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## Abstract

This report contains data summaries from a cooperative program between the University of New Hampshire and the National Ocean Survey to measure temperature, salinity and density in the Great Bay Estuary System, New Hampshire. The data is presented in two parts. In the first part, time series measurements are used to construct maps of vertically averaged temperature, salinity and sigma-t variability at lunar hourly intervals over a tidal cycle. In the second part we present vertical profiles of these variables at a number of locations to show the vertical variability for different phases of the tide. This presentation is intended to provide some perspective to the interpretation of the previous horizontal distributions.

## I. Introduction

A major portion of the data described in this data report was obtained by the chemical oceanography team at UNH and is described in some detail by Loder and Glibert (1977). What follows is a summary of the pertinent details of that data acquisition and analysis work.

During July, August and September of 1975, temperature and salinity measurements were taken at six locations in the Great Bay Estuary System. The station locations are given in Figure 1, and Table 1 summarizes the station abbreviations. For each cruise there was one main and several secondary stations. The main station was a transect comprised of three or four sites. Samples were taken at each site while it was occupied by the R/V Jere A. Chase. The secondary stations, which were clustered in certain sections of the estuary, were occupied at varying time intervals with smaller boats; the NOS J/O Boat, R/V Explorer, R/V Microboat and a Normandeau Associates, Inc. boat.

## II. Measurement Methods

At the main station samples were taken from the output of a 24-volt submersible pump (Benthos Model #5013) and a plastic hose. Sample bottles were filled from a 5-port manifold with an inset thermometer. The procedure for filling the bottles consisted of lowering the pump and hose to a surface depth (between 10 and 20 cm below the surface) and allowing the hose to flush. At a specified depth, the bottles were filled and the temperature was recorded to the nearest  $0.1^{\circ}\text{C}$  with an accuracy of  $\pm 0.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ , during a 1 to 2 minute period. The hose was then lowered to the next depth for sampling and recording. Because of high tidal currents at certain times, wire angles were measured at all depths and the actual depth was estimated by multiplying the cosine of the wire angle times the length of the wire. The error in depth estimate varied with the depth, the

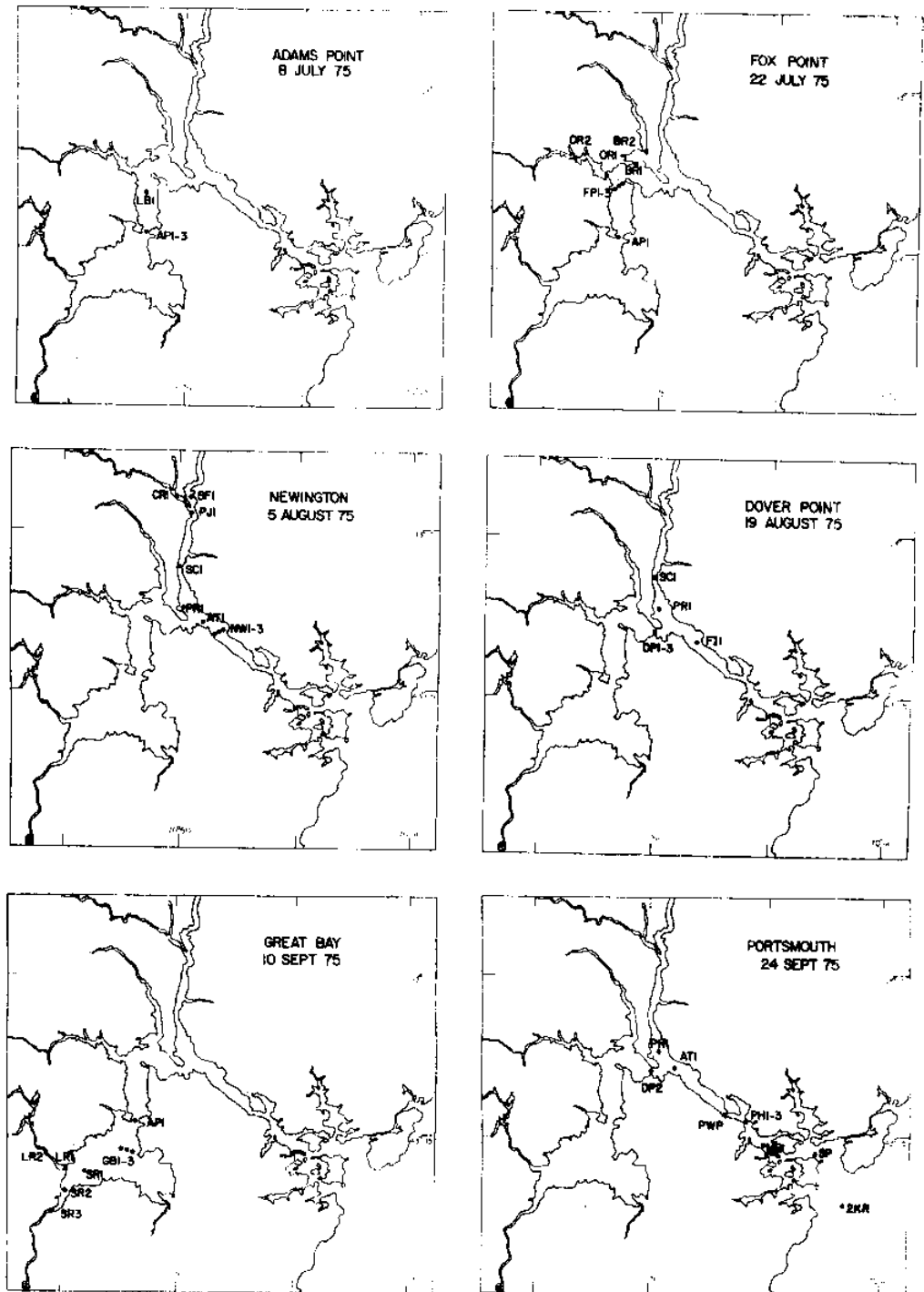


Figure 1 Sample locations for summer 1975 experiment. The 13-hour UNH current transects are indicated by the triple station designation ... 1-3.

TABLE 1

## Guide to Station Name Abbreviations

Adams PointAP1-3: Adams Point transect  
sites 1,2,3

LB1: Little Bay

NewingtonNW1-3: Newington transect  
sites 1,2,3AT1: Atlantic terminal  
PR1: Piscataqua River  
SC1: Sturgeon Creek  
PJ1: Piscataqua Junction  
SF1: Salmon Falls River  
CR1: Cocheco RiverGreat BayGB1-3: Great Bay transect  
sites 1,2,3AP1: Adams Point site 1  
SR1: Squamscott River site 1  
SR2: Squamscott River site 2  
SR3: Squamscott River site 3  
LR1: Lamprey River site 1  
LR2: Lamprey River site 2Fox PointFP1-3: Fox Point transect  
sites 1,2,3AP1: Adams Point site 1  
BR1: Bellamy River site 1  
BR2: Bellamy River site 2  
OR1: Oyster River site 1  
OR2: Oyster River site 2Dover PointDP1-3: Dover Point transect  
sites 1,2,3FI1: Frankfurt Island  
PR1: Piscataqua River  
SC1: Sturgeon CreekPortsmouthPH1-3: Portsmouth Harbor Transect  
sites 1,2,32KR: 2KR Buoy  
SP: Salamander Point  
MB: Memorial Bridge  
PWP: Power Plant  
AT1: Atlantic Terminal  
PR1: Piscataqua River  
DP2: Dover Point site 2



wire angle readings, and the strength of the current, from a minimum of  $\pm 0.05$  meters near surface to a maximum of  $\pm 0.5$  meters near the bottom. Samples at the secondary stations were obtained by using either an onboard 12-volt pump (Simer Model No. BW85) and a hose or from a standard Niskin, Van Dorn or Nansen sampling bottle. Each station was sampled at several depths with the number depending upon the strength of the current and water depth. The samples were analyzed for salinity within several days of collection using a Guideline Autosol salinometer (Model 8400). The error involved in this analysis was  $0.003^{\circ}/\text{oo}$  or 0.01% based on the average standard deviations of numerous sets of replicate samples run at the same time.

### III. Results

The temperature, salinity, and sigma-t data are presented as (i) time series of unweighted vertical averages made at each station of the Great Bay, Fox Point, Dover Point, Newington and Portsmouth Harbor cruises; (ii) horizontal spatial distributions of these vertical averages, and (iii) vertical profiles at each of the main stations and selected river locations.

Time series plots of temperature, salinity and sigma-t for the Newington and Dover Point; Great Bay and Portsmouth Harbor; and Fox Point cruises are shown in Figures 2, 3, and 4 respectively and are based on data listed in Tables 3 through 7 (Appendix A). The temperature and salinity values obtained at each station were averaged to provide the results plotted. The scales corresponding to a particular station, which is identified to the right, have been shifted for purposes of clarity. The dashed lines are extrapolation estimates from the sampled data. These data clearly demonstrate that water density ( $\sigma_t$ ) in this estuary depends principally on salinity.

The time series data have been used to construct pseudo-synoptic contour plots of temperature, salinity and sigma-t values at lunar hour intervals (1 lunar

hour =  $1/12 \times M_2$  tidal period or  $1/12 \times 12.42$  hours). The period between slack high water (SHW) and slack low water (SLW) was divided into the 12 lunar intervals and the appropriate values were determined from the time-series plots. The spatial distributions of these values have been hand contoured for each time and experiment and are shown in Appendix B. Figures 5 to 14 show the spatial distribution of temperature with the solid isotherms drawn in  $1.0^\circ\text{C}$  intervals and the dashed isotherms indicating  $0.5^\circ\text{C}$  intervals where appropriate. On the salinity distribution charts (Figures 15-24) the solid isopleths were drawn in intervals of  $1 \text{ }^\circ\text{oo}$  and the dashed isopleths indicate a  $0.5 \text{ }^\circ\text{oo}$  change where appropriate. Figures 25-34 show the sigma-t distribution with the solid isograms drawn at intervals of one sigma-t unit and the dashed isograms showing intervals of  $0.5$  sigma-t units.

Salinity data from the entire set of summer 1975 cruise was compiled to construct a "typical" tidal sequence of salinity distribution for the entire Great Bay estuary. The composite salinity distribution sequence shown in Figures 35 and 36 is an approximation to summer conditions when the total river flow into the estuary is nearly steady at about  $0.225 \times 10^6 \text{ M}^3$  per tidal cycle and the Gulf of Maine salinity is about  $31.5 \text{ }^\circ\text{oo}$ . A more thorough discussion of these conditions is discussed by Brown and Arellano (1979). The important point to note from this sequence is that the largest horizontal salinity gradients are found near the locations where the principal rivers enter the estuary.

Vertical profiles of temperature, salinity, and sigma-t are shown in Figures 37-44 which are found in Appendix C. The profiles nearest in time to slack low water (SLW), mid-flood (MF) slack high water (SHW), and mid-ebb (ME), were plotted to show the vertical spatial variability of the parameters for different phases of the tide. The stations that were plotted included the middle sampling sites of the Great Bay, Fox Point, Newington and Portsmouth

Harbor transects and locations in the Squamscott (SR2), Lamprey (LR1), Bellamy (BR1), and upper Piscataqua (SC1) Rivers. These profile data provide some perspective to the interpretation of the horizontal distribution of vertically averaged salinities. For example, profiles from the main channels of the estuary (Figures 37 through 40) are vertically well mixed in T, S, and  $\sigma_t$  throughout the tidal cycle particularly during mid-flood. In contrast, the data shown in Figures 41-44 suggest a much greater salinity (hence density) stratification at the river stations during the entire tidal cycle. This is more clearly shown in Table 2 in which the mean vertical gradients are summarized.

Thus the combined pictures of summertime horizontal and vertical salinity distributions show that the principal estuarine salinity fronts are relatively diffuse by estuarine standards and are confined to the regions where rivers enter the estuary. This is due to the combined effects of vigorous tidal mixing throughout much of the estuary and the relatively low fresh water inflow during this apparently typical summer. The reader is referred to Brown and Arellano (1979) for a more detailed discussion of salinity mixing in the Great Bay Estuary.

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Table 2

Mean vertical salinity,  $S_z$ , and density,  $D_z$ , gradients at slack low water (SLW), mid flood (MF), slack high water (SHW) and mid ebb (ME). The salinity and density gradient estimates are given in units of ‰ per meter and sigma-t units per meter respectively.

|                       |       | <u>SLW</u> | <u>MF</u> | <u>SHW</u> | <u>ME</u> |
|-----------------------|-------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| Great Bay(GB2)        | $S_z$ | 0.018      | 0.001     | 0.005      | 0.045     |
|                       | $D_z$ | 0.017      | 0.010     | 0.004      | 0.051     |
| Fox Point(FP2)        | $S_z$ | 0.011      | 0.009     | 0.042      | 0.012     |
|                       | $D_z$ | 0.013      | 0.010     | 0.052      | 0.028     |
| Newington(NW2)        | $S_z$ | 0.020      | 0.008     | 0.009      | 0.002     |
|                       | $D_z$ | 0.019      | 0.010     | 0.010      | 0.007     |
| Portsmouth(PH2)       | $S_z$ | 0.010      | 0.005     | 0.010      | 0.000     |
|                       | $D_z$ | 0.007      | 0.006     | 0.012      | 0.000     |
| Squamscott R.(SR2)    | $S_z$ | 0.00       | 0.26      | 0.56       | 0.70      |
|                       | $D_z$ | 0.00       | 0.20      | 0.60       | 0.60      |
| Lamprey R.(LR1)       | $S_z$ | 1.20       | 0.16      | 0.10       | 0.16      |
|                       | $D_z$ | 0.38       | 0.18      | 0.08       | 0.05      |
| Bellamy R.(BR1)       | $S_z$ | 0.65       | 0.03      | 0.04       | 0.18      |
|                       | $D_z$ | 0.73       | 0.17      | 0.08       | 0.33      |
| U. Piscataqua R.(SC1) | $S_z$ | 0.55       | 0.46      | 0.05       | 0.49      |
|                       | $D_z$ | 0.50       | 0.43      | 0.10       | 0.51      |

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## Appendix A

Time series plots of temperature, salinity and density for Newington, Dover Point, Great Bay, Portsmouth Harbor and Fox Point cruises and associated tables of data.

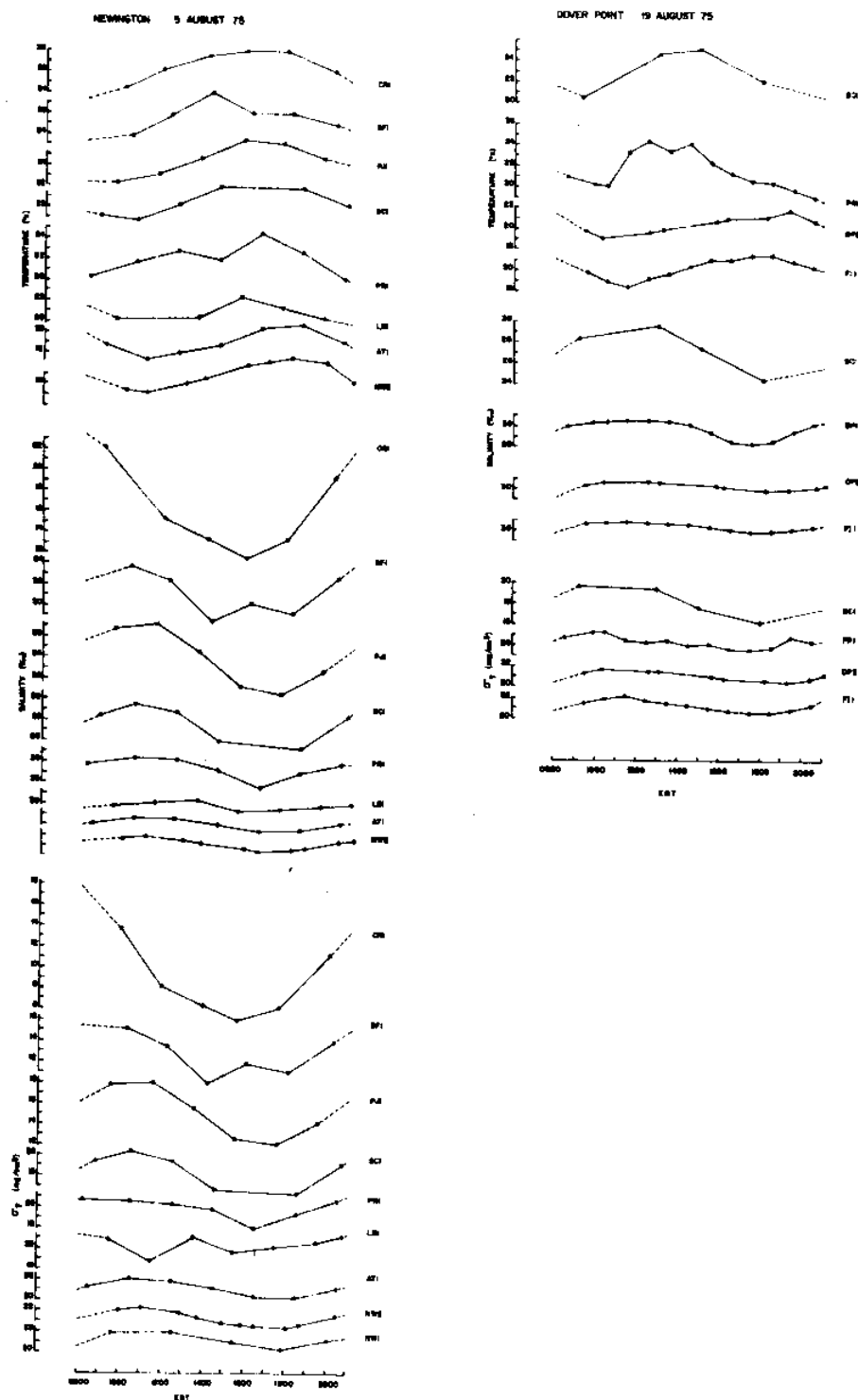


Figure 2 TIME SERIES PLOTS of temperature, salinity, and sigma-t for Newington and Dover Point cruises for one tidal cycle.

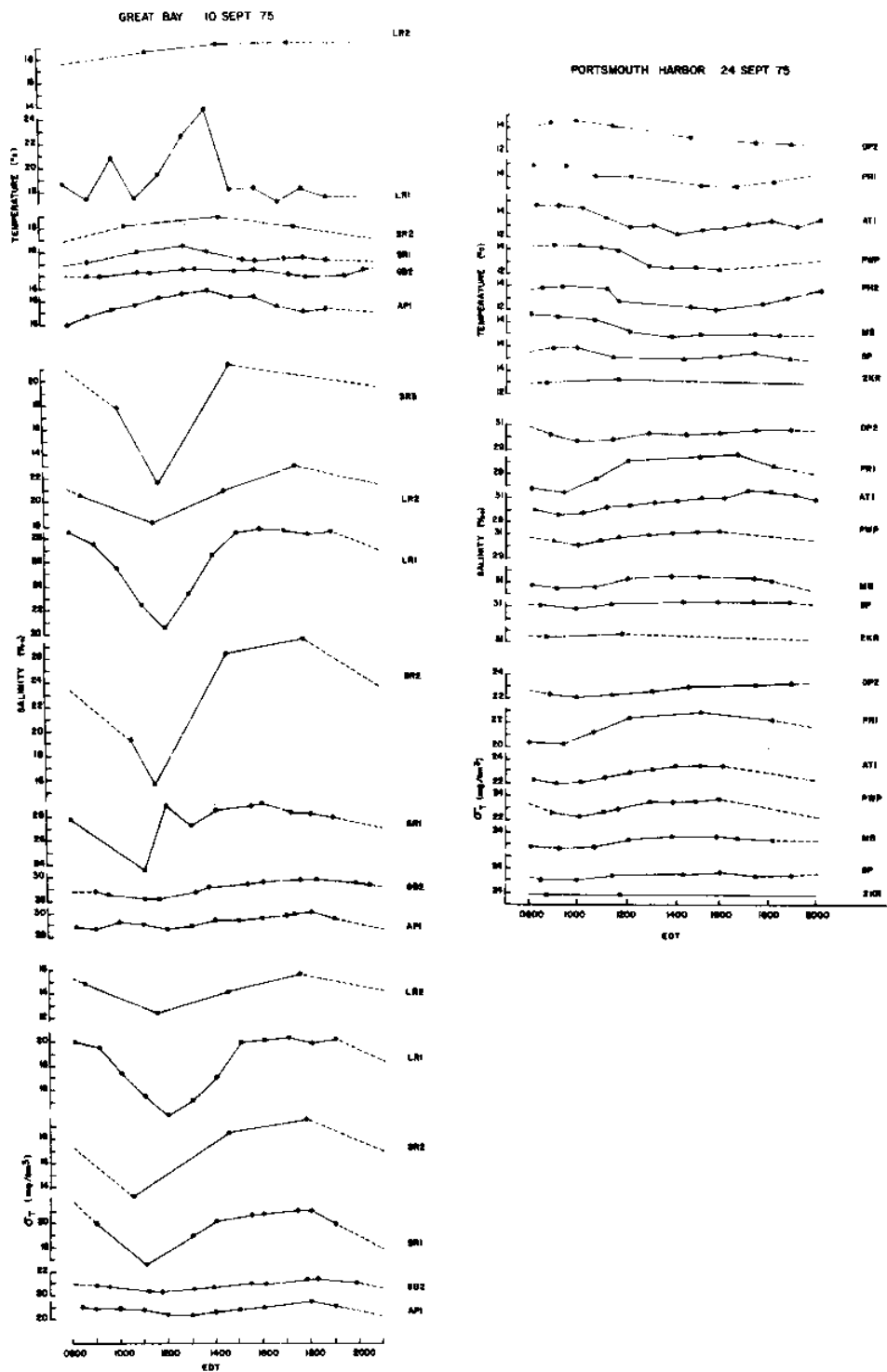


Figure 3 TIME SERIES PLOTS of temperature, salinity and sigma-t for Great Bay and Portsmouth Harbor cruises for one tidal cycle.



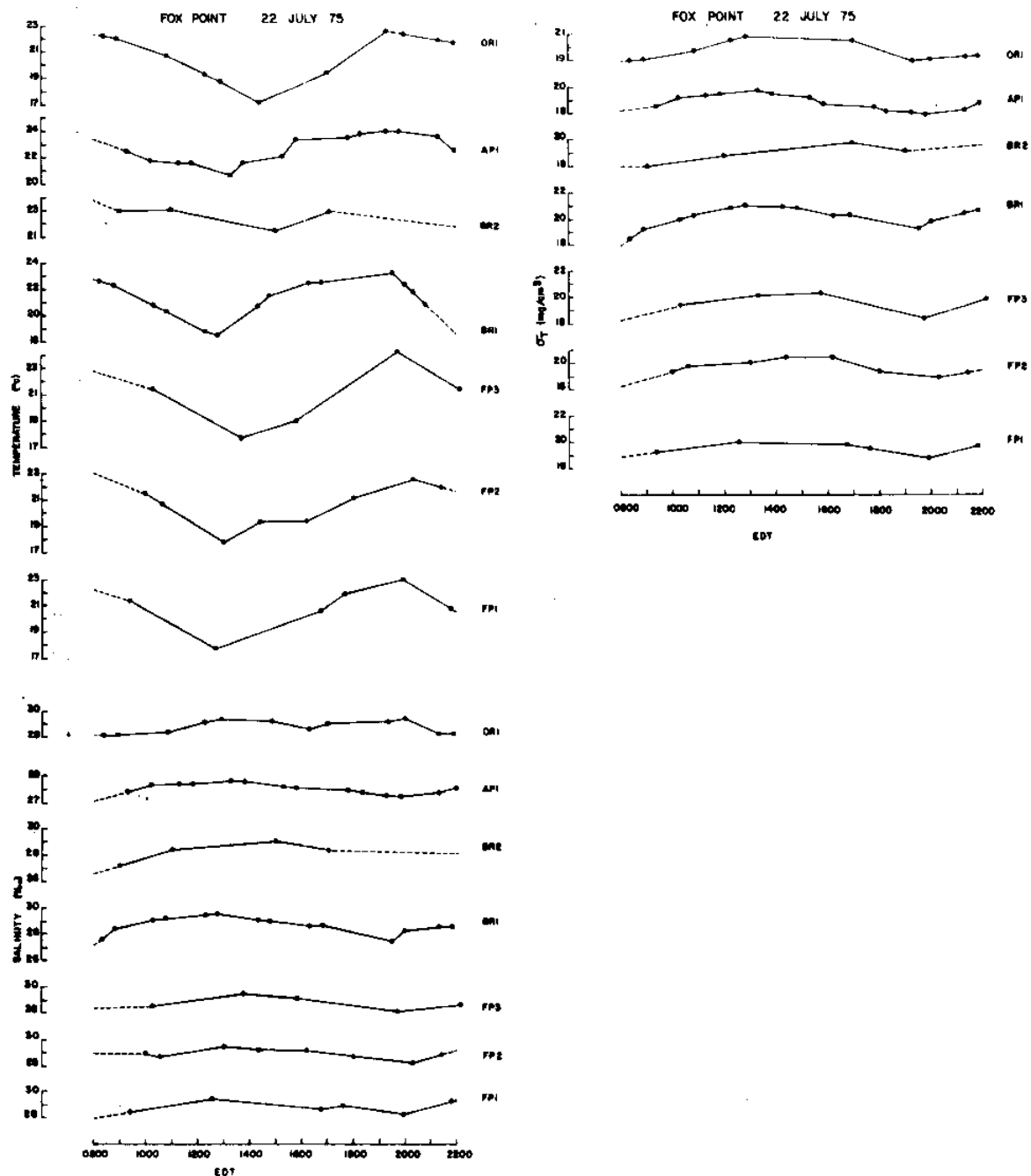


Figure 4 TIME SERIES PLOTS of temperature, salinity and sigma-t for Fox Point cruise for one tidal cycle.

