

# Hydrographic Survey of North Padre Island Canals

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#### What is a Hydrographic Survey?

Uses measurements to describe the physical features of the floor of a body of water.

Today, Sonar is the industry standard technology.

#### What can we learn from one?

- Water depths
- Bottom topography
- Hazards to navigation
- Sediment transportation
- Volume calculations
- Infrastructure inspection
- Where the good fishing spots are.







Specifically for this project we were interested in achieving the following:

#### Primary Objectives:

• Obtain a base line of current water depths prior to the opening of the water exchange bridge.

• Identify areas of scour or shoaling in the immediate areas surrounding the Gypsy Street and Whitecap Street bridge footings.

#### Secondary Objectives:

• Report any evidence of sediment transportation or physical damage along the bulk heads where possible.

• Report any debris or other hazards to navigation



### How do we account for changing tides?

Vertical Datums.

• A vertical datum is a surface that serves as a point of reference for elevation or water depth measurements.

• Two most common types: Geodetic and Tidal.













## Baseline of current water depths.



Raw sonar view of Gypsy bridge footings. No observable scouring is present on either footing.





# Sediment transportation into the canal system

# Possible Bulkhead penetrations





- Example of found hazards
- Dimensions
- 9'x5'x2'









