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Descriptive Report

of

Chart Revision Work in Southern California.

to

Accompany Original Topographic Sheets.

( Photo. Reproductions)

1 to 10 inclusive.

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John W. Maupin — Season Jan 21 to May 31

1914.

Sheet 1345:

The control of this sheet is based on a scheme of triangulation expanded from the base "Scallop Pt. - Clam Pt." lying across the valley of the Santa Ana River. These old stations were recovered with considerable difficulty, after extensive digging and grading with teams and scrapers.

The triangulation was extended westward as far as the Pavilion at Anaheim Creek, and the corrections along the shore line connected to points trigonometrically determined.

The pleasure pier at Bay City was located on revised chart No. 54-3 by triangulation from the westward but on sheet No. 1345 submitted herewith it has been independently located by the new triangulation.

There is but little change in the shore line at the mouth of Anaheim Creek. The spit at the eastern point of the entrance has moved inshore slightly but is probably subject to frequent small changes.

There is a pleasure pier and about 30 residences at Sunset Beach.

The inlet at Bolsas Creek has been closed for some years, and the creek is now connected by a canal with Anaheim Creek. A dam has been built by the Bosa Chica Sun Club at the point of the bluff as shown. This dam has an automatic gate permitting an outflow from the marsh above it but closing against an inflow from below. The result of this action is that the area above the dam is now practically a fresh water marsh being fed by drainage from the peat land above.

There is a conspicuous high red water tank on the county road about 1/2 mile inshore as shown.

The high water mark throughout this sheet has been corrected by
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Limits and General Remarks.

The ground covered by this season's work extends from a point just south of Newport Bay, where Assistant Rhodes left off in 1910, to (but not including) the town of La Jolla. The revision work covers the territory within the limits shown on the original topographic sheets. The work of recovering and re-marking the old triangulation stations (A.J. Rodgers 1884-86; 1887 and A.W. Chase 1874-75) consumed more time and effort than did the topographic work. Relatively speaking, the area contained in this work, as not at present, of very great importance from a mariner's standpoint, as vessels plying the coast set a straight course from San Pedro Channel to clear Pt Loma (or vice versa), thus passing the greater part of this coast too far out to see ordinary objects.

Prominent Objects.

For future use, and for vessels passing closer inshore, a number of prominent objects, such as
Conspicuous ware houses, water tanks, barn, school houses, etc., were determined by sextant angles taken at the triangulation stations and plotted on the sheets. There were no light houses or beacons on this coast.

**Towns and Villages.**

Generally speaking, the towns in Southern California, have remained quite inactive since the original topography was done. Oceanside, San Juan Capistrano, Encinitas, Carlsbad (now called Earl) and Del Mar have shown very little advancement, while many of the smaller places have almost become depopulated. Laguna (and additions) has grown some, and a small village called Cardiff, between Encinitas and Del Mar, is being promoted. San Juan, Mateo, San Onofre, Las Flores, Sosa, La Costa, and Merle should not be shown as villages on chart 5100, for there are practically no tenant houses at any of these places and they are merely crossroad flagging stations for local trains. Oceanside should be given the most prominence on the chart, and Laguna, Encinitas, San Juan Capistrano, Del Mar, Cardiff, and Earl, are all about on a par. There are many realty promoters in Southern California, but not enough people to utilize all of the
out divisions. Much of the topography shown on the original sheets was omitted from the copy of chart 5100 in my possession.

Roads.

A number of new roads, near the coast, were surveyed and many roads and buildings were removed from the chart. Some of the old roads, running back from the coast, were scarcely ever used, but they were left on the chart under possibility of a revival of their usage. The new coast state highway is the most important road which traverses this territory. This new highway is being concreted and at the present time, the portion between Las Flores and Oceanside, and from South Oceanside to Del Mar, has been completed. It is very much traveled and on this account most of the other roads parallel to the coast are falling into disuse. The coast roads in San Diego county are in much better condition than in Orange County.

Change of Coast line.

With only one exception, there was not evidence of sufficient change in the shore line to affect the accuracy of the published charts. The old triangulation stations along the coast, which
were recovered, gave excellent evidence of this, and 
from these old stations the shore line was 
tested by angles and tangent. The beach at the 
mouth of San Juan River was the only change 
of any note.

Methods.

The general method followed in doing the 
work, was to recover the triangulation stations 
first and from these take distant angles to 
prominent objects. Roads etc. were often run in 
by compass and distance obtained, by counting 
the revolutions of the wagon wheels. Local 
maps were obtained, whenever practicable, for 
correction of roads, streets, etc.

Recovery of old Triangulation Stations.

A total of 72 old triangulation stations 
were recovered, and, out of this number 36 were 
re-marked with standard station and reference 
marks set in concrete piers, There were no con-
siderable stretches where none of the old trian-
gulation stations could be recovered, therefore it was 
not deemed necessary to establish new ones. The 
old stubs were usually decayed and were often 
missing, but in some cases, they were in fairly 
good preservation, depending on the kind of
oil they were in. Strange to say, one of the old
signals (a pine) was still standing in its origi-
nal position, and was so rotten it offered very
little resistance, but toppled over, when pushed,
and broke in numerous pieces as it fell to
the ground.

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