



## **NPS Accurate Elevations**

*Support of Sea level Rise Science and  
Planning for Coastal National Parks*

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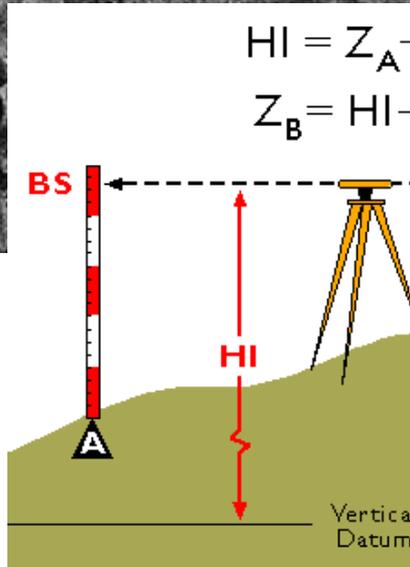
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Two Facets to Park Elevations:

- Establishing survey monumentation to support current and future park planning and science.
- Establish precise elevations including local tidal heights on NPS assets.

## Survey Monumentation



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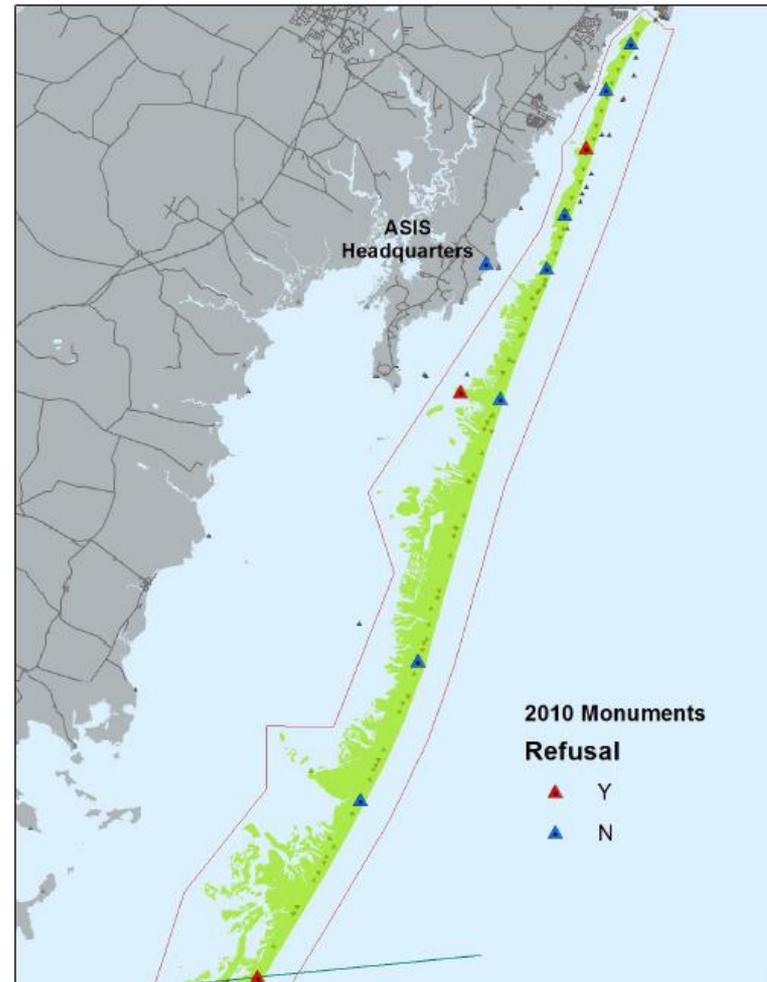
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## Survey Monumentation

Survey Monumentation at  
Assateague National Seashore

-  **Backbone Monumentation**  
(Survive in perpetuity)
-  **Sentinel Site Monumentation**  
(May survive but located at  
important management sites  
for the park)

