

NOAA COASTAL MAPPING PROGRAM PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT

PROJECT VA1301

Ports of Norfolk/Hampton Roads and Newport News, Virginia

Introduction

Coastal Mapping Program (CMP) Project VA1301 provides highly accurate digital shoreline data for key areas of change in the Ports of Norfolk/Hampton Roads and Newport News, Virginia. VA1301 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 VA1301 was accomplished by the Requirements Branch (RB) of the Remote Sensing Division (RSD) in response to the need for updates to the NOAA Electronic Navigational Chart (ENC) series. 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 RB CSCAP memorandum of May 22, 2013 for details of the chart comparison process.

Field Operations

The field operations consisted of the collection of static and kinematic Global Positioning System (GPS) data and Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU) data and the acquisition of aerial imagery. The photographic mission operations were conducted on April 3, 2013 with the NOAA King Air (N68RF) aircraft. Eighteen lines of RGB (color) digital images were acquired with an Applanix Digital Sensor System (DSS-439) aerial camera at a nominal altitude of 10,000 feet, resulting in an approximate ground sample distance (GSD) of 0.35 meters. 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 Reduction

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 6.1.0 GPS/IMU software on April 15, 2013. For further information refer to the Airborne Positioning and Orientation Reports (APOR) on file with other project data within the AB Project Archive.

Aerotriangulation

Routine softcopy aerotriangulation 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. This work was performed by RSD personnel in November 2013 utilizing a Digital Photogrammetric Workstation (DPW), which is a configuration of computer hardware, modular software components, and other associated peripheral devices. The digital images were measured and adjusted as a single block using the triangulation software module of BAE Systems SOCET GXP (v4.1.0) 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 0.3 meters based on a 95% confidence level. An Aerotriangulation Report was written and is on file with other project data within the RSD Project Archive. Positional data is referenced to the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD83).

Compilation

The data compilation phase of this project was accomplished by a member of RSD in December 2013. Digital feature data was compiled using SOCET GXP (v4.1.0) software. 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 VA1301 were determined according to standard Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) practices. Cartographic features were compiled to meet a horizontal accuracy of 0.6 meters at the 95% confidence level. This predicted accuracy of compiled well-defined points is derived by doubling the circular error calculated from the aerotriangulation statistics.

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

Date	Time (UTC)	Roll Number	Photo Numbers	GSD (nominal)	Tide Level*
3-APR-2013	14:42 – 14:45	13NC07	1454 – 1472	0.35 m	0.1 m
3-APR-2013	14:52 – 14:54	13NC07	1473 – 1491	0.35 m	0.1 m
3-APR-2013	15:08 – 15:09	13NC07	1492 – 1499	0.35 m	0.2 m
3-APR-2013	15:13 – 15:15	13NC07	1500 – 1516	0.35 m	0.2 m
3-APR-2013	15:22 – 15:24	13NC07	1517 – 1531	0.35 m	0.2 m
3-APR-2013	15:30 – 15:33	13NC07	1532 – 1555	0.35 m	0.2 m
3-APR-2013	15:39 – 15:41	13NC07	1556 – 1564	0.35 m	0.2 m
3-APR-2013	15:48 – 15:51	13NC07	1581 – 1605	0.35 m	0.2 m
3-APR-2013	16:00 – 16:01	13NC07	1615 – 1622	0.35 m	0.2 m
3-APR-2013	16:06 – 16:09	13NC07	1623 – 1642	0.35 m	0.3 m
3-APR-2013	16:15 – 16:19	13NC07	1643 – 1673	0.35 m	0.3 m

3-APR-2013	16:25 – 16:29	13NC07	1674 – 1703	0.35 m	0.3 m
3-APR-2013	16:36 – 16:39	13NC07	1704 – 1724	0.35 m	0.3 m
3-APR-2013	16:44 – 16:47	13NC07	1725 – 1744	0.35 m	0.3 m
3-APR-2013	16:53 – 16:55	13NC07	1745 – 1757	0.35 m	0.4 m
3-APR-2013	16:59 – 17:00	13NC07	1758 – 1765	0.35 m	0.4 m
3-APR-2013	17:13 – 17:16	13NC07	1766 – 1787	0.35 m	0.4 m
3-APR-2013	17:21 – 17:22	13NC07	1788 – 1794	0.35 m	0.4 m
3-APR-2013	17:27 – 17:29	13NC07	1795 – 1803	0.35 m	0.5 m
3-APR-2013	17:34 – 17:35	13NC07	1804 – 1811	0.35 m	0.5 m

* Tide levels are given in meters above MLLW and are based on actual observations recorded by the Sewells Point, VA (Station ID: 8638610) gauge at the time of photography. The elevation of the MHW tidal datum in the project area is approximately 0.7 meters above MLLW.

Quality Control / Final Review

The final review of the project was completed by a senior member of RSD in February 2014, 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 9.3.1 software. All project data was evaluated for compliance to CMP requirements.

