#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY R. S. Patton Director

State: New Jersey

## **DESCRIPTIVE REPORT**

GRAPHIC CONTROL Sheet No. W

#### LOCALITY

Atlantic Co. Intracoastal Waterway

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CHIEF OF PARTY

Benjamin H. Rigg. John A. Bond

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

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#### REGISTER NO. T65032

State		New_J	ersey		
General l	ocality	Atlan	<del>bio County</del>	Intracoastal	Waterway
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Scale 1/	10,000	Date of s	ırvəy	May August	, 19. <u>35</u> 1936
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Chief of	party	B. H. Rigg	* John A	Bond	- 7 d d d d d d d d d d d d
Surveyed	by	A. S. Hall	* E. L.	Jones	
Inked by		F. H. McBeth	* E. L.	Jones	
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## DESCRIPTIVE REPORT TO ACCOMPANY ALUMINUM MOUNTED CONTROL SHEET NO. W

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## DESCRIPTIVE REPORT TO ACCOMPANY GRAPHIC CONTROL SHEET W

#### INSTRUCTIONS

The survey was carried out under instructions dated May 16, 1935. PURPOSE

The purpose of the survey was to establish control for hydrography of the Intracoastal Waterway on the inland side of Atlantic City, and for hydrography of Absecon Inlet and outside of Atlantic City. The purpose was also to establish permanent H. & T. stations, to locate new landmarks for the charts and check the landmarks on the present charts, and to locate topographic features along the Atlantic City Boardwalk for use in the Air-Photo Compilation.

#### LIMITS OF SHEET

Sheet W includes Atlantic City from Absecon Inlet (Lat 39° 22', Long. 74° 24.9') southwestward to the Ventner Fishing Pier (Lat. 39° 20.2', Long. 74° 28.6'). It also includes the Intracoastal Waterway and adjacent waters from Lat. 39° 23.5', Long. 79° 25.5' southwestward to Lat. 39° 21.5', Long. 74° 30'. The survey in the area back of Atlantic City was not completed because of a lack of funds.

#### DESCRIPTION OF TERRITORY

Absecon Island is a typical barrier island, of the largest in the vicinity. Atlantic City, with a year-round population of about 65,000, and with hundreds of thousands of summer visitors, comprises the northern end of the island. The ocean beach is very flat, and during the past few years has built out into the ocean. The beach between the steel pier and the Garden Pier, for example extends 175 meters farther eastward than is shown on the present charts. This is no doubt an effect of the building of the long amusement piers along the Boardwalk. In the past there has been considerable erosion along the northern end of the island, at the Inlet. An elaborate system of jettys has stopped

this erosion to a great extent. Long sandbars extend out on either side of Absecon Inlet, and frequent dredging is necessary to keep a depth of 16 fet in 1866. The fifteen or twenty large water-front hotels, some rising to a height of twenty stories, gives Atlantic City an imposing skyline, visible far out at sea.

The marsh, or meadow land to the westward of Absecon Island is cut up by winding creeks or Thorofares, as here designated. The meadowland is firm, and covered with short marsh grass. The shorelines are broken and irregular. A portion of Lake Bay falls in the Southwestern corner of the sheet.

#### CONTROL

The following triangulation stations were used as control on sheet 'W'.

Absecon Light Farley 1867: Ritz Aero Beacon Woodworth 1931
Atlantic Meaney 1932: Ventnor Meaney 1932
A.C.Claridge Hotel Dome Meaney 1932: Magnetic Rigg 1935
Ritz, Woodworth 1931: Gas Rigg 1935

#### SURVEYING METHODS USED

The method used in the survey of the Boardwalk and the ocean beach was first, to establishe control stations on the ends of the amusement piers, second, establish intermediate stations along the Boardwalk from the set-ups at the ends of the piers, and third, to locate the detail along the boardwalk from these intermediate stations.

The survey was started by setting up on station RITZ and taking cuts to the tower of the Curtiss Flying Station, and to predetermined points on the Heinz, Garden, Steel, Steeplechase, Central, Young's Million Dollar, and Ventnor Fishing Piers.

Set-ups were then made on each of these points, locating the planetable by resection on at least two triangulation stations. From these points the detail at the ends of the piers, and the highwater line, was rodded in, and cuts taken to intermediate stations along the boardwalk.

The survey was completed by set-ups on these intermediate stations. A steel wire traverse was run along the ocean beach from a set-up located by resection, just east of the President Hotel, to the flagpole at the Ventner Fishing Pier, which had been cut in by graphic triangulation. An adjustment of 1.5 meters was made. Short taped traversed were run in some cases between the intermediate statims along the boardwalk, especially at the northern end of the sheet.

