

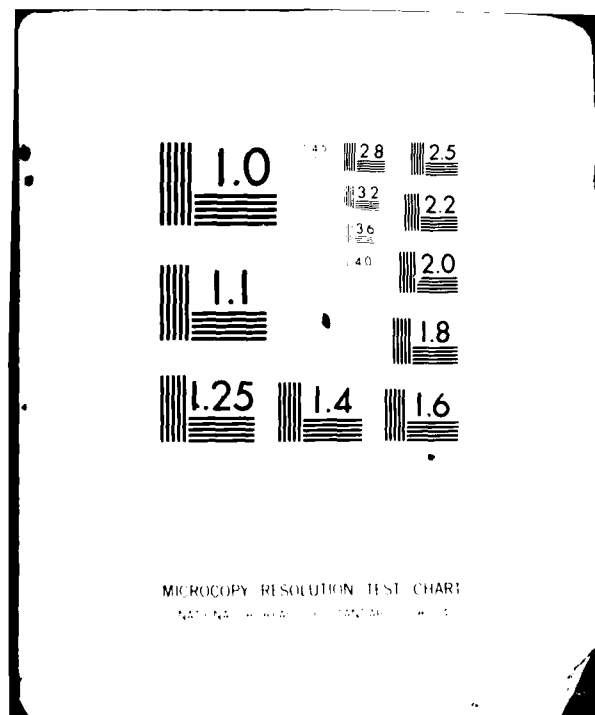
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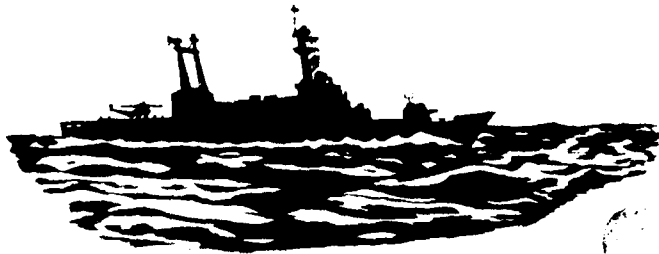
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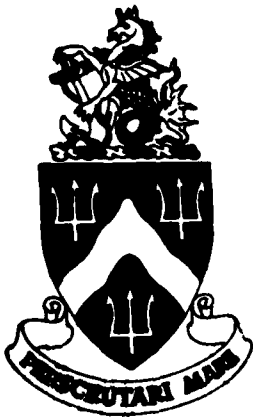
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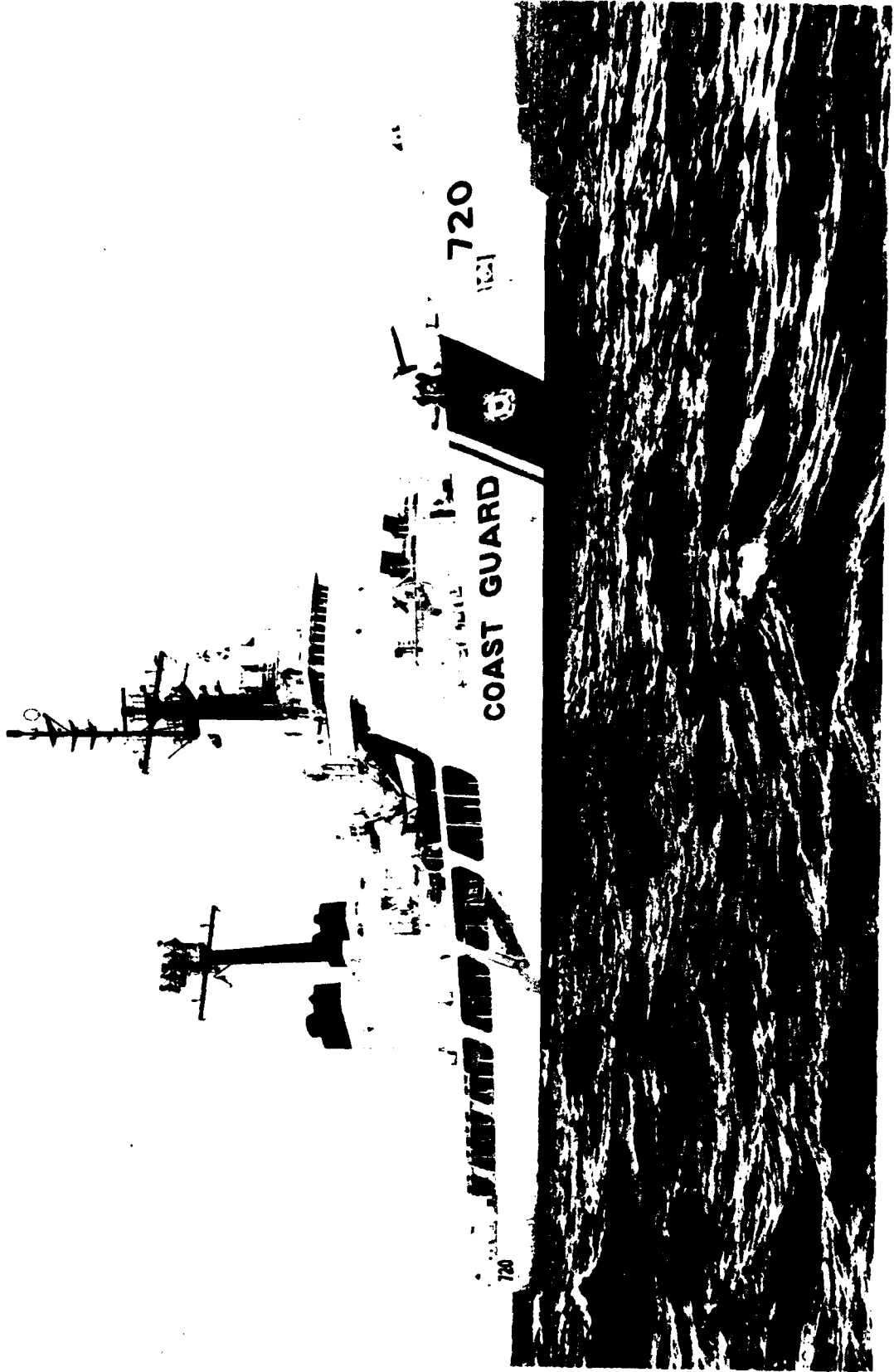
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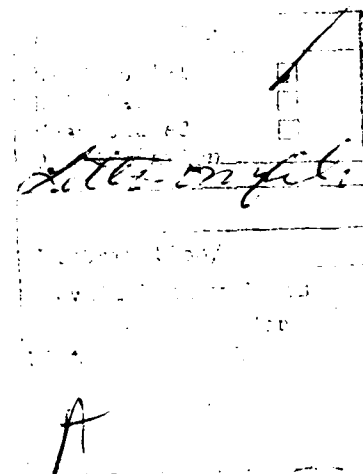