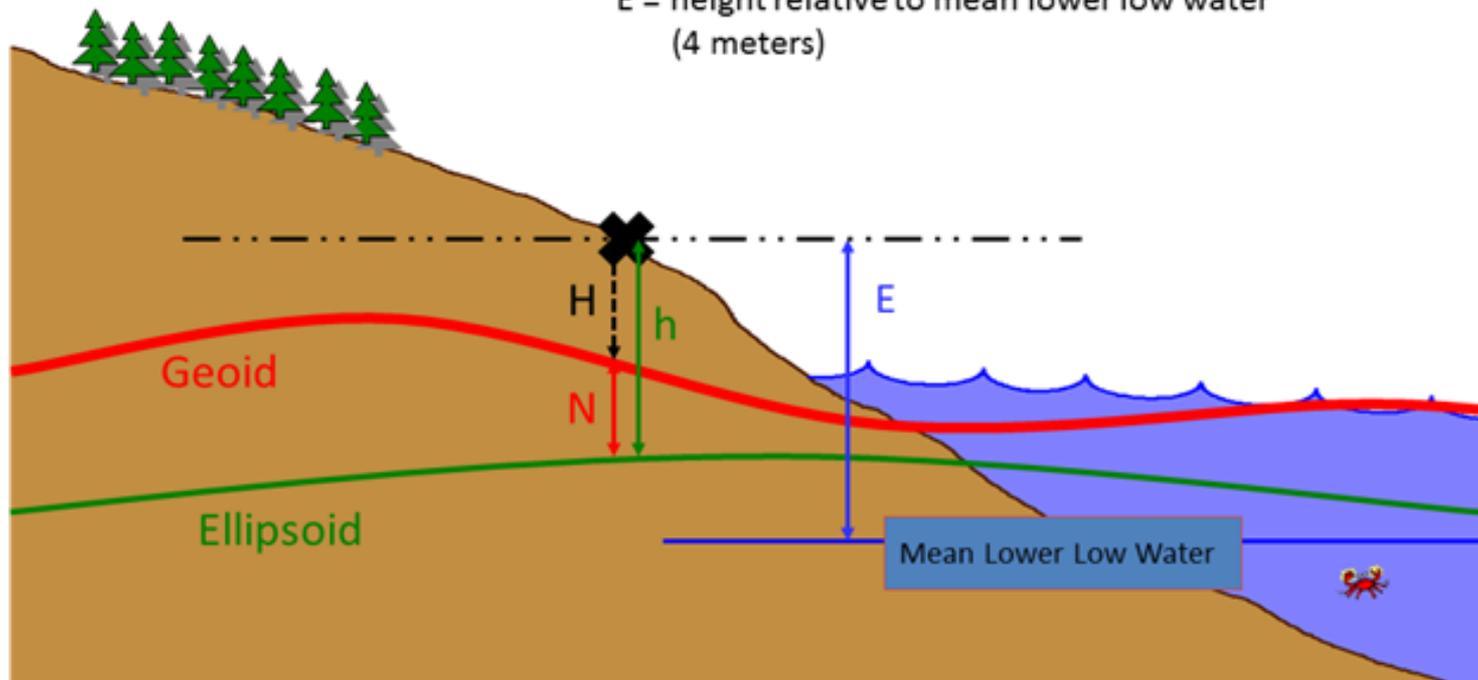


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$$H = h - N$$

$H$  = orthometric height (2 meters)  
 $N$  = geoid height (1.5 meters)  
 $h$  = ellipsoid height (3.5 meters)

$E$  = height relative to mean lower low water  
(4 meters)

