

OUTLINE

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- RSAD Data processing and projects

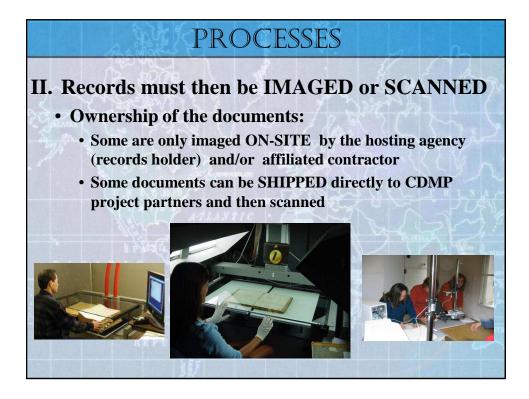
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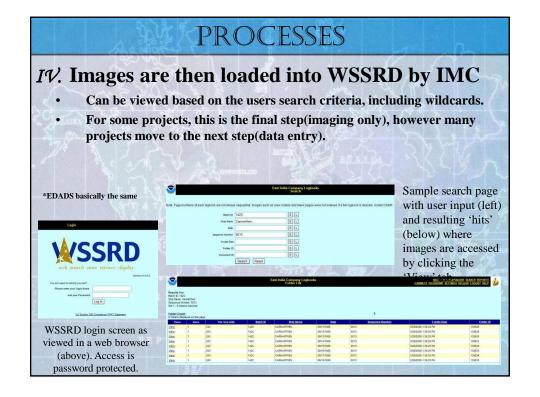
- I. Records must be located and assessed:
 - Where are they located?
 - Who has access?
 - Are the records in good shape?
 - Records must then be catalogued for contents, record completeness, quality of data, and scientific significance/contribution











PROCESSES

V. Data Entry

- Detailed keying instructions are created:
 - Exactly what to capture
 - Data to ignore
 - Strange entries to look for
 - Character positions for each keyed element determined
- Data is then captured by operators (left) using software created by the keying contractor (right).





PROCESSES

V. Data Entry (Continued)

- Data is verified and delivered to CDMP and associated NOAA line offices included in the project.
- Data is then archived at NCDC and/or associated NOAA line offices, and also possibly translated to another format for inclusion in larger datasets (i.e. International Comprehensive Ocean-Atmosphere Dataset – ICOADS).

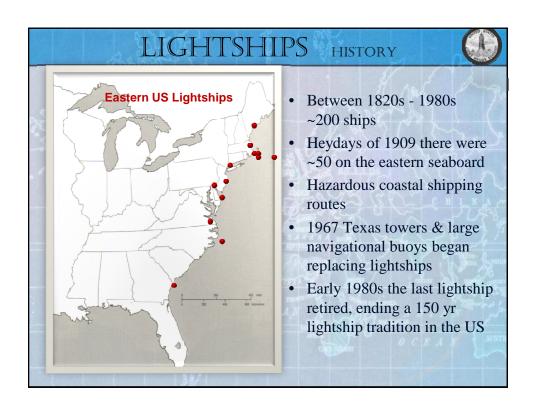
THREE CURRENT PROJECTS

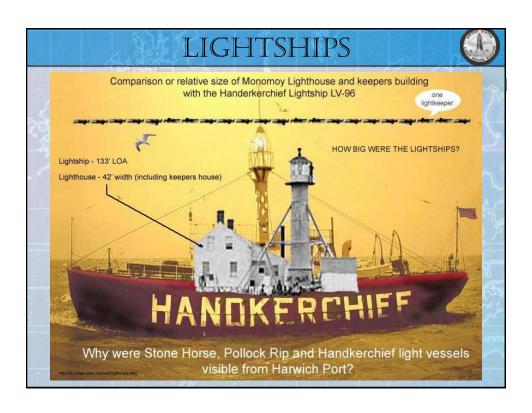
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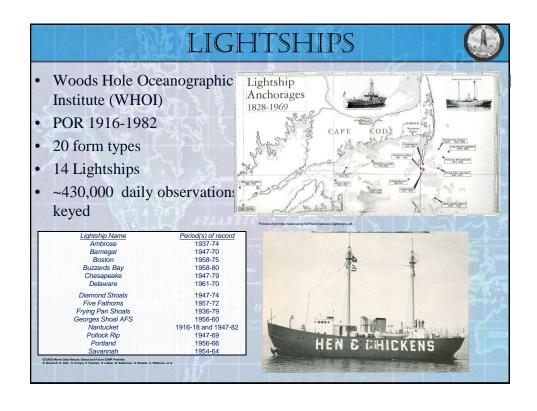
Logbooks (1786-1834)