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1964—1974

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INTRODUCTION

Ocean Station BRAVO was located in the Labrador Sea at 56°30'N, 51°00'W (Fig. 1). A program of daily Nansen casts was established in January 1964 and was conducted as the availability of oceanographic equipment permitted. In January 1966 the oceanographic program was increased to an alternate patrol basis (each patrol lasting 3 or 4 weeks) until March 1968 when oceanographic operations were scheduled on a continuous basis. A Plessey Model 9006N or Model 9040 S/T/D Environmental Profiling System (STD) was used on selected vessels occupying OS BRAVO starting in November 1968. The oceanographic program on OS BRAVO was terminated in June 1974 when the station was disestablished by the Coast Guard. All previous reports on the oceanographic data collected at OS BRAVO are listed under the references. This is the sixth and final report in the series. Although the data presented in Appendix A are for only those cruises not published in the previous reports and covers the period November 1969 through June 1974, the analysis is based on 2230 casts taken at OS BRAVO since January 1964.

CAST PROCEDURES

Oceanographic data were collected by U.S. Coast Guard cutters either once daily with Nansen bottles or up to 4 times per day with an STD, weather and other operations permitting, while occupying OS BRAVO.

Nansen casts were made to 1500 meters at 14 prescribed levels. Each vessel was also instructed to take one cast to within 50 meters of the bottom during each patrol. Vessels equipped with an STD took two to four casts per day to 1500 meters and

once each week a cast to 3000 meters. Quality control of the STD casts was accomplished by the use of two Nansen bottles; one near surface and one just above the STD at the bottom of each cast. In the event of STD failure during the cruise, the vessel reverted to a program of daily Nansen casts. The interpolated temperatures and salinities for standard depths, sigma-t, specific volume anomalies, and sound velocities were computed by the National Oceanographic Data Center (NODC) and are presented in Appendix A.

The Ocean Station Vessels normally maintained position as close to the center of station as practicable. Those stations taken more than 30 nautical miles from the station center were not included in the computation of the monthly averages presented in this report. A listing of all the oceanographic patrols on OS BRAVO is contained in table 1.

DISCUSSION

The data from the 126 oceanographic patrols at OS BRAVO span the 10 year period from January 1964 to June 1974. To handle the large quantities of data which were collected during this time, monthly averages of the various parameters were calculated for specific depths. (For a more detailed analysis of the day-to-day variations, see the previous reports). A computer program (ONST) was written for the CDC 3300 computer to calculate these monthly averages. Only that data collected within 30 nautical miles of 56°30'N, 51°00'W were used in the calculations. Monthly averages of temperature, salinity, and sigma-t were calculated for 28 depths between the surface and 3000 meters. In addition,

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the depth of the isotherms at every 1°C, the isohalines at every 0.1‰, and the isopycnals at every 0.1 g/cc were interpolated from the monthly averages.

The sea surface temperature usually reached a maximum in August and a minimum in March. The maximum monthly average sea surface temperature between 1964 and 1974 ranged between 7.08°C and 10.24°C (fig. 2a) which occurred in August 1972 and August 1973 respectively. The minimum monthly average sea surface temperature ranged between 1.59°C and 3.44°C which occurred in March 1971 and April 1967 respectively. The sea surface temperatures generally decreased from 1964 into 1972, being about 2°C colder in 1972 than in 1964; however, there was a sharp rise in temperature in 1973.

The sea surface salinities usually reached a maximum in March and a minimum presumably due to fresh water runoff and advection in September (fig. 2b). From 1964 to the beginning of 1972, there was a dramatic decrease in the salinity of the water at OS BRAVO, especially in the upper 200 meters. Typically the sea surface salinities ranged from a high of about 34.8‰ during March to a low of about 34.5‰ during September. However, during 1971 the surface salinities ranged from about 34.4‰ to 33.8‰ and corresponded to the lower overall sea surface temperature values.

The variation in density (σ_t) at BRAVO in about the upper 200 meters was primarily controlled by temperature owing to the large annual variations in temperature (typically 5-8°C at the surface) as compared to the annual variations in salinity (typically 0.2-0.6‰). Both the summer warming and freshening of the surface waters contributed to the decrease in the surface density until a minimum of about 26.7 g/cc was reached, usually in August or September (fig. 2c). This decrease in the surface density retarded mixing of the surface resulting in a stratification in about the upper 200 meters of the water column. Winter cooling and an increase in the surface salinities resulted in an increase in the density of the surface waters until a maximum of about 27.7 g/cc was reached usually in March or April. This increase in the surface density prompted mixing of the surface waters. It took about one month for the water column to become thoroughly mixed down to 50 meters, 3 months to mix down to 100 meters, and about 5 months to mix down to 200 meters. Mixing did not appear to occur much below 200 meters.

The surface air temperatures at OS BRAVO (Mariners Weather Log) reached a maximum of about 9°C in August which was about 1 month before the corresponding maximum sea surface temperature (fig. 3a). The minimum surface air temperature was usually more variable and ranged from about -6° to -4°C and usually occurred in February, again about one month before the corresponding minimum sea surface temperature. Except for about 3 months in the summer, the average sea surface temperature was higher than the average air temperature.

During the years 1964 through 1966, the annual variations of temperature and salinity were almost identical. However, starting in 1967 and continuing through 1971 there was a noticeable cooling and freshening of the surface waters. As previously mentioned, the variation in density of the surface waters was primarily controlled by variations in temperature rather than salinity owing to the much larger variations in temperature as compared to salinity. However, the decrease in density resulting from the freshening of the surface waters that accompanied the 1967 to 1971 cooling trend more than compensated for the increase in density caused by the colder surface waters. This resulted in an overall decrease in the surface density which was large enough to impede the mixing of the upper layers of the water column and a much exaggerated temperature and salinity gradient when compared to previous years.