Table 2 Time series of vertically averaged temperature, salinity and corresponding sigma-t values for each station during the Newington cruise on 5 August 1975. The times are EDT.

|            | <u>Time</u> | <u>T°C</u> | <u>S 0/00</u> | <u><math>\sigma_t</math></u> |            | <u>Time</u> | <u>T°C</u> | <u>S 0/00</u> | <u><math>\sigma_t</math></u> |
|------------|-------------|------------|---------------|------------------------------|------------|-------------|------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| <u>NW1</u> | 0940        | 17.90      | 30.55         | 21.92                        | <u>SF1</u> | 1015        | 24.00      | 23.81         | 15.24                        |
|            | 1237        | 18.00      | 30.72         | 22.00                        |            | 1210        | 25.90      | 22.36         | 13.61                        |
|            | 1530        | 19.78      | 30.16         | 21.16                        |            | 1410        | 28.00      | 18.59         | 10.16                        |
|            | 1752        | 20.79      | 29.61         | 20.48                        |            | 1600        | 26.00      | 20.21         | 11.97                        |
|            | 2010        | 19.47      | 30.08         | 21.18                        |            | 1800        | 26.10      | 19.26         | 11.23                        |
|            |             |            |               |                              |            | 2015        | 25.00      | 22.75         | 14.16                        |
| <u>NW2</u> | 1000        | 17.52      | 30.71         | 22.13                        | <u>SC1</u> | 0845        | 21.13      | 28.42         | 19.49                        |
|            | 1105        | 17.39      | 30.83         | 22.25                        |            | 1030        | 20.83      | 29.50         | 20.39                        |
|            | 1255        | 18.20      | 30.59         | 21.88                        |            | 1230        | 22.37      | 28.79         | 19.44                        |
|            | 1345        | 18.60      | 30.21         | 21.49                        |            | 1430        | 24.00      | 26.02         | 16.89                        |
|            | 1550        | 20.00      | 29.87         | 20.88                        |            | 1830        | 24.03      | 25.49         | 16.43                        |
|            | 1627        | 20.26      | 29.75         | 20.73                        |            | 2040        | 22.23      | 28.53         | 19.28                        |
|            | 1805        | 20.69      | 29.69         | 20.57                        | <u>PJ1</u> | 0930        | 22.37      | 26.83         | 17.96                        |
|            | 1840        | 20.30      | 29.81         | 20.76                        |            | 1130        | 23.15      | 27.24         | 18.06                        |
|            | 2030        | 18.50      | 30.46         | 21.71                        |            | 1330        | 24.75      | 24.65         | 15.66                        |
|            | 2114        | 18.07      | 30.63         | 21.94                        |            | 1530        | 26.45      | 21.39         | 12.72                        |
|            | 2155        | 17.59      | 30.53         | 21.98                        |            | 1730        | 26.15      | 20.52         | 12.16                        |
| <u>NW3</u> | 1044        | 17.52      | 30.75         | 22.16                        |            | 1930        | 24.90      | 22.83         | 14.25                        |
|            | 1320        | 18.00      | 30.62         | 21.95                        | <u>PR1</u> | 0815        | 20.34      | 29.77         | 20.72                        |
|            | 1610        | 19.93      | 30.01         | 21.01                        |            | 1030        | 21.78      | 30.28         | 20.67                        |
|            | 1821        | 20.65      | 29.71         | 20.60                        |            | 1230        | 22.85      | 30.20         | 20.37                        |
|            | 2053        | 18.60      | 30.39         | 21.63                        |            | 1430        | 22.00      | 29.35         | 19.96                        |
| <u>AT1</u> | 0830        | 18.90      | 30.05         | 21.30                        |            | 1630        | 24.60      | 27.74         | 18.02                        |
|            | 1030        | 17.51      | 30.61         | 22.06                        |            | 1830        | 22.90      | 29.04         | 19.48                        |
|            | 1230        | 18.11      | 30.51         | 21.84                        |            | 2030        | 20.25      | 29.90         | 20.84                        |
|            | 1430        | 18.97      | 30.16         | 21.36                        | <u>LB1</u> | 0930        | 20.25      | 29.98         | 20.90                        |
|            | 1630        | 20.53      | 29.59         | 20.54                        |            | 1130        | 27.80      | 30.19         | 18.87                        |
|            | 1830        | 20.72      | 29.60         | 20.60                        |            | 1330        | 20.53      | 30.35         | 21.11                        |
|            | 2030        | 19.30      | 30.13         | 21.26                        |            | 1530        | 22.40      | 29.39         | 19.88                        |
| <u>CR1</u> | 0955        | 24.50      | 22.80         | 13.80                        |            | 1730        | 21.40      | 29.65         | 20.35                        |
|            | 1150        | 26.10      | 15.35         | 8.31                         |            | 1930        | 20.43      | 29.80         | 20.72                        |
|            | 1355        | 27.50      | 13.42         | 6.46                         |            | 2145        | 19.03      | 30.22         | 21.39                        |
|            | 1545        | 28.00      | 11.75         | 5.07                         |            |             |            |               |                              |
|            | 1745        | 28.00      | 13.48         | 6.35                         |            |             |            |               |                              |
|            | 2000        | 26.00      | 19.46         | 11.41                        |            |             |            |               |                              |

Table 3 Time series of vertically averaged temperature, salinity and corresponding sigma-t values for each station occupied during the Dover Point cruise 19 August 1975. The times are EDT.

|            | <u>Time</u> | <u>T°C</u> | <u>S 0/00</u> | <u><math>\sigma_t</math></u> |            | <u>Time</u> | <u>T°C</u> | <u>S 0/00</u> | <u><math>\sigma_t</math></u> |
|------------|-------------|------------|---------------|------------------------------|------------|-------------|------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| <u>DP1</u> | 0843        | 20.80      | 29.97         | 20.75                        | <u>PR1</u> | 0835        | 21.10      | 30.08         | 20.76                        |
|            | 1517        | 20.68      | 30.38         | 21.09                        |            | 0950        | 20.33      | 30.37         | 21.18                        |
|            | 1757        | 21.80      | 30.04         | 20.54                        |            | 1030        | 20.18      | 30.39         | 21.23                        |
| <u>DP2</u> | 0930        | 09.80      | 30.39         | 21.33                        |            | 1130        | 23.38      | 30.62         | 20.54                        |
|            | 1022        | 19.10      | 30.62         | 21.65                        |            | 1230        | 24.40      | 30.62         | 20.24                        |
|            | 1227        | 19.76      | 30.63         | 21.52                        |            | 1330        | 23.45      | 30.53         | 20.45                        |
|            | 1312        | 19.92      | 30.57         | 21.44                        |            | 1535        | 22.40      | 29.76         | 20.16                        |
|            | 1545        | 20.64      | 30.28         | 21.03                        |            | 1430        | 24.05      | 30.21         | 20.04                        |
|            | 1619        | 21.10      | 30.23         | 20.87                        |            | 1630        | 21.43      | 28.79         | 19.69                        |
|            | 1815        | 21.08      | 30.01         | 20.71                        |            | 1730        | 20.73      | 28.48         | 19.64                        |
|            | 1920        | 21.86      | 30.02         | 20.51                        |            | 1830        | 20.43      | 28.58         | 19.79                        |
|            | 2027        | 20.85      | 30.22         | 20.93                        |            | 1930        | 19.50      | 29.73         | 20.90                        |
|            | 2105        | 20.36      | 30.38         | 21.18                        |            | 2030        | 19.03      | 30.15         | 20.35                        |
| <u>DP3</u> | 0955        | 19.93      | 30.27         | 21.21                        | <u>FT1</u> | 0935        | 19.93      | 30.66         | 21.15                        |
|            | 1205        | 20.44      | 30.40         | 21.17                        |            | 1030        | 19.00      | 30.82         | 21.86                        |
|            | 1255        | 15.13      | 30.55         | 22.54                        |            | 1130        | 18.45      | 30.99         | 22.12                        |
|            | 1605        | 21.00      | 30.25         | 20.91                        |            | 1230        | 19.25      | 30.79         | 21.77                        |
|            | 1832        | 21.94      | 29.98         | 20.46                        |            | 1330        | 19.73      | 30.71         | 21.59                        |
|            | 2012        | 21.50      | 29.98         | 20.57                        |            | 1430        | 20.43      | 30.59         | 21.32                        |
|            | 2049        | 20.82      | 30.23         | 20.94                        |            | 1530        | 21.00      | 30.43         | 21.05                        |
| <u>SC1</u> | 0915        | 20.37      | 28.39         | 19.67                        |            | 1630        | 21.10      | 30.19         | 20.84                        |
|            | 1300        | 24.57      | 29.63         | 19.45                        |            | 1730        | 21.50      | 30.02         | 20.60                        |
|            | 1505        | 23.03      | 27.48         | 17.69                        |            | 1830        | 21.60      | 30.01         | 20.57                        |
|            | 1800        | 22.12      | 24.46         | 16.24                        |            | 1930        | 21.00      | 30.22         | 20.89                        |
|            |             |            |               |                              |            | 2030        | 20.45      | 30.44         | 21.20                        |

Table 4 Time series of vertically averaged temperature, salinity and corresponding sigma-t values for each station during the Great Bay Cruise on 10 September 1975. The times are in EDT.

|            | <u>Time</u> | <u>T°C</u> | <u>S 0/00</u> | <u>σ<sub>t</sub></u> |                                                                | <u>Time</u> | <u>T°C</u> | <u>S 0/00</u> | <u>σ<sub>t</sub></u> |
|------------|-------------|------------|---------------|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|------------|---------------|----------------------|
| <u>GB1</u> | 0831        | 17.23      | 29.00         | 20.89                | <u>LR2</u>                                                     | 0830        | 14.98      | 20.63         | 14.98                |
|            | 1049        | 17.00      | 28.48         | 20.55                |                                                                | 1130        | 18.75      | 18.38         | 12.48                |
|            | 1257        | 17.50      | 28.79         | 20.67                |                                                                | 1430        | 19.30      | 20.99         | 14.33                |
|            | 1511        | 17.50      | 29.22         | 21.00                |                                                                | 1730        | 19.30      | 22.94         | 15.81                |
|            | 1712        | 17.37      | 29.26         | 21.06                | <u>AP1</u>                                                     | 0820        | 17.00      | 28.99         | 20.94                |
|            | 1931        | 17.67      | 29.38         | 21.08                |                                                                | 0900        | 17.00      | 29.05         | 20.99                |
| <u>GB2</u> | 0900        | 17.16      | 28.96         | 20.88                |                                                                | 1000        | 17.20      | 29.24         | 21.08                |
|            | 0933        | 17.03      | 28.82         | 20.80                |                                                                | 1103        | 17.70      | 29.18         | 20.92                |
|            | 1107        | 17.38      | 28.28         | 20.31                |                                                                | 1200        | 18.15      | 28.86         | 20.57                |
|            | 1144        | 17.23      | 28.25         | 20.32                |                                                                | 1300        | 18.60      | 28.93         | 20.52                |
|            | 1308        | 17.50      | 28.86         | 20.73                | 1400                                                           | 18.80       | 29.39      | 20.82         |                      |
|            | 1351        | 17.50      | 29.01         | 20.84                | 1500                                                           | 18.37       | 29.34      | 20.89         |                      |
|            | 1527        | 17.40      | 29.29         | 21.08                | 1600                                                           | 18.35       | 29.54      | 21.04         |                      |
|            | 1601        | 17.60      | 29.34         | 21.07                | 1655                                                           | 17.60       | -          | -             |                      |
|            | 1738        | 17.05      | 29.65         | 21.43                | NOTE 1705-1730 left out because<br>of missing temperature data |             |            |               |                      |
|            | 1818        | 16.92      | 29.64         | 21.54                | 1800                                                           | 17.00       | 29.95      | 21.67         |                      |
|            | 1952        | 17.06      | 29.31         | 21.17                | 1900                                                           | 17.20       | 29.46      | 21.52         |                      |
|            | 2031        | 17.40      | 29.16         | 20.98                |                                                                |             |            |               |                      |
| <u>GB3</u> | 0917        | 17.10      | 29.23         | 21.10                | <u>SR1</u>                                                     | 0900        | 17.20      | 27.89         | 20.01                |
|            | 1125        | 17.60      | 28.26         | 20.25                |                                                                | 1110        | 18.00      | 23.60         | 16.61                |
|            | 1336        | 17.50      | 28.88         | 20.74                |                                                                | 1200        | -          | 28.88         | -                    |
|            | 1546        | 17.50      | 29.30         | 21.06                |                                                                | 1300        | 18.70      | 27.11         | 19.11                |
|            | 1758        | 16.96      | 29.58         | 21.39                |                                                                | 1400        | 17.95      | 28.49         | 20.34                |
|            | 2007        | 17.10      | 29.23         | 21.10                |                                                                | 1530        | 17.50      | 28.88         | 20.74                |
|            |             |            |               |                      |                                                                | 1600        | 17.35      | 28.99         | 20.86                |
| <u>LR1</u> | 0800        | 18.88      | 28.42         | 20.06                | <u>SR2</u>                                                     | 1715        | 17.50      | 29.26         | 21.03                |
|            | 0905        | 17.40      | 27.48         | 19.10                |                                                                | 1800        | 17.40      | 29.29         | 21.08                |
|            | 1000        | 20.90      | 25.52         | 17.36                |                                                                | 1900        | 17.25      | 27.96         | 20.10                |
|            | 1100        | 17.52      | 22.23         | 15.68                |                                                                | 1030        | 18.30      | 19.29         | 13.27                |
|            | 1200        | 19.58      | 20.73         | 14.07                |                                                                | 1130        | -          | 15.48         | -                    |
|            | 1300        | 22.63      | 23.29         | 15.23                |                                                                | 1425        | 18.95      | 26.58         | 18.65                |
|            | 1400        | 24.78      | 26.57         | 17.09                |                                                                | 1740        | 18.12      | 27.63         | 19.64                |
|            | 1500        | 18.10      | 28.26         | 20.13                | <u>SR3</u>                                                     | 1010        | 18.80      | 17.66         | 11.93                |
|            | 1700        | 17.05      | 28.51         | 20.56                |                                                                | 1145        | -          | 11.75         | -                    |
|            | 1800        | 18.30      | 28.37         | 20.17                |                                                                |             |            |               |                      |
|            | 1900        | 17.45      | 28.61         | 20.55                |                                                                |             |            |               |                      |

Table 5 Time series of the vertically averaged temperature, salinity and corresponding sigma-t values for each station during the Portsmouth Harbor cruise on 24 September 1975. The times are EDT.

|             | <u>Time</u> | <u>T°C</u> | <u>S 0/00</u> | <u><math>\sigma_t</math></u> |            | <u>Time</u> | <u>T°C</u> | <u>S 0/00</u> | <u><math>\sigma_t</math></u> |
|-------------|-------------|------------|---------------|------------------------------|------------|-------------|------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| <u>PH1</u>  | 0750        | 13.35      | 32.62         | 24.50                        | <u>MB</u>  | 0812        | 14.77      | 30.71         | 22.74                        |
|             | 1053        | 13.95      | 32.35         | 24.17                        |            | 0915        | 14.60      | 30.49         | 22.61                        |
|             | 1438        | 12.77      | 32.91         | 24.84                        |            | 1045        | 14.23      | 30.62         | 22.79                        |
|             | 1740        | 12.28      | 33.19         | 25.15                        |            | 1215        | 13.10      | 31.07         | 23.36                        |
|             | 2055        | 13.68      | 31.35         | 23.46                        |            | 1400        | 12.93      | 31.42         | 23.66                        |
| <u>PH2</u>  | 0835        | 13.84      | 32.43         | 24.43                        | <u>PR1</u> | 1515        | 13.00      | 31.43         | 23.65                        |
|             | 0920        | 14.00      | 32.31         | 24.13                        |            | 1645        | 13.00      | 31.00         | 31.38                        |
|             | 1118        | 13.80      | 32.50         | 24.32                        |            | 1815        | 13.00      | 31.17         | 23.45                        |
|             | 1148        | 12.93      | 32.79         | 24.72                        |            | 0805        | 14.93      | 27.67         | 20.30                        |
|             | 1455        | 12.23      | 33.33         | 25.27                        |            | 0925        | 14.90      | 27.51         | 20.38                        |
|             | 1550        | 12.15      | 33.12         | 25.12                        |            | 1045        | 14.17      | 28.62         | 21.26                        |
|             | 1758        | 12.68      | 32.16         | 24.28                        |            | 1215        | 14.00      | 30.13         | 22.46                        |
|             | 1852        | 13.00      | 31.32         | 23.57                        |            | 1515        | 13.35      | 30.54         | 22.89                        |
|             | 2028        | 13.65      | 30.47         | 22.79                        |            | 1645        | 13.33      | 13.61         | 9.89                         |
| <u>PH3</u>  | 0900        | 13.82      | 32.39         | 24.23                        | <u>PWP</u> | 1815        | 13.67      | 29.84         | 22.29                        |
|             | 1138        | 13.75      | 32.45         | 24.29                        |            | 0900        | 14.39      | 30.40         | 22.65                        |
|             | 1528        | 12.20      | 33.26         | 25.22                        |            | 1010        | 14.38      | 30.12         | 22.37                        |
|             | 1834        | 12.72      | 31.48         | 23.75                        |            | 1103        | 14.24      | 30.48         | 22.68                        |
|             | 2007        | 13.35      | 31.59         | 23.71                        |            | 1145        | 13.94      | 30.76         | 22.95                        |
| <u>AT 1</u> | 0815        | 14.78      | 30.03         | 22.22                        | <u>DP2</u> | 1302        | 12.71      | 31.05         | 23.42                        |
|             | 0915        | 14.73      | 29.83         | 22.08                        |            | 1400        | 12.70      | 31.08         | 23.44                        |
|             | 1015        | 14.46      | 29.89         | 22.18                        |            | 1500        | 12.62      | 31.19         | 23.54                        |
|             | 1115        | 13.63      | 30.16         | 22.55                        |            | 1600        | 12.32      | 31.33         | 23.71                        |
|             | 1215        | 12.96      | 30.43         | 22.89                        |            | 0856        | 14.30      | 30.09         | 22.33                        |
|             | 1315        | 13.00      | 30.72         | 23.11                        |            | 1000        | 14.43      | 29.83         | 22.14                        |
|             | 1415        | 12.33      | 30.88         | 23.36                        |            | 1130        | 14.07      | 29.95         | 22.30                        |
|             | 1515        | 12.73      | 31.05         | 13.41                        |            | 1300        | -          | 30.41         | -                            |
|             | 1615        | 12.83      | 31.07         | 23.41                        |            | 1441        | 13.23      | 30.62         | 22.98                        |
|             | 1715        | 13.03      | 30.08         | 23.15                        |            | 1730        | 12.93      | 30.74         | 23.14                        |
|             | 1815        | 13.37      | 30.72         | 23.03                        |            | 1900        | 12.87      | 30.78         | 23.18                        |
|             | 1915        | 12.94      | 30.42         | 22.88                        | <u>2KR</u> | 0830        | 13.87      | 31.02         | 23.17                        |
|             | 2015        | 13.57      | 29.99         | 22.43                        |            | 1000        | 13.87      | 30.90         | 23.07                        |
| <u>SP</u>   | 0845        | 13.00      | 31.59         | 23.78                        |            | 1130        | 13.13      | 31.18         | 23.44                        |
|             | 1150        | 13.27      | 31.74         | 23.84                        |            | 1430        | 13.00      | 31.33         | 23.58                        |
|             |             |            |               |                              |            | 1600        | 13.10      | 31.43         | 23.63                        |
|             |             |            |               |                              |            | 1730        | 13.67      | 31.28         | 23.41                        |
|             |             |            |               |                              |            | 1900        | 13.00      | 31.23         | 23.50                        |

Table 6 Time series of vertically averaged temperature and salinity and corresponding sigma-t values for each station occupied during the Fox Point Cruise on 22 July 1975. The times are EDT.

|            | <u>Time</u> | <u>T°C</u> | <u>S 0/00</u> | <u><math>\sigma_t</math></u> |            | <u>Time</u> | <u>T°C</u> | <u>S 0/00</u> | <u><math>\sigma_t</math></u> |
|------------|-------------|------------|---------------|------------------------------|------------|-------------|------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| <u>FP1</u> | 0926        | 21.41      | 28.54         | 19.51                        | <u>OR1</u> | 0825        | 22.27      | 28.21         | 19.07                        |
|            | 1235        | 17.83      | 29.49         | 21.13                        |            | 0855        | 22.10      | 28.25         | 19.10                        |
|            | 1645        | 20.67      | 28.77         | 19.88                        |            | 1050        | 20.83      | 28.68         | 19.78                        |
|            | 1739        | 21.93      | 28.99         | 19.71                        |            | 1220        | 19.40      | 29.16         | 20.52                        |
|            | 1955        | 23.04      | 28.26         | 18.85                        |            | 1255        | 18.90      | 29.32         | 20.79                        |
|            | 2145        | 20.85      | 28.68         | 19.76                        |            | 1425        | 17.33      | -             | -                            |
|            |             |            |               |                              |            | 1455        | -          | 29.30         | -                            |
| <u>FP2</u> | 1001        | 21.58      | 28.99         | 19.43                        |            | 1620        | -          | 28.78         | -                            |
|            | 1039        | 20.78      | 28.68         | 19.78                        |            | 1700        | 19.53      | 29.06         | 20.49                        |
|            | 1300        | 17.94      | 29.53         | 21.13                        |            | 1920        | 22.75      | 28.32         | 18.99                        |
|            | 1423        | 19.46      | 29.18         | 20.49                        |            | 2000        | 22.50      | 28.42         | 19.14                        |
|            | 1613        | 19.52      | 29.14         | 20.45                        |            | 2120        | 22.03      | 28.52         | 19.33                        |
|            | 1800        | 21.21      | 28.67         | 19.66                        |            | 2150        | 21.90      | 28.55         | 19.40                        |
|            | 2017        | 22.72      | 28.31         | 18.98                        | <u>OR2</u> | 0945        | -          | 22.87         | -                            |
|            | 2122        | 22.02      | 28.96         | 19.29                        |            | 1120        | -          | 26.34         | -                            |
| <u>FP3</u> | 1019        | 21.49      | 28.66         | 19.58                        |            | 1525        | -          | 20.96         | -                            |
|            | 1344        | 17.78      | 29.56         | 21.19                        |            | 1700        | -          | 20.13         | -                            |
|            | 1550        | 19.07      | 29.12         | 20.55                        | <u>AP1</u> | 0917        | 22.59      | 27.94         | 18.74                        |
|            | 1940        | 23.42      | 28.16         | 18.67                        |            | 1012        | 21.91      | 28.29         | 19.19                        |
|            | 2208        | 20.47      | 28.75         | 19.92                        |            | 1117        | 21.69      | 28.45         | 19.37                        |
| <u>BR1</u> | 0820        | 22.73      | 27.65         | 18.48                        |            | 1147        | 21.71      | 28.49         | 19.46                        |
|            | 0850        | 22.23      | 28.46         | 19.23                        |            | 1317        | 20.84      | 28.70         | 19.79                        |
|            | 1023        | 20.90      | 29.02         | 20.01                        |            | 1349        | 21.71      | 28.65         | 19.51                        |
|            | 1050        | 20.23      | 29.16         | 20.29                        |            | 1517        | 22.23      | 28.34         | 19.13                        |
|            | 1220        | 18.96      | 29.52         | 20.89                        |            | 1547        | 23.46      | 28.31         | 18.78                        |
|            | 1250        | 18.68      | 29.60         | 21.01                        |            | 1747        | 23.63      | 28.07         | 18.54                        |
|            | 1420        | 20.84      | 29.14         | 20.00                        |            | 1817        | 23.91      | 27.91         | 18.35                        |
|            | 1450        | 21.58      | 29.06         | 19.85                        |            | 1917        | 24.09      | 27.64         | 18.10                        |
|            | 1620        | 22.63      | 28.74         | 19.33                        |            | 1947        | 24.13      | 27.54         | 18.01                        |
|            | 1650        | 22.60      | 28.60         | 19.23                        |            | 2117        | 23.73      | 27.92         | 18.41                        |
|            | 1930        | 23.27      | 27.61         | 18.30                        |            | 2155        | 22.72      | 28.22         | 18.91                        |
|            | 2000        | 22.43      | 28.35         | 18.99                        |            |             |            |               |                              |
|            | 2120        | 21.9       | 28.58         | 19.41                        |            |             |            |               |                              |
|            | 2150        | 21.03      | 28.67         | 19.72                        |            |             |            |               |                              |
| <u>BR2</u> | 0900        | 23.00      | 27.22         | 18.08                        |            |             |            |               |                              |
|            | 1100        | 23.20      | 28.45         | 18.96                        |            |             |            |               |                              |
|            | 1500        | 21.50      | 29.15         | 19.95                        |            |             |            |               |                              |
|            | 1705        | 23.00      | 28.55         | 19.09                        |            |             |            |               |                              |

## APPENDIX B

Pseudo-synoptic contour plots of temperature, salinity and sigma-t during the 1975 Great Bay experiment.