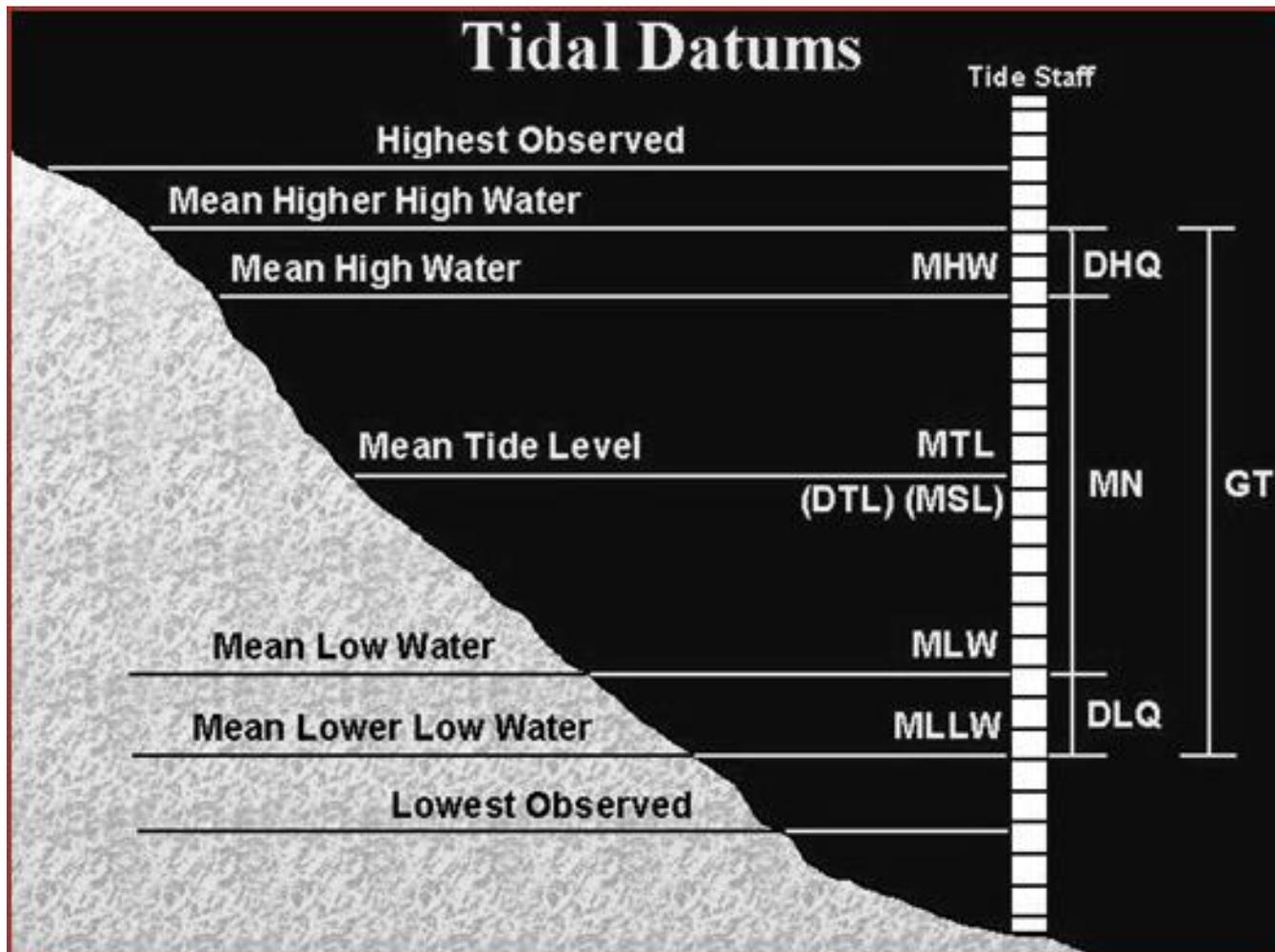


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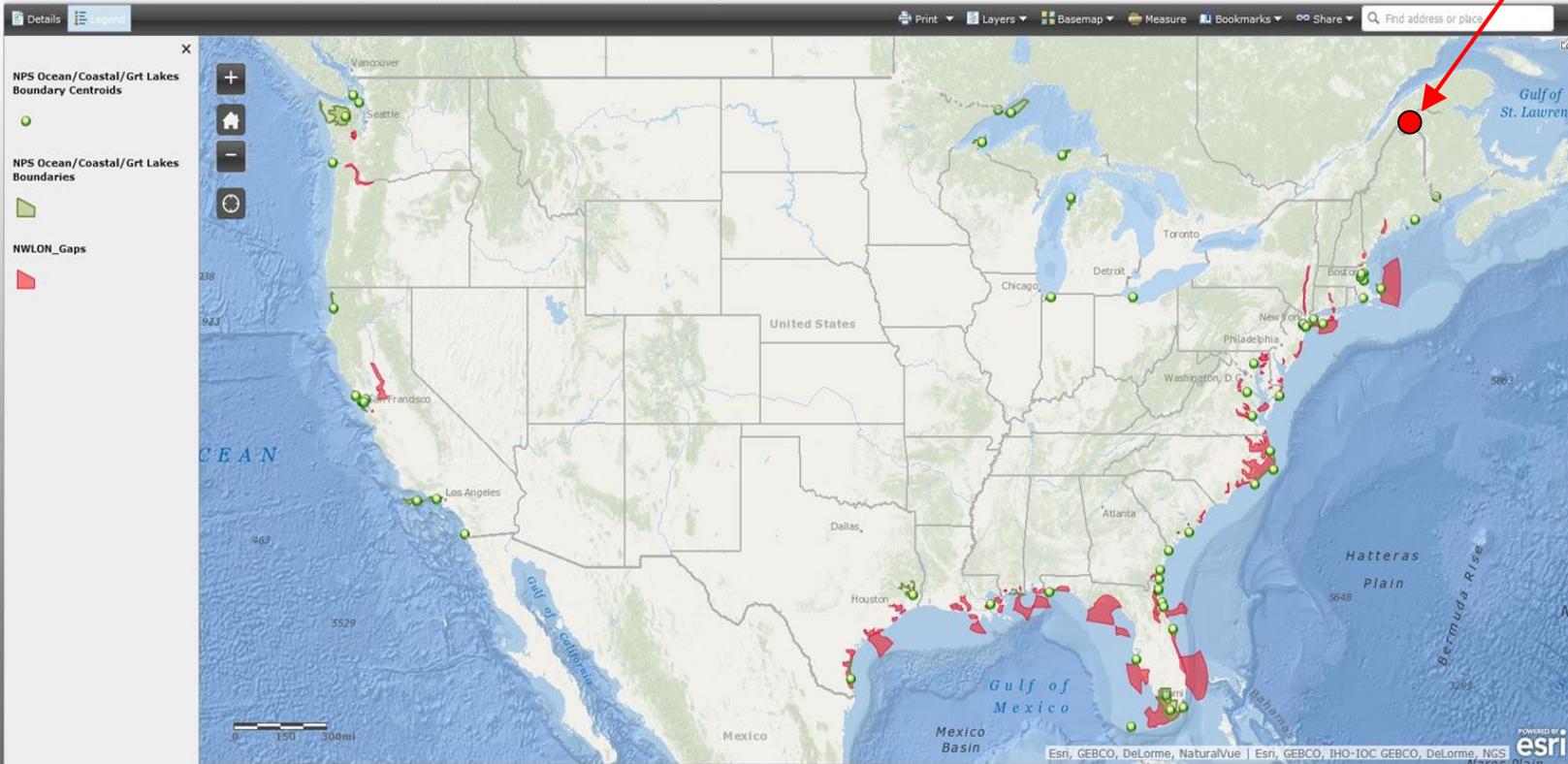
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NAVD88 - Father's Point, Ontario

Father's Point

National Park Service Coastal Parks and NWLON Data Gaps



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*Establish Local Tidal Datum Heights*

Golden Gate and Marin Headlands National Parks



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Datums for 9414290, San Francisco CA