SUMMARY

The ten year record at Ocean Station BRAVO offers an opportunity to study the annual variations of temperature and salinity in the upper latitudes resulting in a better picture of the types of variations that might be expected.

Of particular interest was the corresponding decrease in surface salinity with the decrease in sea surface temperature. It had been speculated that abnormally cold sea surface temperatures might result in an increase in the surface density and a catastrophic overturn in the water column. These data show quite the opposite, at least during the cooling trend noted from 1967 through 1971. The corresponding decrease in surface salinities more than offset the lower temperatures resulting in stratification rather than an overturn of the water column.

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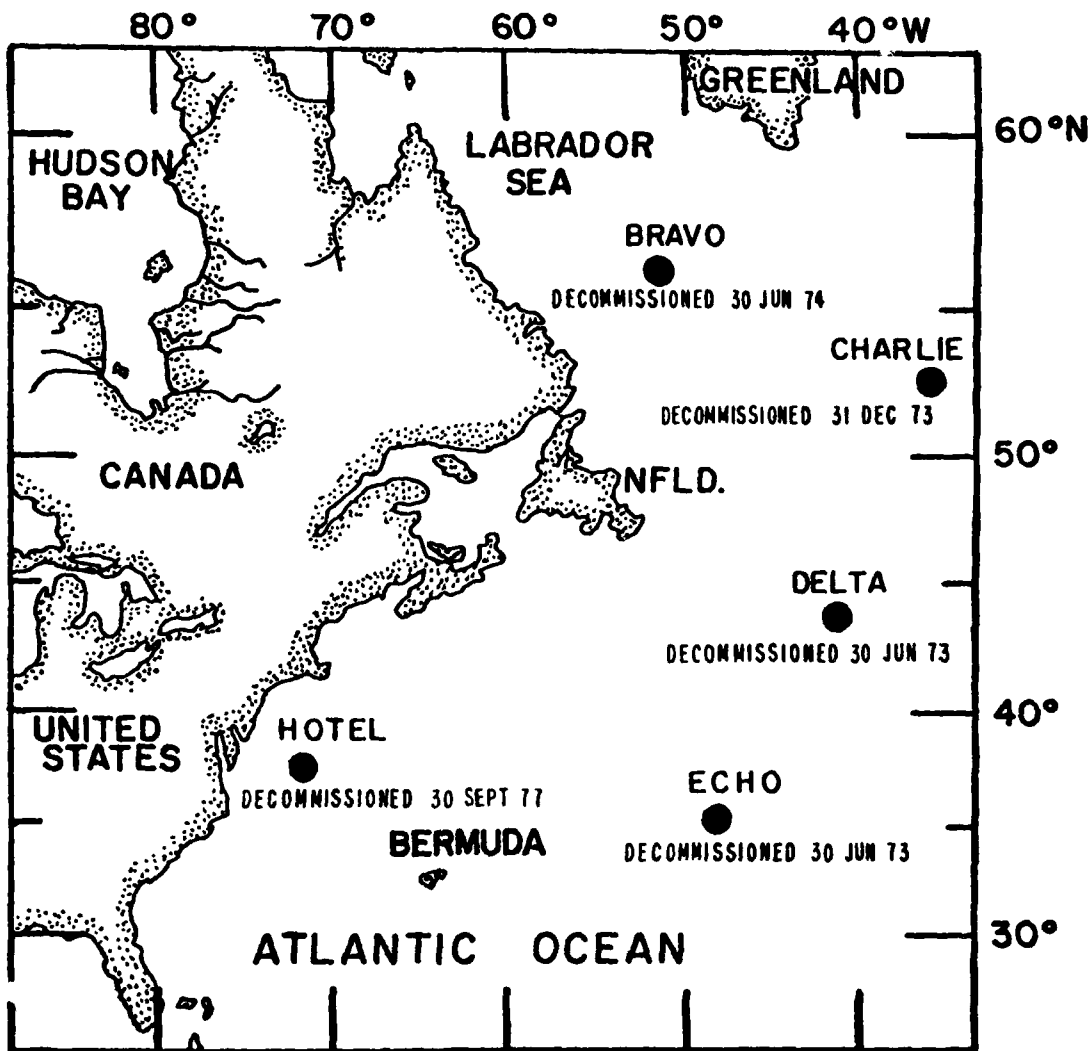


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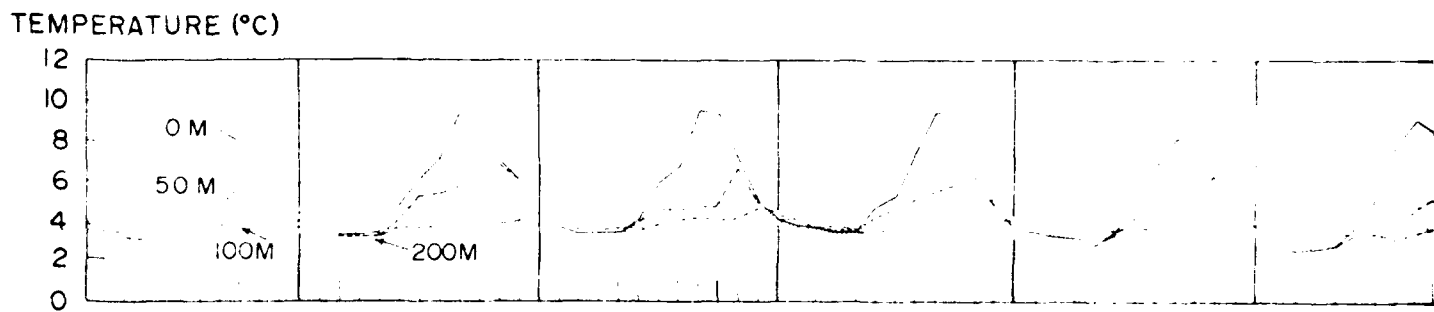


