROM 1956 TO 1972 .

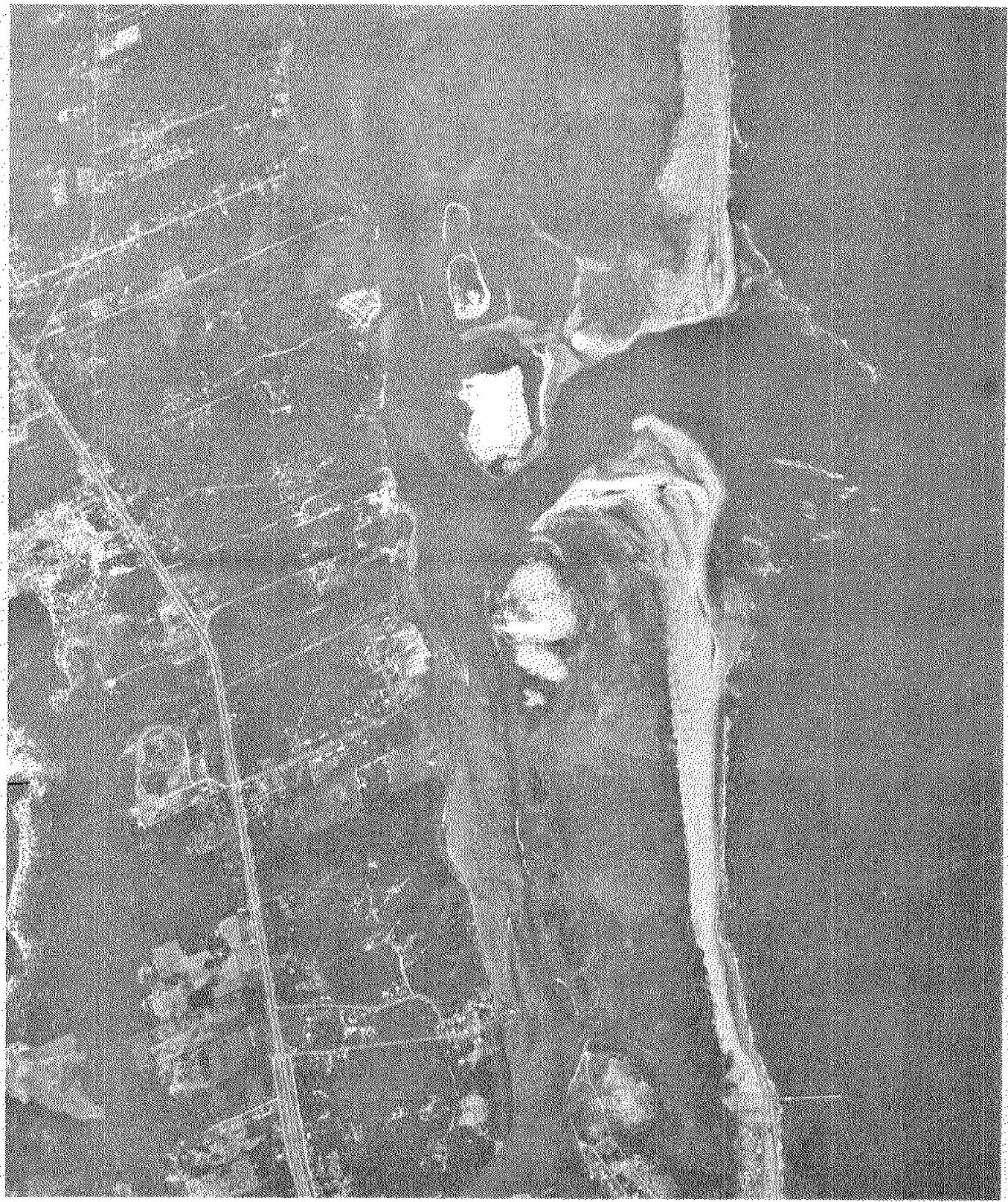


FIGURE 6. CAROLINA BEACH INLET, NORTH  
CAROLINA IN 1976.

— Mean High Water  
- - - Mean Low Water

Note: Depths refer to  
mean low water

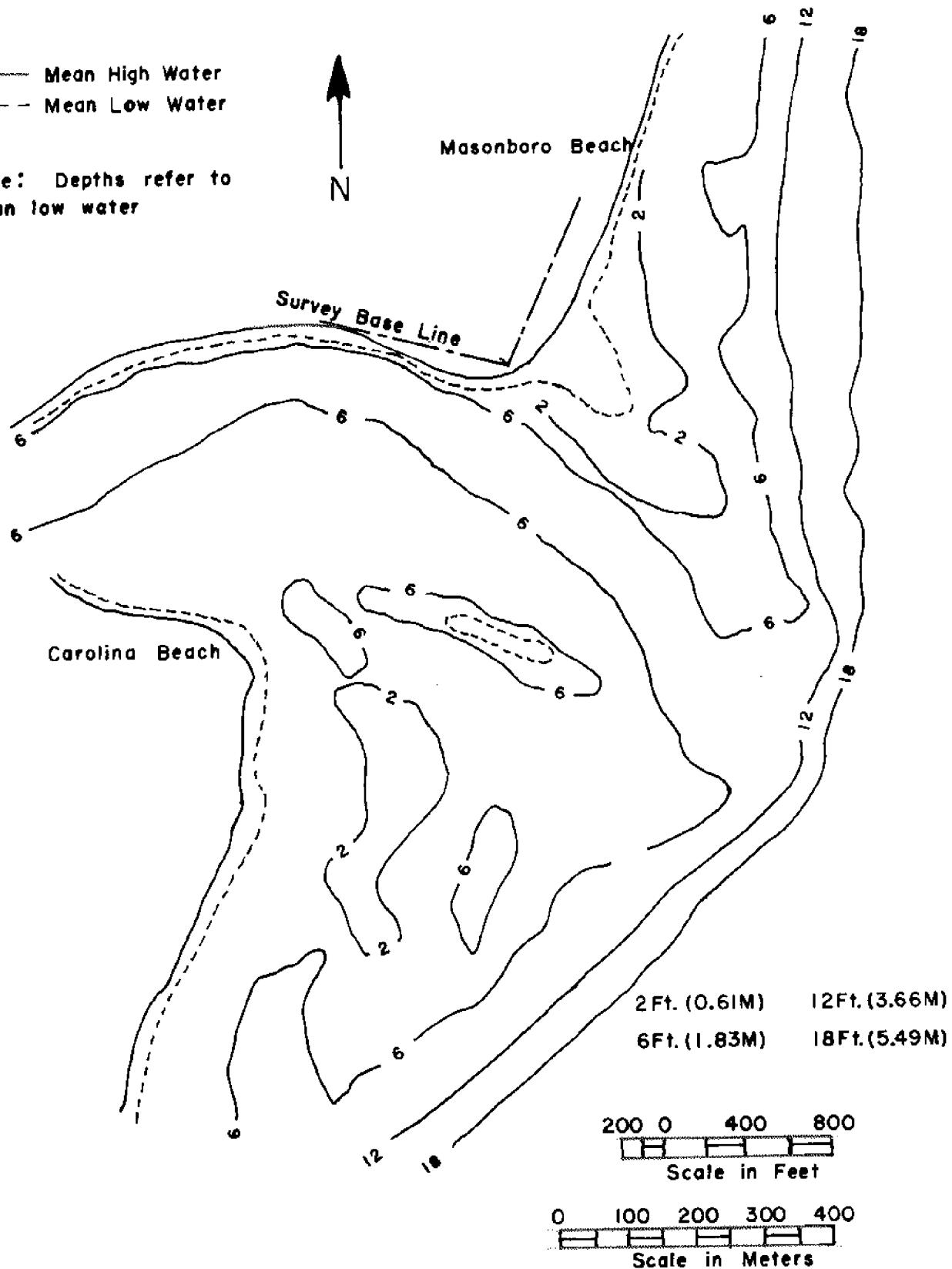


FIGURE 7. CAROLINA BEACH INLET,  
FEBRUARY 1972.

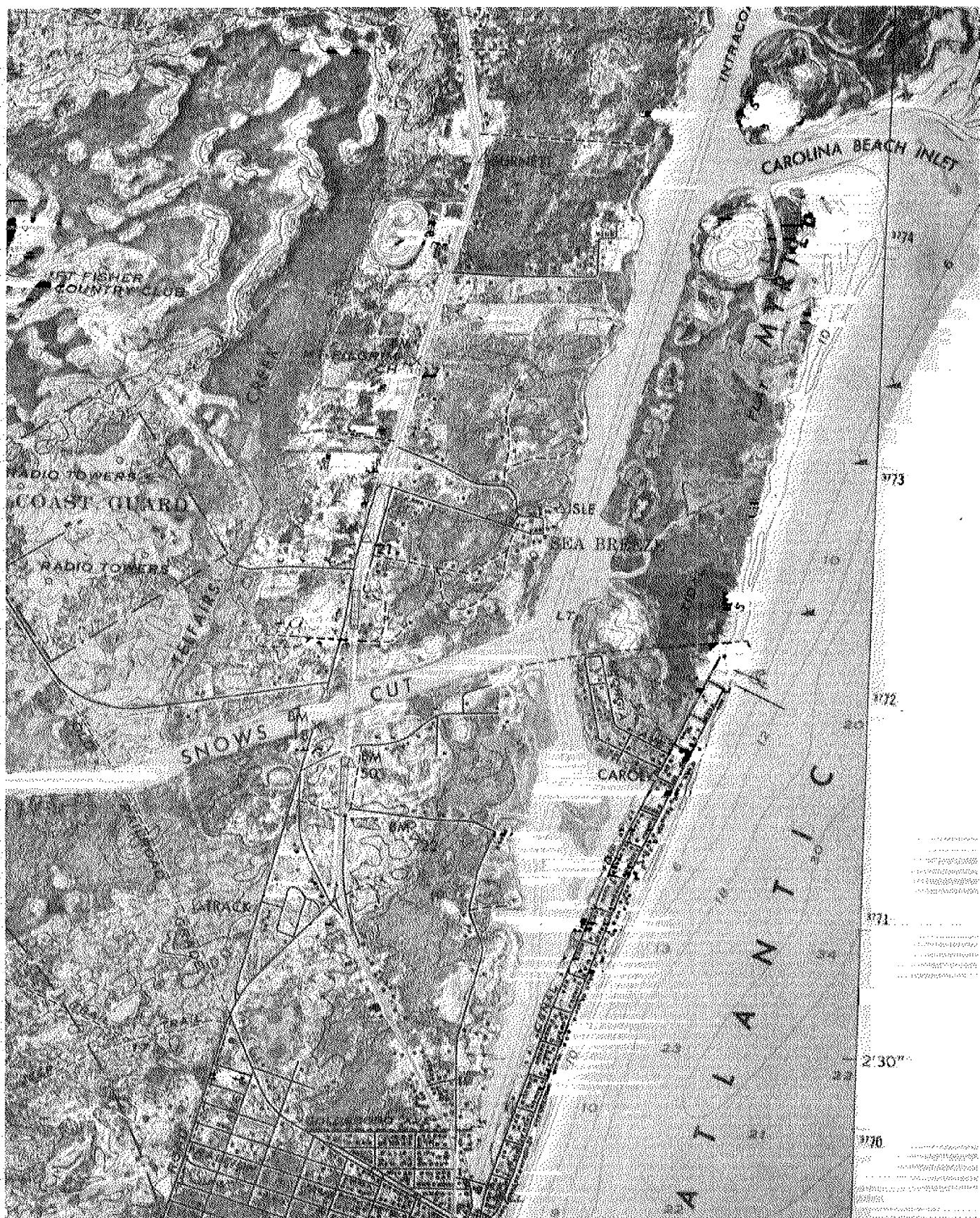


FIGURE 8. ATLANTIC INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY AND SNOWS CUT, NORTH CAROLINA.