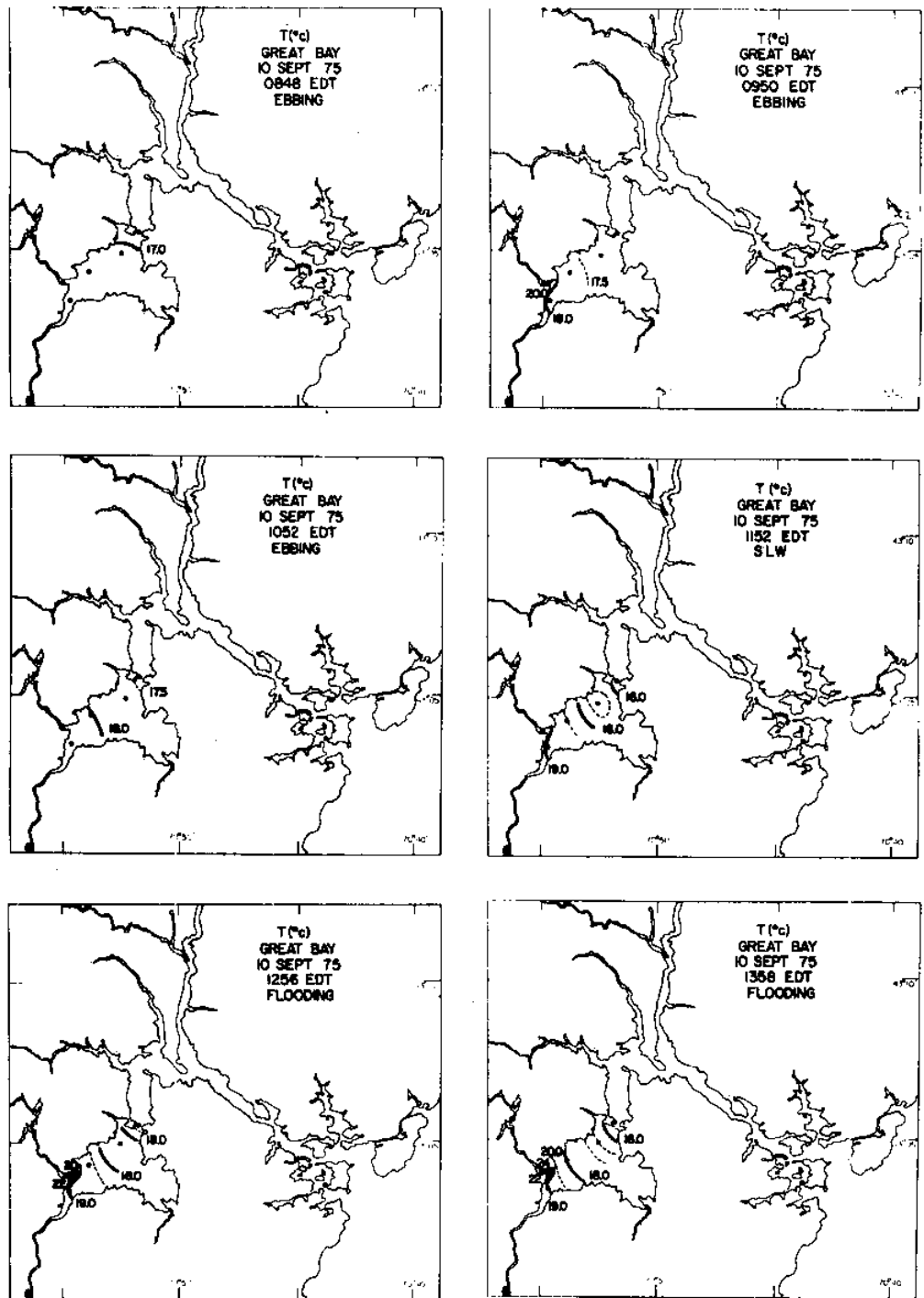


Figure 5 GREAT BAY TEMPERATURE CONTOUR PLOT showing spatial distribution of isotherms at  $1^{\circ}\text{C}$  intervals over one tidal cycle.



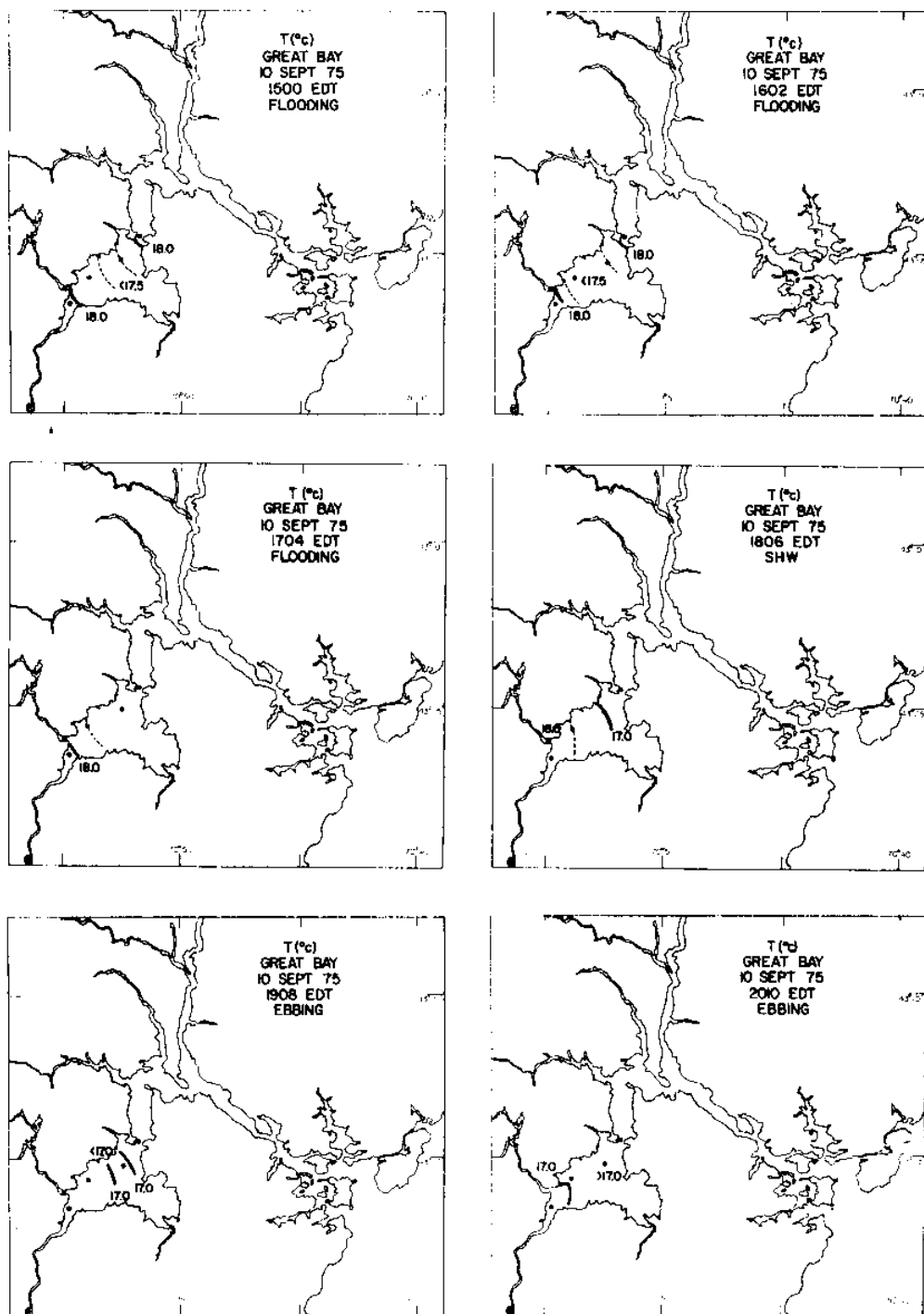


Figure 6 GREAT BAY TEMPERATURE CONTOUR PLOT showing spatial distribution of isotherms at 1°C intervals over one tidal cycle.

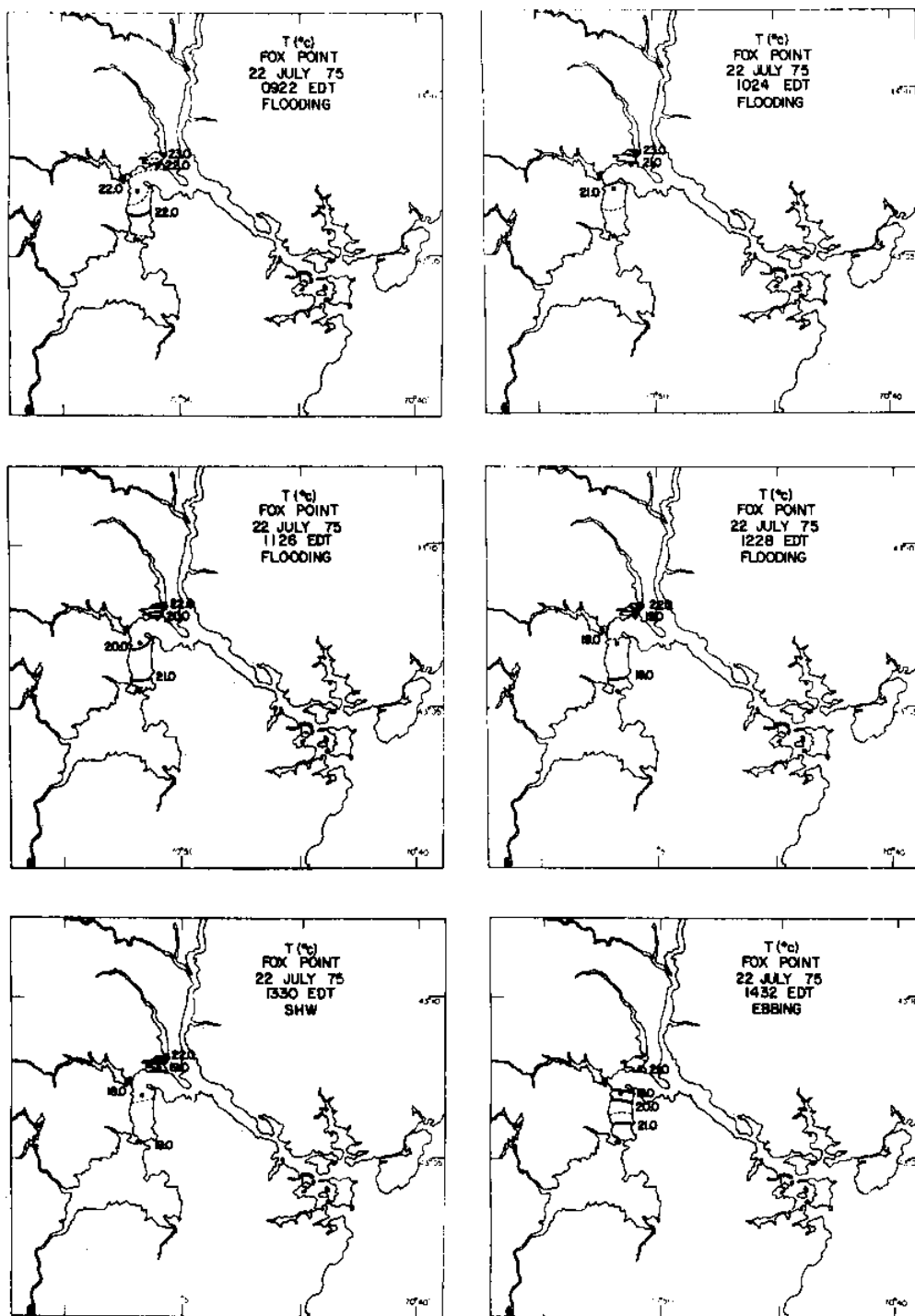


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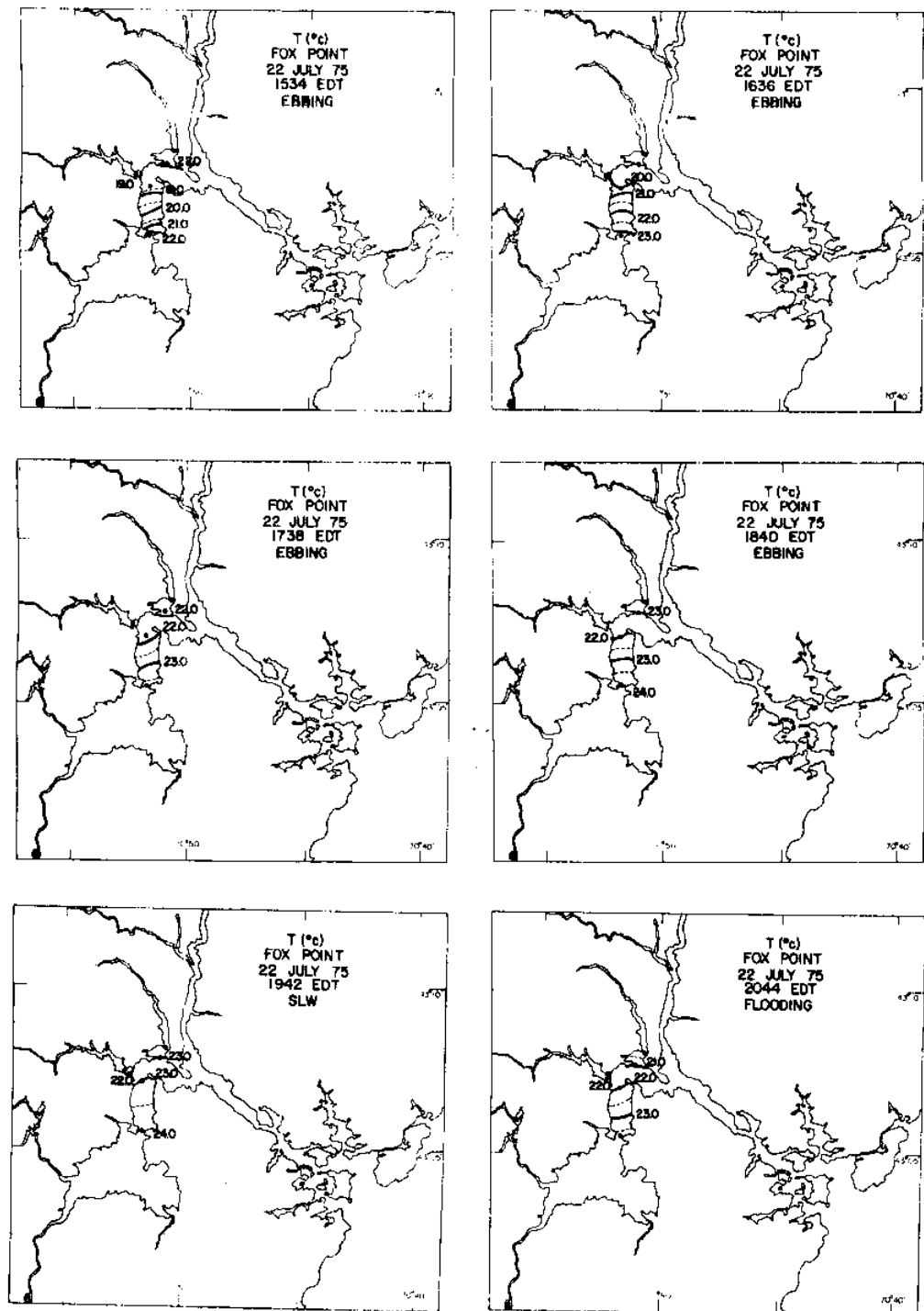


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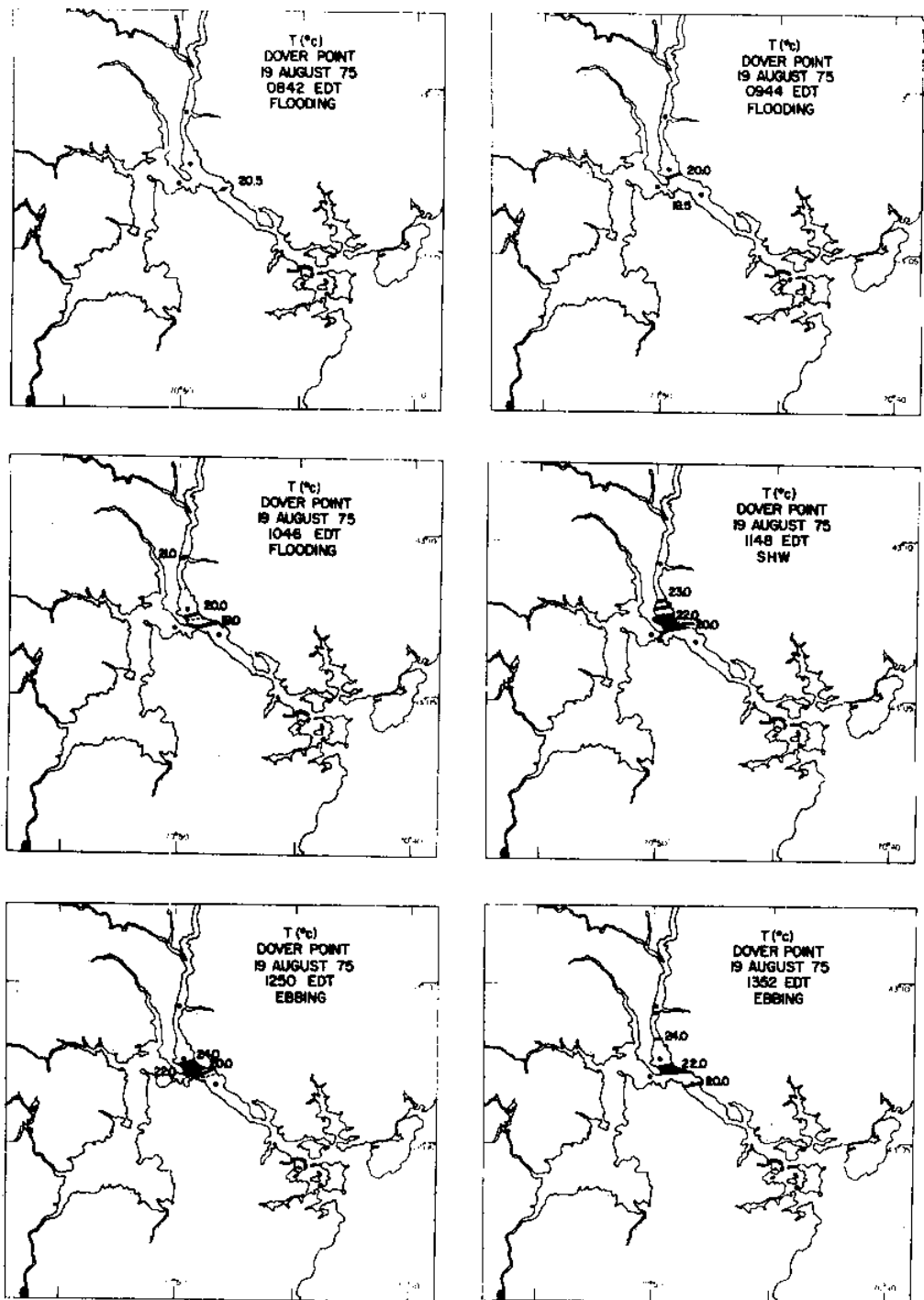


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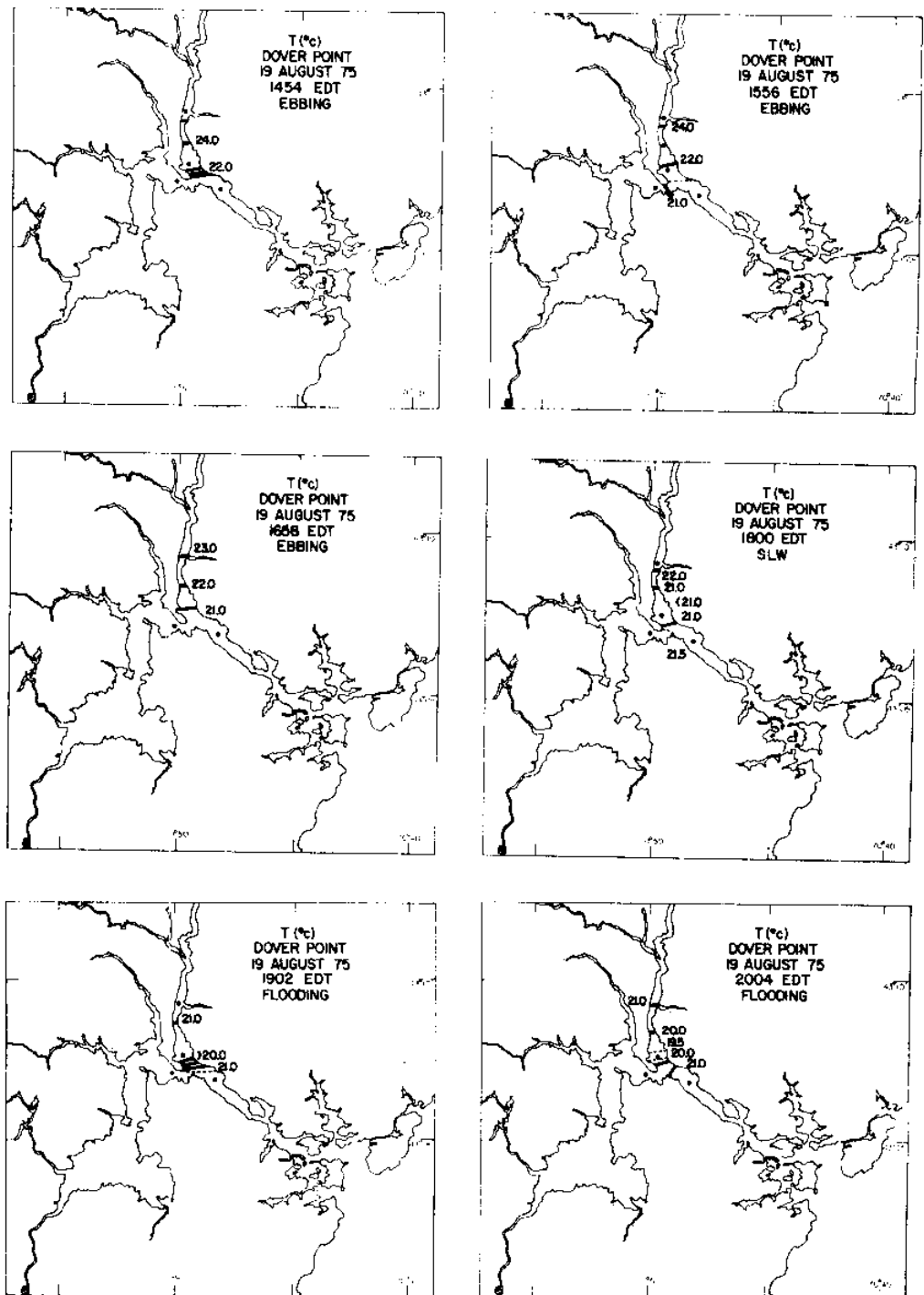


Figure 10 DOVER POINT TEMPERATURE CONTOUR PLOT showing spatial distribution of isotherms at 1°C intervals over one tidal cycle.

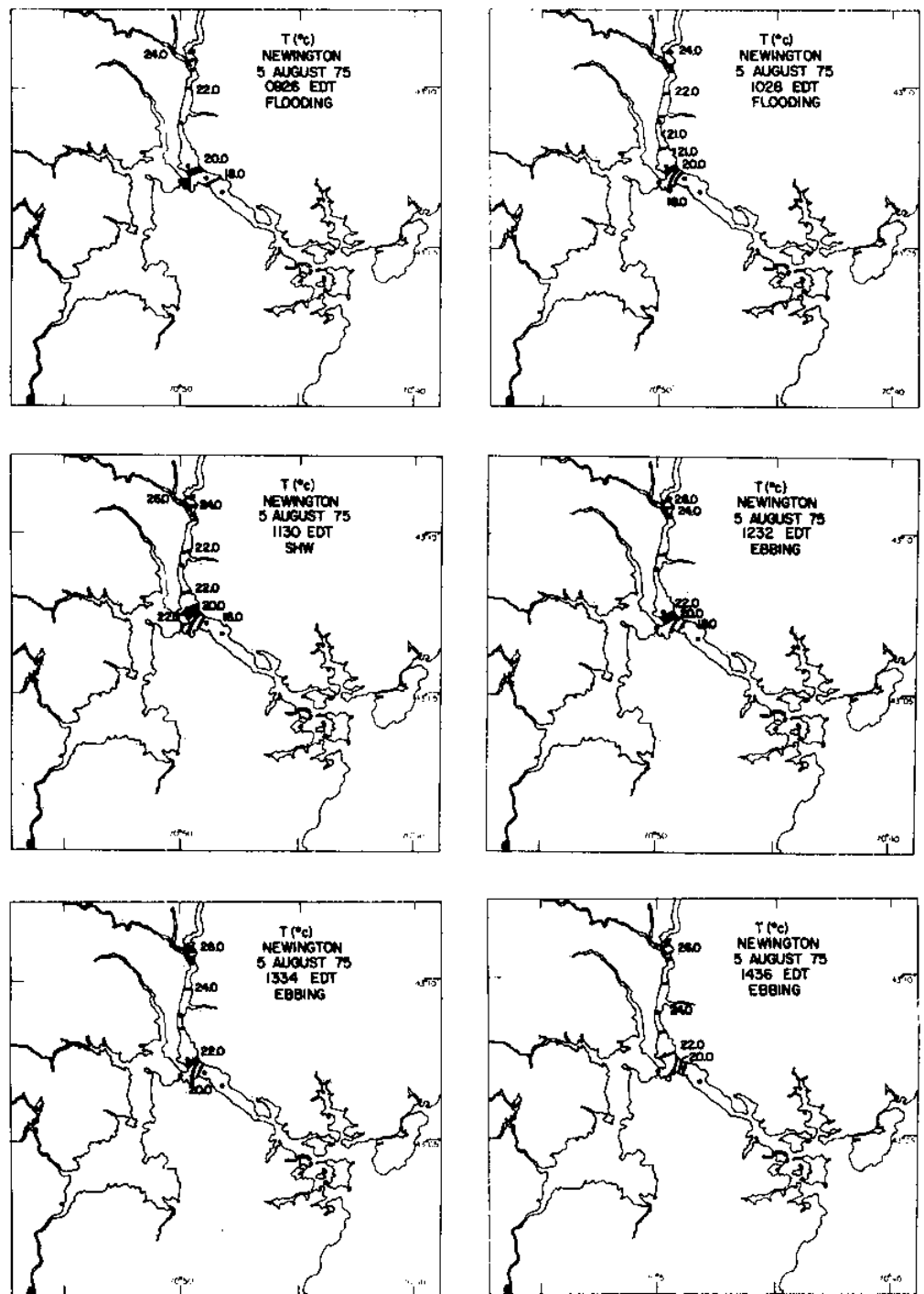


Figure 11 NEWINGTON TEMPERATURE CONTOUR PLOT showing spatial distribution of isotherms at 1°C intervals over one tidal cycle.