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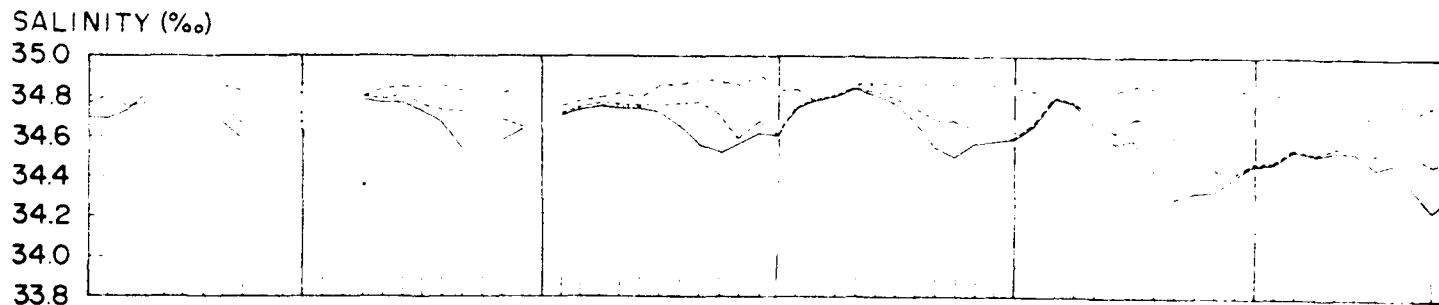
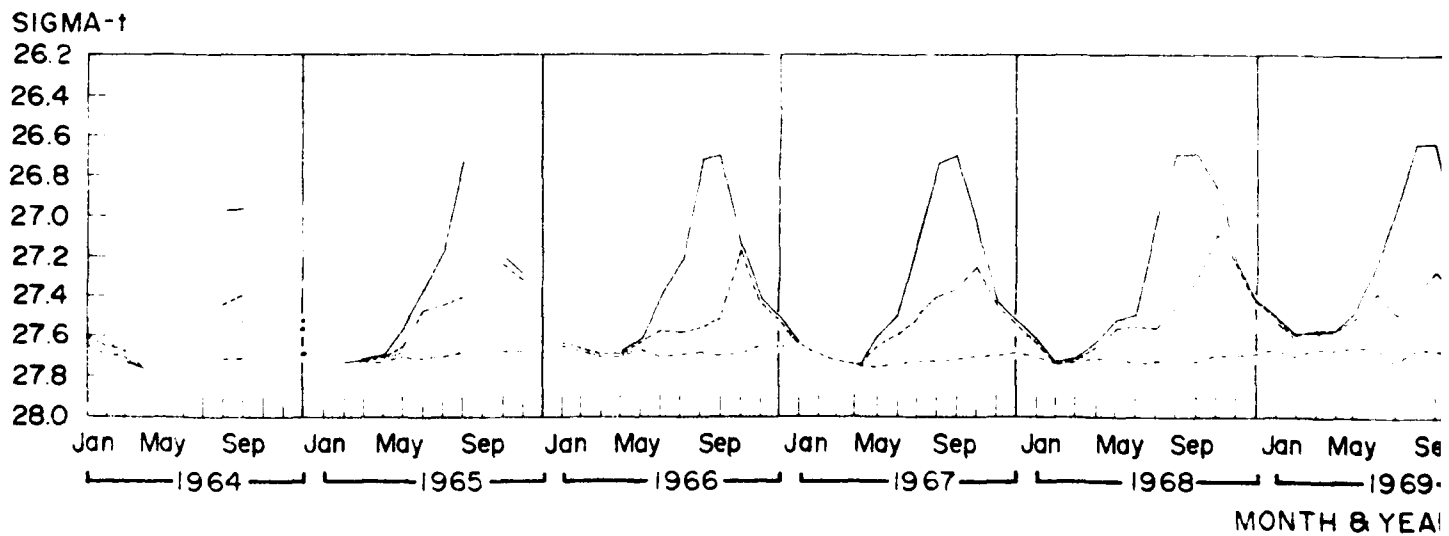
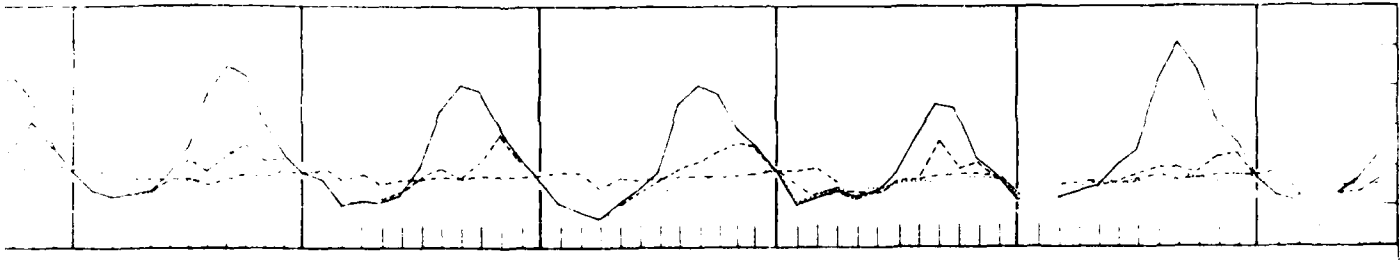