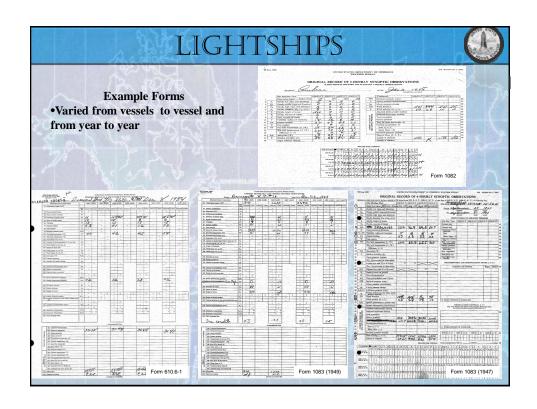
*History, Project Goals, & Data Acquisition

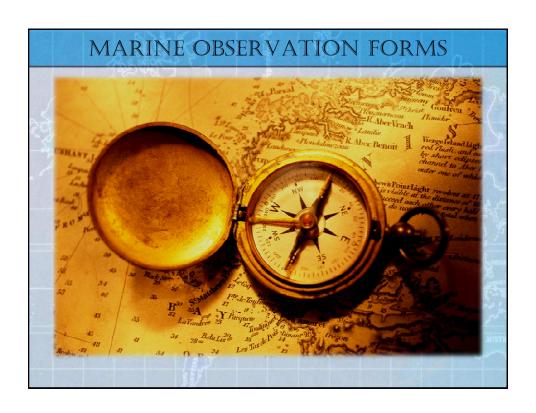












MARINE OBSERVATION FORMS

- Various marine observations (monthly and daily)
 - · POR 1910-1947
 - ~500,000 pages imaged
 - ~192,000 pages keyed
 - 33 different form types
 - Multiple Nationalities (US, Canada, France, Germany, Netherlands, Russia, etc.)
 - Standardizing their various temperature scales.
 - Air, wet bulb, sea surface, and attached thermometer readings.
 - Fahrenheit, Celsius, Kelvin, & Reaumur scales

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When the wind backs, and the weather glass falls, Then be on your guard against gales and squalls"

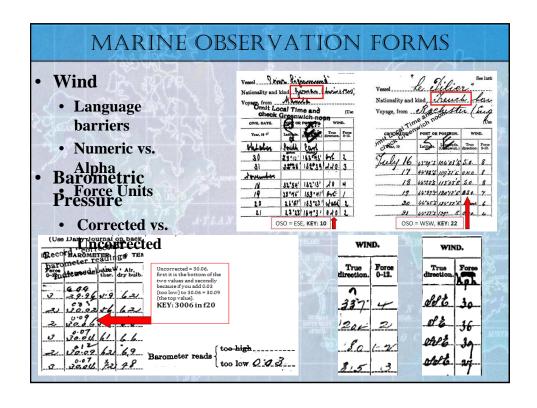


MARINE OBSERVATION FORMS

- •Standardized temperature scales to Fahrenheit
- •Reaumur:
 - •freezing water = 0°
 - •Boiling water = 80 °
- •Conversion:
 - •Celsius = (Rem.) \times (5/4)
 - •Fehr. = (Rem.) \times (9/4)+32
- •Used until ~1900s
 - •Except in the measuring of milk temperature in cheese



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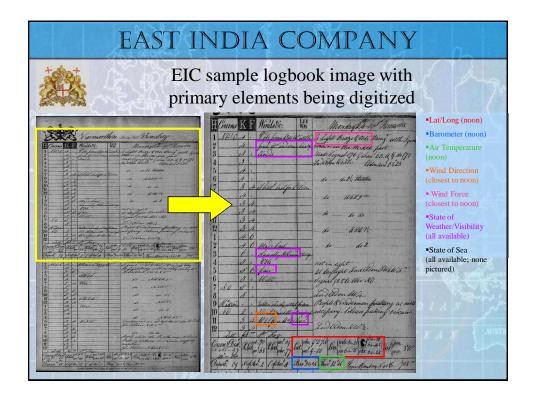
Cooperative project with the international Atmospheric Circulation Reconstructions over the

- · Goals:
 - · Preserve EIC logs

Earth (ACRE) initiative

- Capture early daily instrumental surface weather observations from the late 18th & early 19th centuries
- Original Logbooks held at the British Library (BL)
- POR 1786-1834
- ~1100 logbooks imaged
- 897 logbooks with instrumental data to be keyed
- ~285,000 daily observations