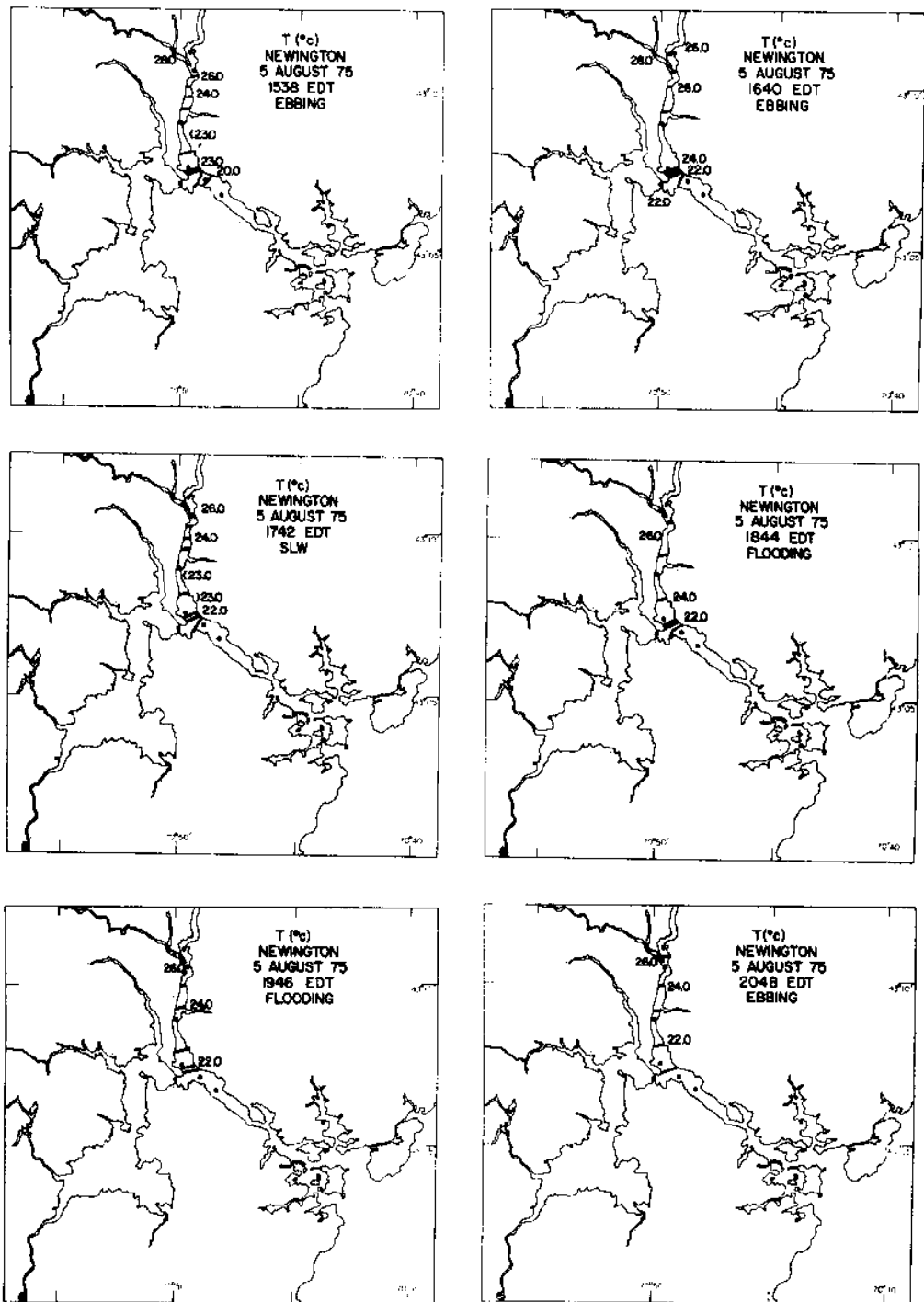


Figure 12 NEWINGTON TEMPERATURE CONTOUR PLOT showing spatial distribution of isotherms at 1°C intervals over one tidal cycle.

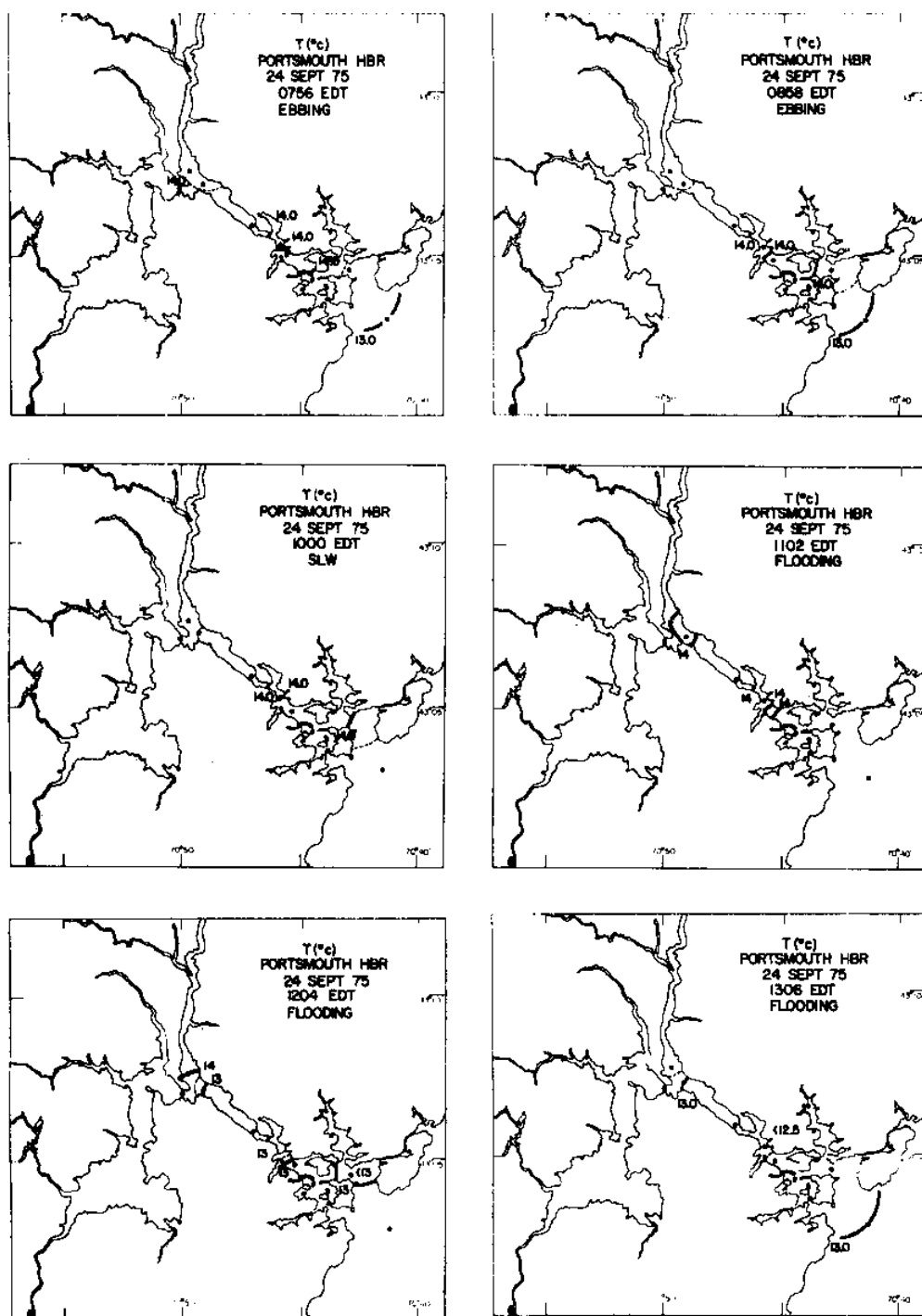


Figure 13 PORTSMOUTH HARBOR TEMPERATURE CONTOUR PLOT showing spatial distribution of isotherms at 1°C intervals over one tidal cycle.



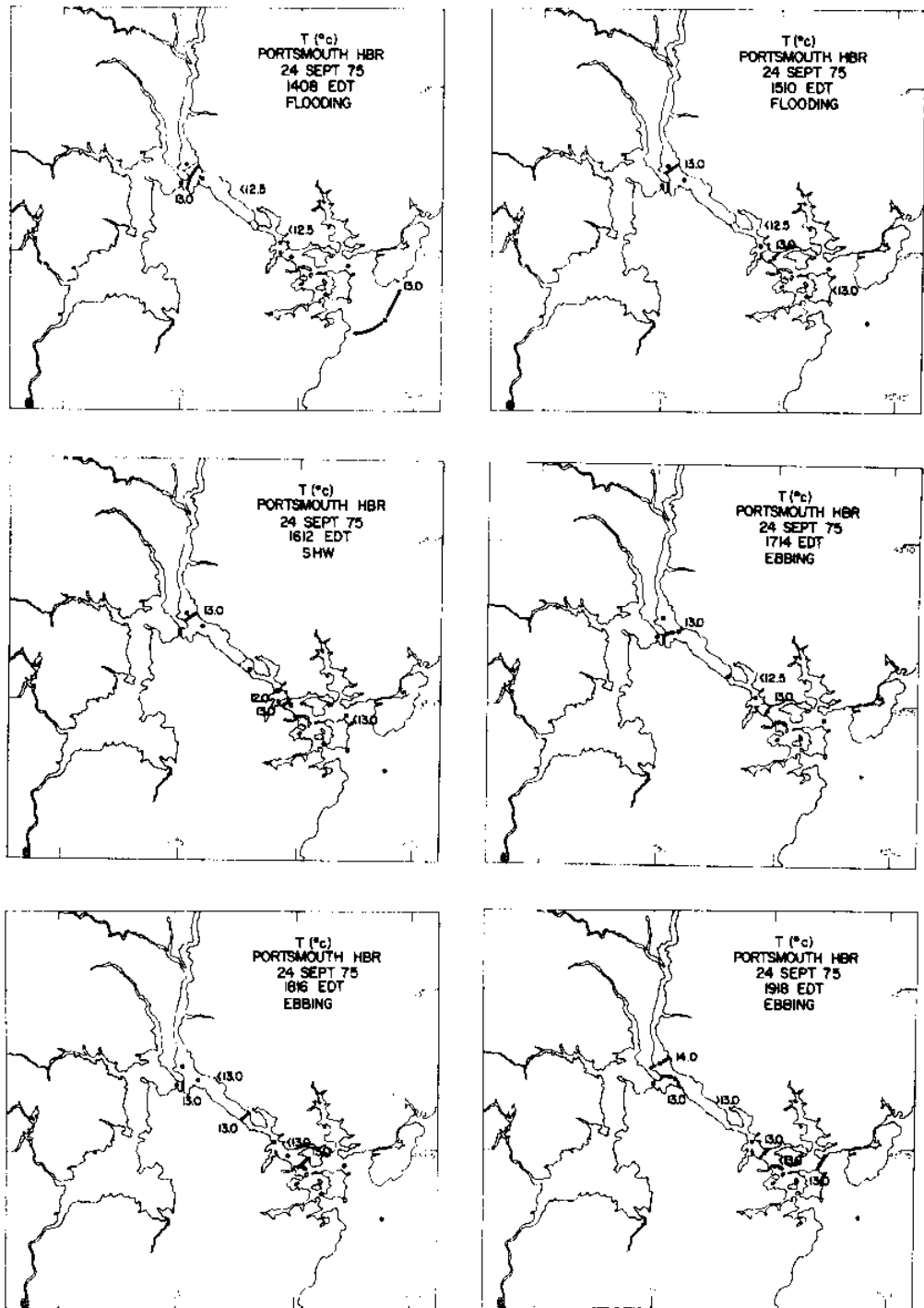


Figure 14 PORTSMOUTH HARBOR TEMPERATURE CONTOUR PLOT showing spatial distribution of isotherms at 1°C intervals over one tidal cycle.

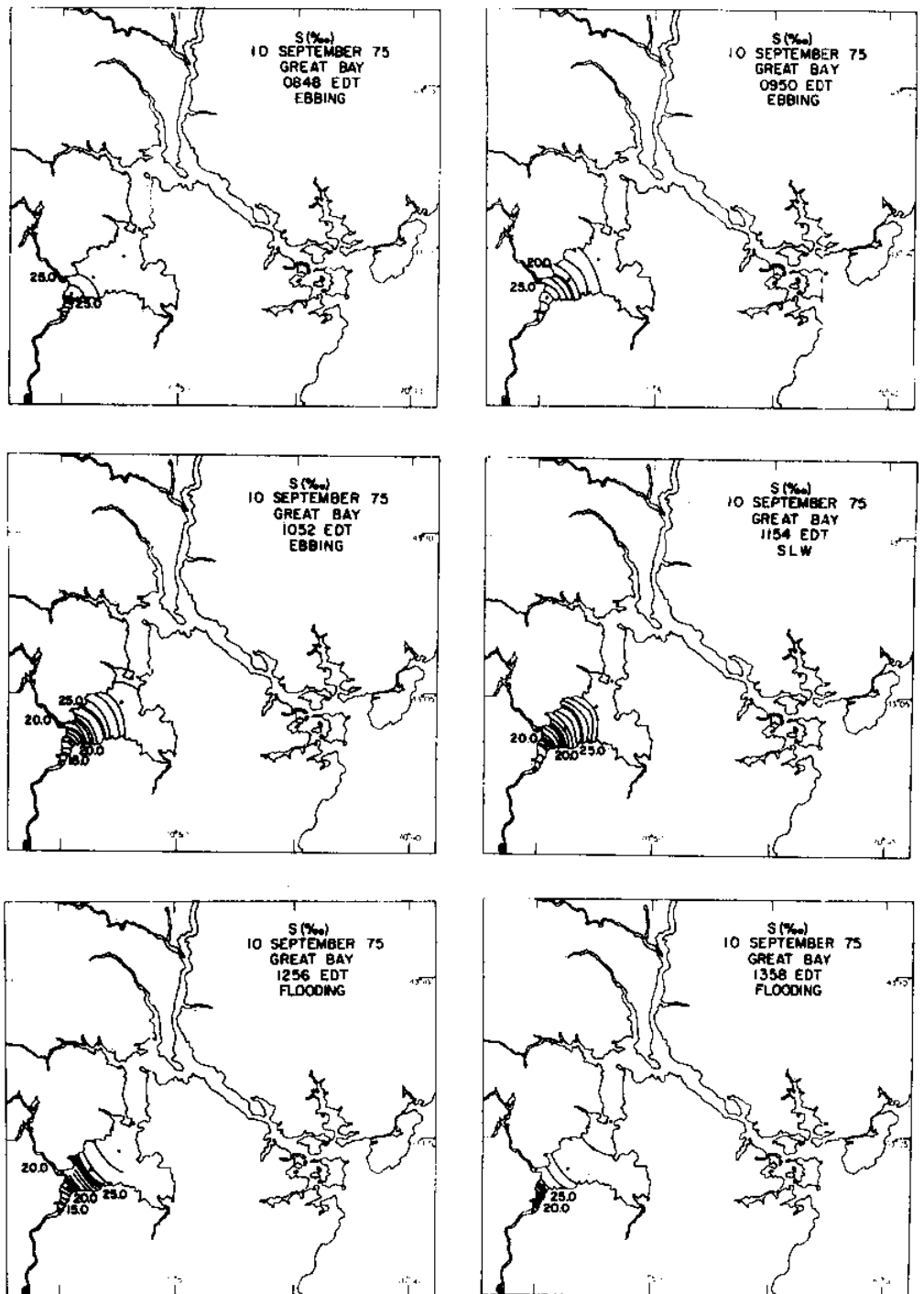


Figure 15 GREAT BAY SALINITY CONTOUR PLOT showing spatial distribution of isohalines at 1.0‰ intervals over one tidal cycle.

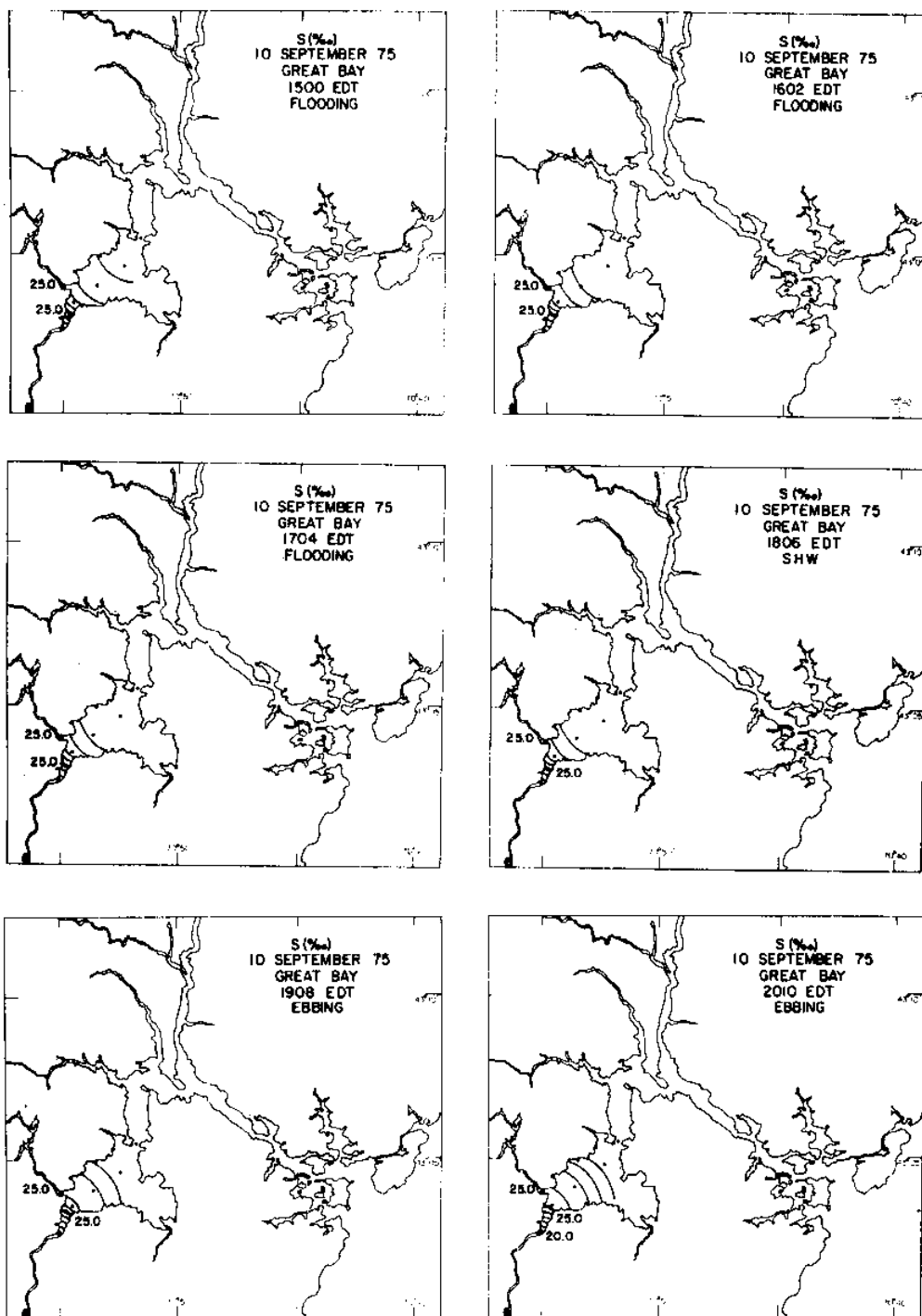


Figure 16 GREAT BAY SALINITY CONTOUR PLOT showing spatial distribution of isohalines at 1<sup>0</sup>/∞ intervals over one tidal cycle.

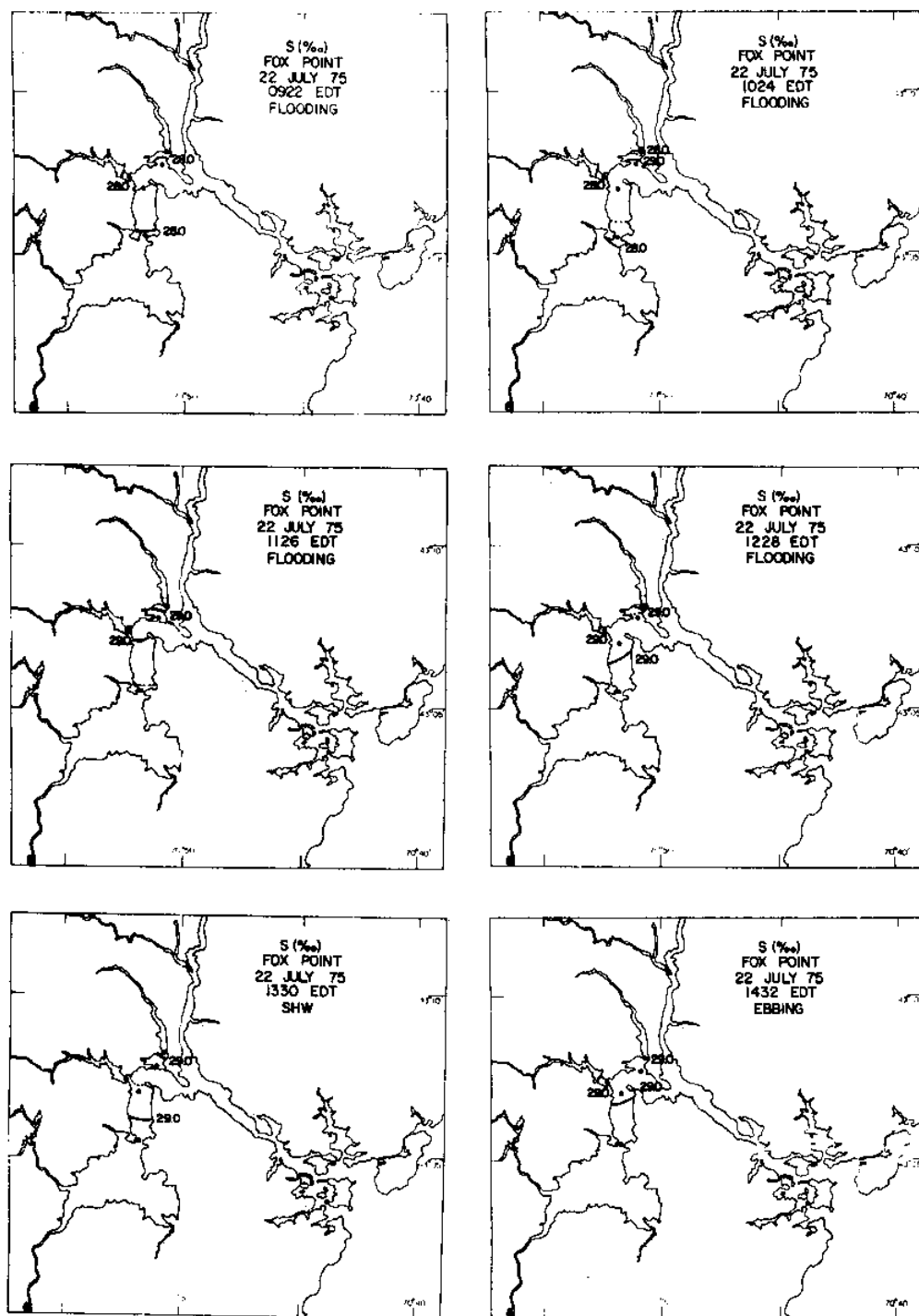


Figure 17 FOX POINT SALINITY CONTOUR PLOT showing spatial distribution of isohalines at 10/00 intervals over one tidal cycle.

