

NOAA COASTAL MAPPING PROGRAM PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT

PROJECT LA1801-CS-N

Ports of Plaquemines and Empire/Venice, Louisiana

Introduction

Coastal Mapping Program (CMP) Project LA1801-CS-N provides highly accurate digital shoreline data for key areas of change within the Ports of Plaquemines and Empire/Venice, Louisiana. The Geographic Cell (GC) may be used in support of the NOAA Nautical Charting Program (NCP) as well as geographic information systems (GIS) for a variety of coastal zone management applications.

Project Design

The design of Project LA1801-CS-N was accomplished by the Requirements Branch (RB) of the Remote Sensing Division (RSD) in response to the need for timely updates to the NOAA chart suite within major U.S. ports. Project requirements were formulated as a result of analysis conducted within the Coast and Shoreline Change Analysis Program (CSCAP), in which NOAA nautical chart products are compared to contemporary high resolution imagery to ascertain the need for more current shoreline data. A Chart Evaluation File (CEF) was created and forwarded to the Applications Branch (AB) of RSD once a change analysis was completed. Refer to the CSCAP memorandum of March 6, 2018 for details of the chart comparison process.

Field Operations

The field operations consisted of the collection of static and kinematic GPS data and Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU) data, and the acquisition of digital aerial imagery. Aerial survey operations were conducted on January 18th and 19th, 2018 with the NOAA King Air aircraft (N68RF). Project imagery included 14 flight lines of natural color and near-infrared (NIR) imagery acquired concurrently using an Applanix DSS dual camera. All imagery was acquired at a nominal altitude of 10,500 feet, resulting in an approximate ground sample distance (GSD) of 0.33 meters for color imagery. The NIR imagery was not used for this project. Although imagery was not acquired in strict coordination with local tides, the goal was to collect all imagery below Mean High Water (MHW).

GPS Data Processing

The GPS/IMU data were processed by RSD personnel to yield precise camera positions in order to provide a control network necessary for aerotriangulation. The base station's geodetic position was derived using the NGS Online Processing User Service (OPUS), which computed fixed baseline solutions from nearby CORS stations. The kinematic GPS data was processed using Applanix POSPac MMS (ver. 7.1) in February 2018. For further information refer to the Airborne Positioning and Orientation Reports (APOR) on file with other project data within the RSD Electronic Data Library.

Aerotriangulation

RSD personnel completed the aerotriangulation (AT) phase of this project in March 2018. Routine softcopy AT methods were applied to establish a network of precise camera positions and other control for mapping, and to provide model parameters and orientation elements required for digital compilation. The digital images were measured and adjusted as a single block using BAE Systems SOCET SET (ver. 5.6) photogrammetric software. Upon successful completion of this process, the triangulation software provided the standard deviations for each aerotriangulated ground point, which were used to compute a predicted horizontal circular error of 0.45 meters based on a 95% confidence level. An AT Report was written and is on file with other project data within the RSD Electronic Data Library. Positional data is referenced to the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD83).

Compilation

The data compilation phase of this project was completed by RSD personnel in April 2018. Digital mapping was performed using the Feature Extraction software module of SOCET SET. Feature identification and attribution within the GC were based on image analysis of the aerial imagery and information extracted from the largest scale NOAA nautical chart and other ancillary sources. Feature attribution was assigned in compliance with the Coastal Cartographic Object Attribute Source Table (C-COAST), which provides the definition and attribution scheme for the full range of cartographic features pertinent to the CMP. Selected features were further modified with additional descriptive information to refine general classification.

Spatial data accuracies for Project LA1801-CS-N were determined according to standard Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) practices. Cartographic features were compiled to meet a horizontal accuracy of 0.9 meters at the 95% confidence level. This predicted accuracy of compiled well-defined points is derived by doubling the circular error calculated from the AT statistics.

The following table provides information on the imagery used to complete this project:

Date	Time (UTC)	Roll #	Strip / Photo #s	Tide Level*
1-18-2018	18:21 – 18:27	18VC05	64-014 / 0670 - 0702	-0.1 m
1-18-2018	18:32 – 18:37	18VC05	64-013 / 0703 - 0733	-0.1 m
1-18-2018	18:50 – 18:56	18VC05	64-007 / 0734 - 0768	-0.1 m
1-18-2018	19:03 – 19:09	18VC05	64-008 / 0769 - 0802	-0.1 m
1-18-2018	19:14 – 19:20	18VC05	64-009 / 0803 - 0837	-0.1 m
1-18-2018	19:27 – 19:38	18VC05	64-006 / 0838 - 0895	-0.1 m
1-18-2018	19:43 – 19:52	18VC05	64-005 / 0896 - 0940	-0.1 m
1-18-2018	20:04 – 20:08	18VC05	64-004 / 0941 - 0963	-0.1 m
1-18-2018	20:13 – 20:17	18VC05	64-003 / 0964 - 0983	-0.1 m
1-18-2018	20:23 – 20:28	18VC05	64-002 / 0984 - 1005	-0.1 m

1-18-2018	20:32 – 20:36	18VC05	64-001 / 1006 - 1026	-0.1 m
1-19-2018	17:35 – 17:44	18VC06	64-011 / 1027 - 1072	-0.2 m
1-19-2018	17:49 – 17:58	18VC06	64-012 / 1073 - 1114	-0.3 m
1-19-2018	18:03 – 18:04	18VC06	64-010 / 1115 - 1123	-0.1 m

* Tide levels are given in meters above MLLW and were calculated using the Pydro software tool with a TCARI grid referenced to verified water level observations at the time of photography from various NOS gauges in the vicinity of the project. The elevation of the MHW tidal datum in the project area varies between 0.27 - 0.37 meters above MLLW.

