RDML Thomas Q. Donaldson V Commander, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command/Hydrographer of the Navy

Modern-Day Maurys

150th Brussels Maritime Conference

17-18 November 2003

Our Mission

To turn environmental information into combat power

- Describe the environment now
- Predict the environment in the future
- Translate its impact on Naval operations
- Increase likelihood of mission success





From the top of the atmosphere...

Any time... Anywhere

...to the bottom of the sea

Key Enablers

- Oceanography
 - > Amphibious/Special Operations
 - Acoustics for ASW, Mine Warfare
- Meteorology
 - ≻ The Navy's Weather Service
 - DoD NWP
 - Theater METOC Centers
- Geospatial Information and Services
 - Navigator of the Navy
 Rear Admiral Tomaszeski
 Hydrographer of the Navy
 Rear Admiral Donaldson



524 Customers* Battlespace Characterization

.....

> 1400 product lines

Precise Time for GPS

Increased radar masking Sea ice Sea clutter Precision munitions Cloud layers

Rocky bottom Water clarity Heat stress/Frostbite Chemical dispersion High surf

Earth Orientation Parameters

Dangerous marine life Wave heights Station keeping Bathymetry Wind over the deck Radar coverage Structural icing Bioluminescence

*Note: Does not include web customers!

Complex. Dynamic. Time Sensitive. Often Classified. Required for the Common Operating Picture. Celestial Reference Frame

Positions of Sun, Moon, Planets and Satellites

Communication ranges Hazards to aviation Rain/Visibility Mud flats Mine burial

Air drop wind Ballistic winds Radar counterdetection

> 13,000 info exchange requirements

> Currents Buoyancy MAD performance Hazards to navigation Fog Acoustics SAR Temperature

COMNAVMETOCCOM Assets



3173 Total End Strength
Military - 440 Officers & 1400 Enlisted
Civilians - 1333
7 Military Survey Ships
8 Major Activities

Top of the Atmosphere **Sea Floor**

Commander, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command Forward Deployed - Warfighter Focused

★ Headquarters

2 Special Centers

4 Facilities

- 2 Production Centers
- 6 Regional Centers
- 31 Aviation Detachments

7 Oceanographic Ships



9 Mobile Environmental Teams



2 Fleet Survey Teams

4D CUBE & FORCEnet

4D

CUBE

VNE

FORCEnet

Oceanography Naval Oceanography Supercomputing



The Cutting Edge

DOD MSRC

8400

2º

Jote

Operational and R&D
Forefront of Ocean Modeling

> Peak Computing Performance Growth in GFLOPS

Ehime Maru Salvage Support

Shallow Water Recovery Site 21° 17.52" N 157° 56.40" W

Deep Water Recovery Site 21° 04.85" N 157° 49.46" W

- 3-D depiction of the ocean
 & seafloor environment
- 500 meter resolution
- Bottom composition
- Currents (surface & subsurface)
- Winds from COAMPS
- Sea State & Surf Predictions
- Oil Dispersion Forecasts

Ehime Maru

Final Relocation Site 21° 1.00" N 158° 7.86" W

Airborne LIDAR Survey







Seahorse 1

Operational Demonstration

- Successfully completed on 21 October 2001, at the NAVOCEANO UUV Test Range off West Ship Island, Mississippi.
- Seahorse 1 ran continuously for 47 hours, 44 hours completely submerged.
- The vehicle cruised 9 m off the bottom over a 348 km track, while continuously collecting CTD, side scan, and bathymetry data.
- The survey area was a 2 x 4 km checkerboard, with 100 m leg spacing, repeated several times for data comparison.

150 kHz Side Scan Sonar image of a sunken barge in 20 m of water, obtained by Seahorse 1 on 21 October 2001.



What is a Fleet Survey Team (FST)?

- Rapidly-deployable, Fleet-oriented, near-shore hydrographic and oceanographic data collection and production capability :
 - Small, highly trained teams (14 officers, 2 Enlisted)
 - > Equipment suite tailored to mission
 - >HSL, RHIB, platforms of opportunity
 - Field collection, processing and on-scene production
- Support emergent real-world operations, exercises and exigencies

Fleet Survey Team Deployments



INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS FOR DATA EXCHANGE AND COOPERATIVE SURVEYS

MEXICO NICARAGUA PANAMA PERU TRINIDAD & TOBAGO VENEZUELA AMERICAS ARGENTINA BELIZE CANADA CHILE (PENDING) COLOMBIA COSTA RICA DOMINICAN REP. ECUADOR EL SALVADOR GUATEMALA HONDURAS JAMAICA

EUROPE ALBANIA **CROATIA (PENDING)** BAHRAIN ESTONIA (PILOT/PROJECT) FRANCE GERMANY GREECE ICELAND ISRAFI **ITALY (PENDING)** MOROCCO **OMAN (PENDING)** PORTUGAL **ROMANIA (PILOT/PROJECT) SLOVENIA (PENDING)** SWEDEN TUNISIA TURKEY **UAE (PENDING) UKRAINE (PENDING)** UNITED KINGDOM



Examples of International Cooperation

- Provided assistance in hunt for INS DAKAR
- Promoted assistance in search and recovery after Sweden ferry disaster



- Provided assistance in recovery of downed Albanian fighter
- Resurveyed ports such as Honduras after hurricane
- Survey ports such as Jordan and Romania to open for commercial and military traffic
- Assist in economic development by surveying coastlines in countries such as Eritrea, Albania and Croatia.
- Provide buoys, deployment, data and LUTS to improve worldwide weather forecasts
- Provide data such as MCSST, and wave model output to assist the world weather community and shipping interests
- Assist in development of Hydrographic and Oceanographic data collections which can lead to:
 - Coastal Zone Management
 - Mineral and Hydrocarbon Exploitation
 - Natural Resource Conservation

Thank You ! Questions?

Three Focus Areas

- Safety of the Fleet/Navy shore establishment
- Assess & predict the impact of the environment on Navy platforms, weapons systems and sensors
- Integrate Environmental Considerations into New Weapon Systems and Sensors



What We Do

- Characterize: Assess and predict battlespace conditions for all warfare commanders and describe impacts on warfighting operations
- Battlespace: Ocean and atmospheric conditions from timecritical to strategic time scales in support of global naval operations
- Enable: METOC supports operations through:
 - \triangleright Protecting resources from severe weather damage (24x7x365)
 - Protecting resources through safe navigation
 - > Optimizing sensor, weapon and platform performance
- Prompt and Sustained: 50% of community is underway or stationed overseas

Naval Meteorology and Oceanography *Data Collection*



LIDAR



Satellites



Drifting Buoys

PATHFINDER Ships



METOC Personnel

D

ydrographer of the Navy

Changes how USN does business -- US national partnerships continue • Acquire data globally for Navy's *4D Cube" (digital 3D time-varying "navigation space"):

ISSUES

Data Coverage/Currency Standards/Quality Training/Education Growing Demand/Fewer Resources Intellectual Property Rights Rapidly Changing Technology Multi-Use Data Sets ECDIS / ECDIS-N

Hydrography -- Oceanography -- Weather

Ships, boats, aircraft and international cooperation

Exploit technology:

Collection -- processing -- production -- dissemination Survey Operations Center

Train and educate, continuously:

Navy/USM MS Hydrographic Science/Cat A

• NAVOCEANO Cat B