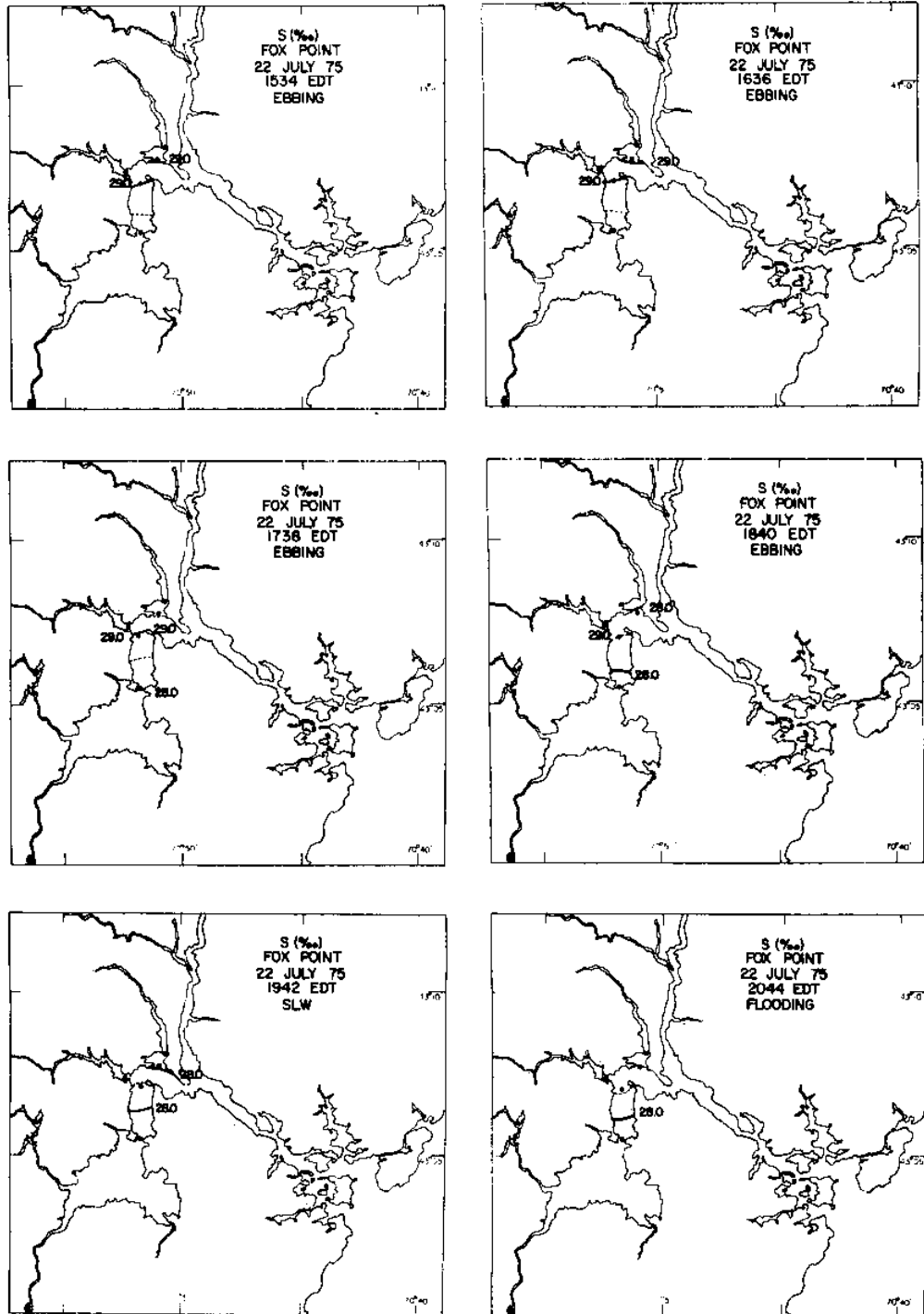


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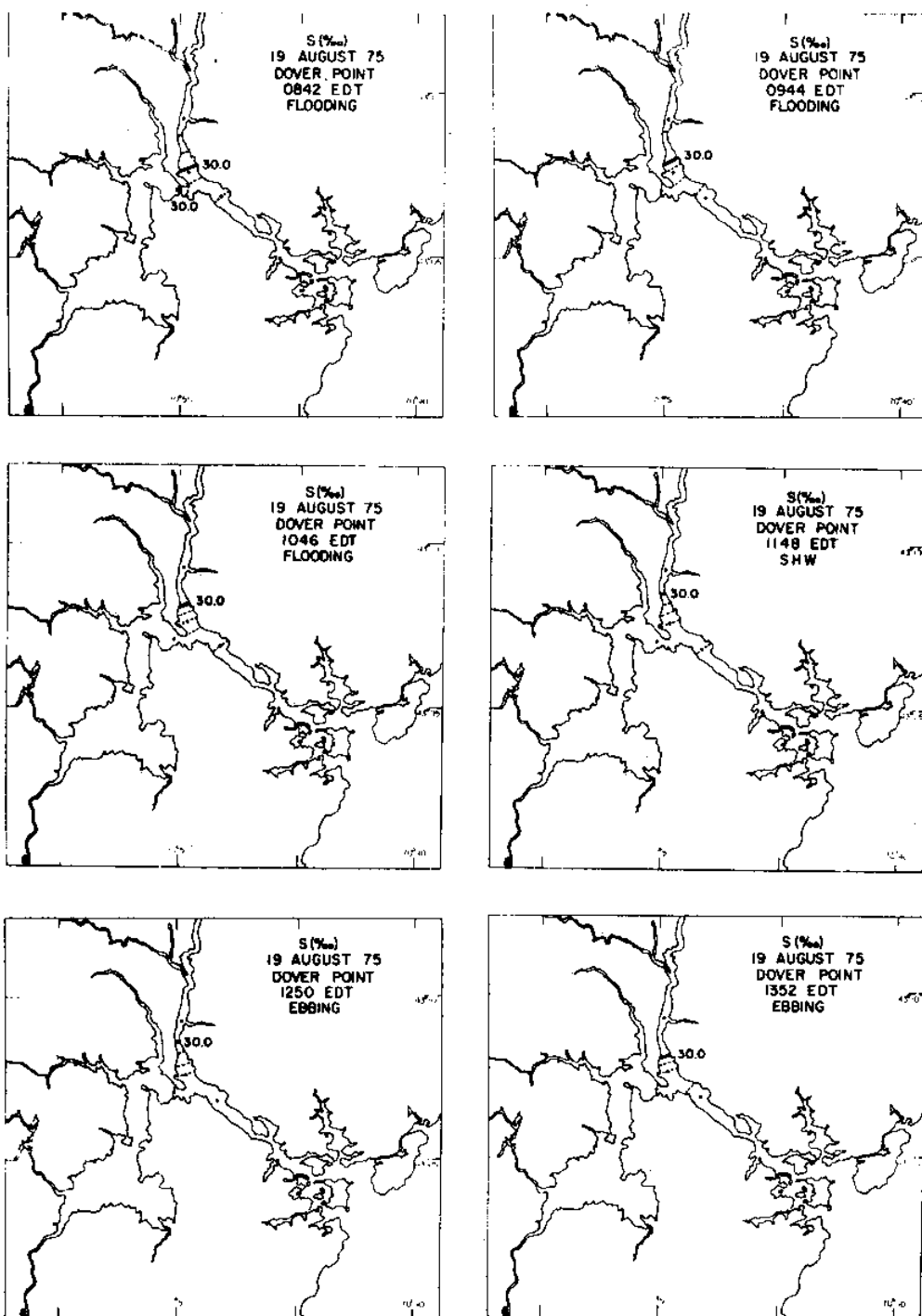


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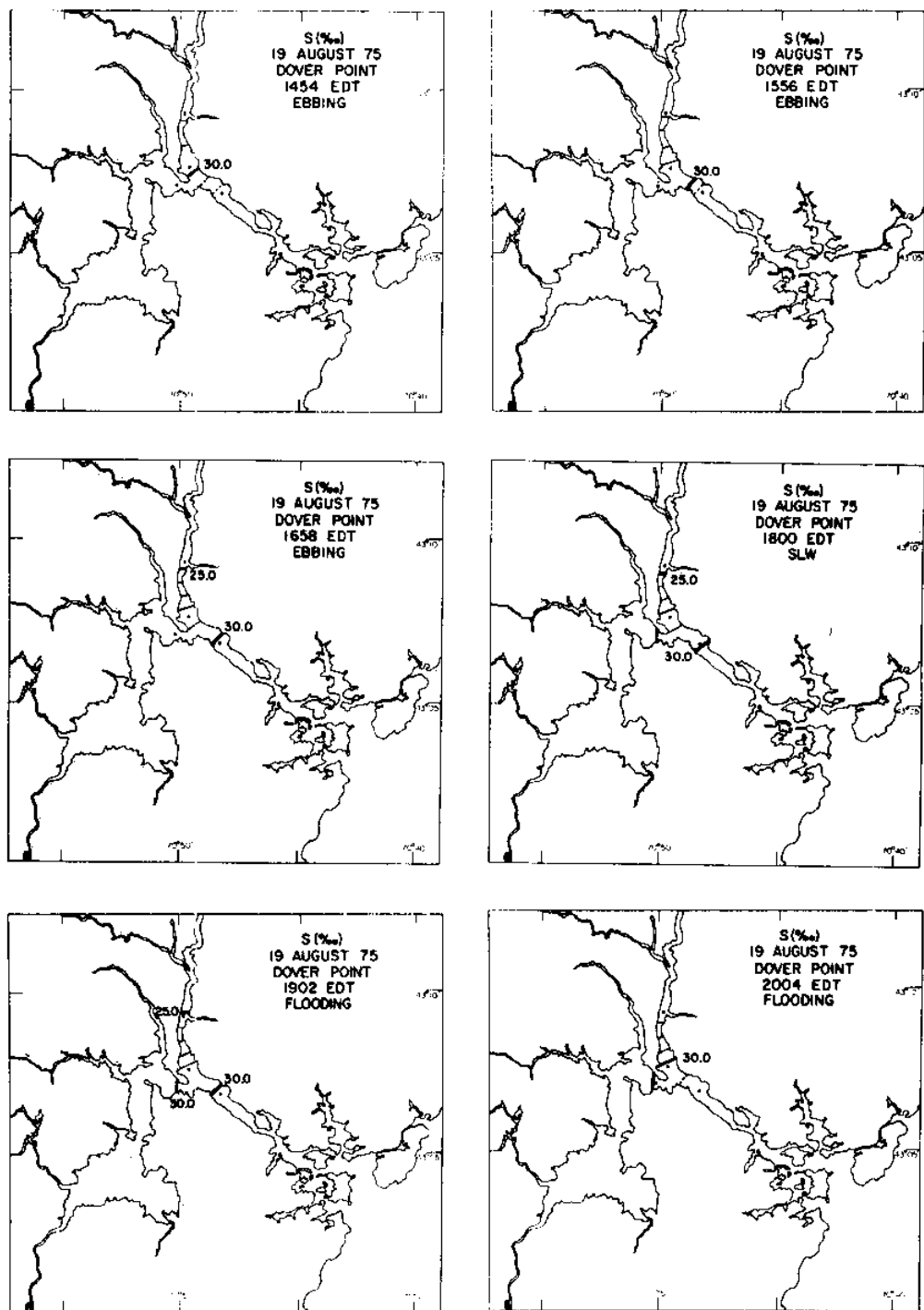


Figure 20 DOVER POINT SALINITY CONTOUR PLOT showing spatial distribution of isohalines at 1‰ intervals over one tidal cycle.

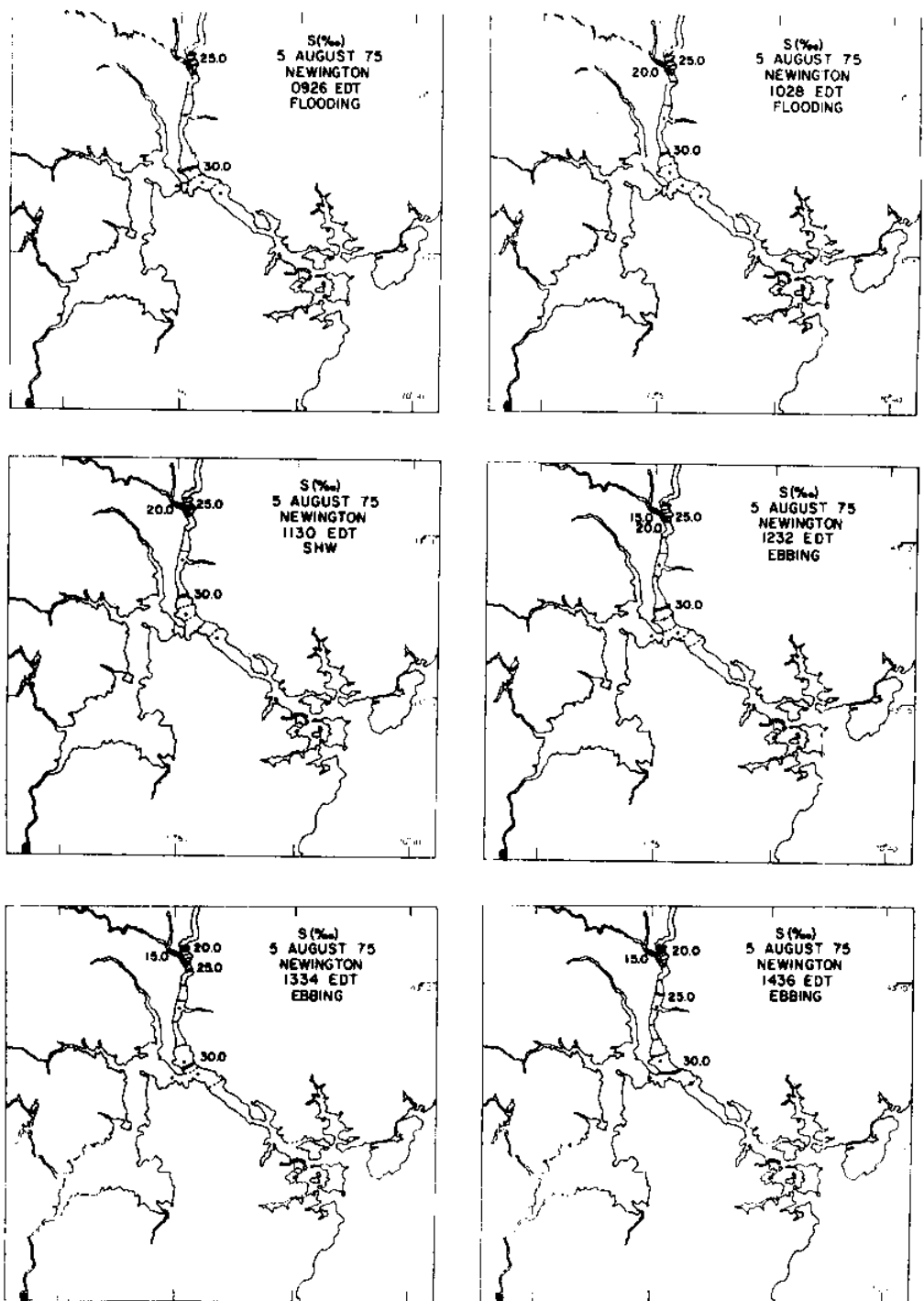


Figure 21 NEWINGTON SALINITY CONTOUR PLOT showing spatial distribution of isohalines at 10/00 intervals over one tidal cycle.



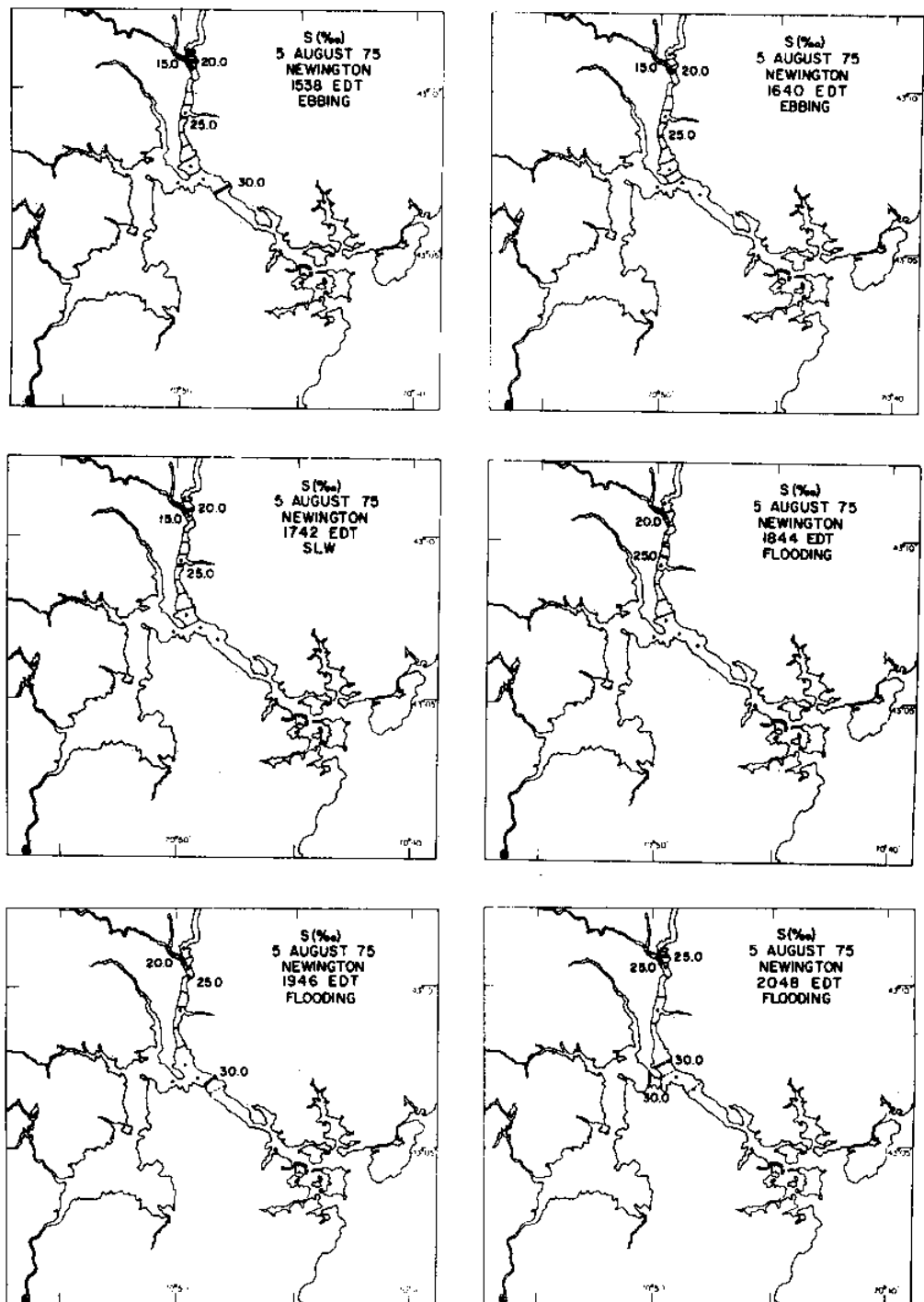


Figure 22 NEWINGTON SALINITY CONTOUR PLOT showing spatial distribution of isohalines at 1<sup>0</sup>/oo intervals over one tidal cycle.

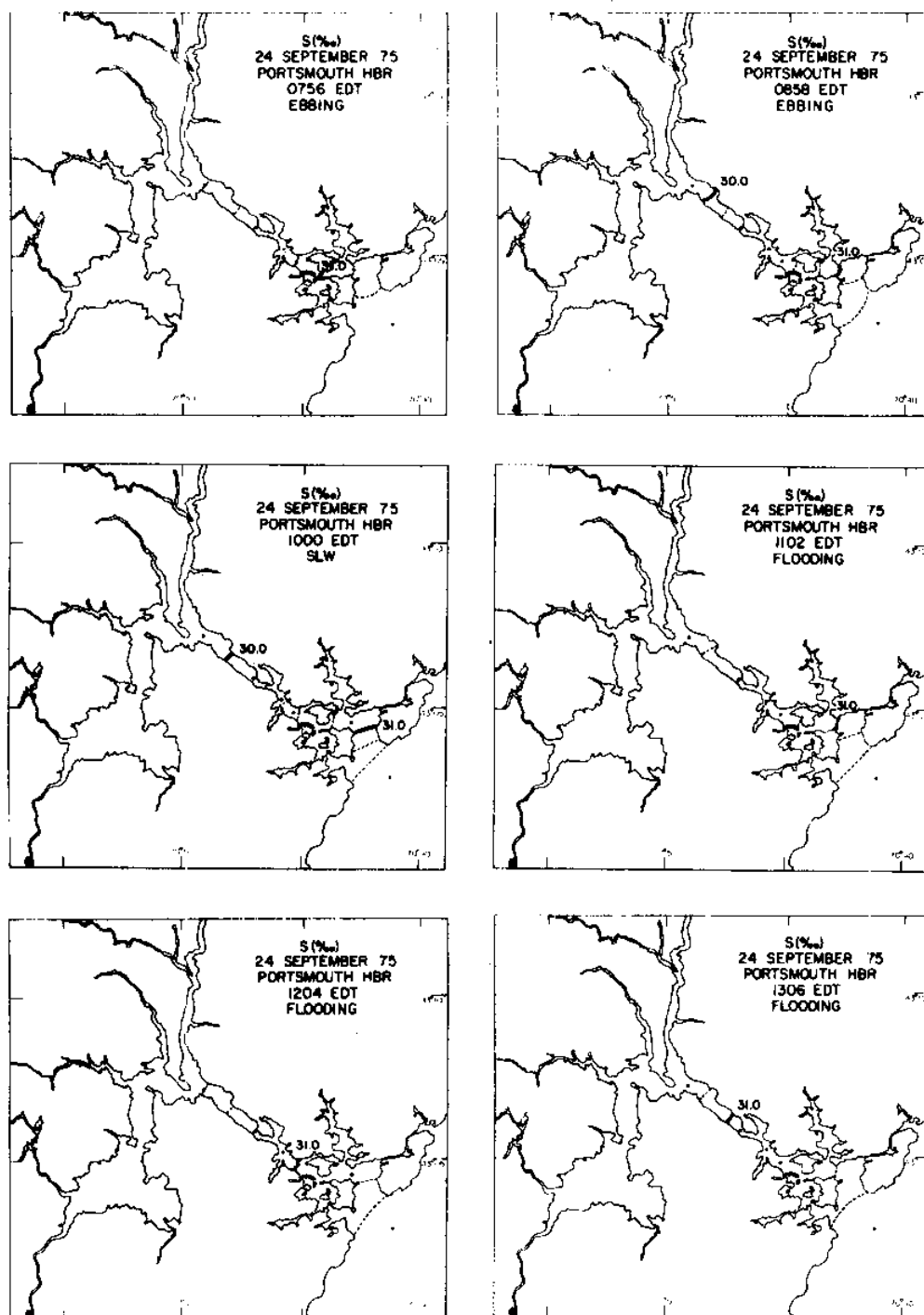


Figure 23 PORTSMOUTH HARBOR SALINITY CONTOUR PLOT showing spatial distribution of isohalines at 1.0‰ intervals over one tidal cycle.

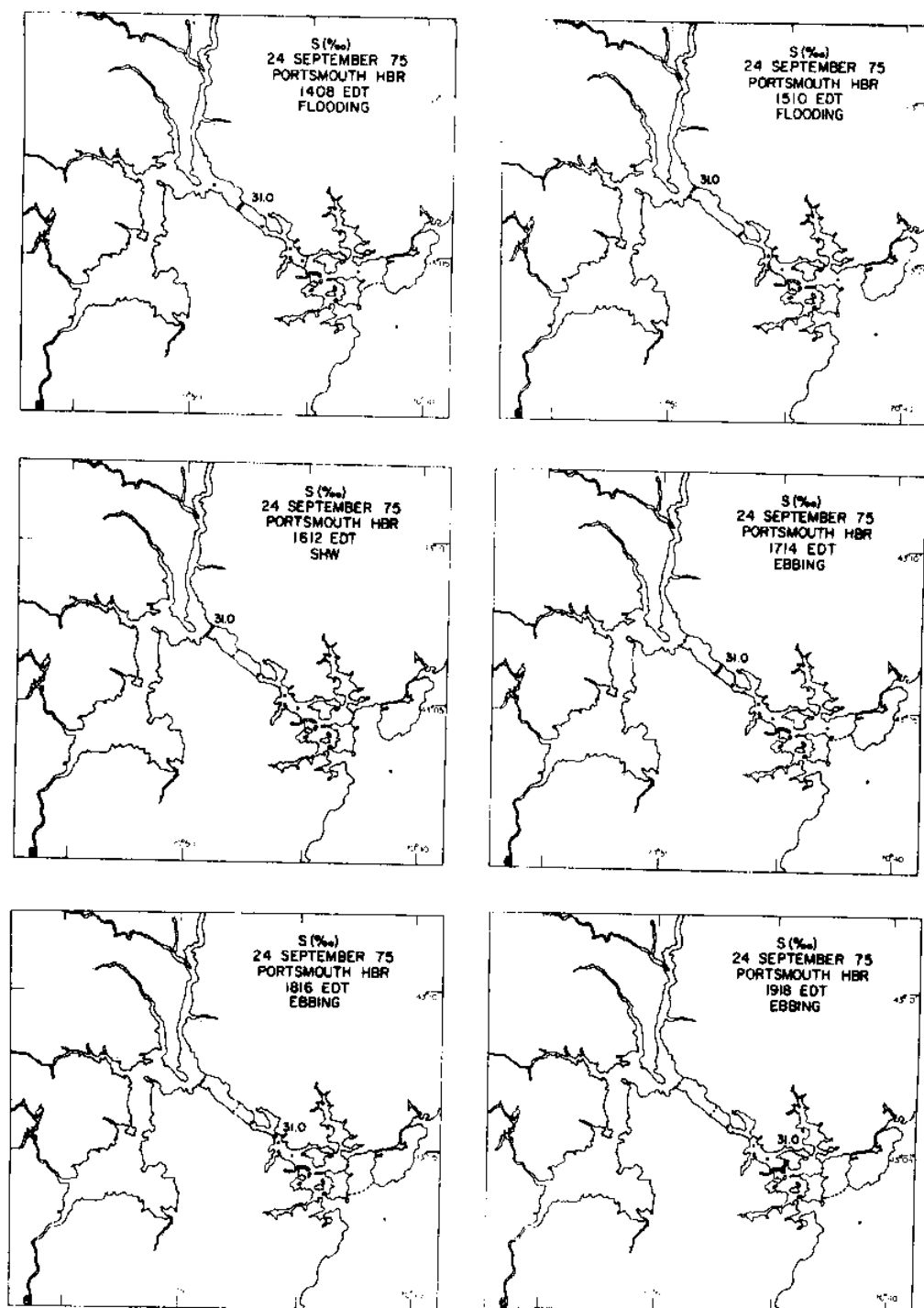


Figure 24 PORTSMOUTH HARBOR SALINITY CONTOUR PLOT showing spatial distribution of isohalines at 1‰ intervals over one tidal cycle.