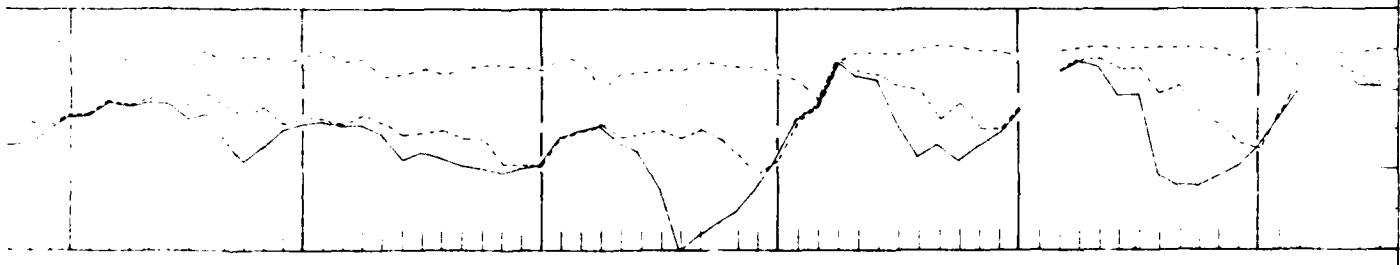
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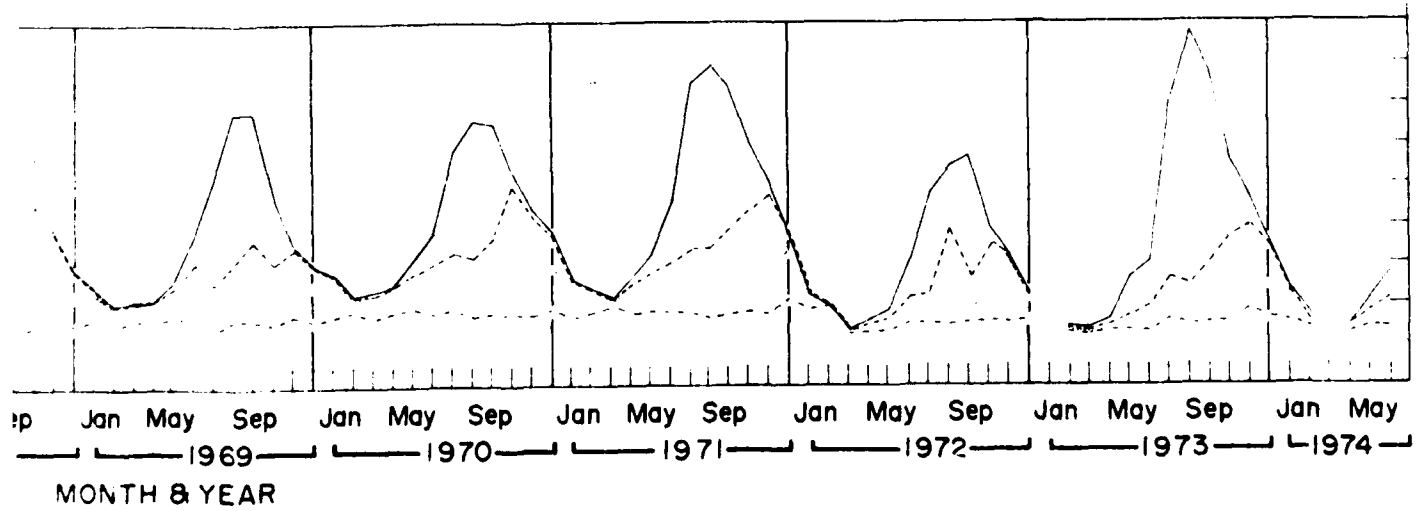


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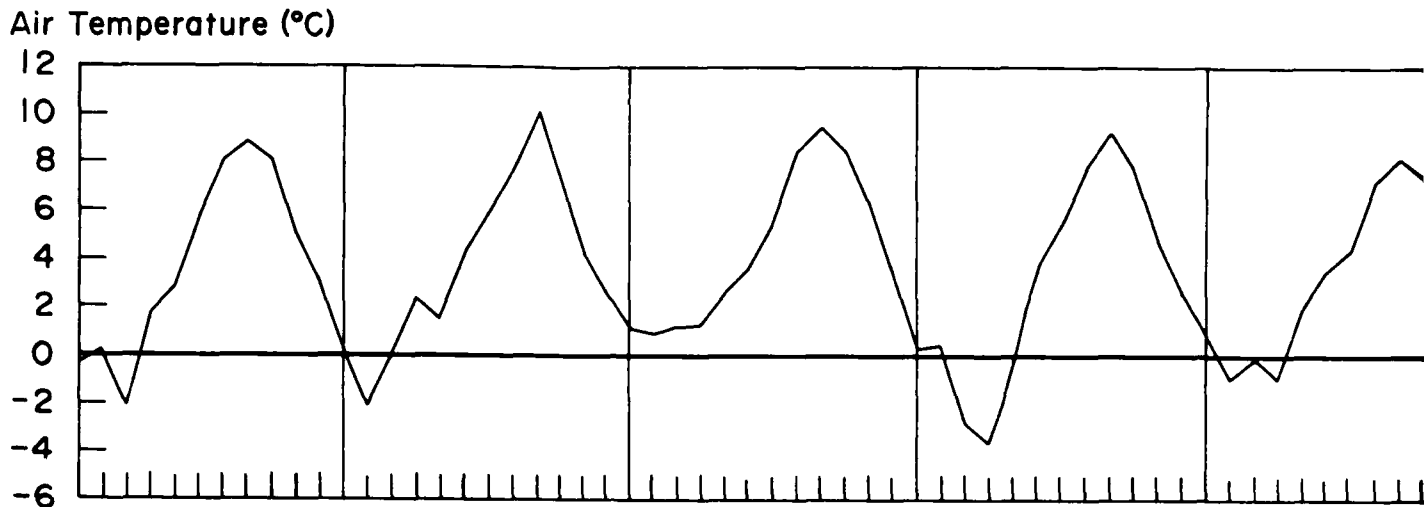
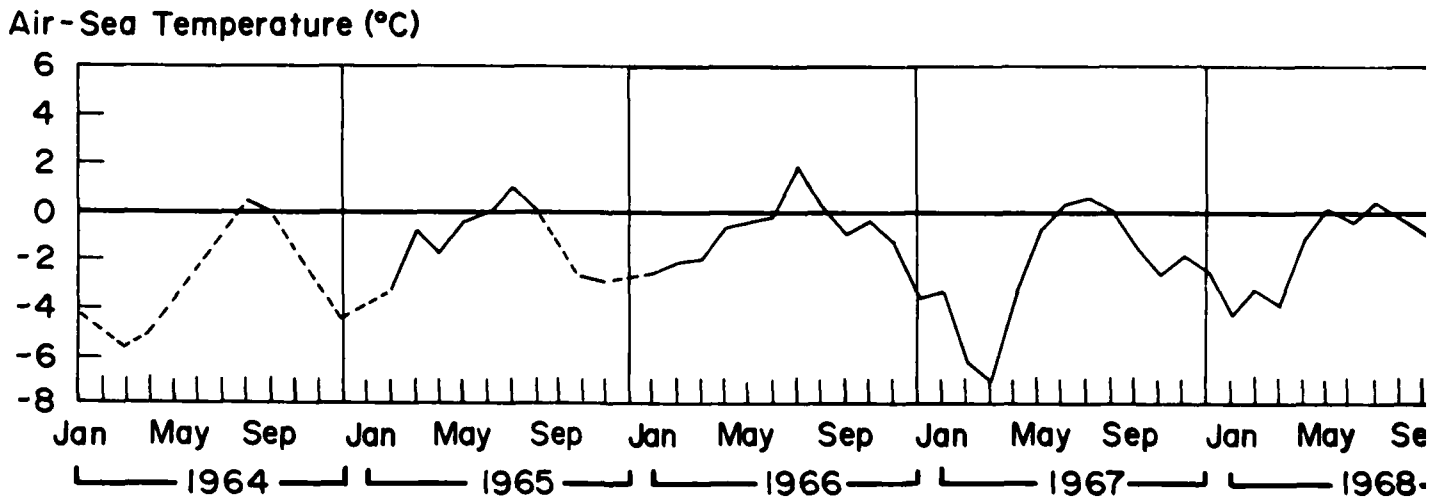
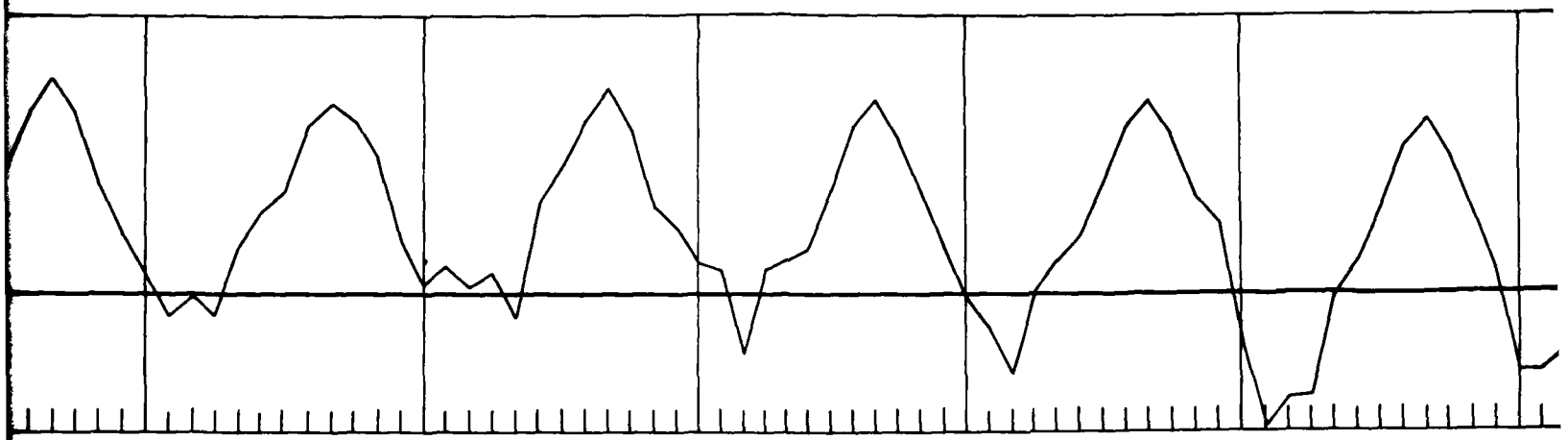