The hydrographic signals for the hydrography of the area adjacent to the Airport were located by graphic triangulation. No special methods were used. All signals were located by the intersections of at least three strong cuts.

#### PERMANENT STATIONS ESTABLISHED

Natural objects were selected wherever possible for hydrographic signals. Along the ocean beach natural objects were located approximately every 600 meters. The following permanent hydrographic stations were located on sheet W:

N.E. Corner Hackney's Pier N.E. Cor. Pavillion Traymore Dome North Traymore Dome South R.R. Signal Tower

Atlantic City Gas Tank N.E. Cor. Million \$ Pier Iron Spire Shelburne Hotel Main Dome Blenheim Watertank A. C. Hospital \*Mon. Albany Avenue \*Mon. New Hampshire Avenue

Penguin Kool Sign Diving Tower Steel Pier Steel U.S.E.D. Haddon Hall South Finial Flagpole St. Charles U.S.E.D. Red Brick Chimney

Thin Black Standpipe

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Thin Black Standpipe

South Stack Power House N.E. Cor. Garden Pier N.E. Cor. Heinz S.E. Cor. President Hotel S.W. Cor. Colonnade Con. Hall Coast Guard Obs. Tower Incinerator Stack Flagpole Ventnor Pier

(\*) These stations plotted on Photo Compilation T-5637 and are also shown on City BluePrint forwarded with this compilation.

C. Belstad Fourth Order Stations. -- Allof Belstad's "4th order" stations (located for Air-Photo Compilation Control) falling within the limits of the graphical control sheets were plotted. Wherever possible. they were checked with the planetable. In the few cases where discrepancies occurred, they were adjusted by re-checks of the computations or of the topography, or both. The final position as shown on the sheet and the card, is to be considered correct.

Following is a list of stations falling on sheet "W":

Station

Whether or Not Checked Amt. of Discrep. Remarks

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W. RADIO TOWER W.P.G.

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N. END TRUSS

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E.R.A. 1886

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D. E.R.A. Stations:

E.R.A. 1880

- 1879
- " 1800
- " 1801
- " 1828
- " 1829

#### LANDMARKS

The following landmarks should be added to the charts:

Gas Tank
Three stacks Power Plant
Incinerator Stack
Thin Black Standpipe
Thick Black Standpipe

The following landmarks shown on the present charts should be retained:

Domes Traymore
Dome Claridge
Dome Shelburne
Aero Beacon
Tower (Absecon Light)

The following landmarks should be deleted.

Atlantic City C.G. Absecon C.G.

These changes are shown on a letter size chart section forwarded to the charting division. Geographic Positions of all landmarks on form 567 accompany the sheet. The instructions on the preparation and submission of form 567 have been complied with.

#### AIDS TO NAVIGATION

No Aids to Navigation fell within the limits of sheet W.

TOPOGRAPHIC FEATURES LOCATED FOR USE IN AIR PHOTO COMPILATION.

The entire Boardwalk, all of the ocean piers and more important waterfront buildings were located on the control sheet and transferred directly to the 1-10,000 air photo compilation. The high water line along
the ocean beach was also located. The high water line had changed
considerably since the photographs were taken. Hw. line
located in May 1935, lots of the water

#### GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

See Air Photo Compilation for details.

Respectfully,

Addison S. Hall Surveyor

Forwarded by,

Lt. Benjamin H. Rigg, Chief of Party.

#### SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

To Accompany Graphic Control Sheet W. 76503 a

#### Atlantic City, New Jersey

#### INSTRUCTIONS

The graphic control on Sheet W is a part of Project HT-205, the instructions for which were dated May 16, 1935.

#### EXTENT OF GRAPHIC CONTROL

Additional graphic control from that located by the party of Lieutenant B. H. Rigg in 1935 was necessary to control the hydrography in the upper reaches of Beach Thorofare and in Inside Thorofare to the south and west of Pleasantville and Atlantic City Bridge.

#### SURVEY METHODS

Hydrographic signals on this sheet were located by three or more intersecting cuts, three point fixes and resections, except a few signals in Inside Thorofare which were located by rodded distances.

Non-floating aids to navigation were located to comform with field memorandum number 2, 1936.

#### RECOVERABLE TOPOGRAPHIC STATIONS

Twelve additional recoverable topographic stations were located on this sheet.

The recoverable station "Thin Black Standpipe" (listed on page 3 of the descriptive report for this sheet) 1935 has been moved to a new location. The position of this standpipe is now shown correctly on the sheet and a description on form 524 is attached to this report.

