**T-11696**

NOAA FORM 76-35  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION  
NATIONAL OCEAN SURVEY

**DESCRIPTIVE REPORT**

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1959 TO 1962

**REGISTRY IN ARCHIVES**

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*U.S. Government Printing Office: 1972-780.698*
**PROJECT NO. (II):**
PH-5907

**FIELD OFFICE (II):**
Accomac, Virginia

**CHIEF OF PARTY**
Joseph K. Wilson

**PHOTOGRAMMETRIC OFFICE (III):**
Tampa, Florida

**OFFICER-IN-CHARGE**
V. Ralph Sobieralski

**INSTRUCTIONS DATED (III):**
- October 20, 1959  FIELD
- April 26, 1960  Letter from Asst. Director
- April 26, 1960  FIELD AMENDMENT I
- December 28, 1960  OFFICE
- August 10, 1961  OFFICE AMENDMENT I
- September 29, 1961  OFFICE AMENDMENT II

**METHOD OF COMPILATION (III):**
Graphic

**MANUSCRIPT SCALE (III):**
1:10,080

**STEREOSCOPIC PLOTTING INSTRUMENT SCALE (III):**
Inapplicable

**DATE RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON OFFICE (IV):**

**DATE REPORTED TO NAUTICAL CHART BRANCH (IV):**

**APPLIED TO CHART NO:**

**DATE:**

**DATE REGISTERED (IV):**

**GEOGRAPHIC DATUM (III):**
N. A. 1927

**VERTICAL DATUM (III):** MHW

**Elevations shown as (m) refer to mean high water**

**Elevations shown as (s) refer to sounding datum**

i.e., mean low water or mean lower low water

**REFERENCE STATION (III):**
PIG 1933

**LAT.:**
37° 19' 23.888" (736.4m)

**LONG.:**
75° 45' 03.789m (93.3 m.)

**ADJUSTED**

**UNADJUSTED**

**STATE:**
Virginia

**ZONE:**
South

**PLANE COORDINATES (IV):**

**V = 372,065.76**

**X = 2,799,235.51**

**HUMAN NUMERALS INDICATE WHETHER THE ITEM IS TO BE ENTERED BY (II) FIELD PARTY, (III) PHOTOGRAMMETRIC OFFICE, OR (IV) WASHINGTON OFFICE.**

**WHEN ENTERING NAMES OF PERSONNEL ON THIS RECORD GIVE THE SURNAME AND INITIALS, NOT INITIALS ONLY.**
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- 9-lens camera and Wild RC-8 "W"

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**Atlantic Marine Center Review By (IV):**

C. H. Bishop  
Dec. 1973

**Proof Edit By (IV):**

**Number of Triangulation Stations Searched for (II):** 2
- Recovered: 0
- Identified: 0

**Number of BM(S) Searched for (II):** 0
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**TOTALS** 380, 558

3-22-62
This 1:10,000 scale shoreline manuscript is one of 43 maps that comprise Project PH-5907, Cape Charles to Assateague, VA. The project diagram on page 5 indicates the location of this map in the project.

Field inspection prior to compilation was done in September, 1961.

Compilation was from 9-lens photographs taken in October, 1959. Control was based on a radial plot using the 9-lens photographs. Compilation was revised, using photographs taken in April, 1962, after the March, 1962 hurricane. The Photogrammetric Plot Report and Compilation Report were not available at the time of final review.

No field edit of this map was accomplished.

Final review was done at the Atlantic Marine Center in December, 1973.

The compilation manuscript was a vinylite sheet 3 minutes 45 seconds in latitude by 3 minutes 45 seconds in longitude.

A cronaflex copy of the final reviewed manuscript and a negative have been forwarded for record and registry.

* The registrations map copy is labeled Class II. The extent of the revision with the 1962 photograph is unknown.
2. Aerial Field Inspection.

These maps are located along the eastern shore of Virginia, in the vicinity of Great Machipongo Inlet. The island area consists of the northern part of Cobb Island. The island is a narrow stretch of sand and marsh between Great Machipongo Inlet and Sand Shoal Inlet. The island is uninhabited except for a Coast Guard Life Saving Station, which is located on the south end.

Field inspection was performed on two 1:16000 scale nine-lens photographs, numbered 60399 and 60400. The western side of the island was inspected by skiff running alongshore and is all apparent shoreline. The shoreline along the Atlantic Ocean was located by occasional measurements from identifiable points on the photographs. The shoreline around the north end of Cobb Island has changed considerably since the nine-lens photography. It was located by frequent measurements from photo. points and has been indicated on photograph 60399. Comparison of the nine-lens photographs taken in October 1959 with black and white prints of color photography taken in April 1961 prove the changes around Great Machipongo Inlet. The photographs were of good quality and no difficulty was encountered in their interpretation in the field. The marsh limits along the west side of the island were indicated as photographed although the shifting sand has made the marsh area more narrow than when photographed.