LEGEND

- TIDE GAGE
- CURRENT MEASUREMENT RANGE
- SELECTED HYDROGRAPHIC CROSS SECTION
- MEAN HIGH WATER LINE
- ✖ MARSH

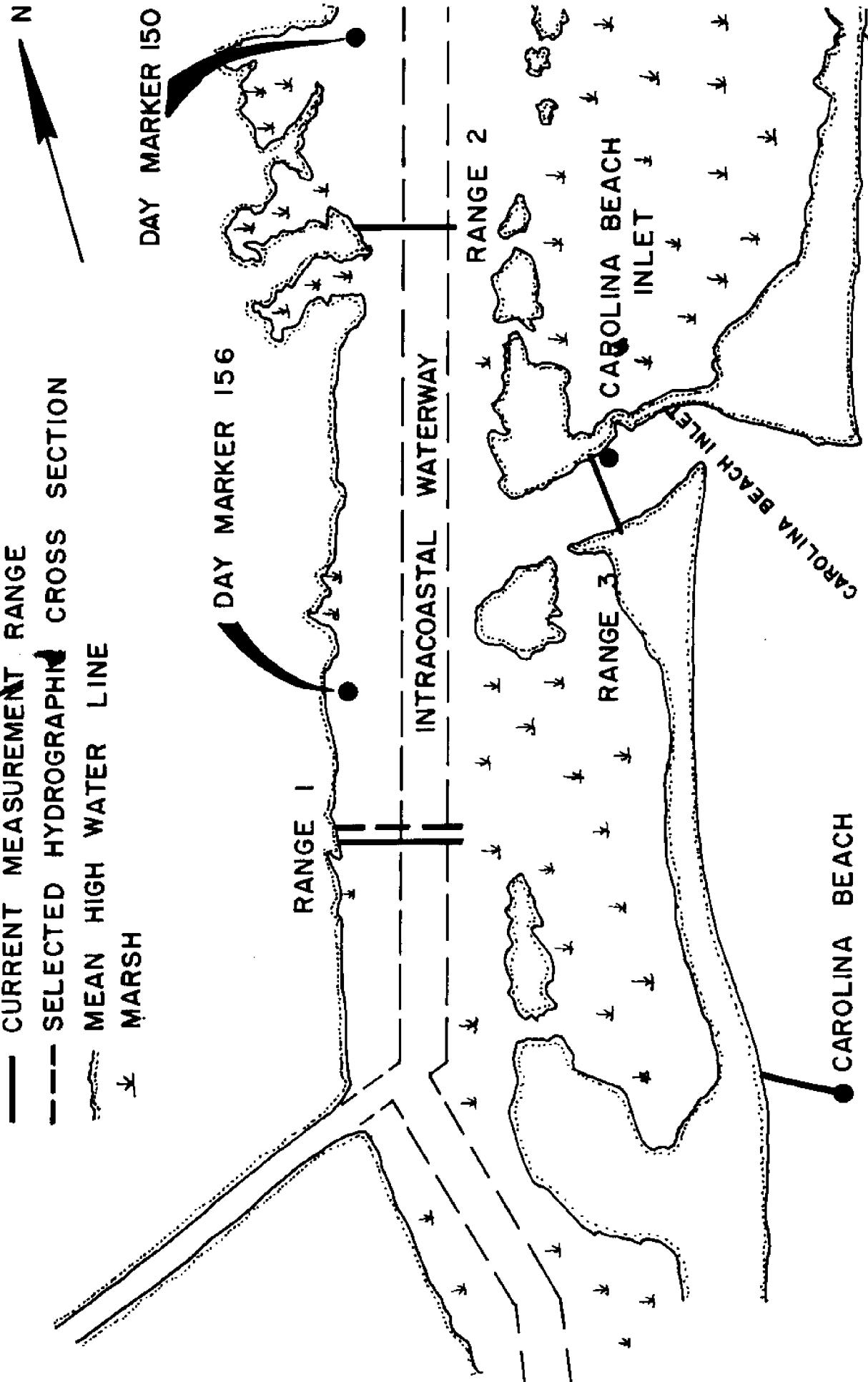
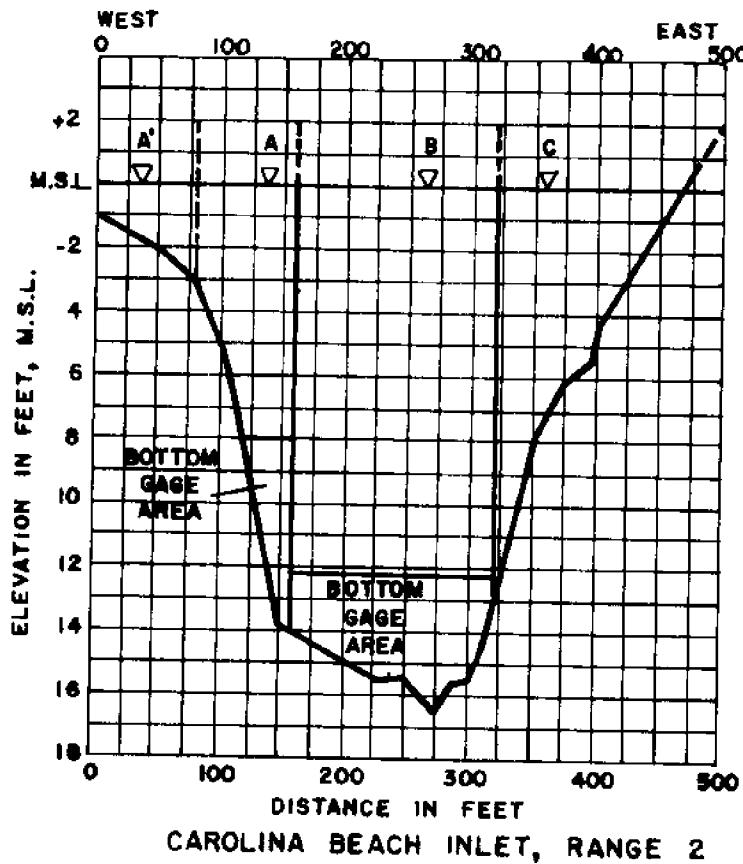


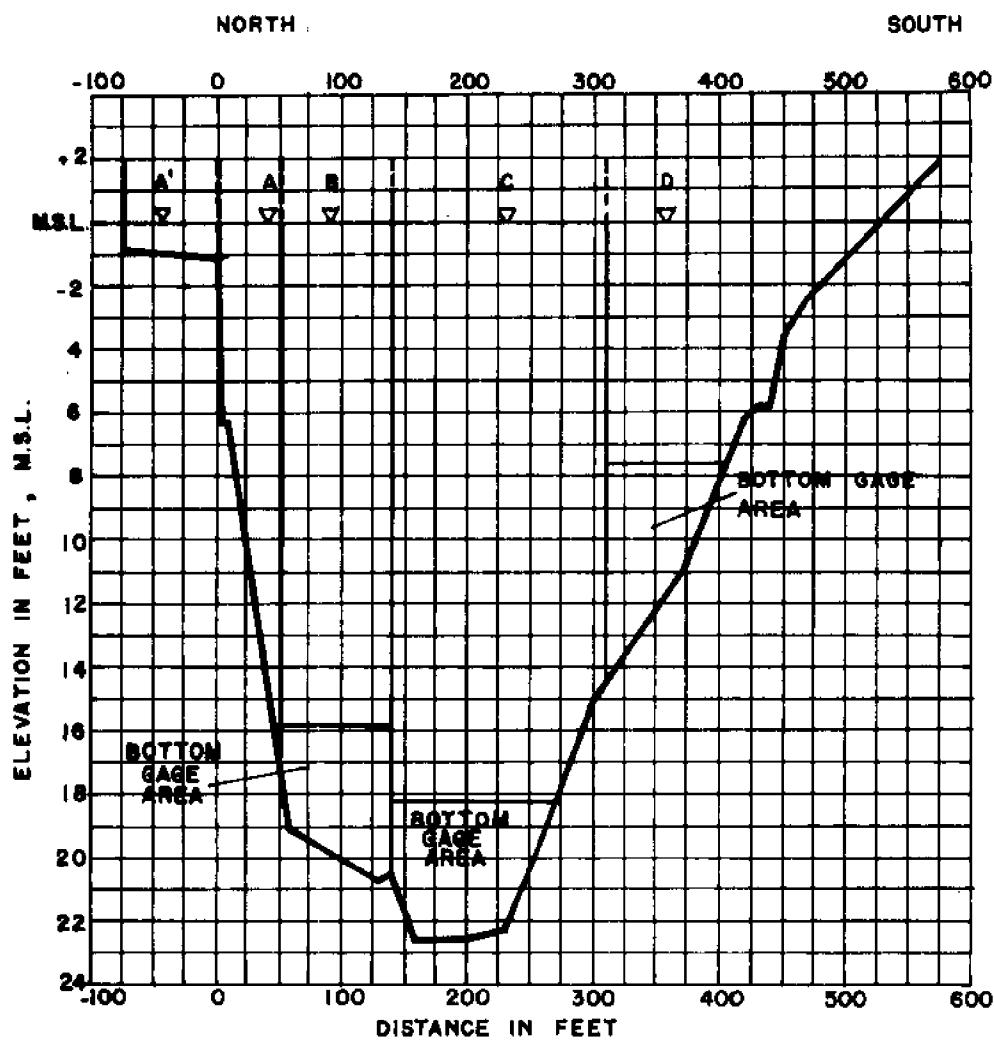
FIGURE 9. CAROLINA BEACH INLET, NORTH CAROLINA.