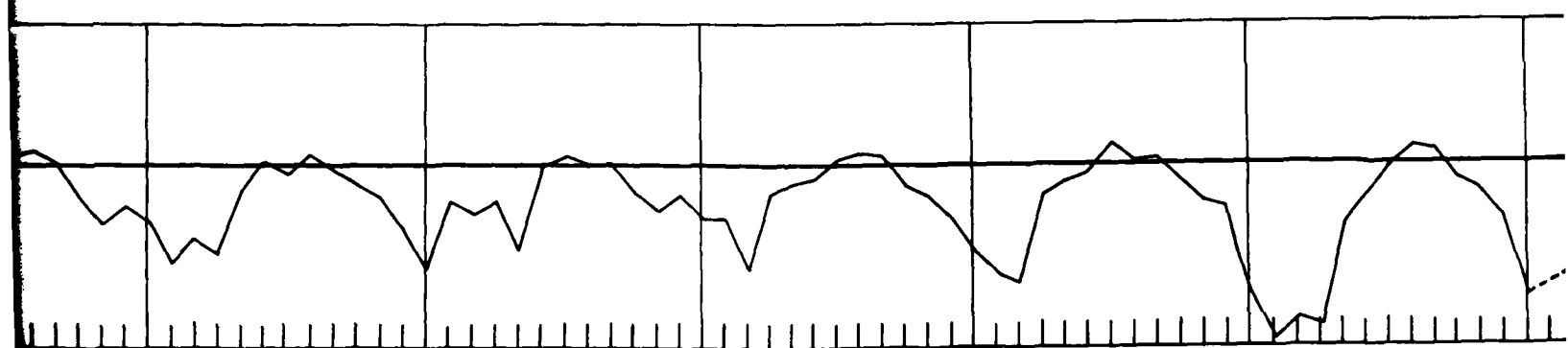
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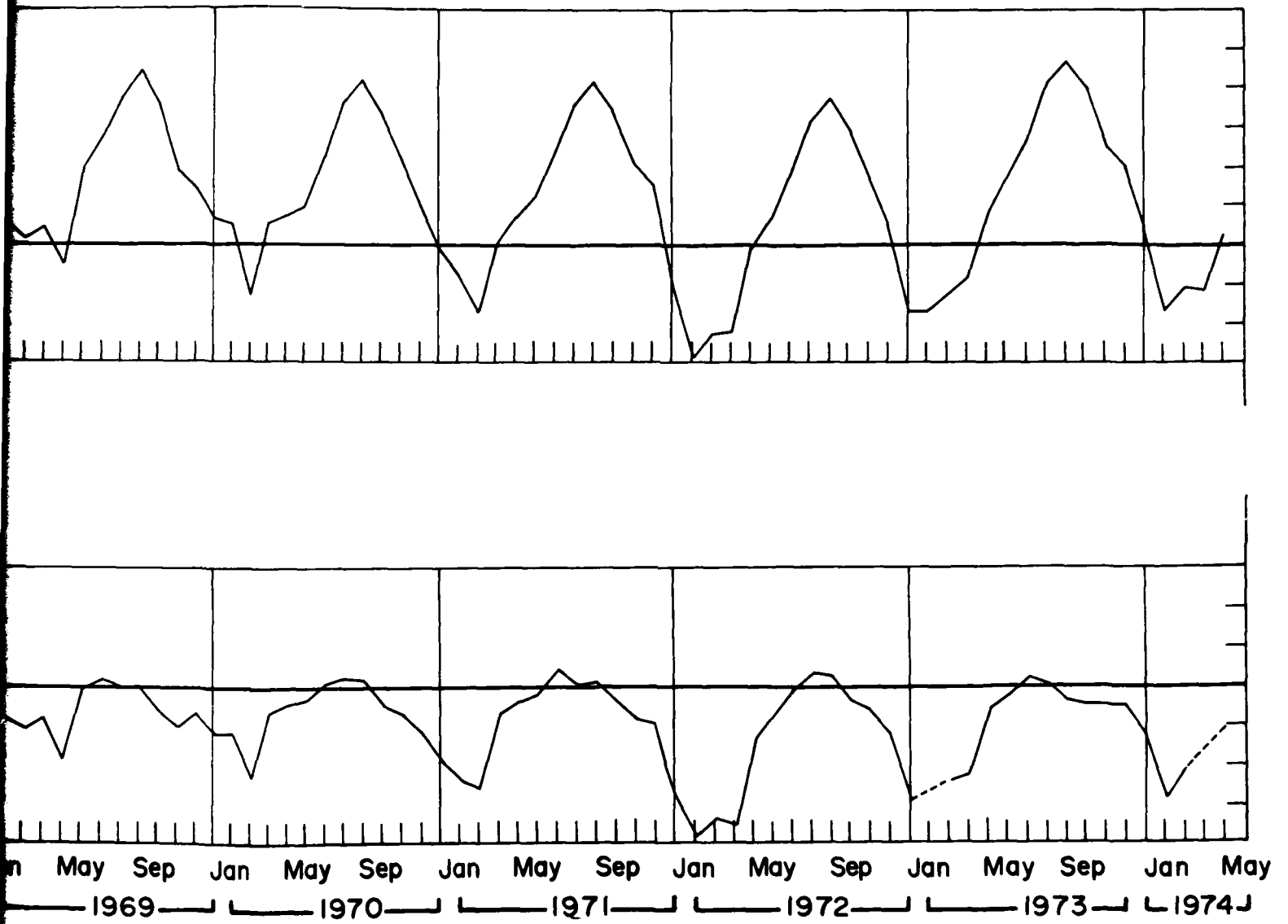