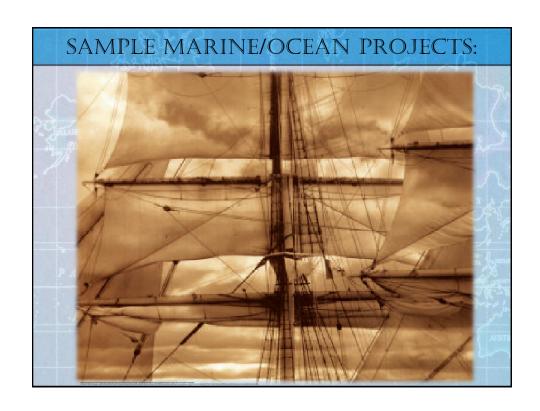


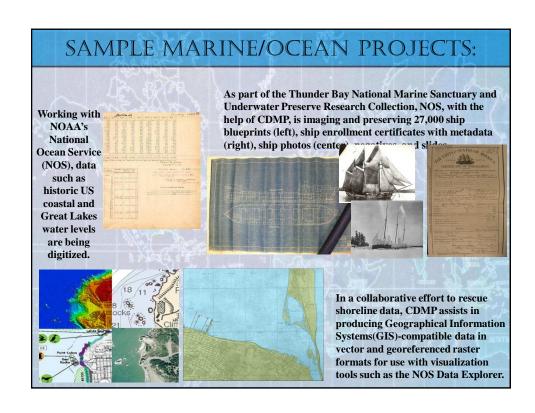


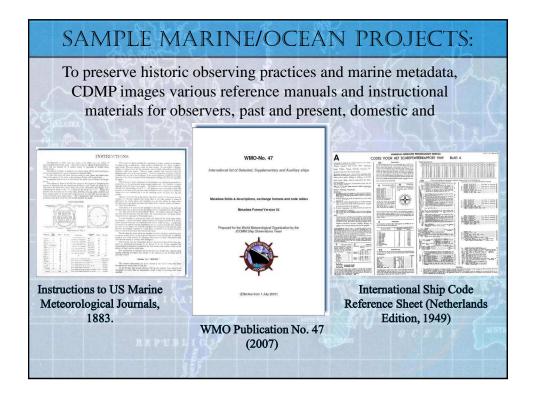
What are the main difficulties associated with capturing EIC data? 1. Legibility and lots of writing, rather than just numerical values 2. Ships beari 3. Observer abbreviations: Hard Squalls Tacke Northerly Lightnin Freshenin G

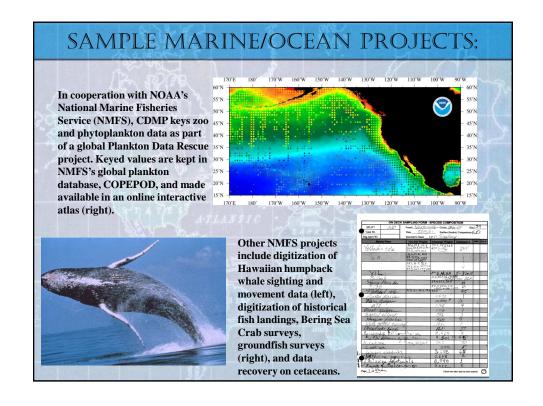
EAST INDIA COMPANY

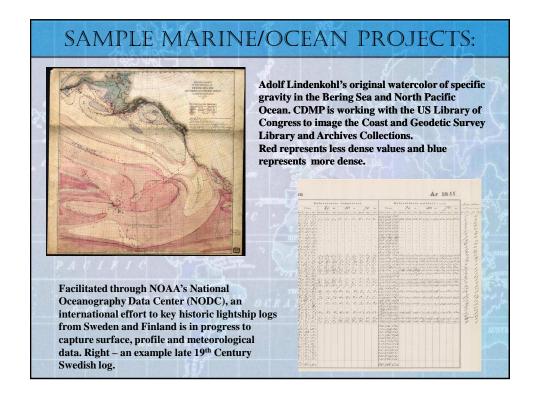
- Not just for weather enthusiasts....
 - Historians (early sailing and navigation, EIC trading/shipping routes, daily life on a ship's long voyage)
 - Genealogists (crew rosters, birth/death information, prisoners, hired workers)
 - Sailing buffs (early sailing terminology/techniques)
 - Astronomers (astronomical events such as comets, etc)