CROSS-SECTIONAL AREAS ( $m^2$ ) RANGE 2

| STA. | SURFACE GAGE AREA AT -2 M.S.L. | MIDDLE GAGE AREA AT -2 M.S.L. | BOTTOM GAGE AREA AT -2 M.S.L. | TOTAL AREA AT -2 M.S.L.                 |
|------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| A'   | 15                             | 145                           | 290                           | 15 145 290                              |
| A    | 280                            | 320                           | 320                           | 90 210 380 150 150 150 520 680 850      |
| B    | 650                            | 650                           | 650                           | 640 965 1290 485 485 485 1775 2100 2425 |
| C    |                                |                               |                               | 520 785 1110                            |
|      |                                |                               | TOTAL AREA OF RANGE           | 2630 3710 4675                          |

FIGURE 10. HYDROGRAPHIC CROSS-SECTION OF RANGE 2.

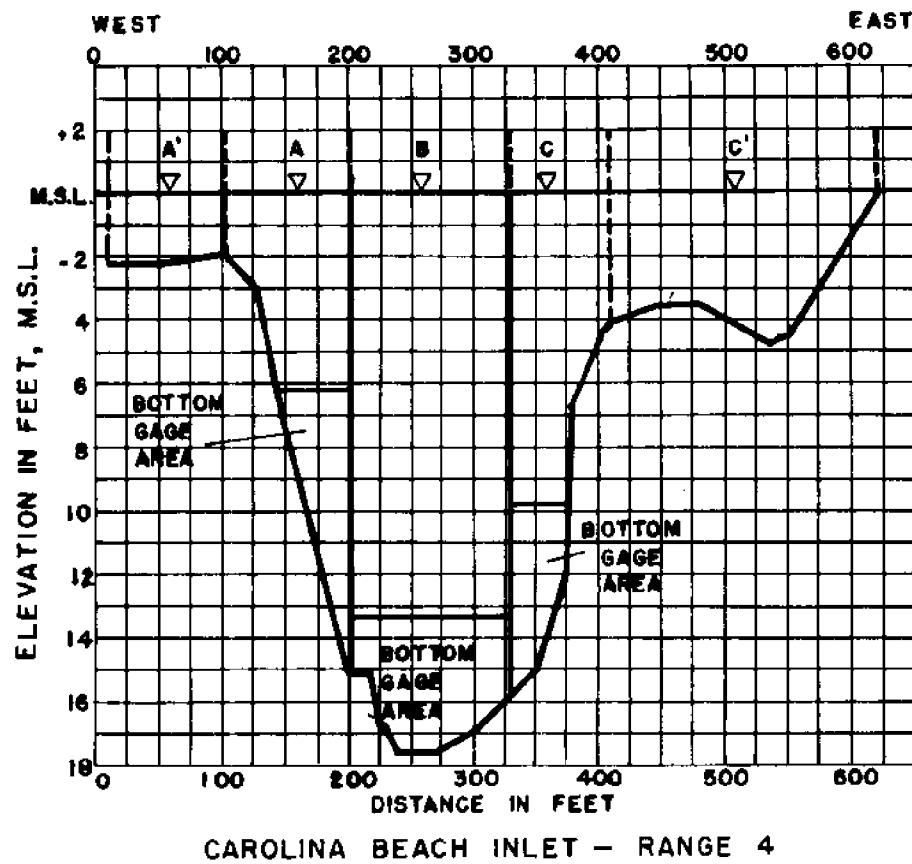


CAROLINA BEACH INLET - RANGE 3

CROSS-SECTION AREAS ( $\text{ft}^2$ ) RANGE 3

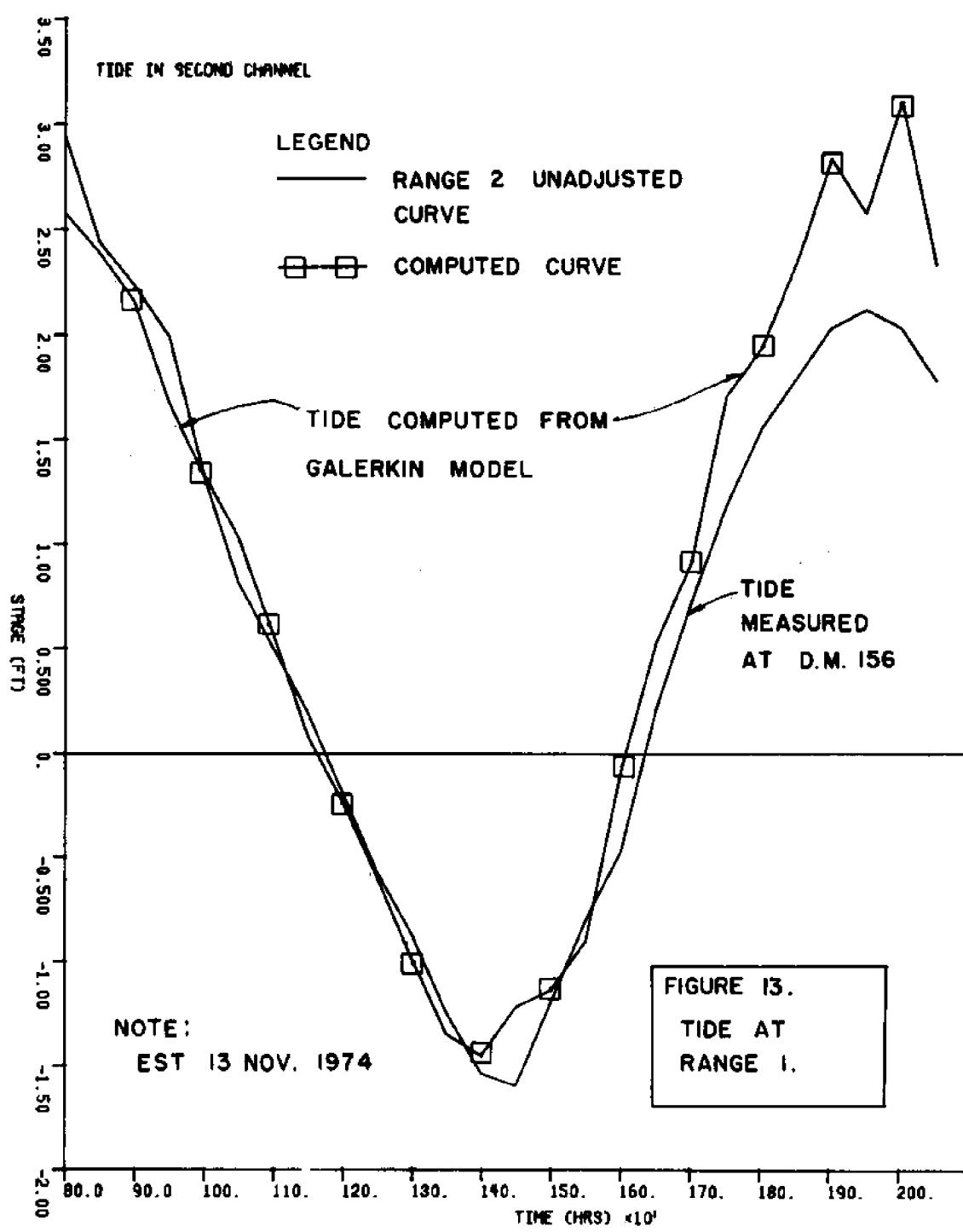
| STA.                | SURFACE GAGE AREA AT |           | MIDDLE GAGE AREA AT |           | BOTTOM GAGE AREA AT |           | TOTAL AREA AT |           |      |      |      |
|---------------------|----------------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|------|------|------|
|                     | -2                   | M.S.L + 2 | -2                  | M.S.L + 2 | -2                  | M.S.L + 2 | -2            | M.S.L + 2 |      |      |      |
| A'                  | 0                    | 70        | 210                 |           |                     |           | 0             | 70        | 210  |      |      |
| A                   | 180                  | 185       | 190                 | 135       | 225                 | 315       | 135           | 135       | 450  | 545  | 640  |
| B                   | 360                  | 360       | 360                 | 880       | 1080                | 1240      | 350           | 350       | 1590 | 1770 | 1950 |
| C                   | 680                  | 680       | 680                 | 2000      | 2340                | 2680      | 440           | 440       | 3120 | 3460 | 3800 |
| D                   | 560                  | 690       | 860                 | 180       | 460                 | 740       | 310           | 310       | 1050 | 1460 | 1910 |
| TOTAL AREA OF RANGE |                      |           |                     |           |                     |           | 6210          | 7305      | 8510 |      |      |