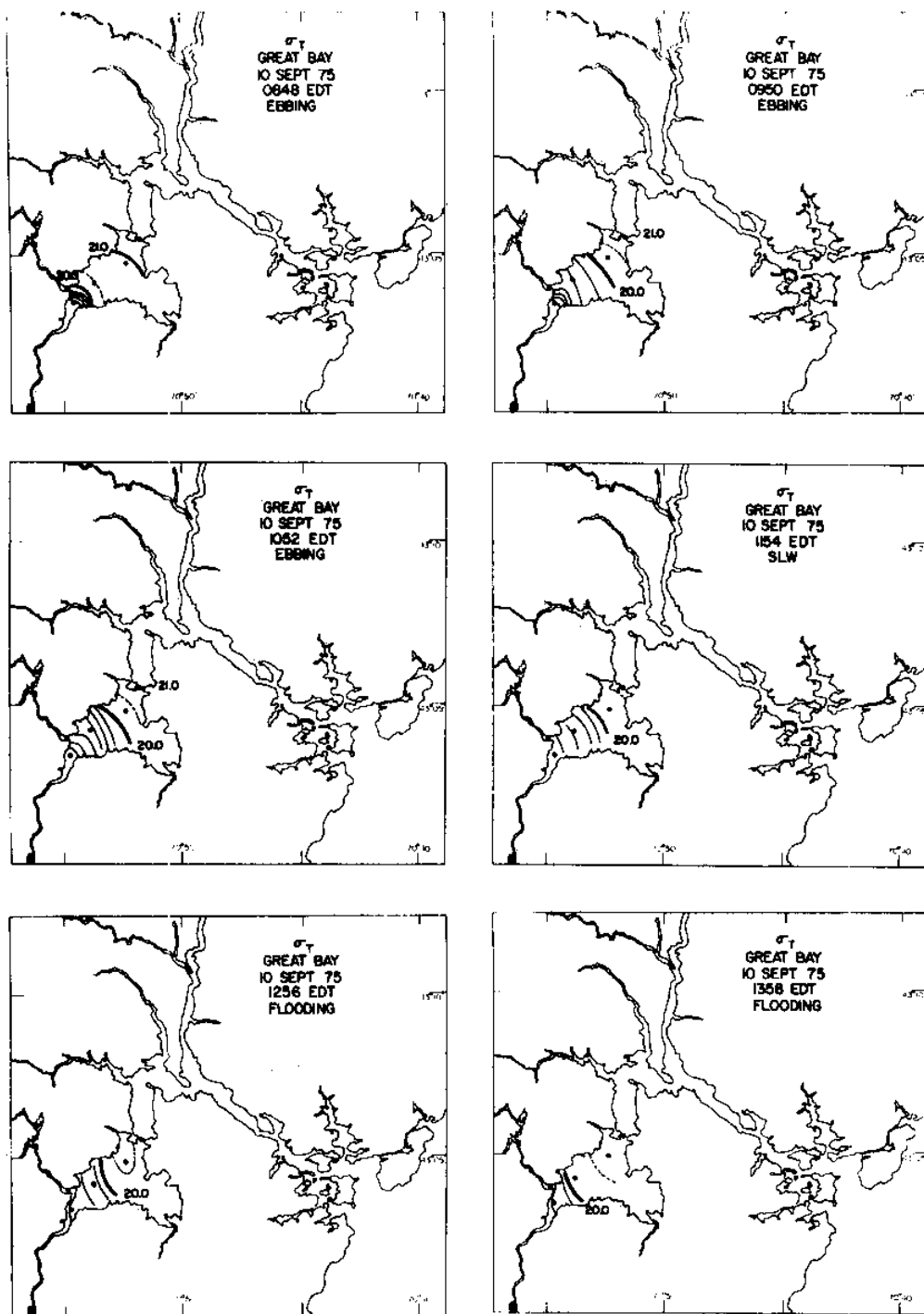


Figure 25 GREAT BAY SIGMA-T CONTOUR PLOT showing spatial distribution of isopycnals at 1 gm/cm<sup>3</sup> intervals over one tidal cycle.

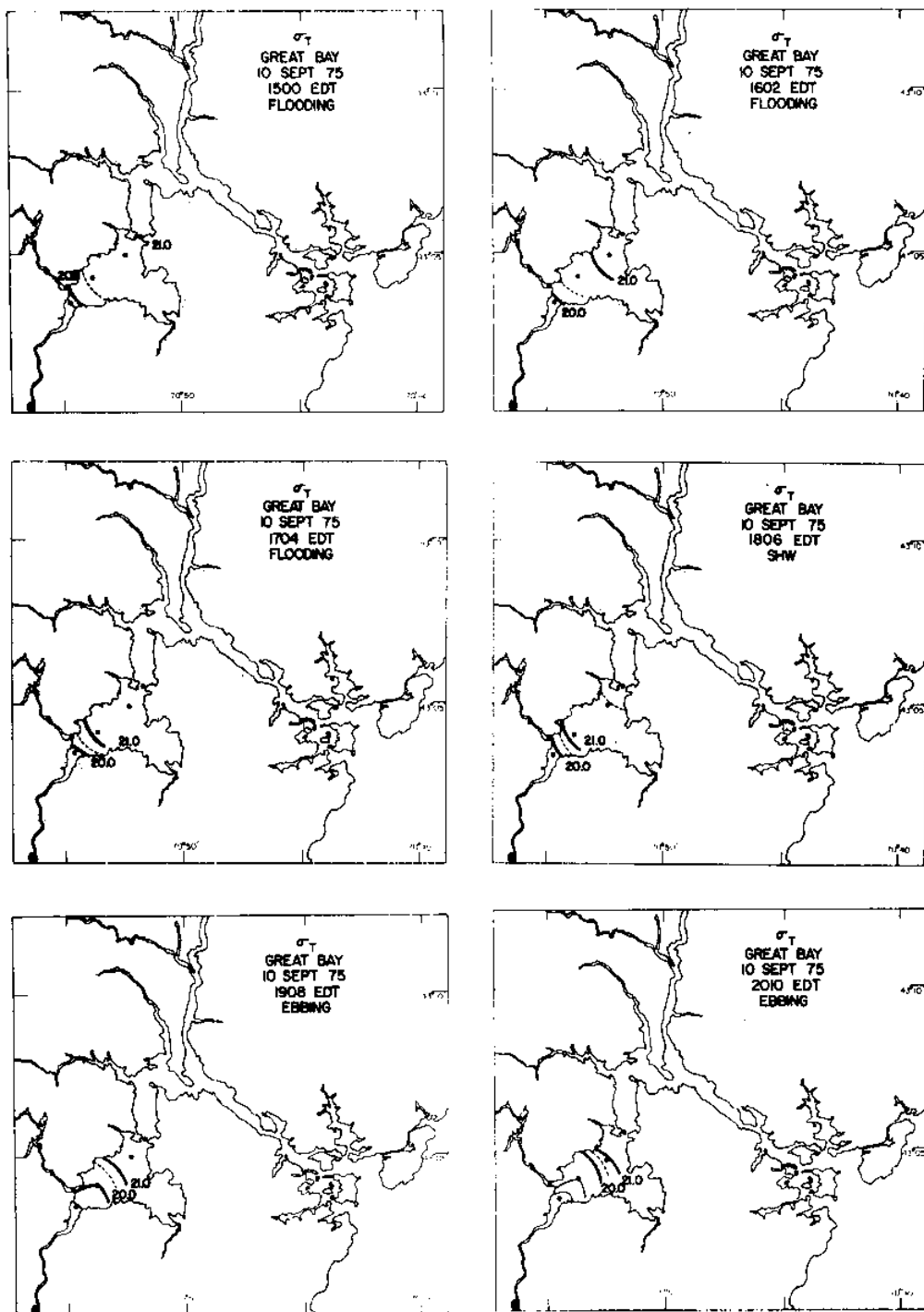


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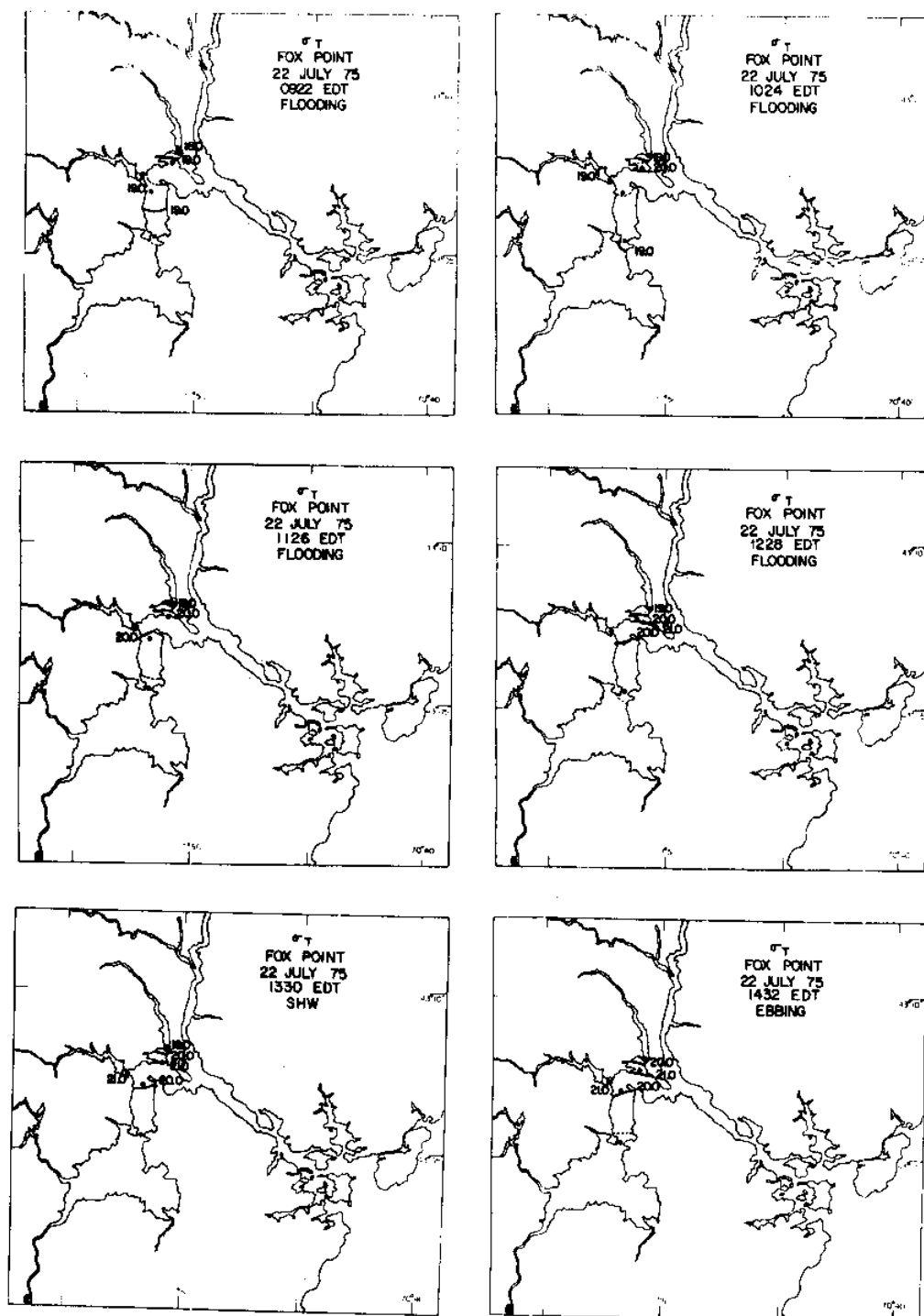


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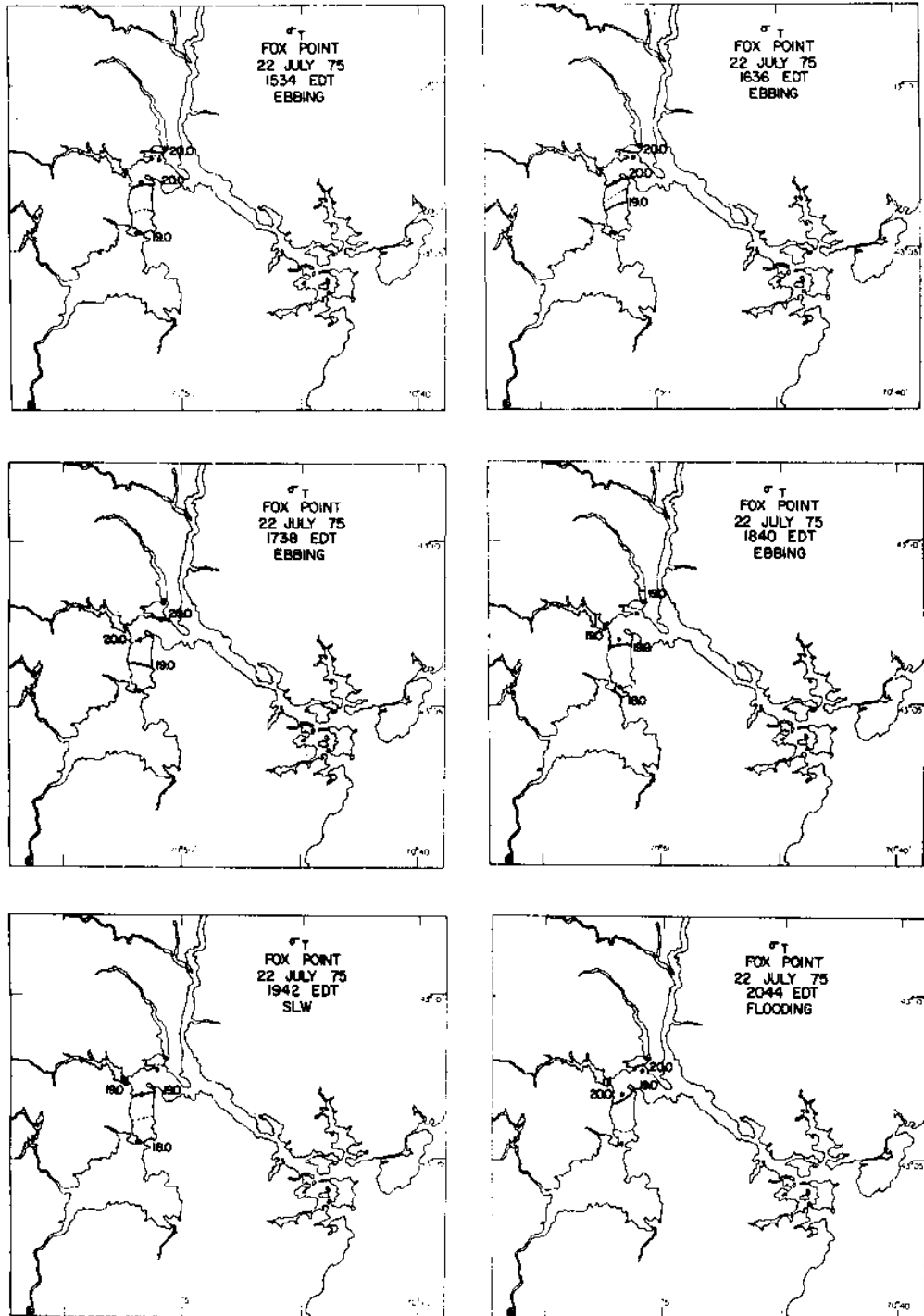


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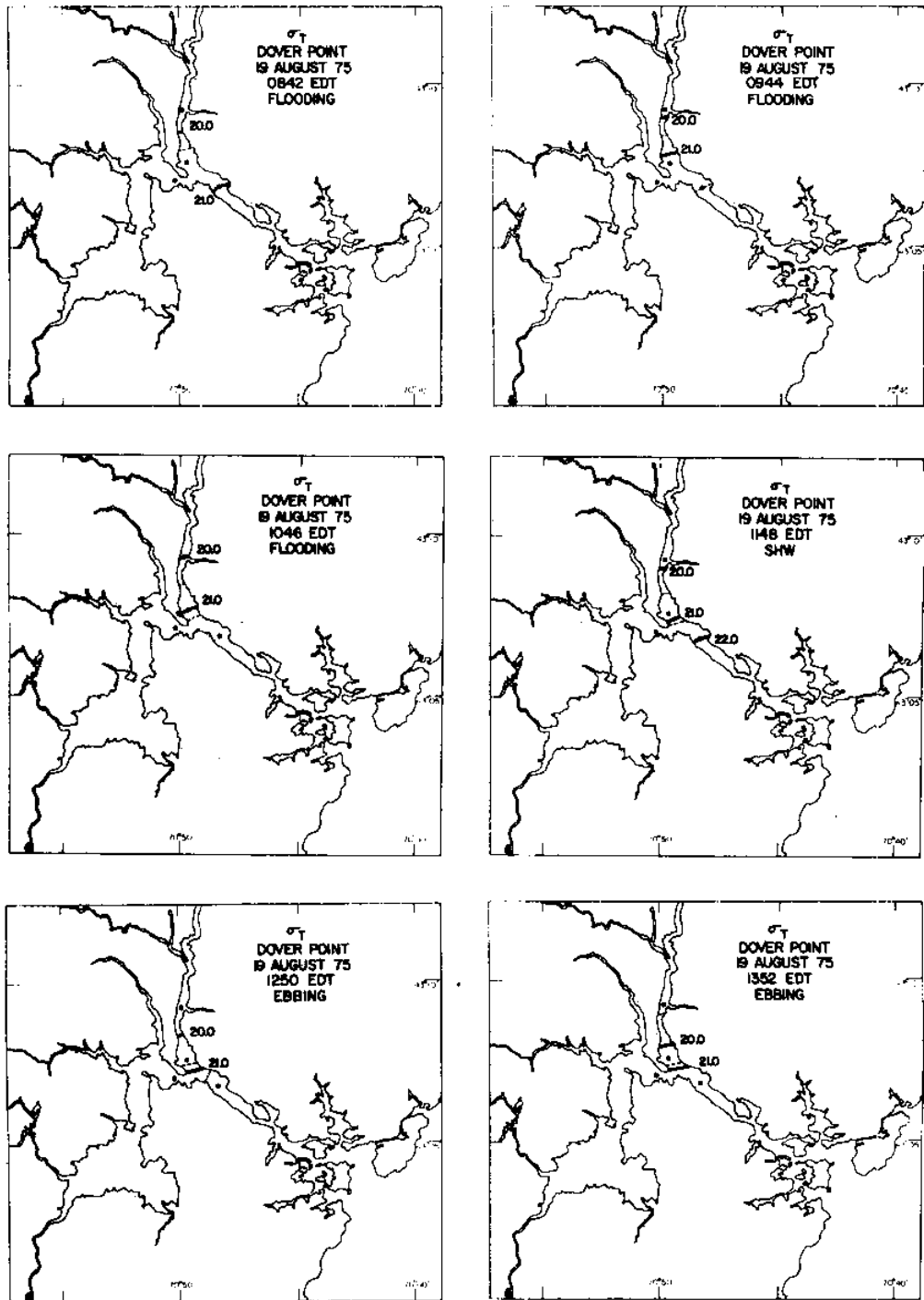


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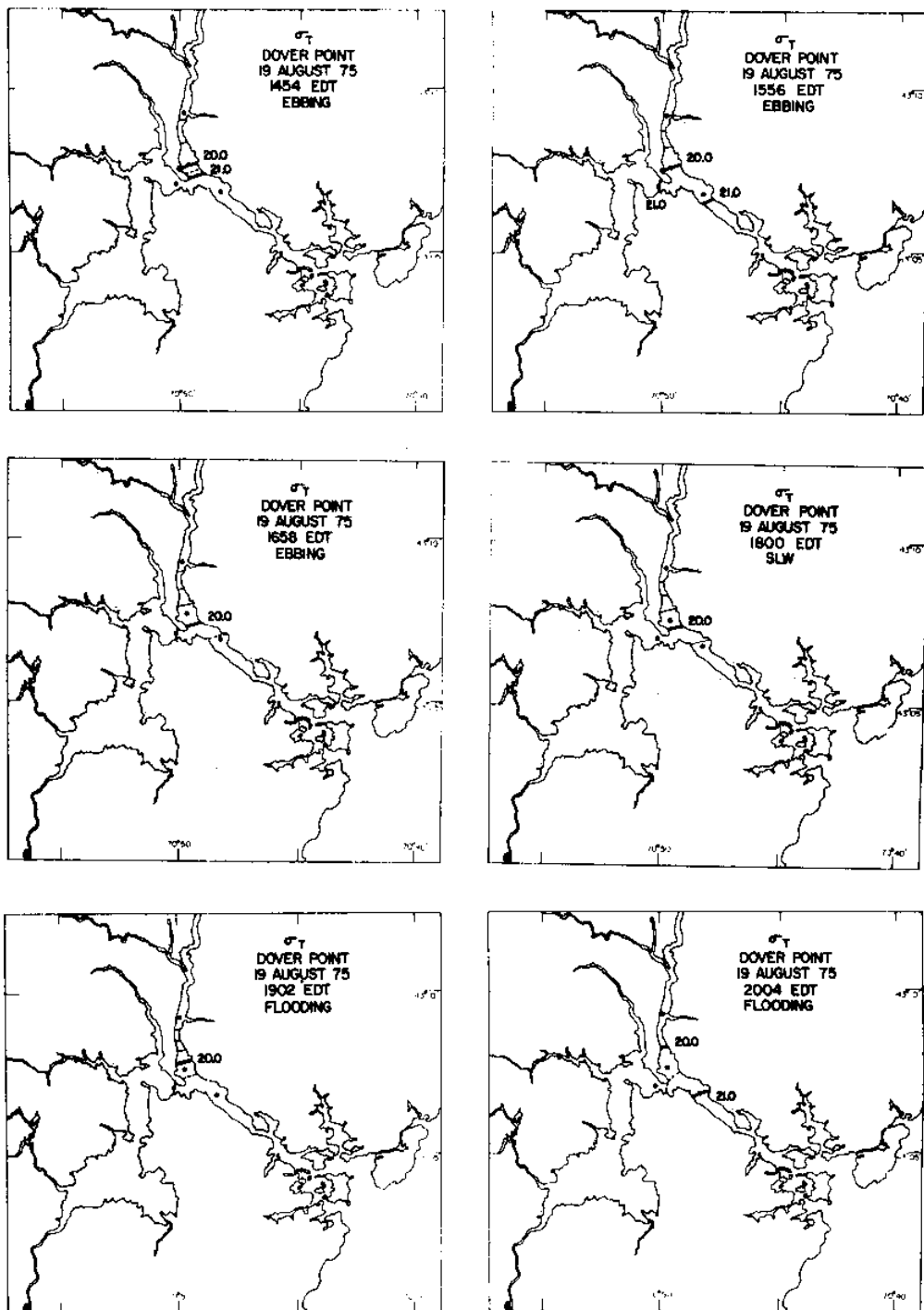


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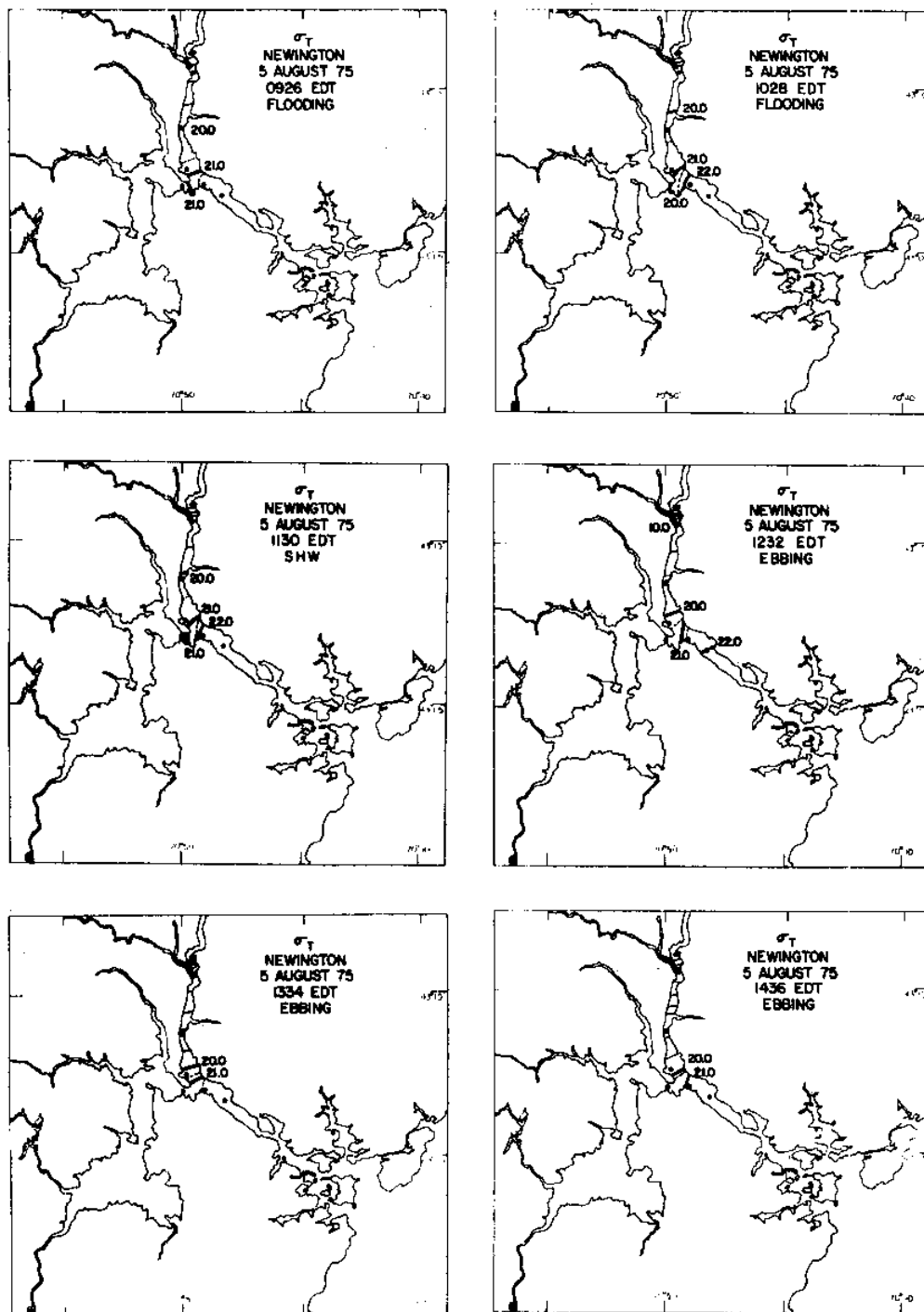


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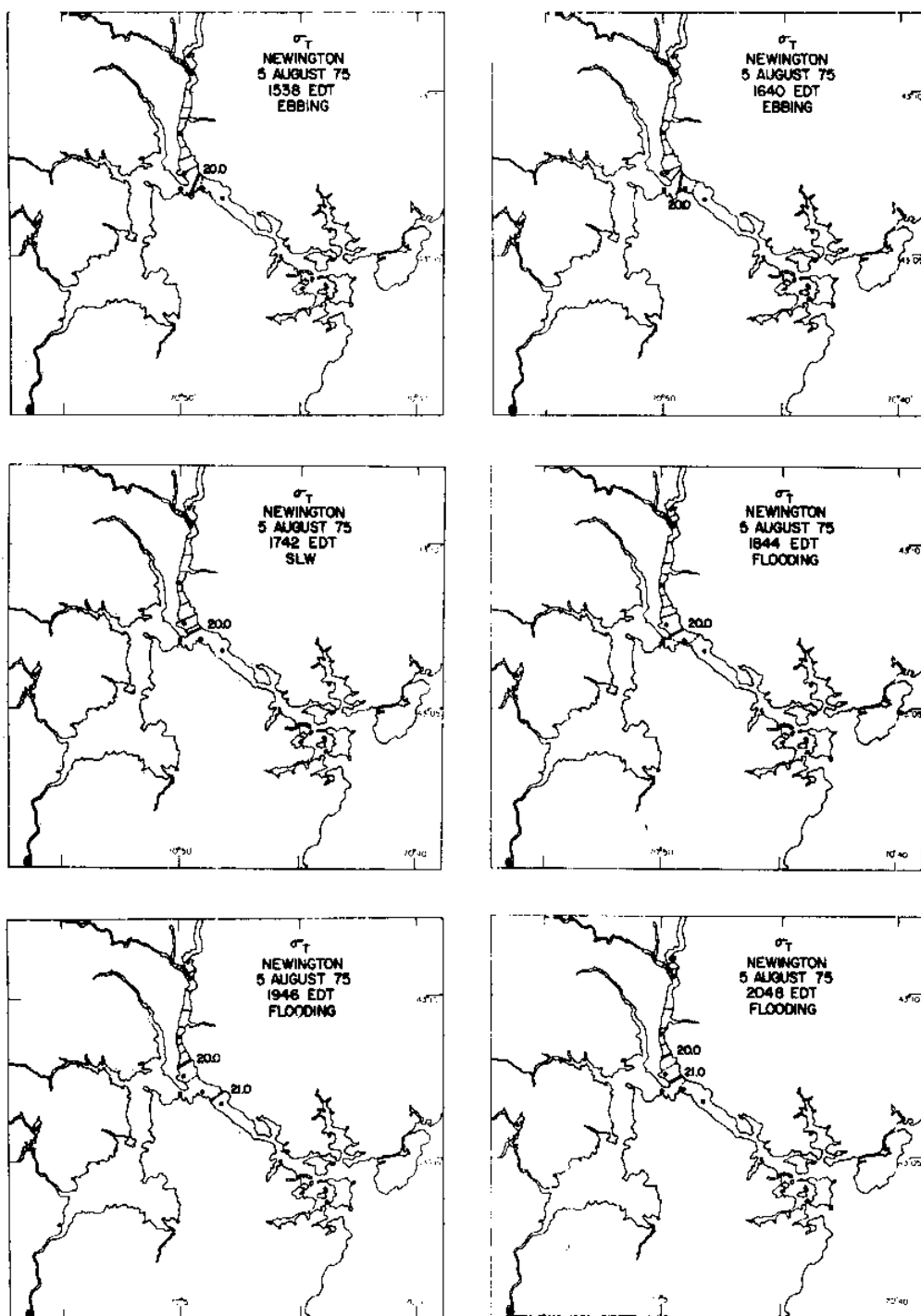


Figure 32 NEWINGTON SIGMA-T CONTOUR PLOT showing spatial distribution of isopycnals at 1 gm/cm<sup>3</sup> intervals over one tidal cycle.