Quality Control / Final Review

The final review of the project was completed by a senior member of RSD in April 2018, and included analysis of aerotriangulation results and assessment of the identification and attribution of digital feature data within the GC according to image analysis and criteria defined in C-COAST. The quality control process concluded with an inspection of topological connectivity within the GC using ArcGIS (ver. 10.5) software. All project data was evaluated for compliance to CMP requirements.

End Products and Deliverables

The following specifies the location and identification of the products generated during the completion of this project:

Remote Sensing Division Electronic Data Library

- CSCAP evaluation memorandum
- Project database
- Aerotriangulation Report
- Project Completion Report (PCR)
- GC11415 in shapefile format
- Chart Evaluation File in shapefile format

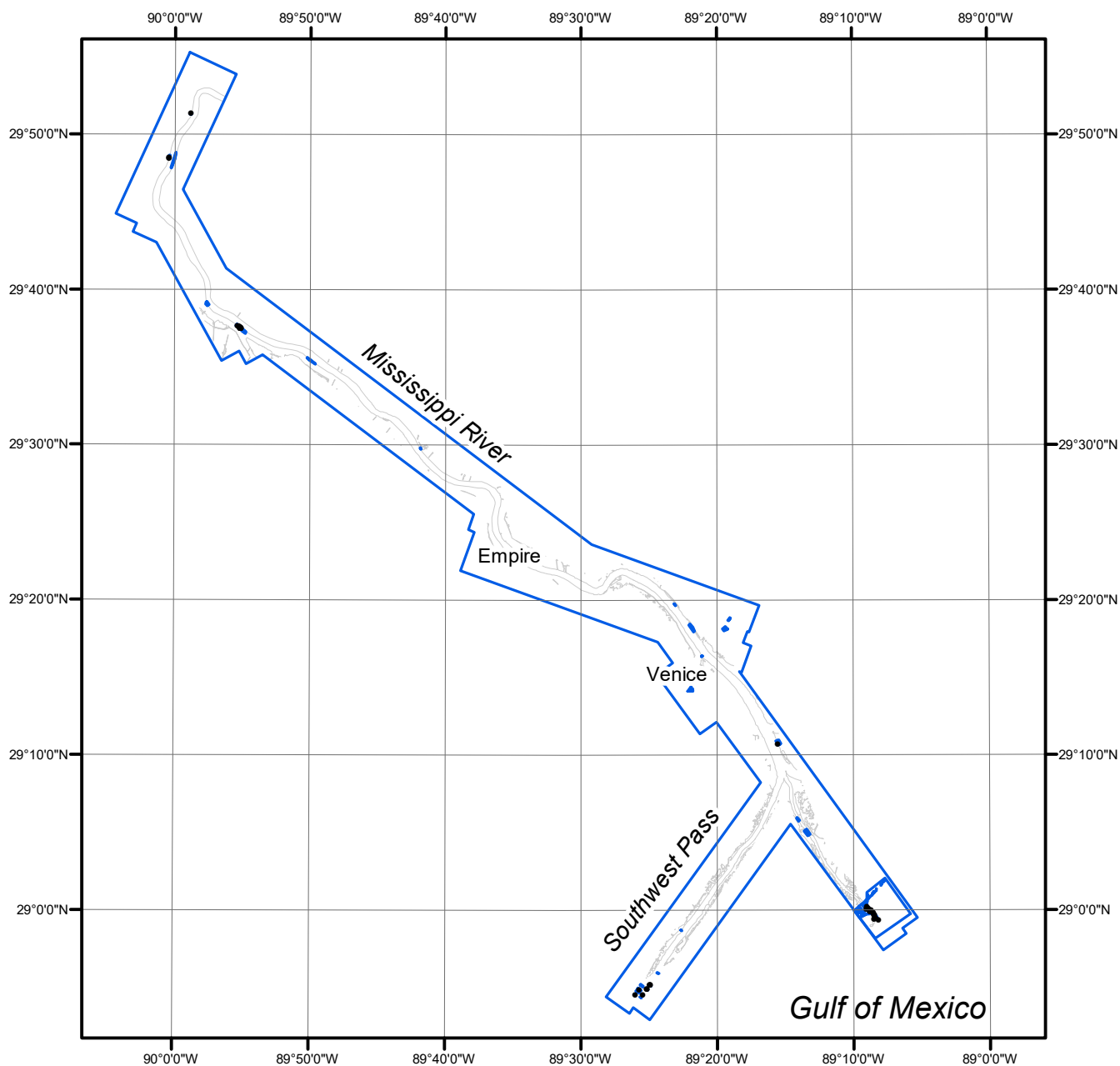
NOAA Shoreline Data Explorer

- GC11415 in shapefile format
- Metadata file for GC11415
- Digital copy of the PCR

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Overview



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