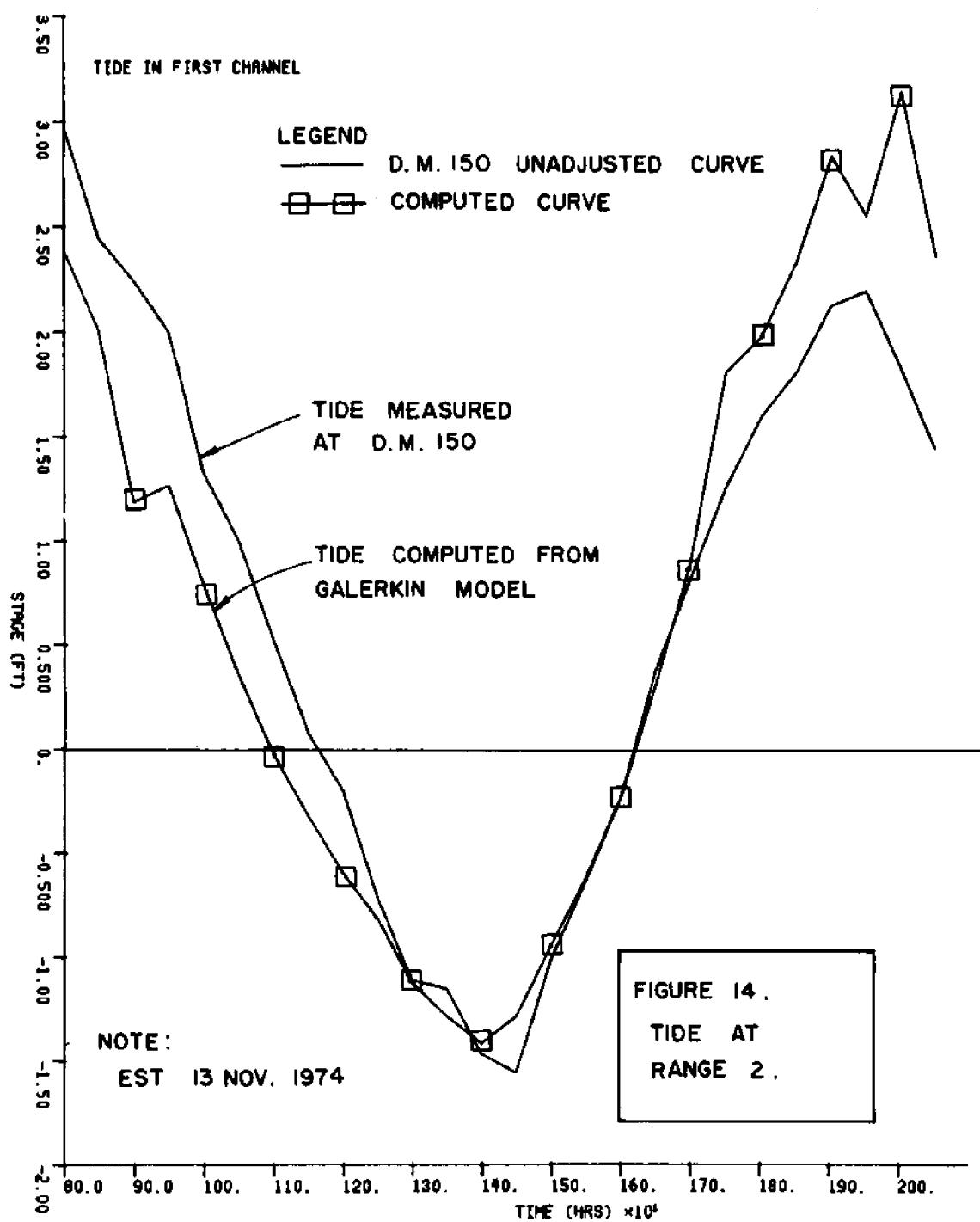
FIGURE 11. HYDROGRAPHIC CROSS-SECTION OF RANGE 3.

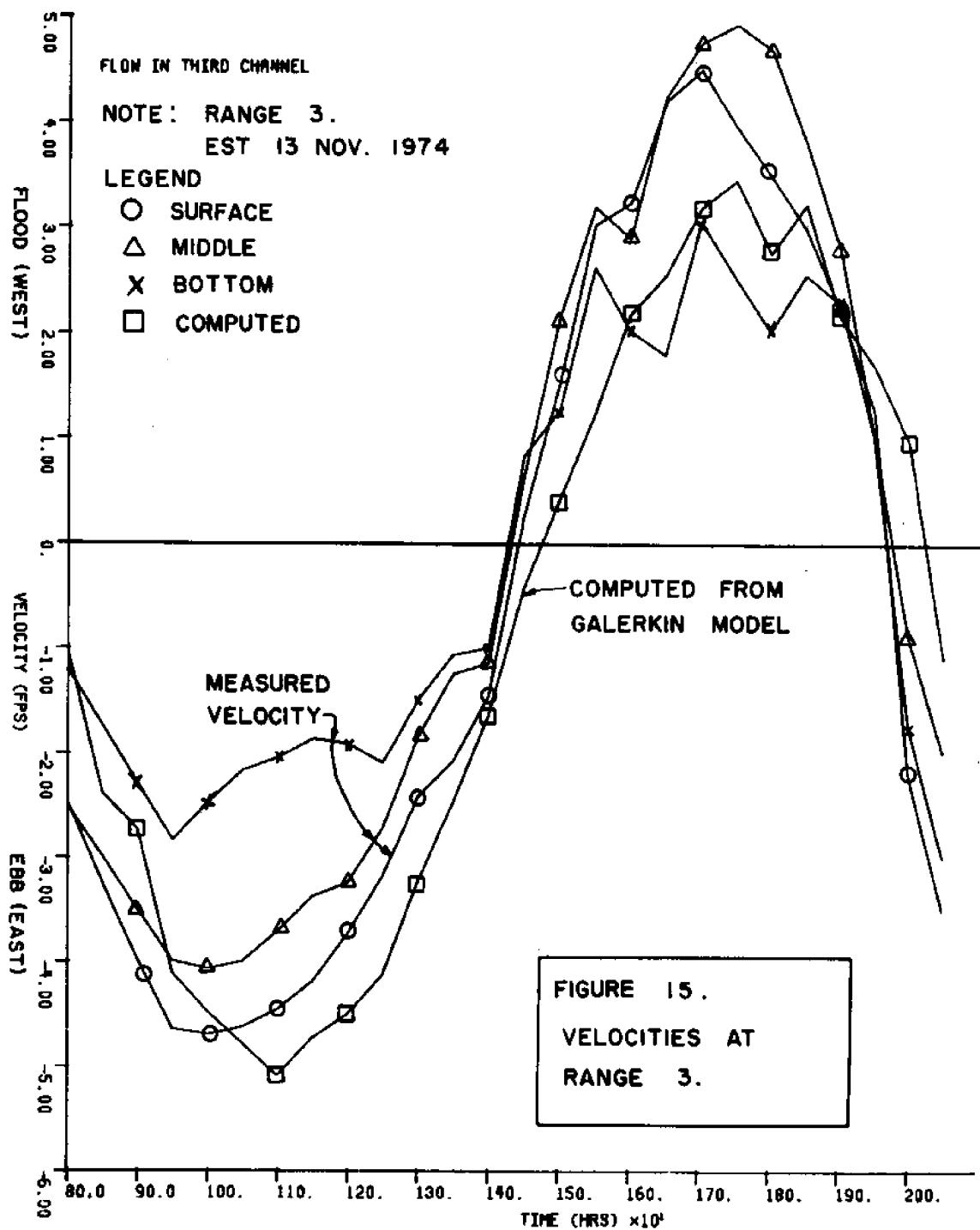


| CROSS-SECTIONAL AREAS ( $\text{ft}^2$ ) RANGE 4 |                 |     |        |                |        |      |                |     |        |               |        |      |      |
|---|-----------------|-----|--------|----------------|--------|------|----------------|-----|--------|---------------|--------|------|------|
| STA.  | SURFACE GAGE AT |     |        | MIDDLE GAGE AT |        |      | BOTTOM GAGE AT |     |        | TOTAL AREA AT |        |      |      |
|   | -2 MSL          | +2  | -2 MSL | +2             | -2 MSL | +2   | -2 MSL         | +2  | -2 MSL | +2            | -2 MSL | +2   |      |
| A'  | 0               | 180 | 360    |                |        |      |                |     |        | 0             | 180    | 360  |      |
| A   |                 |     |        |                |        |      |                |     |        | 240           | 520    | 920  |      |
| B   | 525             | 525 | 525    | 940            | 1205   | 1465 | 510            | 510 | 510    | 1975          | 2240   | 2500 |      |
| C   | 320             | 320 | 320    | 190            | 320    | 480  | 195            | 195 | 195    | 705           | 835    | 995  |      |
| C'  | 330             | 720 | 1012   |                |        |      |                |     |        | 330           | 720    | 1012 |      |
| TOTAL AREA OF RANGE                             |                 |     |        |                |        |      |                |     |        |               | 3250   | 4405 | 5787 |

FIGURE 12. HYDROGRAPHIC CROSS - SECTION  
OF RANGE 4 .







been used for inlets characterised by junctions adopting a one dimensional approach. The vertically integrated equations of momentum and mass conservation (Leendertse (1967)) are used with the appropriate boundary and initial conditions. The Galerkin technique is coupled with the finite element method in analyzing an inlet with channel junctions. The method has several advantages in that the coefficient matrix in the solution system does not change as the model is stepped ahead in time.

The shape function adopted here is problem oriented and is not a general 'basis function.' The parameter 'D' was found to be 700 times the length of the element,  $\ell$ , for Carolina Beach Inlet. The parabolic shape function satisfies only the requirement of linear independence. The completeness requirement was not fulfilled by the shape function; therefore, only long elements of the order of 600 ft. (183 m) to 1000 ft. (305 m) were adopted. For these lengths the error introduced was found to be low.

The Galerkin finite element model for flow in an inlet was found satisfactory considering the complex nature of the flow in a tidal inlet.