3. Horizontal Control.

All Coast and Geodetic Survey stations were searched for but none were recovered. The project index called for one station, out of a group of three, near the north end of the island to be identified but none of the stations were recovered.

Great Machipongo Inlet Black Beacon 1934, East Shack, East Gable 1934 and West Shack, North Gable 1934 were reported lost.

4. Vertical Control.

No tidal bench marks were located within the area.
5. **Contours and Drainage.**
   Contours are inapplicable.
   Drainage is runoff from the island into the bay or ocean except for short tidal streams along the marsh area. These are self-evident from the photographs.

6. **Woodland Cover.**
   There is none.

7. **Shoreline and Alongshore Features.**
   See item 2, PP 2 on location of the mean high water line.
   All shoreline features have been clarified on the photographs.
   The area along the west side of the island is very shallow and can be navigated at high water only.

8. **Offshore Features.**
   Several lines of stakes have been indicated on the photographs. These were the only features noted during inspection.

9. **Landmarks and Aids.**
   There are no landmarks for nautical charts in the area.

10. **Boundaries, Monuments and Lines.**
    There are none.

11. **Other Control.**
    Three recoverable topographic stations were identified for location by the plot. They are CENT 1961, DENT 1961 and West Gable of House.

12. **Other Interior Features.**
    There are no roads on the island. One building has been indicated on the photographs.
    The Coast Guard Telephone Line has been indicated on the photographs. These are the only features on the island.

13. **Geographic Names.**
    A systematic investigation of names was not required. No new names are recommended for charting.
14. Special Reports and Supplemental Data.

Form 567 submitted previously, date is unknown.
Letter of Transmittal submitted with this data.

Submitted,

William M. Reynolds
William M. Reynolds
Sub-unit Photo Party 720
June 22, 1972

GEODETIC NAMES
FINAL NAME SHEET
PH-5907 (Virginia)
T-11696

Atlantic Ocean
Cobb Island
Great Machipongo Inlet
Hog Island
Hog Island Bay
North Channel
Rowes Hole Channel
Second Channel

Approved:
A. J. Wright
A. Joseph Wraith
Chief Geographer

Prepared by:
Frank W. Pickett
Cartographic Technician
NONFLOATING AIDS OR LANDMARKS FOR CHARTS

Tampa District Office, Tampa, Fla. August 23, 1962

I recommend that the following objects which have (have not) been inspected from seaward to determine their value as landmarks be charted on (do not chart) the charts indicated.

The positions given have been checked after listing by:  

Paul W. Leikhim  
V. Ralph Sobieralski  

Chief of Party

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*Aid office identified on April 28, 1962  
Single-lens photograph

This form shall be prepared in accordance with Hydrographic Manual, pages 800 to 804. Positions of charted landmarks and nonfloating aids to navigation, if redetermined, shall be reported on this form. Revisions shall show both the old and new positions. The data should be considered for the charts of the area and not by individual field survey sheets. Information under each column heading should be given.

* Tabulate seconds and meters
REVIEW REPORT T-11696

SHORELINE

December 5, 1973

61. GENERAL STATEMENT

See Summary on page 5 of this Descriptive Report.

An ozalid comparison print, showing differences noted in Par. 62, is bound with the original of this report.

Map sources used in Par. 62 and 63 were compared with each other. No differences were found to exist between the two maps.

T-11696 supersedes previous topographic surveys for nautical chart construction purposes.

62. COMPARISON WITH REGISTERED TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEYS

A comparison was made with Survey T-8179, Great Machipongo Inlet, VA, scale 1:20,000, dated 1943. Numerous shoreline differences were shown in blue on the comparison print.

63. COMPARISON WITH MAPS OF OTHER AGENCIES

A comparison was made with USGS Quadrangle GREAT MACHIPONGO INLET, VA., 1:24,000 scale, dated 1942. Differences noted were the same as those noted on T-8179 and were shown on the comparison print with the same blue line.

64. COMPARISON WITH CONTEMPORARY HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEYS

No contemporary hydrographic surveys were available for comparison.

65. COMPARISON WITH NAUTICAL CHARTS

A comparison was made with Chart 1222, 1:80,000 scale, 36th edition, dated June 30, 1973. No significant shoreline differences were noted. A charted wreck at the north end of Cobb Island was not visible on photographs of the area.
66. ADEQUACY OF RESULTS AND FUTURE SURVEYS

The Photogrammetric Plot Report, which usually states the accuracy of control used for compilation, was not available for final review and no accuracy statement was made in the Compilation Report. However, there is no reason to believe that accuracy is substandard.

Reviewed by:

Charles H. Bishop
Charles H. Bishop
Cartographer

Approved for forwarding:

Jeffrey G. Carlen, CDR, NOAA
Chief, Coastal Mapping Division, AMC

Approved:

Alfred C. Holmes, RADM, NOAA
Director, Atlantic Marine Center

Approved:

Chief, Photogrammetric Branch
Chief, Coastal Mapping Division