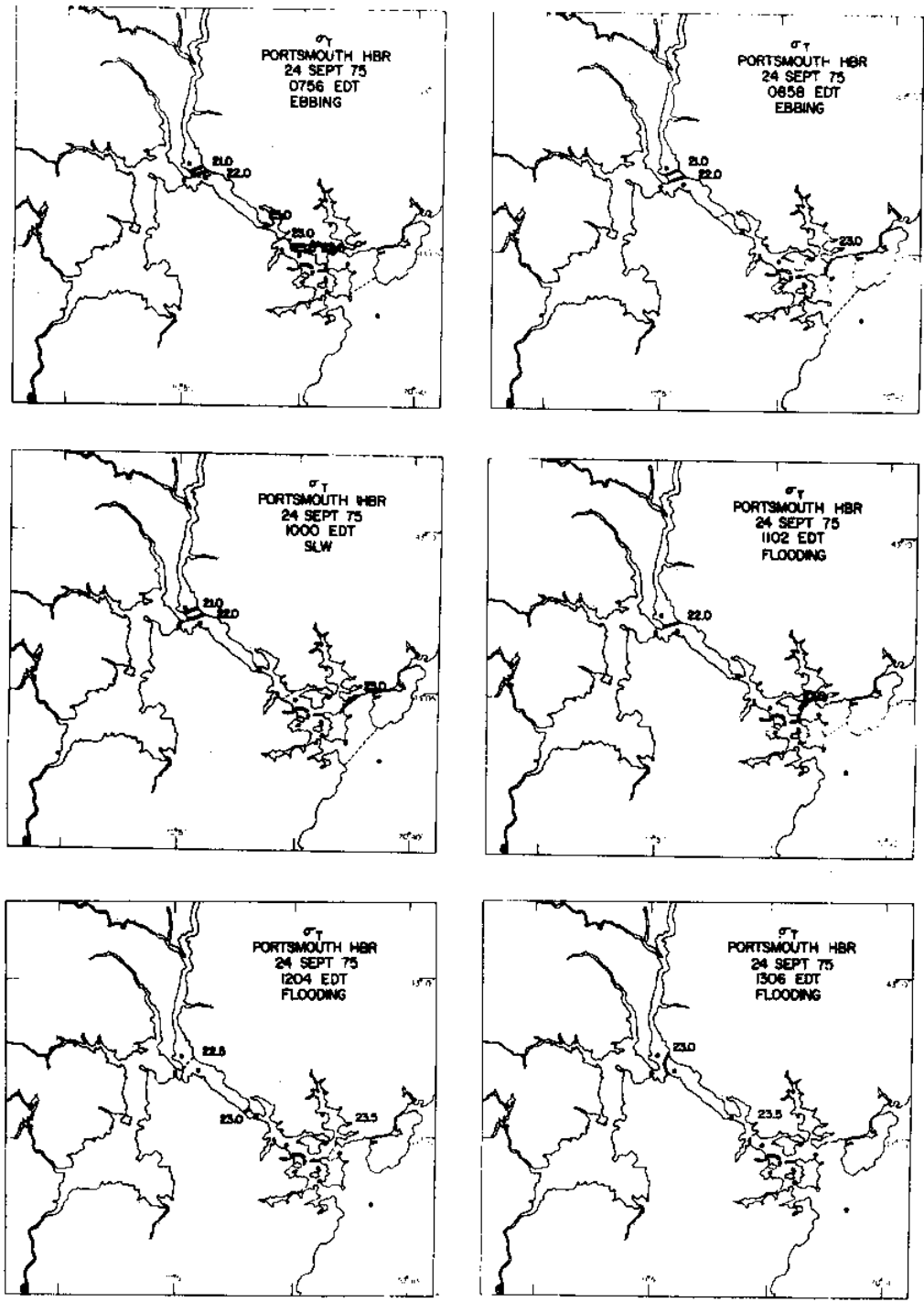


Figure 33 PORTSMOUTH HARBOR SIGMA-T PLOT showing spatial distribution of isopycnals at 1 gm/cm<sup>3</sup> intervals over one tidal cycle.

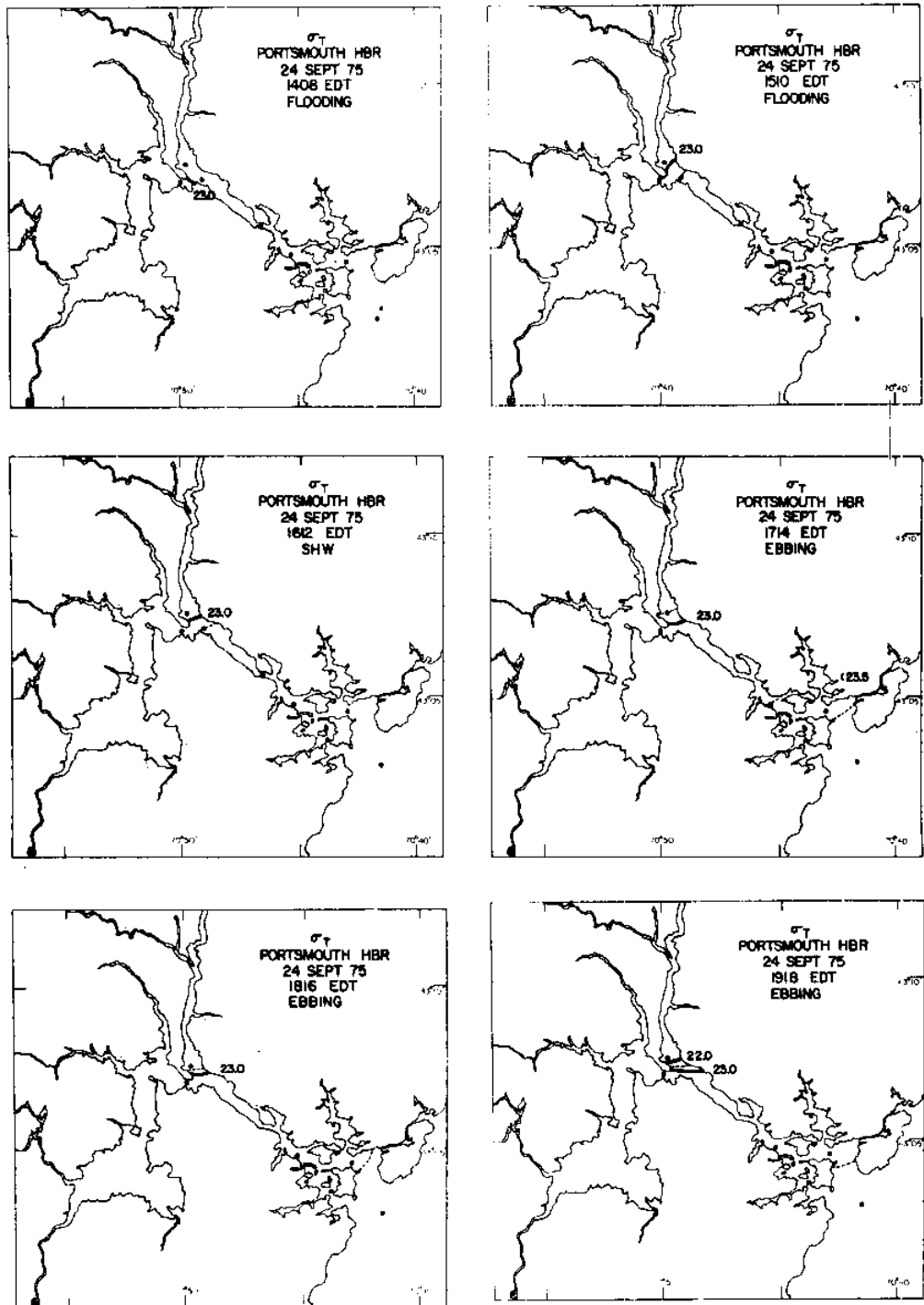


Figure 34 PORTSMOUTH HARBOR SIGMA-T PLOT showing spatial distribution of isopycnals at 1 gm/cm<sup>3</sup> intervals over one tidal cycle.

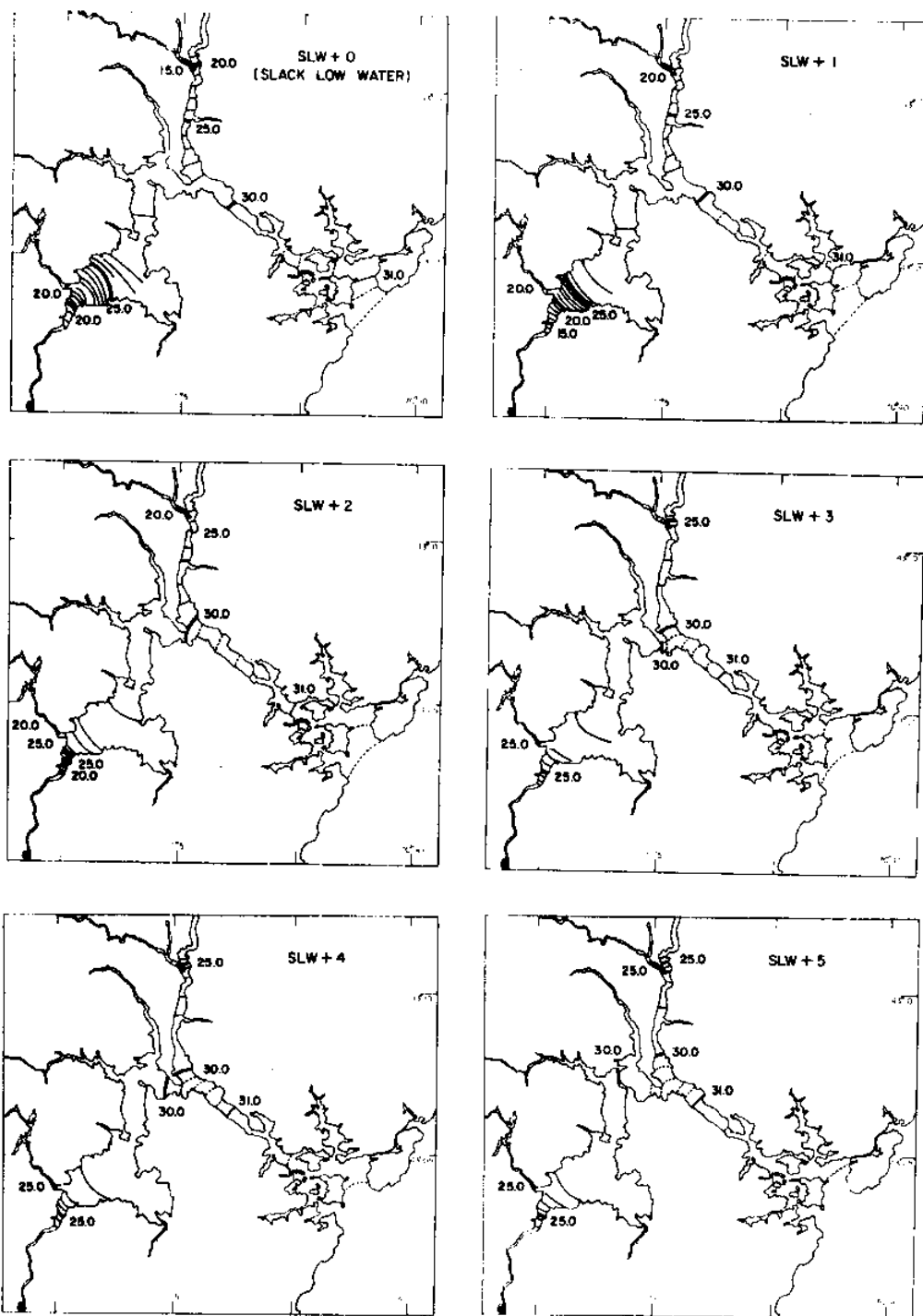


Figure 35 COMPOSITE SALINITY PLOT showing spatial distribution of isohalines at 10/00 intervals over one tidal cycle.

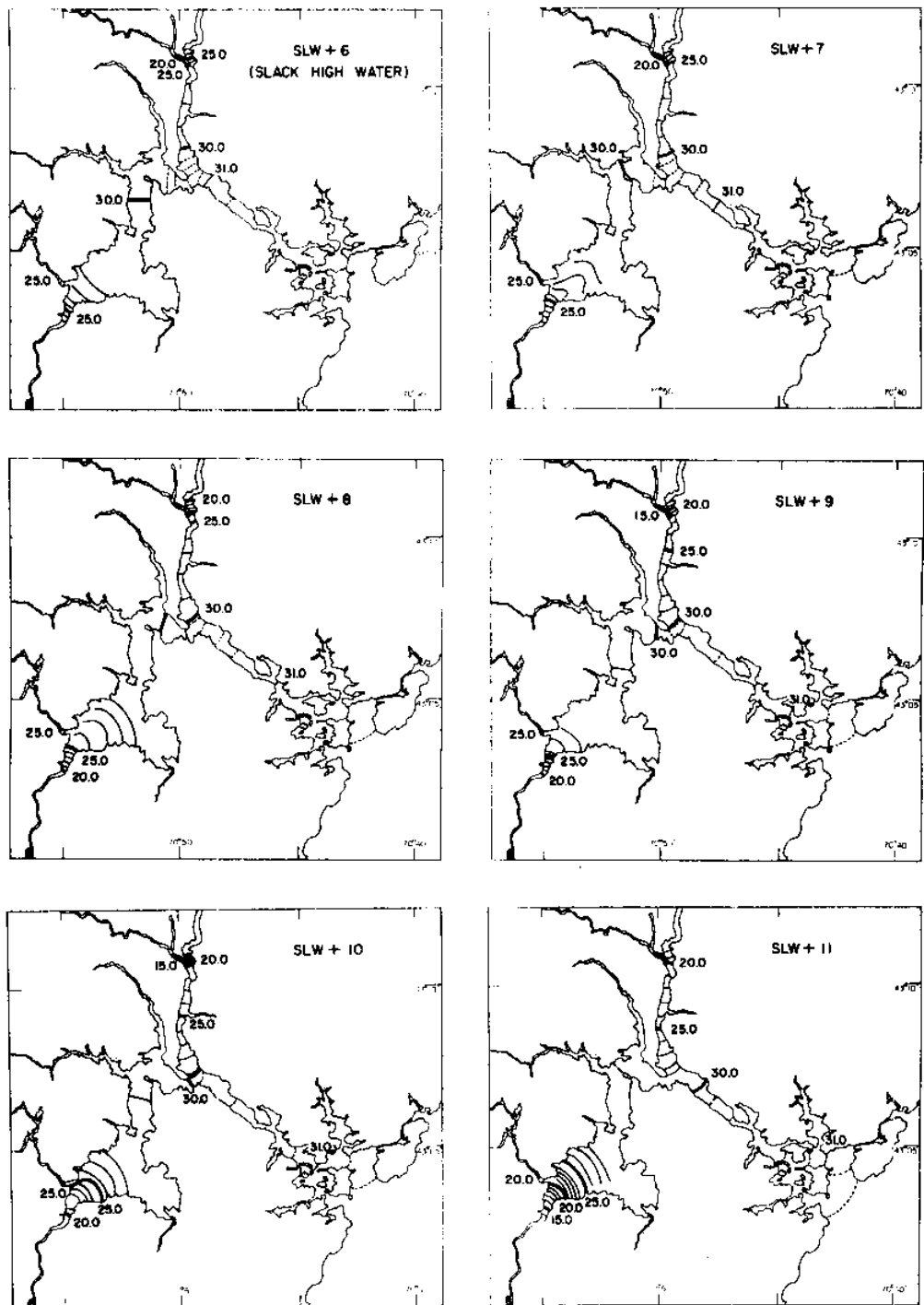


Figure 36 COMPOSITE SALINITY PLOT showing spatial distribution of isohalines at 1<sup>0</sup>/oo intervals over one tidal cycle.

## APPENDIX C

Vertical profiles of temperature salinity and sigma-t for representative estuarine and river stations.



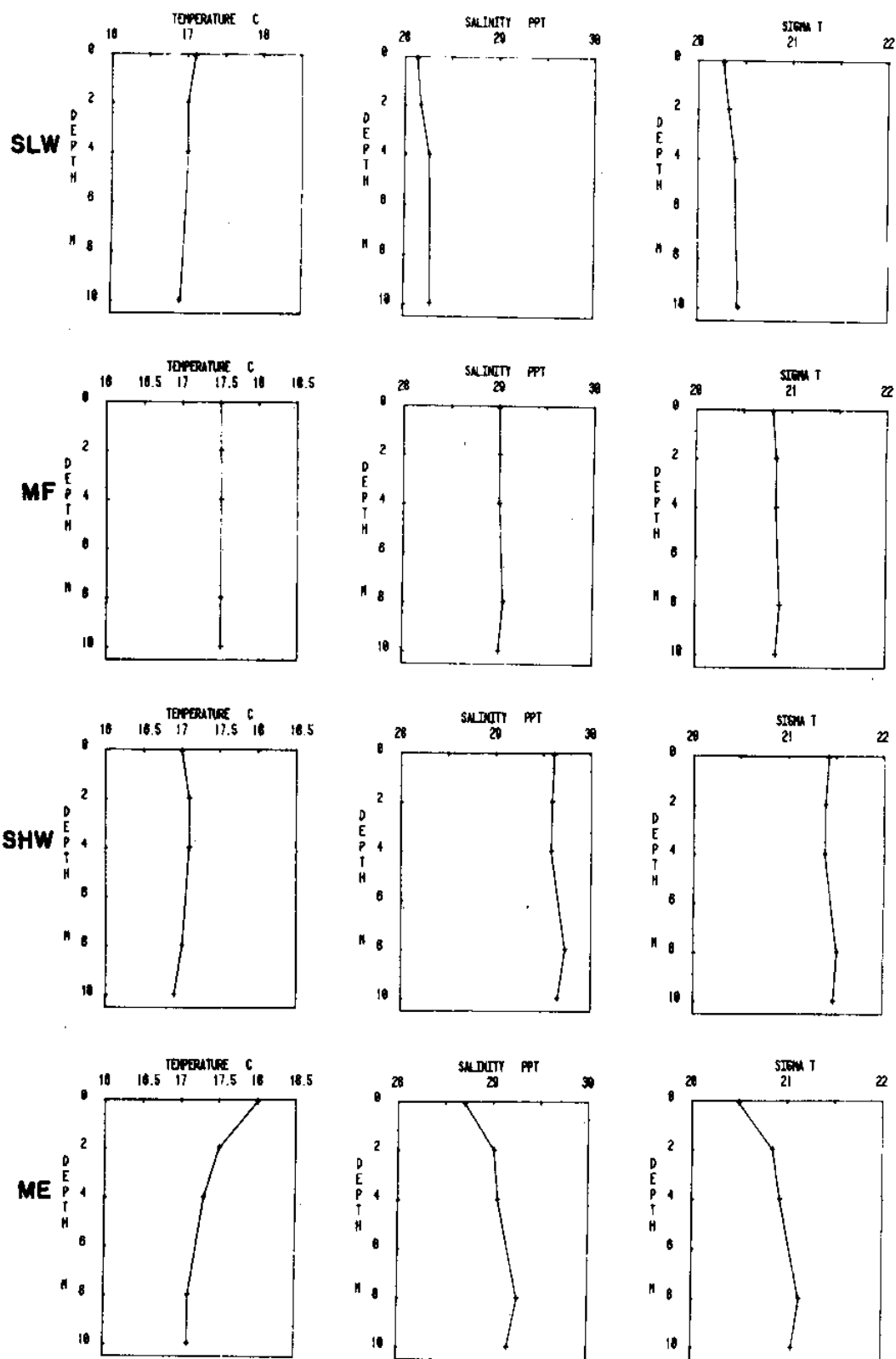


Figure 37 GREAT BAY (GB2) VERTICAL PROFILES showing temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ), salinity ( $^{\circ}/\text{oo}$ ) and sigma-t ( $\text{gm}/\text{cm}^3$ ) change with depth (M) over one tidal period. SLW (slack low water), MF (mid flood), SHW (slack high water), ME (mid ebb).

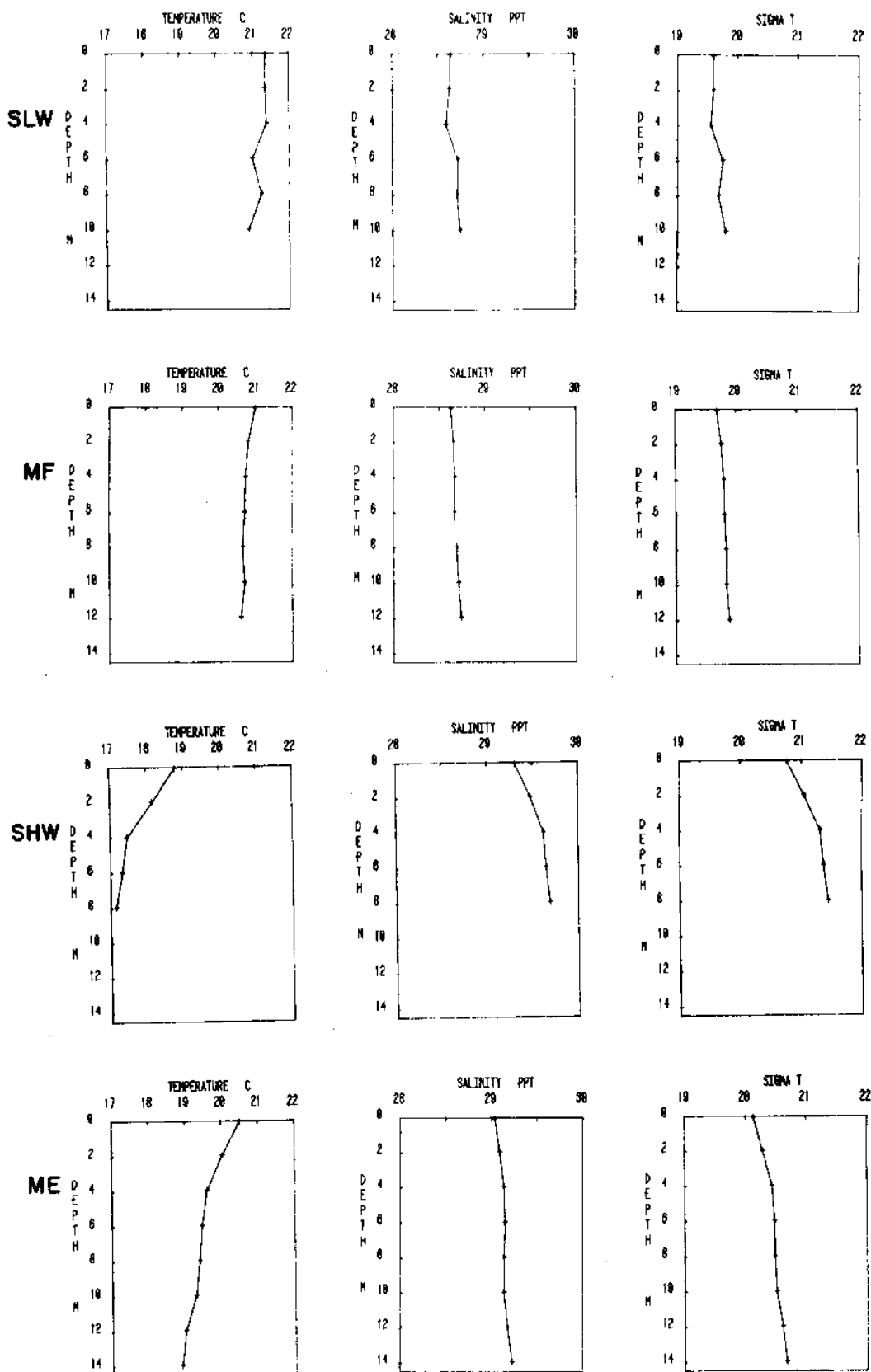


Figure 38 FOX POINT (FP2) VERTICAL PROFILES showing temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ), salinity ( $\text{‰}$ ) and sigma-t ( $\text{gm/cm}^3$ ) change with depth (M) over one tidal period. SLW (slack low water), MF (mid flood), SHW (slack high water), ME (mid ebb).