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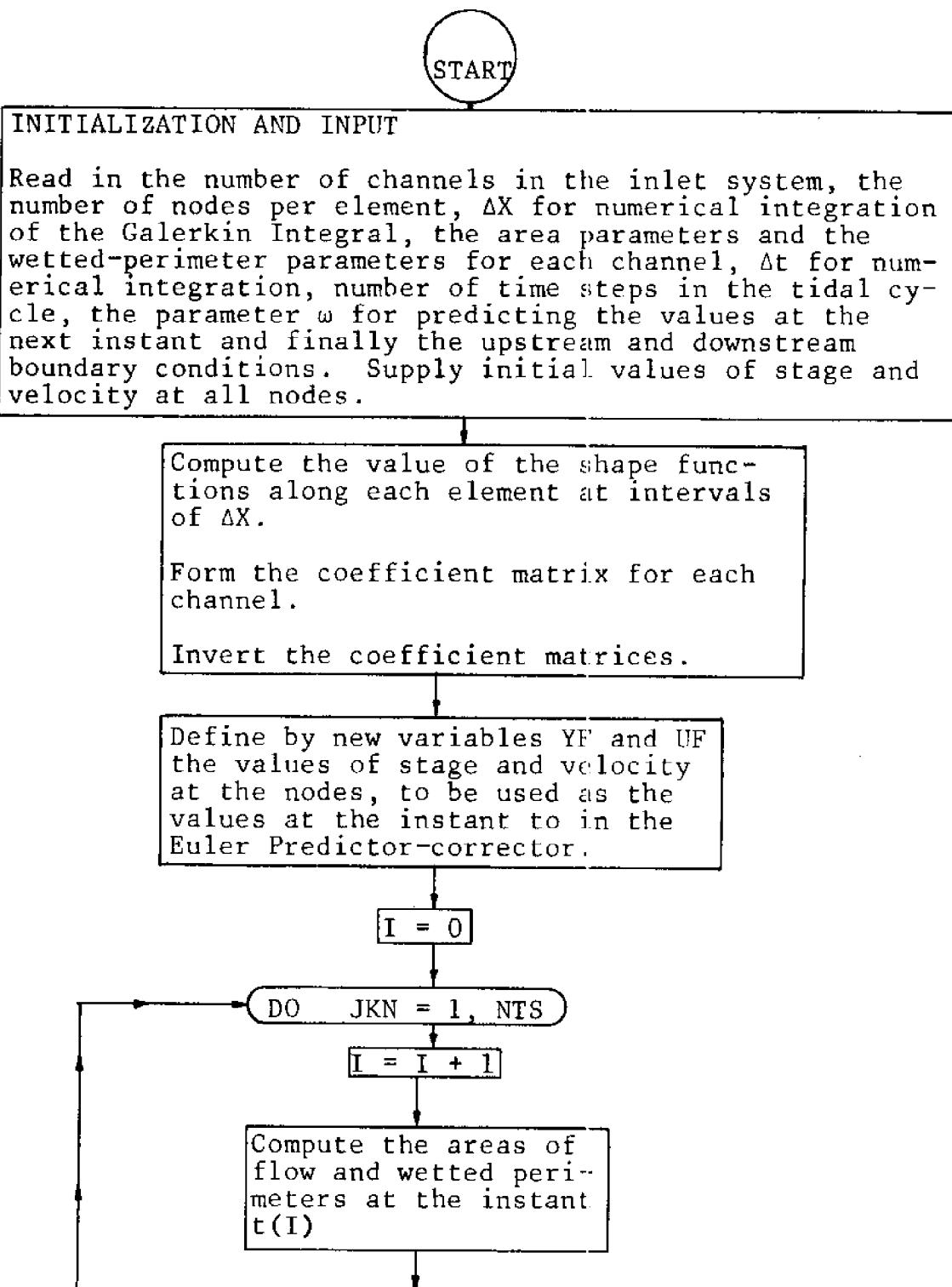
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## **APPENDICES**

**APPENDIX A**  
**CONCEPTUAL FLOW CHART FOR MAIN PROGRAM**



Note: I = Time Instant  
 NTS = Total Number of Time Steps.

Figure 16. Conceptual Flow Chart for Main Program.

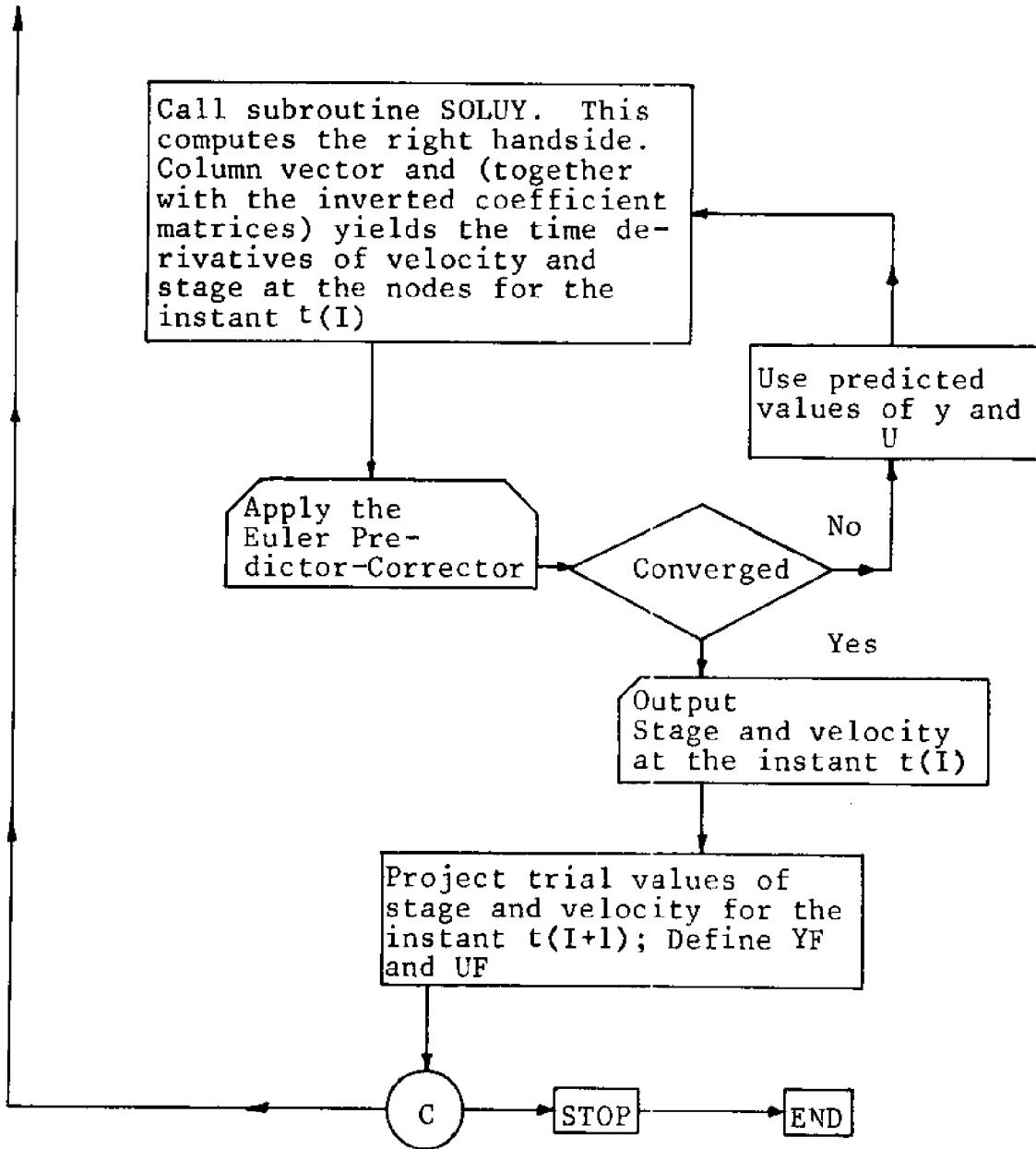


Figure 16. Conceptual Flow Chart for Main Program (Cont.d).

**APPENDIX B**  
**COMPUTER PROGRAM**

FIGURE 17. COMPUTER PROGRAM.

FIGURE 17. COMPUTER PROGRAM (CON'T.)

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00590 C
00600 C
00610 C
00620 C
00630 C
00640      DO 140 J=1, NC ; M=MMM(J) ; MP1=M+1 ; MM1=M-1
00650      DO 100 I=1, MP1
00660      DA=(IEL(J)*XB(J)-DELX*(I-1))/H(J) **(1/P(J)) -(XB(J)/H(J)) **(1/P(J)
00670      1)
00680      DB=((XB(J)+DELX*(I-1))/H(J)) **(1/P(J)) -(XB(J)/H(J)) **(1/P(J))
00690      B(1,1)=DA*0A
00700      B(2,1)=DA*DE
00710      B(3,1)=DB*DE
00720      DO 130 L=1, 3 ; A(L,1)=0
00730      DO 110 K=2, N/2
00740      A(L,1)=B(L,K)*4+A(L,1)
00750      DO 120 K=3, MM1/2
00760      120 A(L,1)=B(L,K)*2+A(L,1)
00770      130 A(L,1)=(B(L,1)+A(L,1))/2+(B(L,1)+A(L,1))/3
00780      A(2,2)=A(3,1) ; A(1,2)=A(2,1)
00790      JZ=J
00800      CALL GINV (A,C,N,JZ,B)
00810      140 CONTINUE
C0820      DO 150 I=1, NC
C0830      DO 150 J=1, N
C0840      YF(I,J)=Y(I,J)
C0850      150 UF(I,J)=U(I,J)
C0860      NC=10
C0870 C

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FIGURE 17. COMPUTER PROGRAM (CONT.)

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00850 C      SOLUTION FOR THE DERIVATIVES
00890 C
00900 C      OR1=3 : VP=12 ; CI=-1.3
00910 C      VEL(1)=OR1*SIN(VP*3.1412/D1)
00920 C      DO 320 JKN=1,26
00930 C      VEL(JKN+1)=CR1*SIN((JKN+VP)*3.1412/D1)
00940 C      QD(1,1)=(VEL(JKN+1)-VEL(JKN))/1800/3.28
00950 C      QD(2,1)=QD(1,1)*0.8
00960 C      DO 310 LLN=1,3
00970 C      YD(LQ,N)=YD33((JKN,LLN))/3.28/1800.
00980 C      LB=600/DEL_T
00990 C      LD=1 ; LC=LB/LD
01000 C      DO 300 LA=1,LC
01010 C      DO 290 LLN=1,LD
01020 C      NA=0
01030 C      DO 170 J=1,NC
01040 C      DO 170 I=1,N
01050 C      AR(J,I)=AR0(J)+AR1(J)*Y(J,I)
01060 C      PR(J,I)=PR0(J)+PR1(J)*Y(J,I)
01070 C      NA=NA+1
01080 C      CALL SOLUY(U,Y,QD,AR,PR,A01,N,S,EL,AN,G,NC,C,UF,YF,DELT,A
01090 C      IR1,P,IQ,V1,V2,AL,CK,SK,VV,MM,DELX,XB,H)

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FIGURE 17. COMPUTER PROGRAM (CON'T.)