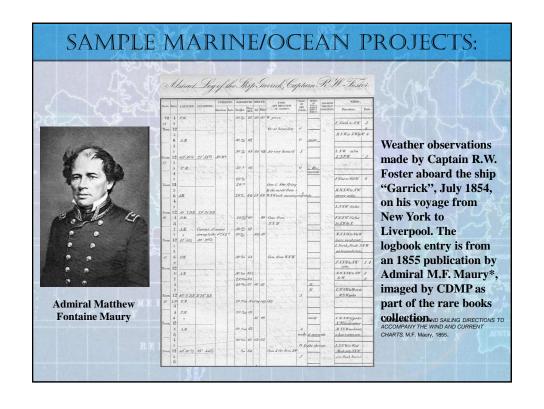


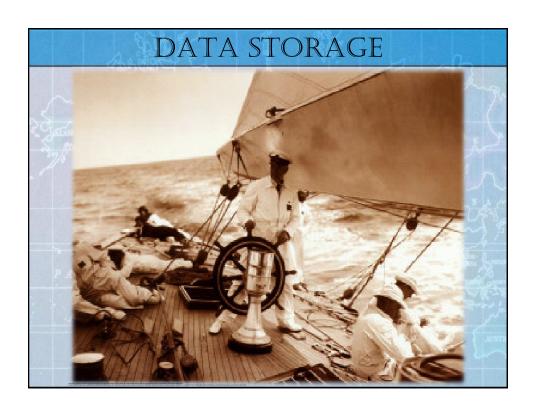


















INCOMING RECORDS IN RSAD

- Marine data from multiple sources (real time and delayed mode)
 - Received over GTS (Global Telecommunications System) satellite (Daily Processing)
 - ~130K obs/day --- 30-40 Million/year
 - US Voluntary Observing Ships (VOS)
 - Buoys (moored and drifting)
 - · Coastal Marine Automated Network
 - · VOSClim project
 - Delayed Mode(Observation frequency is highly variable for delayed mode)
 - •~3K-5K.obs/month
 - US VOS paper forms
 - Shipboard Environmental Data Acquisition System (SEAS)
 - ~200K-400K/quarter
 - Global data distributed quarterly from Global Collection Centers in UK and Germany

RSAD - DATA PROCESSED AND SHARED

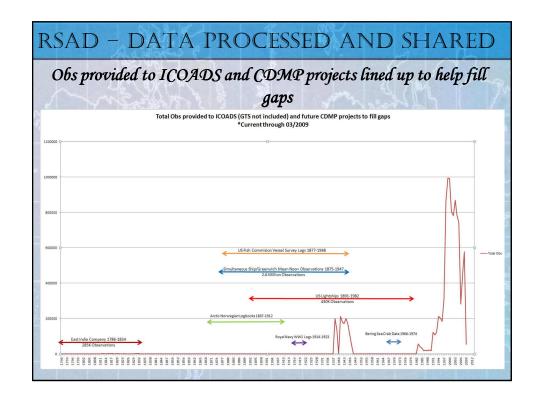
NCDC is a partner and major data provider to the International Comprehensive Ocean-Atmosphere Dataset (ICOADS)

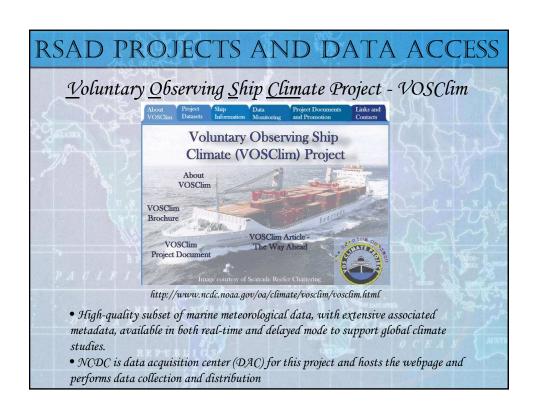


http://icoads.noaa.gov/

Since 2007

- 11.1 Million surface marine observations provided to ICOADS
 - Including GTS transmissions, the number jumps to 81.2 Million





RSAD PROJECTS AND DATA ACCESS

NCDC Marine data general information and dataset links:

• http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/oa/marine.html

VOSClim data access:

- http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/oa/climate/vosclim/vosclimdata.html
- http://www7.ncdc.noaa.gov/CDO/CDOMarineSelect.jsp

NCDC 'Climate Data Online (CDO)' data access to ships and buoys:

- http://www7.ncdc.noaa.gov/CDO/CDOMarineSelect.jsp
- Note This web service is under construction and new data sources are being added as they become available. Please check back often for new updates.
- COMING SOON ICOADS release 2.5
 - •POR 1662-2007