#### DISCREPANCIES

There were no discrepancies noted in the air-photo shoreline transferred to this sheet.

There are no field indications of signal CENT (located in 1935) at its position on control sheet (Lat. 39° 21.3'; Long. 74° 27.4'). It is believed that signal CENT was the top of bridge house but located 14 meters in error. The 1936 location agrees with the air-photo compilation.

#### LANDMARKS

"Landmarks for Charts" will be made the subject of a separate report.

#### NON-FLOATING AIDS TO NAVIGATION

"Non-Floating Aids to Navigation" will be made the subject of a separate report.

#### GEOGRAPHIC NALES

See air-photo compilation for geographic names.

Submitted by,

Edmund L. Jones Ensign U.S.C.& G.S.

Approved by,

John A. Bond

H. & G. Engineer Chief of Party

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#### Date of Review

- 1. This survey has been reviewed in connection with Air Photo Compilation Nos. T5638, 5637, with particular attention to the following details:
  - (a) Projection has been checked in the Field.
  - (b) Accuracy of location of plane table control points.
  - (c) Discrepancies between detail on this survey and the air photo compilations listed above. Jetties near Ventnor Fishing Fiel. Photo compilation accepted.
  - (d) Discrepancies found in descriptions submitted on Form 524 when compared with the air photo compilations listed above. 8 cards describing stations within the limits of T-5638.

    No descriptions
- 2. Refer to the reviews and descriptive reports of air photo compilations Nos. T5638, , , for a more complete discussion of any errors or discrepancies found.

Any material errors found on this survey are noted in subsequent paragraphs of this review, and these have been reported to the Field Records Section and the Cartographic Section.

Notes and corrections resulting from the review are shown on this survey in green.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY R. S. Patton Director

State: New Jersey

## **DESCRIPTIVE REPORT**

GRAPHIC CONTROL Sheet No. Y (7-65036)

LOCALITY

Atlantic Co. Intracoastal Waterway

Atlantic City, N.J. Yicinity

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CHIEF OF PARTY

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Field No.\_\_\_\_Y\_\_\_

REGISTER NO. T 65036
StateNew Jersey
General locality Atlantic Co. Intracoastal Waterway
Locality Atlantic City & Vicinity
Scale 1/5,000 Date of survey June , 19.35 August 1936
Vessel Party No. 19 * MIKAWE
Chief of party B. H. Rigg * John A. Bond
Surveyed by A. S. Hall * E. L. Jones
Inked byF. H. McBeth * E. L. Jones
Heights in feet above to ground to tops of trees
Contour, Approximate contour, Form line interval feet
Instructions dated
Remarks: Hydrography only partially completed in 1935
Hydrography completed by MIKAWE in 1936

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#### DESCRIPTIVE REPORT TO ACCOMPANY

#### GRAPHIC CONTROL SHEET "Y"

#### Outline

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- 12. SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT (1936 work)

## DESCRIPTIVE REPORT TO ACCOMPANY GRAPHIC CONTROL SHEET "Y" (7-65036)

#### INSTRUCTIONS

The survey was carried out under instructions dated May 16, 1935.
PURPOSE OF SURVEY

The purpose of the survey was to lay out a system of ranges for the motor boat race course of the Absecon Island Yacht Club, to map topographic detail at the Airport and along Beach Thorofare, and to map the detail at the Gardner, Snug Harbor, Brigantine, and Chelsea Yacht Basins. LIMITS OF SHEET

Sheet Y is divided into two sections Y<sub>1</sub> and Y<sub>2</sub>. Section Yl includes the Airport and the two Albany Ave. highway bridges, and five draw-bridges over Beach Thorofare east of the Airport. It also includes the Chelsea Yacht Basin.

Sheet Y2 includes the Yachting Center Pier, and the Gardner, Snug Harbor, and Brigantine Yacht Basins.

#### DESCRIPTION OF TERRITORY

A. Sheet Y1: The Atlantic City Municipal Airport has a well kept landing field and three large steel hangars.

Beach Thorofare is lined on the Atlantic City side with boat houses, boat slips, and small docks, mostly in poor condition. Six draw bridges, including four railway bridges, cross Beach Thorofare within the limits of sheet Yl. The Chelsea Yacht Basin, on the east bank of the Thorofare just below the Albany Ave draw, is a small, little used basin lined with houses.

B. Y2: The Yachting Center is a large wooden pier at the southern shore of Absecon Inlet. The Gardner Yacht Basin is the largest and most used of the Atlantic City basins. The U. S. Lighthouse Service and the Coast Guard both base here, and many large Yachts, as well as small

fishing craft, use the basin.