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01100 C
01110 C
01120 C
01130 C      IF (JKN-1) 180,180,220
01140      180  IF (LLN-1) 150,190,220
01150      190  IF (NA-1) 200,200,220
01160      200  DO 210 I=1,NC ; DO 210 J=1,N
01170      210  YDF(I,J)=YD(I,J)
01180      210  QDF(I,J)=QD(I,J)
01190      220  DO 230 I=1,NC ; DO 230 J=1,NA
01200      220  Y(I,J)=YF(I,J)+{YD(I,J)+YDF(I,J)}/2,*DELT
01210      230  U(I,J)=UF(I,J)+{QD(I,J)+QDF(I,J)}/2,*DELT
01220      240  IF (NA-1) 240,240,260
01230      240  DO 250 J=1,NC ; DO 250 I=1,N
01240      250  US(J,I)=U(J,I)
01250      250  GO TO 160
01260      260  DO 270 J=1,NC ; DO 270 I=1,N
01270      260  IF (ABS(US(J,I))/UC(J,I)-1.1E-0.01) 270,270,240
01280      270  CONTINUE
01290 C      TRIAL VALUES FOR THE NEXT STEP
01300 C
01310 C
01320      DO 280 I=1,NC ; DO 280 J=1,N
01330      QDF(I,J)=QD(I,J) ; YDF(I,J)=YD(I,J)
01340      UP(I,J)=UF(I,J) ; YP(I,J)=YF(I,J)
01350      UF(I,J)=U(I,J)
01360      YF(I,J)=Y(I,J)
01370      U(I,J)=U(I,J)+W*(U(I,J)-UP(I,J))
01380      Y(I,J)=Y(I,J)+(Y(I,J)-YF(I,J))*W
01390      280  CONTINUE
01400      290  CONTINUE
01410      300  CONTINUE
01420 C      OUTPUT
01430 C
01440 C
01450      AJKN=JKN
01460      TIME=AJKN*0.5
01470      WRITE (3, 330) TIME
01480      WRITE (3, 340) (Y(I,1),Y(I,N),U(I,1),U(I,N),I=1,NC)
01490      320  CONTINUE
01500      330  FORMAT ('/T2C',TIME',T30,F6,2)
01510      340  FORMAT ('/T10,2F12.3,5X,2F12.3)
01520      STOP
01530 END

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FIGURE 17. COMPUTER PROGRAM (CON'T.)

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01550 C
01560 C
01570 C
01580 C
01590 C
01600 C
01610 C
01620 C
01630 C
01640 C
01650 C
01660 C
01670 C
01680 C
01690 C
01700 C
01710 C
01720 C
01730 C
01740 C
01750 C
01760 C
01770 C
01780 C
01790 C
01800 C
01810 C
01820 C
01830 C
01840 C
01850 C
01860 C
01870 C
01880 C
01890 C
01900 C
01910 C
01920 C
01930 C
01940 C

      SUBROUTINE FOR INVERSION
      SUBROUTINE GINV(A,C,N,JZ,B)
      DIMENSION A(11,11),C(5,11,11),B(11,20)
      DO 1 I=1,N:DO 1 J=1,N
      1 B(I,J)=A(I,J)
      J1=N+1:J2=2*N
      DO 2 I=1,N:DO 2 J=J1,J2
      2 B(I,J)=0.0
      DO 3 I=1,N
      3 B(I,J)=I*0.0
      DO 610 K=1,N
      KP1=K+1
      IF (K .EQ. N) GO TO 500
      L=K
      DO 400 I=KP1,N
      400 IF( ABS(B(I,K)) .GT. ABS(B(L,K))) L=I
      IF (L .EQ. K) GO TO 500
      DO 410 J=K,J2
      TEMP=B(K,J)
      B(K,J)=B(L,J)
      B(L,J)=TEMP
      DO 501 J=KP1,J2
      501 B(K,J)=B(K,J)/B(K,K)
      IF (K .EQ. 1) GO TO 600
      KM1=K-1
      DO 510 I=1,KM1
      510 B(I,J)=B(I,J)-B(I,K)*B(K,J)
      IF (K .EQ. N) GO TO 700
      DO 610 I=KP1,N
      610 B(I,J)=B(I,J)-B(I,K)*B(K,J)
      DO 701 I=1,N
      701 C(JZ+I,J)=B(I,K)
      K=J+N
      DO 701 J=1,N
      701 RETURN
      END

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FIGURE 17. COMPUTER PROGRAM (CON'T.)

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01980      SUBROUTINE EM1(DELX*VV,BM,J,G,AN,EL,AR,PR,U,Y,XB,H,P)
01990      DIMENSION EL(5),MN(5),BM(5),B(11,201),AR(5,11),PR(5,11),XB(5),
02000      1U(5,11),Y(5,11),H(5),P(5)
02010      R=AR(J,1)/PR(J,1)
02020      SF1=UF(J,1)*$2*AN**2*ZR**((4./3.)*
02030      R=AR(J,2)/PR(J,2)
02040      SF2=U(J,2)*$2*AN**2*ZR**((4./3.)*
02050      H=M=M+1 : MPI=M+1 : BM(1)=0 : BM(2)=0
02060      DO 10 I=1,MP1
02070      DA=((EL(J)+XB(J))-DELX*(I-1))/H(J))**((1/P(J))-((XB(J)/H(J))**((1/P(J
02080      1))
02090      DB=((XB(J)+CELX*(I-1))/H(J))**((1/P(J))-((XB(J)/H(J))**((1/P(J
02100      DAD=((1/P(J))**(-1))*((EL(J)+XB(J)-DELX*(I-1))/H(J))**((1/P(J
02110      DBD=((1/P(J))**(-1))*((XB(J)+DELX*(I-1))/H(J))**((1/P(J)-1)
02120      ORD=(U(J,1))*DAT+(J,2)*DB)*(U(J,1)*DAD+U(J,2)*DBQ)+ /3
02130      1G*Y(J,1)*DAD+Y(J,2)*DBD)+
02140      2G*(SF1*DA+SF2*DB)
02150      B(I,I)=ORD*DA
02160      10 B(2,1)=ORD*CB
02170      DO 40 L=1,2
02180      DO 20 K=2,M**2
02190      DO 20 BM(L)=4*B(L*K)+BM(L)
02200      DO 30 K=3,M1,2
02210      DO 30 BM(L)=2*B(L*K)+BM(L)
02220      BM(L)=(B(L,1)+BM(L)+B(L,MP1))*DELX /3
02230      40 BM(L)=-BM(L) : BM(2)=-BM(2)
02240      RETURN : END
02250      SUBROUTINE BM2(MN,BM,J,AO1,VV,EL,U,Y,DELX,XB,H,P)
02260      DIMENSION MN(5),BM(5),AO1(5),EL(5),B(11,201),U(5,11),Y(5,11),XB(5),
02270      H(5),P(5)
02280      M=M=M+1 : MPI=M+1 : BM(1)=0 : BM(2)=0
02290      DO 10 I=1,MP1
02300      DA=((EL(J)+XB(J))-DELX*(I-1))/H(J))**((1/P(J))-((XB(J)/H(J))**((1/P(J
02310      1))
02320      10 B(I,I)=ORD*CA
02330      DO 40 L=1,2
02340      DO 20 K=2,M**2
02350      DO 20 BM(L)=4*B(L*K)+BM(L)
02360      DO 30 K=3,M1,2
02370      DO 30 BM(L)=2*B(L*K)+BM(L)
02380      BM(L)=(B(L,1)+BM(L)+B(L,MP1))*DELX /3
02390      40 BM(L)=-BM(1) : BM(2)=-BM(2)
02400      RETURN : END

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FIGURE 17. COMPUTER PROGRAM (CON'T.)

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02510 C
02520 C
02530 C
02540 C
02550 C
02560 C
02570 C
02580 C
02590 C
02600 C
02610 C
02620 C
02630 C
02640 C
02650 C
02660 C
02670 C
02680 C
02690 C
02700 C
02710 C
02720 C
02730 C
02740 C
02750 C
02760 C
02770 C
02780 C
02790 C

      SUBROUTINE SOLUY(U,Y,QQ,YD,AR,PR,A01,N,S,EL,AN,G,NC,C,UF,YF,DEL,T,A
     1R1,P,1Q,V1,V2,AL,CK,SK,MM,DELX,XB,H)
      DIMENSION U(5,11),V(5,11),W(5,11),AR(5,11),PR(5,11)
      1A01(5)*S(5,11)*C(5,11)*EL(5)*MM(5),XE(5),HK(5)
      2,P(5)*X(5,11),MM(5),MM(5),XE(5),HK(5),V1(5),V2(5),AL(5)*CK(5)*SK(5)

      N1=2
      DO 350 J=1,NI
      CALL EM1(DELX*VV*MM*BM,J*G,AN,EL,AR,PR,U,Y,XB,H,P)
      SUM=0 : DO 349 I=2,N
      349 SUM=C(J,I)*BM(I)+SUM
      BM(1)=(QD(J,1)-SUM)/C(J,1)
      DO 350 K=1,N : QD(J,K)=0
      DO 350 I=1,N
      350 QD(J,K)=QD(J,K)+C(J,K)*BM(I)
      J=10
      CALL BM2(MM,BM,J,A01,VV,EL,U,Y,DELX,XB,H,P)
      NM1=N-1
      SUM=0 : NM1=N-1 : DO 360 I=1,NM1
      360 SUM=C(J,N+I)*BM(I)+SUM
      BM(N)=(YD(3,N)-SUM)/C(J,N,N)
      DO 370 K=1,N : YD(J,K)=0 : DO 370 I=1,N
      370 YD(J,K)=YD(J,K)+C(J,K,I)*BM(I)
      IF (IQ-1) 401,401,374
      N1=N : N2=N : N3=N

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FIGURE 17. COMPUTER PROGRAM (CON'T.)

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C2D90 C AX=AR( 2,N2)+QD( 2,N2)+AR( 1,N1)*QD( 1,N1)-AR1(3)*YD( 3,1)*U( 3,1)
02D910 BX=YD( 3,1)-CD( 1,N1)*U( 1,N1)/9.81
02D911 CX=YD( 3,1)-CD( 2,N2)*U( 2,N2)/9.81
02D912 GX=YD( 3,1)/9.81 U( 1,N1)=AR( 3,1):AKX=AR1( 2)*U( 2,N2)
02D913 ALX=AR1( 1,1)*U( 1,N1)
02D914 QD( 3,1)=(AX+AKX*CX+BX*ALX)/(AJX-GX*AKX-GX*ALX)
02D915 YD( 1,N1)=BX+QD( 3,1)*GX
02D916 YD( 2,N2)=CX+QD( 3,1)*GX
02D917 C
02D918 J=3 CALL BM1(DELX,WV,MH,BM,J,G,AN,EL,AR,PR,U,Y,XB,M,P)
02D919 SUM=0 : DO 380 I=2,N
02D920 SUM=C(J,1,I)*BM(I)+SUM
02D921 380 BM(I)=(QD(J,1)-SUM)/C(J,1,1)
02D922 DO 390 K=1,N : QD(J,K)=0 : DO 390 I=1,N
02D923 QD(J,K)=QD(J,K)+C(J,K,I)*BM(I)
02D924 DO 400 J=1,2 CALL BM2(MH,BM,J,A01,VV,EL,U,Y,DELX,XB,H,P)
02D925 SUM=0 : DO 395 I=1,NM1
02D926 SUM=C(J,N+I)*BM(I)+SUM
02D927 BM(N)=(YD(J,N)-SUM)/C(J,N,N)
02D928 DO 400 K=1,N : YD(J,K)=0 : DO 400 I=1,N
02D929 400 YD(J,K)=YD(J,K)+C(J,K,I)*BM(I)
02D930 C 401 WAS=0 RETURN : END
02D931 DATA 02D979