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B-3	CDC CASTLEROCK	03/30/68-04/18/68	16	31-0523
B-4	CDC COOK INLET	08/09/68-08/16/68	6	31-0194
B-5A	CDC CAMPBELL	09/09/68-09/27/68	3	31-0241
B-5B	CDC BIBB	12/01/68-12/18/68	7	31-0242
B-6	CDC CASCO	01/07/69-01/28/69	5	31-0398
B-7	CDC CASTLEROCK	02/26/69-03/10/69	11	31-0399
B-8	CDC MUMFOLD	05/13/69-05/22/69	12	31-0530
B-9	CDC MUMFOLD	05/13/69-05/22/69	12	31-0531
B-10	CDC COOK INLET	06/27/69-07/18/69	12	31-0534
B-11	CDC ESCANABA	08/07/69-08/23/69	10	31-0573
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B-13	CDC HANAHANZA	01/09/68-01/28/68	6	31-0715
B-14	CDC SPENCER	02/01/68-02/18/68	6	31-0879
B-15	CDC DUANE	02/24/68-03/13/68	8	31-0782
B-16	CDC MUMFOLD	03/15/68-04/03/68	11	31-0786
B-17	CDC CASCO	04/29/68-05/20/68	11	31-0795
B-18	CDC OJASCO	06/15/68-07/04/68	10	31-0795
B-19	CDC ABSECON	08/22/68-09/13/68	13	31-0798
B-20	CDC DUANE	10/08/68-10/26/68	11	31-0771
B-21	CDC MUMFOLD	01/07/69-01/12/69	6	31-0876
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B-23	CDC BIBB	02/24/69-03/18/69	29	31-0875
B-24	CDC ESCANABA	04/06/69-04/26/69	12	31-0887
B-25	CDC SPENCER	05/27/69-06/06/69	9	31-1063
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B-28	CDC SPENCER	09/29/69-10/23/69	16	31-1174
B-29	CDC MENDOTA	11/14/69-11/29/69	10	31-1187
B-30	CDC CASCO	12/30/69-01/22/68	11	31-1199
B-31	CDC HAMILTON	02/14/68-03/08/68	11	31-1204
B-32	CDC CASTLEROCK	03/31/68-04/23/68	11	31-1239
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B-92	CDC MONGENTHAU	04/15/72-05/09/72	35	31-8299
B-93	CDC ESCANABA	05/09/72-05/31/72	34	31-8303
B-94	CDC GALLATIN	05/31/72-06/24/72	32	31-8309
B-95	CDC MCCULLUCH	06/24/72-07/19/72	16	31-8311
B-96	CDC MCCULLUCH	07/19/72-08/24/72	17	31-8311
B-97	CDC INGHAM	08/24/72-09/23/72	17	31-8311
B-98	CDC HOUTWELL	09/23/72-10/17/72	43	31-6313
B-99	CDC SPENCER	10/17/72-11/12/72	6	31-2126
B-100	CDC SHEHMAN	11/12/72-12/08/72	25	31-8319
B-101	CDC HAMILTON	12/08/72-01/08/73	20	31-8319
B-102	CDC DUANE	01/08/73-01/26/73	12	31-2127
B-103	CDC MUNHO	01/26/73-01/26/73	12	31-2121
B-104	CDC TANEY	01/26/73-02/15/73	2	31-2140
B-105	CDC BOUTWELL	02/15/73-03/10/73	19	31-8336
B-106	CDC CHAUTAUQUA	03/10/73-04/02/73	33	31-8335
B-107	CDC SHEHMAN	04/02/73-04/25/73	32	31-8337
B-108	CDC OJASCO	04/25/73-05/16/73	15	31-8338
B-109	CDC MONGENTHAU	05/16/73-06/07/73	15	31-8339
B-110	CDC BOUTWELL	06/07/73-07/01/73	21	31-8267
B-111	CDC DALLAS	07/01/73-07/25/73	21	31-8267
B-112	CDC DUANE	07/25/73-08/16/73	21	31-8268
B-113	CDC MENDOTA	08/16/73-09/07/73	23	31-8362
B-114	CDC SHEHMAN	09/07/73-09/27/73	30	31-8366
B-115	CDC HURDENTHAU	09/27/73-10/17/73	5	31-8347
B-116	CDC MONGENTHAU	10/17/73-11/06/73	11	31-8347
B-117	CDC HAMILTON	11/06/73-11/26/73	11	31-8349
B-118	CDC BIBB	11/26/73-12/16/73	11	31-8243
B-119	CDC CHASE	12/16/73-01/09/74	8	31-2270
B-120	CDC INGHAM	01/09/74-01/30/74	3	31-2259
B-121	CDC GALLATIN	01/30/74-02/20/74	5	31-8276
B-122	CDC CAMPBELL	02/20/74-03/13/74	9	31-2341
B-123	CDC GALLATIN	03/13/74-04/06/74	9	31-8262
B-124	CDC HAMILTON	04/06/74-05/16/74	12	31-8262
B-125	CDC BIBB	05/16/74-06/07/74	17	31-2308
B-126	CDC MONGENTHAU	06/07/74-06/30/74	3	31-8403