The Snug Harbor Basin is smaller and is of less importance. It is completely lined with small dwellings and boat houses.

The Brigantine Yacht Basin is used as a base for the U. S. Army
Engineers as well as for some smaller craft. The Standard Oil Co. and
the American Oil Co. have docks at this basin.

#### CONTROL

The following triangulation Stations were used as control on sheet Y:

A. Sheet Y1

Ritz 1932 (Meaney)

Magnetic 1935 (Rigg)

B. Sheet Y2

Atlantic 1932 (Meaney)
Absecon 1931 (Woodworth)
Absecon 11647 1867 FARLEY

#### SURVEYING METHODS USED

A. Sheet Y1; For the method used in locating the ranges for the motor boat race course, see the special report forwarded from this office on June 11, 1935.

The Albany Ave. highway bridge was located from an eccentric set-up at the west radio tower of W.P.G.. The Chelsea Yacht Basin was located by making a set-up at either end. The set-ups were determined by means of a closed tape and stadia traverse, which was tied in to W. Radio Tower W.P.G. An adjustment of 2 m. was made.

The detail along Beach Thorofare, including the five draw bridges, was rodded in from five set-ups located by graphic triangulation. The clearances of all of the bridges were measured with a tape in the field.

Sheet Y2: Stakes were located at the western ends of the Gardner, DELTA Snug Harbor, and Brigantine Basins by means of cuts taken from triangulation station ATLANTIC, and resection on station CURTISS which was

transferred from Sheet "W". Station ABSECON, was used to check the location of these stakes. In the case of the Gardner Basin a taped traverse was run completely around the basin, and most of the detail located by taping from the traverse line. The practice followed was to show the dock and building line, not the bulkhead line. Runways less than one meter in width were not shown.

#### PERMANENT STATIONS ESTABLISHED

The five Range Markers for the motor boat race course were permanently marked with 12" Square concrete blocks in which a 24" length of 2" galvanized pipe was imbedded. (See descriptive report on the lay-out of the motor boat course.). Descriptions on form 524 are forwarded.

Several other permanent stations fell within the limits of the sheet.

These stations were located on sheet "W" and dealt with in the descriptive report accompanying that sheet.

#### LANDMARKS AND NAMES

Landmarks falling within the limits of sheet Y were dealt with in connection with sheet W.

The names of the Yacht Basins should be shown on the charts. The three on sheet Y2 should be named Gardner, Snug Harbor, and Brigantime Basins respectively. Charts affected are 1217 and 3243.

#### AIDS TO NAVIGATION

No aids to navigation of charting importance, with the exception of the landmarks dealt with in connection with sheet "W" were located on sheet "Y".

#### TOPOGRAPHIC FEATURES LOCATED FOR USE IN AIR PHOTO COMPILATION

The primary purpose of this 1-5,000 graphical control sheet was to locate topographic detail at the yacht basins and boat slip areas to the west of Atlantic City. This detail was projected to a 1-10,000 scale

and transferred to the compilation.

#### GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

See Air-Photo Compilation for details.

Respectfully submitted,

Addison S. Hall, Surveyor

Forwarded by,

Lt. Benjamin H. Rigg, Chief of Party.

#### SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

To Accompany Graphic Control Sheet Y.

Atlantic City, New Jersey

#### INSTRUCTIONS

The graphic control on sheet Y is a part of Project HT-205, the instructions for which were dated May 16, 1935.

#### SURVEY METHODS

The shoreline shown in pencil was transferred from air-photographs compiled by Lieutenant (j.g.) E. H. Kirsch.

The shoreline shown in ink was located by the party of Lieutenant B. H. Rigg in 1935. Hydrographic signals were placed on the corners of docks and buildings in Gardners Basin and Snug Harbor and were identified on the topographic sheet in the field.

The location of recoverable topographic stations by this party was carefully obtained by resection.

#### RECOVERABLE TOPOGRAPHIC STATIONS

The following recoverable topographic stations are on the U. S. Engineers base lines and traverses, and will prove valuable in tying in future work by the U. S. Engineers:

F (U.S.E.), C (U.S.E.), B' (U.S.E.), and -18+00.

#### LANDMARKS

"Landmarks for Charts" and "Non-Floating Aids to Navigation" will be made the subjects of separate reports.

#### GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

See air-photo compilation for geographic names.

Submitted by,

Ensign U.S.C.& G.S.

Approved by,

John A. Bond

H. & G. Engineer

Chief of Party

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