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APPENDIX C  
COMPUTER PROGRAM VARIABLES

Table 1. Computer Program Variables

| Variable  | Description   |
|-----------|---|
| AR0(J)    | Area parameter, $A_0$ , of channel, J.  |
| AR1(J)    | Area parameter, A, of channel, J.   |
| BM(K)     | The right handside of the matrix.   |
| C(I,J,K)  | The coefficient matrix for the Channel I, J and K represent the location in the square matrix.  |
| DA        | Shape function, $N_1$ .   |
| DB        | Shape function, $N_2$ .   |
| DELX      | Distance step, $\Delta X$ .   |
| DELT      | Time step, $\Delta t$ .   |
| EL(J)     | Element length of the channel, J.   |
| FP        | Corresponds to the distance, D, in the shape function when multiplied by the element length, l. |
| G         | Acceleration due to gravity.  |
| N         | Number of nodal points in each channel.   |
| NA        | Iteration count while using the Predictor-Corrector.  |
| NC        | Number of channels in the system.   |
| P(I)      | The highest power of the polynomial that represents the shape function for the channel, I.      |
| PR0(J)    | Wetted perimeter parameter, $P_0$ , of channel, J.  |
| PR1(J)    | Wetted perimeter parameter, $P_1$ , of channel, j.  |
| QD(J,K)   | Time derivative of U at the element J and node K.   |
| QD11(I,J) | Time derivative of U of the channel 1 at node 1.  |

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| QD21(I,J)  | Time derivative of U of the channel 2 at node I.   |
| SF1      } |  |
| SF2      } | Energy slopes at the beginning and end of an element.  |
| U(J,I)     | Velocity of the channel J, node I.   |
| YF and UF  | The values of $\eta$ and U respectively at an instant to be used in the Euler Predictor-Corrector. |
| Y(J,I)     | Instantaneous water level of the channel J, node I.  |
| YD(J,K)    |  |
| YD(J,K)    | Time derivative of $\eta$ at the channel J and node K.   |
| YD33(I,J)  | Time derivative of $\eta$ of the channel 3 at node 2.  |

APPENDIX D

COMPUTED TIDAL FLUCTUATIONS IN  
CAROLINA BEACH INLET CHANNELS.

TABLE 2. COMPUTED TIDAL FLUCTUATIONS IN  
CAROLINA BEACH INLET CHANNELS.

| TIME<br>(HRS.) | AIWW (SOUTH) DM 156 (STATION/RANGE 1) |             |       |               |             |       |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------|---------------|-------------|-------|
|                | FLOW<br>COND.                         | TIDE NODE 1 |       | FLOW<br>COND. | TIDE NODE 2 |       |
|                |                                       | (Ft.)       | (M)   |               | (Ft.)       | (M)   |
| 0800           | EBB                                   | 2.97        | 0.904 | EBB           | 2.772       | 0.845 |
| 0830           | ↑                                     | 2.45        | 0.745 | ↑             | 2.293       | 0.699 |
| 0900           |                                       | 2.24        | 0.681 |               | 2.021       | 0.616 |
| 0930           |                                       | 1.987       | 0.605 |               | 1.696       | 0.517 |
| 1000           |                                       | 1.311       | 0.399 |               | 1.142       | 0.348 |
| 1030           |                                       | 0.996       | 0.303 |               | 0.823       | 0.251 |
| 1100           |                                       | 0.524       | 0.160 |               | 0.353       | 0.108 |
| 1130           |                                       | 0.071       | 0.022 |               | 0.073       | 0.022 |
| 1200           |                                       | 0.201       | 0.061 |               | 0.349       | 0.106 |
| 1230           |                                       | 0.723       | 0.220 |               | 0.726       | 0.221 |
| 1300           |                                       | 1.113       | 0.339 |               | 1.064       | 0.324 |
| 1330           |                                       | 1.156       | 0.352 | ↑             | 1.235       | 0.376 |
| 1400           | ↓                                     | 1.484       | 0.452 | ↑             | 1.350       | 0.411 |
| 1430           | EBB                                   | 1.560       | 0.475 | EBB           | 1.264       | 0.385 |
| 1500           | FLOOD                                 | 1.002       | 0.305 | FLOOD         | 0.986       | 0.300 |
| 1530           | ↑                                     | 0.644       | 0.196 | ↑             | 0.674       | 0.205 |
| 1600           |                                       | 0.251       | 0.076 |               | 0.136       | 0.041 |
| 1630           |                                       | 0.314       | 0.096 |               | 0.429       | 0.131 |
| 1700           |                                       | 0.911       | 0.278 |               | 0.911       | 0.278 |
| 1730           |                                       | 1.803       | 0.550 |               | 1.616       | 0.493 |
| 1800           |                                       | 1.974       | 0.602 |               | 1.879       | 0.570 |
| 1830           |                                       | 2.318       | 0.707 |               | 2.230       | 0.680 |
| 1900           |                                       | 2.837       | 0.865 |               | 2.778       | 0.847 |
| 1930           |                                       | 2.545       | 0.776 |               | 2.625       | 0.770 |
| 2000           |                                       | 3.132       | 0.955 | ↑             | 2.886       | 0.880 |
| 2030           | FLOOD                                 | 2.361       | 0.720 | FLOOD         | 2.268       | 0.691 |
| 2100           |                                       |             |       |               |             |       |

TABLE 2. COMPUTED TIDAL FLUCTUATIONS IN  
CAROLINA BEACH INLET CHANNELS (CONT.).

| TIME<br>(HRS.) | AIWW (NORTH) DM 150 (STATION/RANGE 2) |             |       |               |             |       |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------|---------------|-------------|-------|
|                | FLOW<br>COND.                         | TIDE NODE 1 |       | FLOW<br>COND. | TIDE NODE 2 |       |
|                |                                       | (Ft.)       | (M)   |               | (Ft.)       | (M)   |
| 0800           | EBB                                   | 2.940       | 0.896 | EBB           | 2.776       | 0.846 |
| 0830           |                                       | 2.434       | 0.742 |               | 2.313       | 0.705 |
| 0900           |                                       | 2.221       | 0.677 |               | 2.049       | 0.624 |
| 0930           |                                       | 1.977       | 0.602 |               | 1.754       | 0.534 |
| 1000           |                                       | 1.324       | 0.403 |               | 1.209       | 0.368 |
| 1030           |                                       | 1.025       | 0.312 |               | 0.907       | 0.276 |
| 1100           |                                       | 0.576       | 0.176 |               | 0.455       | 0.139 |
| 1130           |                                       | 0.077       | 0.024 |               | 0.028       | 0.009 |
| 1200           |                                       | 0.234       | 0.071 |               | 0.277       | 0.084 |
| 1230           |                                       | 0.595       | 0.181 |               | 0.674       | 0.205 |
| 1300           |                                       | 0.992       | 0.302 |               | 0.992       | 0.302 |
| 1330           |                                       | 1.356       | 0.413 |               | 1.196       | 0.364 |
| 1400           | EBB                                   | 1.442       | 0.439 | EBB           | 1.363       | 0.415 |
| 1430           | FLOOD                                 | 1.222       | 0.372 | FLOOD         | 1.261       | 0.384 |
| 1500           |                                       | 1.153       | 0.351 |               | 0.989       | 0.301 |
| 1530           |                                       | 0.890       | 0.271 |               | 0.657       | 0.200 |
| 1600           |                                       | 0.067       | 0.020 |               | 0.099       | 0.030 |
| 1630           |                                       | 0.527       | 0.161 |               | 0.438       | 0.134 |
| 1700           |                                       | 0.901       | 0.275 |               | 0.424       | 0.282 |
| 1730           |                                       | 1.705       | 0.520 |               | 1.652       | 0.504 |
| 1800           |                                       | 1.941       | 0.592 |               | 1.902       | 0.580 |
| 1830           |                                       | 2.335       | 0.712 |               | 2.269       | 0.692 |
| 1900           |                                       | 2.850       | 0.869 |               | 2.794       | 0.852 |
| 1930           |                                       | 2.571       | 0.784 |               | 2.532       | 0.772 |
| 2000           |                                       | 3.106       | 0.947 |               | 2.889       | 0.881 |
| 2030           | FLOOD                                 | 2.331       | 0.711 | FLOOD         | 2.272       | 0.693 |

TABLE 2. COMPUTED TIDAL FLUCTUATIONS IN  
CAROLINA BEACH INLET CHANNELS (CONT.).

| TIME<br>(HRS.) | INLET GORGE (STATION/RANGE 3) |             |       |               |             |       |
|----------------|-------------------------------|-------------|-------|---------------|-------------|-------|
|                | FLOW<br>COND.                 | TIDE NODE 1 |       | FLOW<br>COND. | TIDE NODE 2 |       |
|                |                               | (Ft.)       | (M)   |               | (Ft.)       | (M)   |
| 0800           | EBB                           | 2.766       | 0.843 | EBB           | 2.454       | 0.748 |
| 0830           |                               | 2.264       | 0.690 |               | 2.188       | 0.667 |
| 0900           |                               | 1.983       | 0.604 |               | 1.822       | 0.555 |
| 0930           |                               | 1.622       | 0.494 |               | 1.393       | 0.424 |
| 1000           |                               | 1.055       | 0.321 |               | 0.943       | 0.287 |
| 1030           |                               | 0.730       | 0.223 |               | 0.490       | 0.149 |
| 1100           |                               | 0.255       | 0.078 |               | 0.110       | 0.034 |
| 1130           |                               | 0.149       | 0.045 |               | 0.211       | 0.064 |
| 1200           |                               | 0.425       | 0.129 |               | 0.510       | 0.155 |
| 1230           |                               | 0.789       | 0.240 |               | 0.779       | 0.237 |
| 1300           |                               | 1.077       | 0.328 |               | 0.995       | 0.303 |
| 1330           |                               | 1.245       | 0.379 |               | 1.166       | 0.355 |
| 1400           | EBB                           | 1.369       | 0.417 | EBB           | 1.205       | 0.367 |
| 1430           | FLOOD                         | 1.264       | 0.385 | FLOOD         | 1.113       | 0.339 |
| 1500           |                               | 0.986       | 0.300 |               | 0.877       | 0.267 |
| 1530           |                               | 0.671       | 0.204 |               | 0.513       | 0.156 |
| 1600           |                               | 0.139       | 0.042 |               | 0.083       | 0.025 |
| 1630           |                               | 0.399       | 0.122 |               | 0.399       | 0.122 |
| 1700           |                               | 0.862       | 0.263 |               | 0.934       | 0.285 |
| 1730           |                               | 1.564       | 0.477 |               | 1.419       | 0.433 |
| 1800           |                               | 1.833       | 0.559 |               | 1.816       | 0.554 |
| 1830           |                               | 2.178       | 0.664 |               | 2.141       | 0.653 |
| 1900           |                               | 2.755       | 0.840 |               | 2.410       | 0.735 |
| 1930           |                               | 2.512       | 0.766 |               | 2.594       | 0.791 |
| 2000           |                               | 2.879       | 0.878 |               | 2.532       | 0.772 |
| 2030           | FLOOD                         | 2.266       | 0.691 | FLOOD         | 2.174       | 0.663 |