End Products and Deliverables

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

RSD Applications Branch Archive

- Hardcopy of the Airborne Positioning and Orientation Report (APOR)
- Hardcopy of the Aerotriangulation Report
- Hardcopy of the Project Completion Report (PCR)
- Page size graphic plot of GC11024 file contents, attached to PCR

Remote Sensing Division Electronic Data Library

- Project database
- GC11024 in shapefile format
- Digital copy of the PCR in Adobe PDF format
- CEF in shapefile format

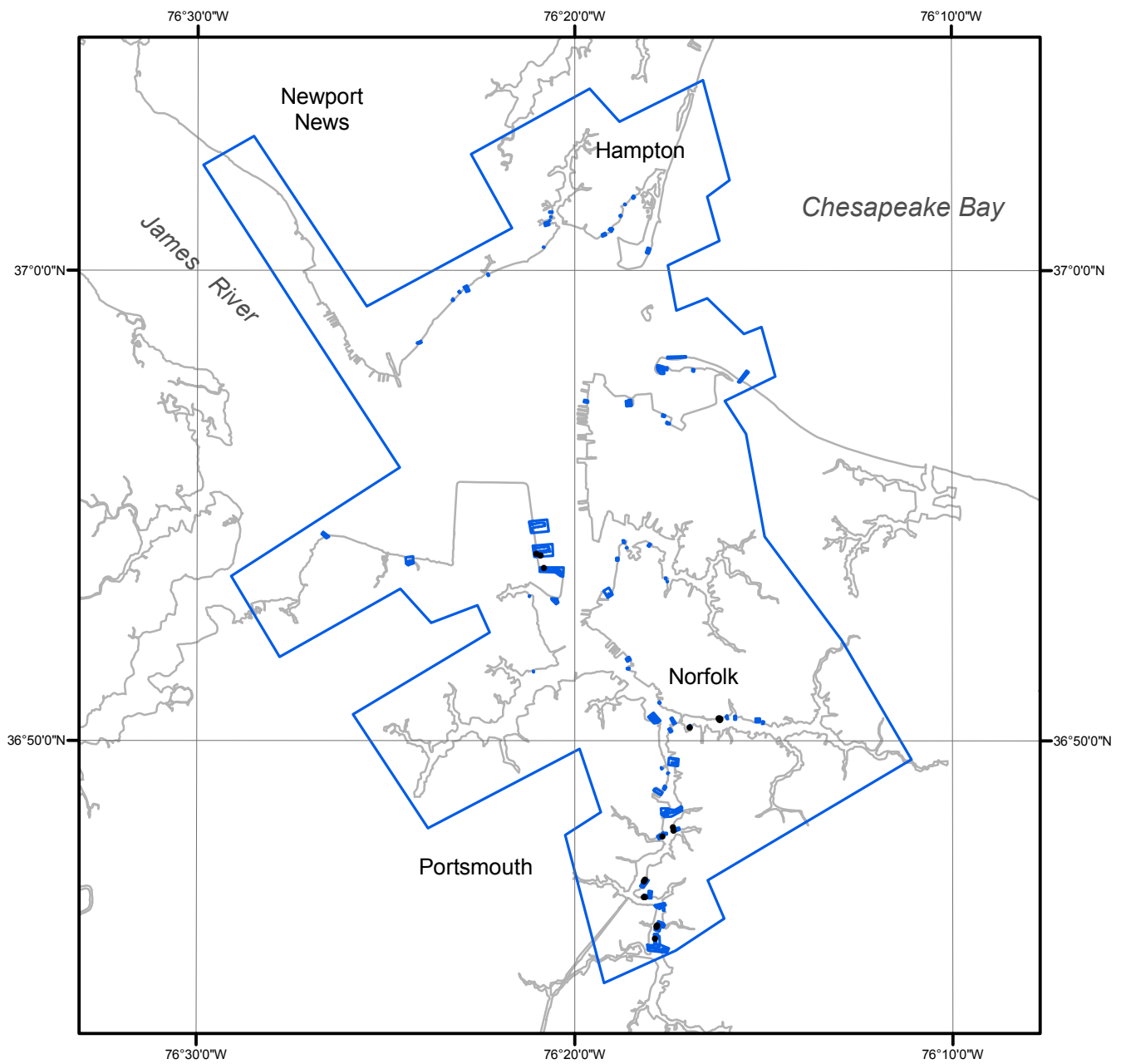
NOAA Shoreline Data Explorer

- GC11024 in shapefile format
- Metadata file for GC11024
- Digital copy of the PCR in Adobe PDF format

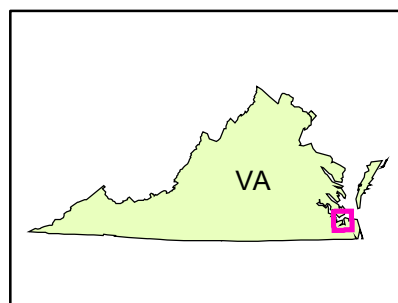
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