

Alternative Approaches to Hydrographic Data Collection in the Canadian Arctic

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Challenges for CHS in the Canadian Arctic

- Canadian Arctic is BIG; 4.4 million Km² (³/₄ size of Europe)
- Limited annual window for 'wet' operations
- No dedicated vessels upon which to plan / rely
- Logistical constraints due to minimal infrastructure
- Effective response to emerging drivers
- The Arctic is an expensive place to work



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Establishment of Priorities for Hydrography



... but knowing where to work and working where you should can be very different ...



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Opportunistic Hydrography



- Canadian Coast Guard icebreaker *Amundsen* has collected MBES track-lines through the Canadian Arctic since 2003.
- Qualified multi-beam operators (CHS or academia).
- Data represents **64%** of the MBES coverage in the Canadian Arctic.
 - *Amundsen* data now reflected on 68 ENCs and 17 Paper Charts to date.
- Plans underway to install MBES on 5 more Canadian icebreakers by 2020.



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Opportunistic Hydrography via Partnerships and Collaboration



Royal Canadian Navy vessel HMCS *Moncton*

Portable multi-beam



Canadian Coast Guard icebreaker CCGS Sir Wilfrid Laurier (no longer simply logistical support)



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Opportunistic Hydrography via Collaboration

- In 2014 and 2015, MBES data was collected whenever possible from icebreaker CCGS Sir Wilfrid Laurier during Coast Guard's Aids Maintenance Program (through night, transiting and while Aids are being maintained).
- Pole retracted when in presence of ice.









Opportunistic Hydrography via Partnerships

2013 – HMCS Summerside

2014 – HMCS Kingston





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Leveraging Opportunities via Partnerships and Collaboration



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Opportunistic Hydrography via Regulatory Controls

 All foreign Marine Scientific Research Vessel Requests are now routed through the CHS as part of the approval process. If the platform intends to collect multi-beam data, CHS may request it along with specific meta-data deliverables.

Examples:



German icebreaker *RV Maria S. Merian* 2151 Km² surveyed in 2015 Depth range: 586 to 2000m



Korean icebreaker *RV Araon* 4484 Km² surveyed in 2013 Depth range: 30 to 1700m



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Opportunistic Hydrography via Regulatory Controls

• Presently no formal process in place for industry, however initiatives as per Phase 3 (right) present excellent opportunities for the CHS – and perhaps Greenland - to incrementally expand their bathymetric data holdings. (NOAA in receipt of Phase 1 data).





Hydrography via Collaborative Agreements with the Private Sector



2014 MBES Coverage in Milne Inlet



2014 Large-scale ENC made from 2014 data



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New and Emerging Developments

- 5 more MBES on Coast Guard icebreakers by 2020
- Hydrographic Survey Supply Arrangement now in place
- Remote Sensing and Satellite-Derived Bathymetry
- Capacity building and Northern Communities involvement by engagement
- Crowd Sourced Bathymetry





Cruise Liner Crystal Serenity

2016 transit of Cruise Liner Crystal Serenity and her icebreaker escort MV Shackleton



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Questions?



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