**APPENDIX E**  
**COMPUTED TIDAL VELOCITIES IN**  
**CAROLINA BEACH INLET CHANNELS.**

TABLE 3. COMPUTED TIDAL VELOCITIES IN CAROLINA  
BEACH INLET CHANNELS.

| TIME<br>(HRS.) | AIWW (SOUTH) DM 156 (STATION/RANGE 1) |                 |               |               |                 |               |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
|                | FLOW<br>COND.                         | VELOCITY NODE 2 |               | FLOW<br>COND. | VELOCITY NODE 2 |               |
|                |                                       | v<br>(Ft./Sec.) | v<br>(M/Sec.) |               | v<br>(Ft./Sec.) | v<br>(M/Sec.) |
| 0800           | EBB                                   | 0.768           | 0.234         | EBB           | 0.810           | 0.247         |
| 0830           |                                       | 1.483           | 0.452         |               | 1.860           | 0.567         |
| 0900           |                                       | 2.159           | 0.658         |               | 2.185           | 0.666         |
| 0930           |                                       | 2.753           | 0.839         |               | 3.120           | 0.951         |
| 1000           |                                       | 3.228           | 0.984         |               | 3.484           | 1.062         |
| 1030           |                                       | 3.560           | 1.085         |               | 3.783           | 1.153         |
| 1100           |                                       | 3.727           | 1.136         |               | 4.163           | 1.269         |
| 1130           |                                       | 3.724           | 1.135         |               | 4.026           | 1.227         |
| 1200           |                                       | 3.543           | 1.080         |               | 3.766           | 1.148         |
| 1230           |                                       | 3.202           | 0.976         |               | 3.461           | 1.055         |
| 1300           |                                       | 2.720           | 0.829         |               | 3.041           | 0.927         |
| 1330           |                                       | 2.119           | 0.646         |               | 2.323           | 0.708         |
| 1400           |                                       | 1.440           | 0.439         |               | 1.207           | 0.368         |
| 1430           |                                       | 0.722           | 0.220         |               | 0.584           | 0.178         |
| 1500           | EBB                                   | 0.003           | 0.001         | EBB           | 0.095           | 0.029         |
| 1530           | FLOOD                                 | 0.673           | -0.205        | FLOOD         | 1.152           | -0.351        |
| 1600           |                                       | 1.263           | -0.385        |               | 1.926           | -0.587        |
| 1630           |                                       | 1.742           | -0.531        |               | 1.880           | -0.573        |
| 1700           |                                       | 2.073           | -0.632        |               | 2.323           | -0.708        |
| 1730           |                                       | 2.241           | -0.683        |               | 2.592           | -0.790        |
| 1800           |                                       | 2.234           | -0.681        |               | 2.274           | -0.693        |
| 1830           |                                       | 2.057           | -0.627        |               | 2.575           | -0.785        |
| 1900           |                                       | 1.716           | -0.523        |               | 1.686           | -0.514        |
| 1930           |                                       | 1.234           | -0.376        |               | 1.230           | -0.375        |
| 2000           |                                       | 0.633           | -0.193        |               | 0.728           | -0.222        |
| 2030           | FLOOD                                 | 0.046           | 0.014         | FLOOD         | 0.663           | 0.202         |
| 2100           |                                       |                 |               |               |                 |               |

TABLE 3. COMPUTED TIDAL VELOCITIES IN CAROLINA BEACH INLET CHANNELS (CONT.)

| TIME<br>(HRS.) | FLOW<br>COND. | AIWW (NORTH) DM 150 (STATION/RANGE 2) |               |               |                 |               |  |
|----------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|--|
|                |               | VELOCITY NODE 1                       |               | FLOW<br>COND. | VELOCITY NODE 2 |               |  |
|                |               | v<br>(Ft./Sec.)                       | v<br>(M/Sec.) |               | v<br>(Ft./Sec.) | v<br>(M/Sec.) |  |
| 0800           | EBB           | 0.614                                 | 0.187         | EBB           | 0.650           | 0.198         |  |
| 0830           |               | 1.188                                 | 0.362         |               | 1.499           | 0.457         |  |
| 0900           |               | 1.729                                 | 0.527         |               | 1.736           | 0.529         |  |
| 0930           |               | 2.201                                 | 0.671         |               | 2.484           | 0.757         |  |
| 1000           |               | 2.582                                 | 0.787         |               | 2.789           | 0.850         |  |
| 1030           |               | 2.848                                 | 0.868         |               | 3.031           | 0.924         |  |
| 1100           |               | 2.982                                 | 0.909         |               | 3.287           | 1.002         |  |
| 1130           |               | 2.979                                 | 0.908         |               | 3.127           | 0.953         |  |
| 1200           |               | 2.835                                 | 0.864         |               | 3.071           | 0.936         |  |
| 1230           |               | 2.562                                 | 0.781         |               | 2.943           | 0.897         |  |
| 1300           |               | 2.175                                 | 0.663         |               | 2.182           | 0.665         |  |
| 1330           |               | 1.696                                 | 0.517         |               | 1.709           | 0.521         |  |
| 1400           |               | 1.152                                 | 0.351         |               | 1.526           | 0.465         |  |
| 1430           | EBB           | 0.577                                 | 0.176         | EBB           | 0.325           | 0.099         |  |
| 1500           | FLOOD         | 0.003                                 | 0.001         | FLOOD         | 0.499           | -0.152        |  |
| 1530           |               | 0.538                                 | -0.164        |               | 0.558           | -0.170        |  |
| 1600           |               | 1.010                                 | -0.308        |               | 1.168           | -0.356        |  |
| 1630           |               | 1.391                                 | -0.424        |               | 1.726           | -0.526        |  |
| 1700           |               | 1.657                                 | -0.505        |               | 2.129           | -0.649        |  |
| 1730           |               | 1.791                                 | -0.546        |               | 2.096           | -0.639        |  |
| 1800           |               | 1.788                                 | -0.545        |               | 1.739           | -0.530        |  |
| 1830           |               | 1.647                                 | -0.502        |               | 2.021           | -0.616        |  |
| 1900           |               | 1.375                                 | -0.419        |               | 1.322           | -0.403        |  |
| 1930           |               | 0.988                                 | -0.301        |               | 0.997           | -0.304        |  |
| 2000           |               | 0.509                                 | -0.155        |               | 0.610           | -0.186        |  |
| 2030           | FLOOD         | 0.036                                 | 0.011         | FLOOD         | 0.531           | 0.162         |  |

TABLE 3. COMPUTED TIDAL VELOCITIES IN CAROLINA BEACH INLET CHANNELS (CONT.)

| TIME<br>(HRS.) | INLET GORGE (STATION/RANGE 3) |                 |               |               |                 |               |
|----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
|                | FLOW<br>COND.                 | VELOCITY NODE 1 |               | FLOW<br>COND. | VELOCITY NODE 2 |               |
|                |                               | V<br>(Ft./Sec.) | V<br>(M/Sec.) |               | V<br>(Ft./Sec.) | V<br>(M/Sec.) |
| 0800           | EBB                           | 1.014           | 0.309         | EBB           | 1.033           | 0.315         |
| 0830           |                               | 2.310           | 0.704         |               | 2.385           | 0.727         |
| 0900           |                               | 2.677           | 0.816         |               | 2.759           | 0.841         |
| 0930           |                               | 3.829           | 1.161         |               | 4.134           | 1.260         |
| 1000           |                               | 4.203           | 1.281         |               | 4.488           | 1.368         |
| 1030           |                               | 4.524           | 1.379         |               | 4.780           | 1.457         |
| 1100           |                               | 4.875           | 1.486         |               | 5.095           | 1.553         |
| 1130           |                               | 4.596           | 1.401         |               | 4.731           | 1.442         |
| 1200           |                               | 4.344           | 1.324         |               | 4.501           | 1.372         |
| 1230           |                               | 3.996           | 1.218         |               | 4.131           | 1.259         |
| 1300           |                               | 3.192           | 0.973         |               | 3.235           | 0.986         |
| 1330           |                               | 2.438           | 0.743         |               | 2.470           | 0.753         |
| 1400           |                               | 1.654           | 0.504         |               | 1.647           | 0.502         |
| 1430           | EBB                           | 0.545           | 0.166         | EBB           | 0.433           | -0.132        |
| 1500           | FLOOD                         | 0.256           | -0.078        | FLOOD         | 0.404           | -0.123        |
| 1530           |                               | 1.056           | -0.322        |               | 1.204           | -0.367        |
| 1600           |                               | 1.962           | -0.598        |               | 2.162           | -0.659        |
| 1630           |                               | 2.343           | -0.714        |               | 2.530           | -0.771        |
| 1700           |                               | 2.946           | -0.898        |               | 3.156           | -0.962        |
| 1730           |                               | 3.173           | -0.967        |               | 3.425           | -1.044        |
| 1800           |                               | 2.729           | -0.832        |               | 2.736           | -0.834        |
| 1830           |                               | 3.159           | -0.963        |               | 3.192           | -0.973        |
| 1900           |                               | 2.090           | -0.637        |               | 2.165           | -0.660        |
| 1930           |                               | 1.539           | -0.469        |               | 1.637           | -0.499        |
| 2000           |                               | 0.932           | -0.284        |               | 0.971           | -0.296        |
| 2030           | FLOOD                         | 0.820           | 0.250         | FLOOD         | 1.115           | 0.340         |