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Table XII.—USCGC SPENCER, 11 September 1970—4 October 1970, NODC Reference No. 31-1704.
Table XIII.—USCGC COOK INLET, 4 October 1970—27 October 1970, NODC Reference No. 31-1711.
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Table XV.—USCGC CASTLEROCK, 18 November 1970—11 December 1970, NODC Reference No. 31-1776.
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Table XXXII.—USCGC SHERMAN, 14 January 1971—9 February 1972, NODC Reference No. 31-1924.
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Table XXXV.—USCGC MORGENTHAU, 15 April 1972—9 May 1972, NODC Reference No. 31-8299.
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 Table XLVIII.—USCGC BOUTWELL, 15 February 1973—10 March 1973, NODC Reference No. 31-8336.
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Codes Utilized

A complete description of the codes utilized in the tabulation of oceanographic station data can be found in National Oceanographic Data Center publication M-2, Processing Physical and Chemical Data from Oceanographic Stations. (Rev. August 1964, supplement issued May 1966.)

To facilitate use of the oceanographic station data listing, entry headings which are not self-explanatory are described below.

REFID	NODC reference identity number.
CONSEC	Consecutive station number.
BOTDP (B)	Uncorrected sounding depth in meters.
SHIP (B)	NODC assigned platform identity code.
DATA USE	Entry 1 identifies DNP data.
AREA	NODC ocean area code.
CLOUD T/A (B)	Cloud type according to WMO code 0500 and cloud amount according to WMO code 2700.
Wave observations	
DIR	Direction from which dominant waves are coming in tens of degrees according to WMO code 0885.
HGT	Height of dominant waves according to WMO code 1555.
PER	Period of dominant waves according to WMO code 3155.
SEA (B)	Sea state according to WMO code 3700.
CL/TR (B)	Water color according to fore-Ule code. Transparency in meters as determined by Secchi disc.
WIND DIR (B)	Direction from which wind is blowing in tens of degrees according to WMO code 0877.
WIND SPD (B)	Wind speed in knots.
WIND FOR (B)	Wind force in beaufort code.
WEATHER (B)	Weather code—If preceded by letter X is according to WMO code 4501. A numeric two digit entry indicates weather according to WMO code 4677.
INST	Instrument used for observation—"Nansen Cast" indicates station consists of Nansen cast data—"STD Recorder" indicates station consists of STD data or a mixture of STD and Nansen cast data.
TRACE DIR (B)	"Trace" indicator U (UP), D (DOWN), and A (AVERAGED)—used with STD casts, and specify that data were taken while hoisting or lowering respectively or that the two traces were averaged.
DURATION (B)	Time elapsed during raising or lowering of the STD recorder to tenths of hours.
ORIG (B)	Originator's reference number in two parts—cruise number or 3 characters (if year of cruise forms part of cruise number years digits may sometimes only be found in "Year" field), and station number.
TEN SQ	Ten-degree square—modified Canadian square number.
5 SQUARE	Five-degree squares—modified Canadian system.
2 SQUARE	Two-degree squares—modified Canadian system.
1 SQUARE	One-degree squares—modified Canadian system.
CASTNUM (B)	Number of cast on multicast stations (blank when messenger time is given).
TIME (B)	Time of release of messenger in hour and tenths for applicable observed levels. If multicast series extends past midnight, 24 hours are added to cast time of next day. Beginning time for STD is given at first obs depth.
LVLTYT	Type of record at depth indicated. "OBS"—observed values. For STD recorder = level of data read-out. "STD"—NODC standard interpolated values. "ORG"—Standard or other depths carrying non-NODC interpolated values. "LIT"—Interpolated standard depth values used as obs for computational purposes. Note—When an observed level coincides with a STD depth level, both "STD" and "OBS" lines will appear.
DEPTH	Depth of sample (or standard level) in whole meters. Prefix "T" indicates thermometrically determined depth (depth of unprotected thermometers). Subscript "Q" indicates that the value is marked doubtful by the originator. A value designated as implausible by NODC is marked with a "P". Postscript "Z" indicates uncorrected and inaccurate 'Wire-out' depths (high wire angle present).
TEMP (B)	Temperature in degrees celsius. For 'Q' and 'P' notation see depth field.
SAL (B)	Salinity in parts per thousand. For 'Q' and 'P' notation see depth field.
SIGMA-T (B)	Seawater density anomaly to 2 decimal places. When depth, temp, or salinity is doubtful, a 'Q' is suffixed. An asterisk indicates a decrease of 0.02 or more from the previous level.
DYNDPTH	Dynamic depth anomaly in dynamic meters to millimeters.
SND VEL (B)	Sound velocity in meters per second to decimeters according to Wilson's formula. (A standard depth-pressure term is used for stations not beginning at the surface).
OXYG (B)	Oxygen in ML/L to hundredths.

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