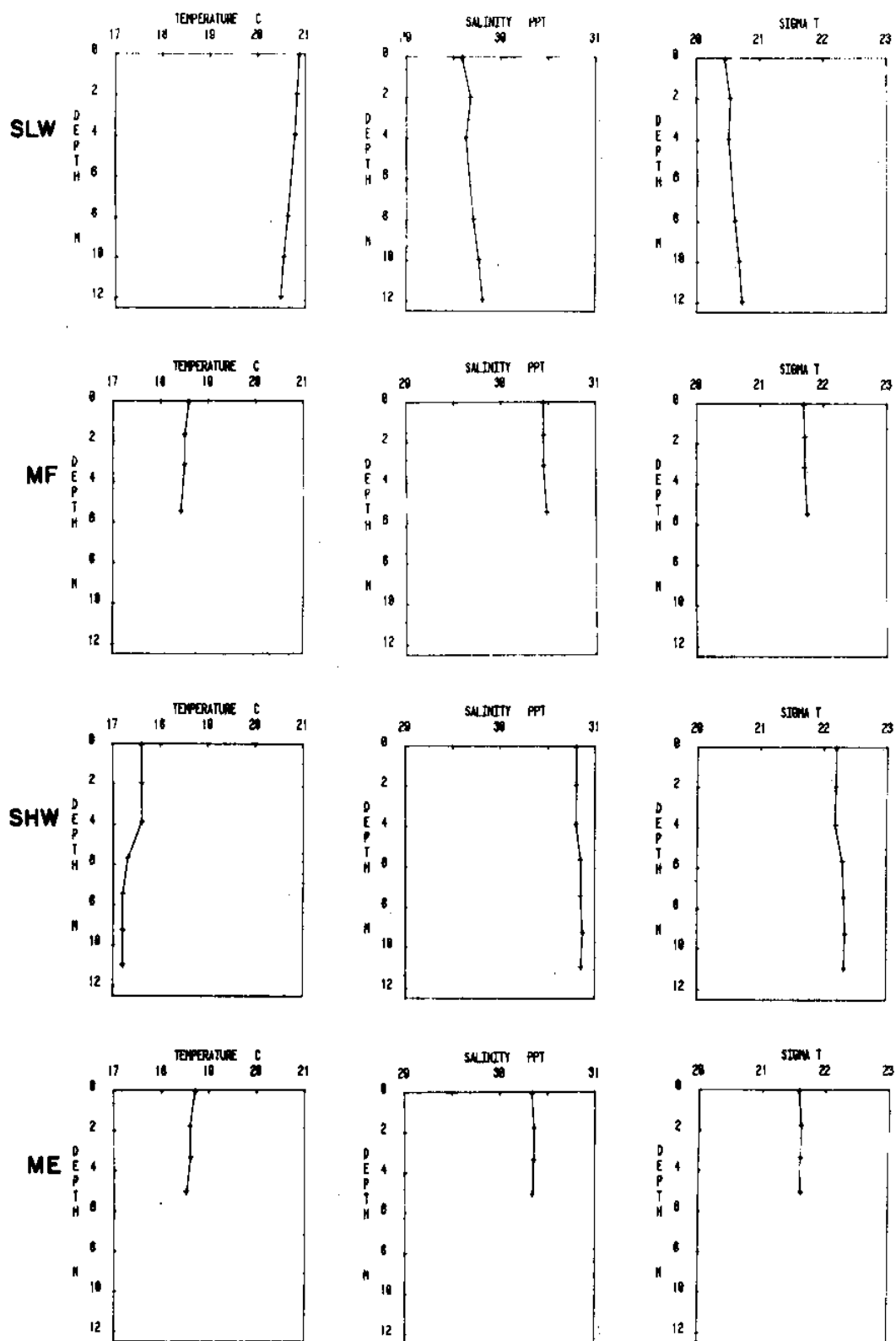


Figure 39 NEWINGTON (NW2) VERTICAL PROFILES showing temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ), salinity ( $\text{‰}$ ) and sigma-t ( $\text{gm/cm}^3$ ) change with depth (M) over one tidal period. SLW (slack low water), MF (mid flood), SHW (slack high water), ME (mid ebb).

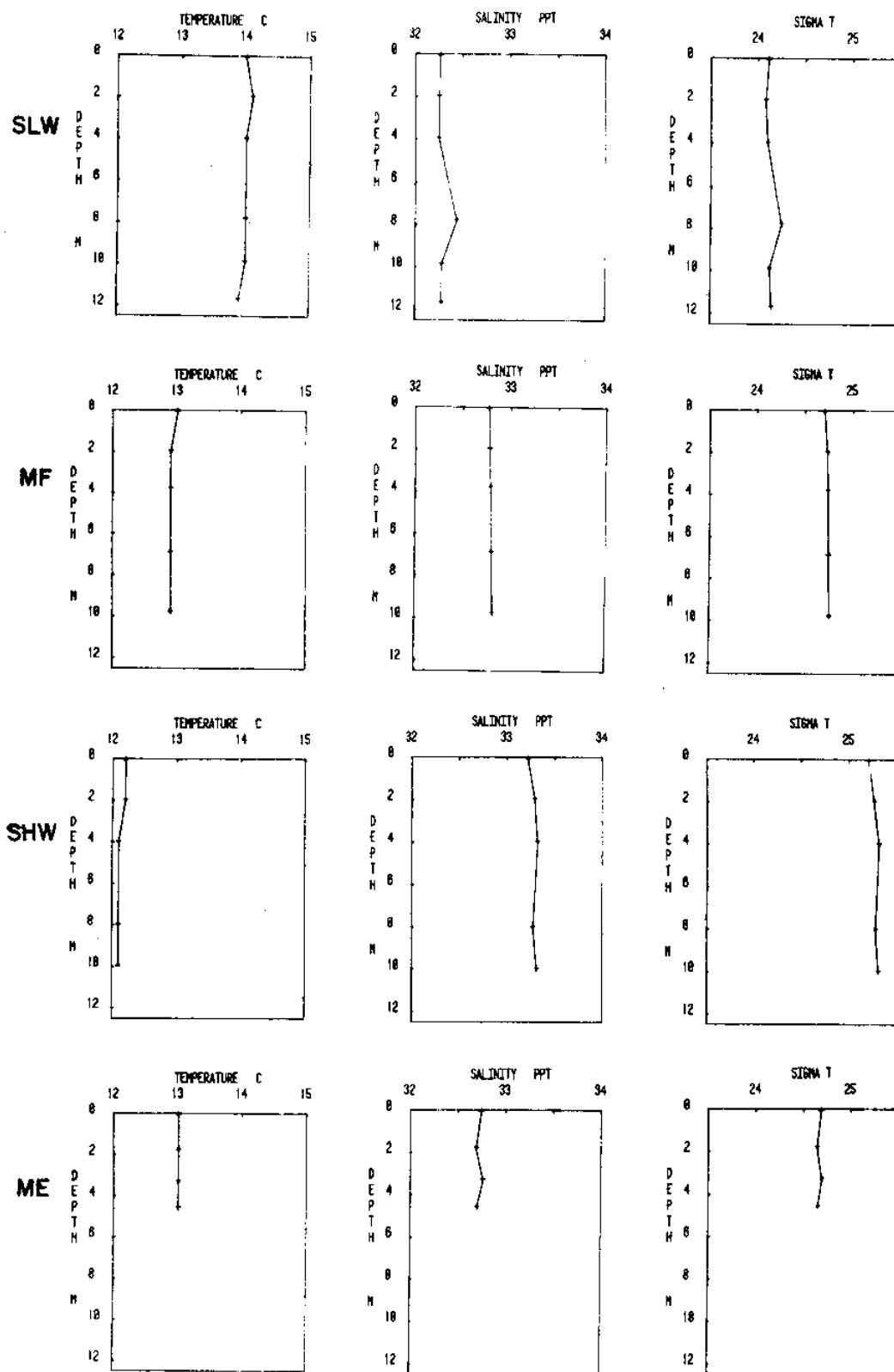


Figure 40

PORTSMOUTH HARBOR (PH2) VERTICAL PROFILES showing temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ), salinity ( $\text{‰}$ ) and sigma-t ( $\text{gm/cm}^3$ ) change with depth (M) over one tidal period. SLW (slack low water), MF (mid flood), SHW (slack high water), ME (mid ebb).

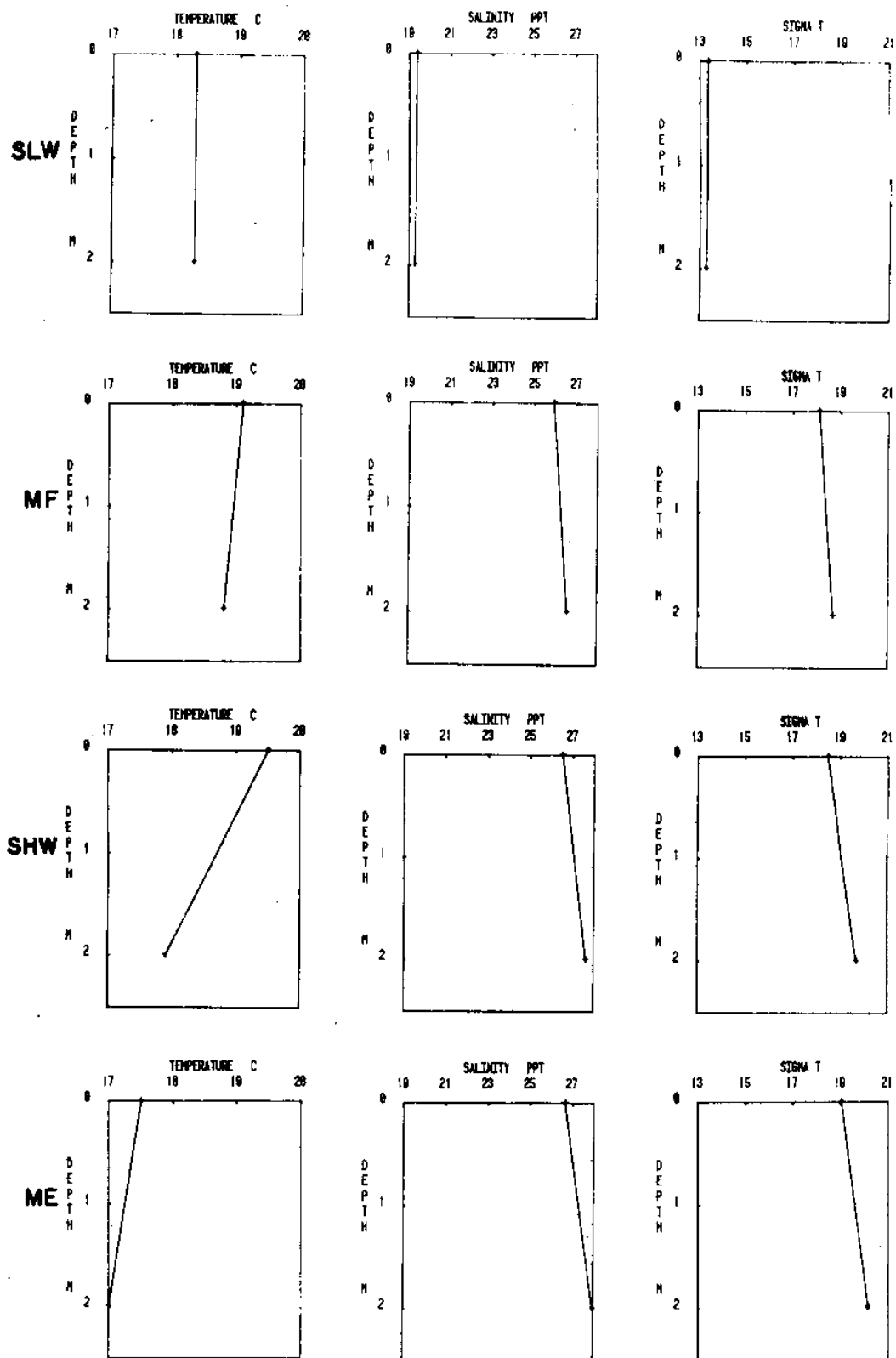


Figure 41 SQUAMSCOTT RIVER (SR2) VERTICAL PROFILES showing temperature (°C), salinity (‰) and sigma-t (gm/cm³) change with depth (M) over one tidal period. SLW (slack water), MF (mid flood), SHW (slack high water), ME (mid ebb).

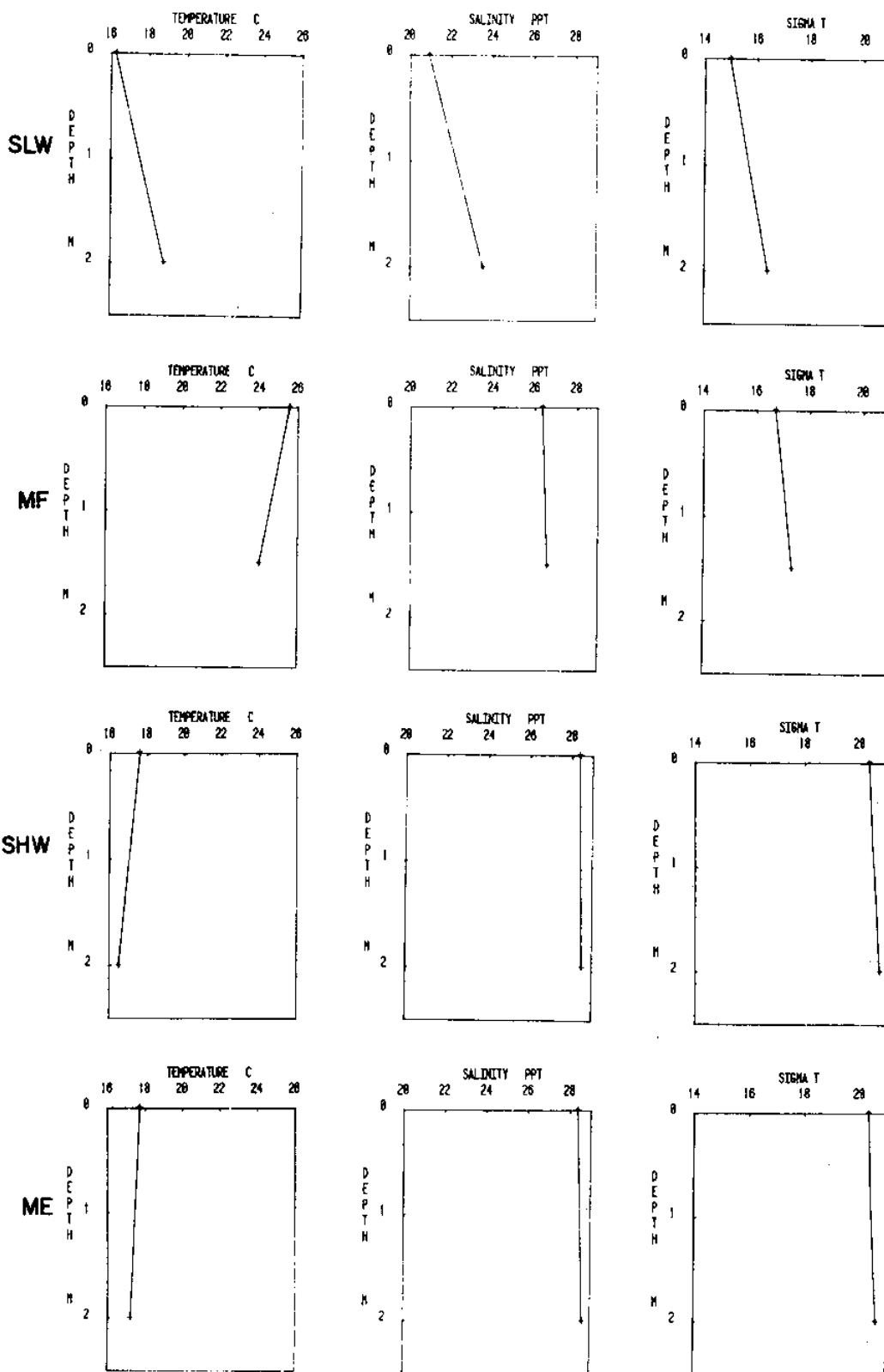


Figure 42 LAMPREY RIVER (LR1) VERTICAL PROFILES showing temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ), salinity ( $\text{ppt}$ ) and sigma-t ( $\text{gm/cm}^3$ ) change with depth (M) over one tidal period. SLW (slack low water), MF (mid flood), SHW (slack high water), ME (mid ebb).

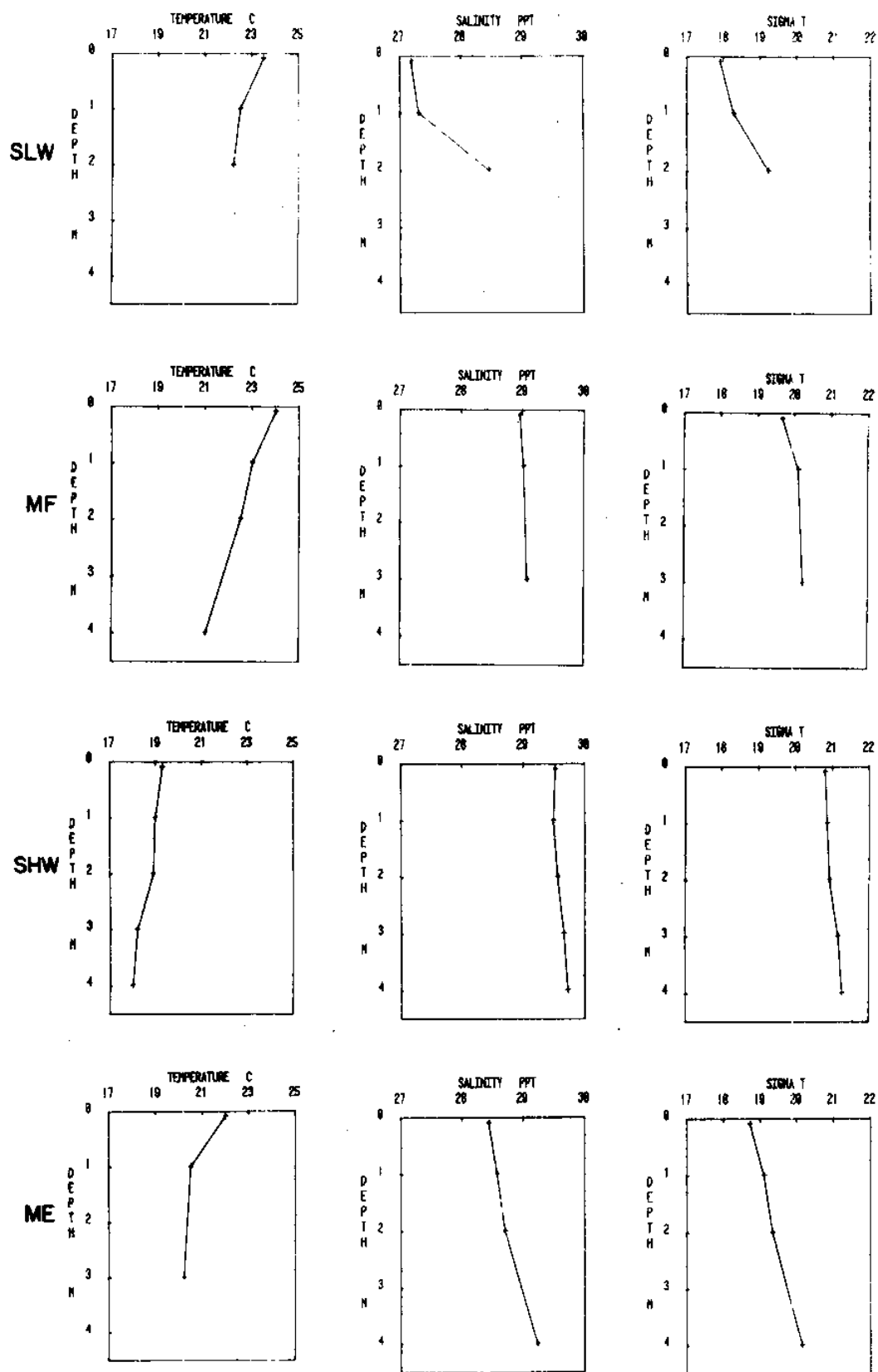


Figure 43 BELLAMY RIVER (BR1) VERTICAL PROFILES showing temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ), salinity ( $^{\circ}/\text{oo}$ ) and sigma-t ( $\text{gm}/\text{cm}^3$ ) change with depth (M) over one tidal period. SLW (slack low water), MF (mid flood), SHW (slack high water), ME (mid ebb).

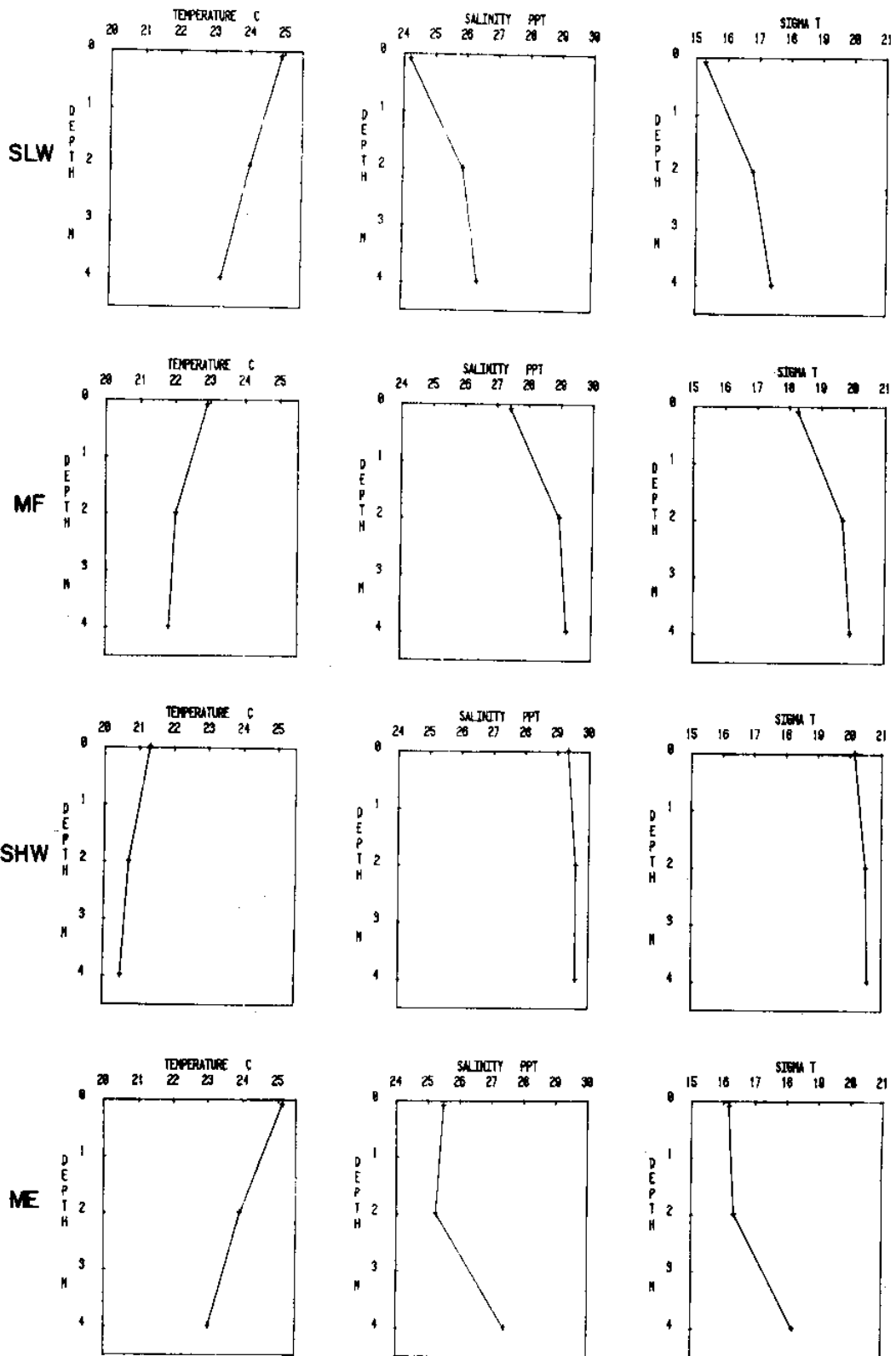


Figure 44 UPPER PISCATAQUA RIVER (SC1) VERTICAL PROFILES showing temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ), salinity ( $\text{‰}$ ) and sigma-t ( $\text{gm/cm}^3$ ) change with depth (M) over one tidal period. SLW (slack low water), MF (mid flood), SHW (slack high water), ME (mid ebb).



