

NOAA Nautical Charting Calendar



World Hydrography Day

The International Hydrographic Organization established June 21st as “World Hydrography Day” to acknowledge work at all levels on increasing the coverage of hydrographic information on a global basis. States are urged to work to promote safe navigation, especially in the areas of international navigation, ports, and in vulnerable or protected marine areas.

The 148-foot *Blake*, depicted at the left, served the U.S. Coast Survey from 1874-1905. The Sigsby Sounding Machine was developed by her second Captain, CDR Charles D. Sigsby, U.S.N. This deep ocean sounding machine used piano forte wire to take accurate depth measurements in water 3000 fathoms deep. Wire rope and steam deck winches allowed the *Blake* to anchor and dredge the ocean bottom in waters in excess of 2500 fathoms. This equipment and method of ocean research was the world’s standard for over 50 years.

Figure 1 – U.S. Coast Survey hydrographic survey steamer George S. Blake as painted by the American artist Jeffrey Eldredge. The Blake is shown meeting the Bark Sillman B. Allen which was commanded by the artist’s great-grandfather, Capt. Walter S.H. Eldredge.

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
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