### Elevations on Station Datum

Station: 9414290, San Francisco, CA

Status: Accepted (Apr 17, 2003)

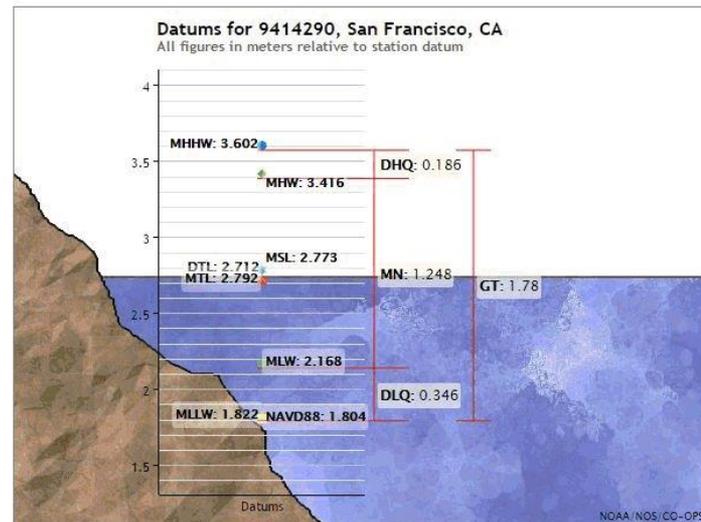
Units: Meters

T.M.: 120

Epoch: 1983-2001

Datum: STND

Datum	Value	Description
MHHW	3.602	Mean Higher-High Water
MHW	3.416	Mean High Water
MTL	2.792	Mean Tide Level
MSL	2.773	Mean Sea Level
DTL	2.712	Mean Diurnal Tide Level
MLW	2.168	Mean Low Water
MLLW	1.822	Mean Lower-Low Water
NAVD88	1.804	North American Vertical Datum of 1988
STND	0.000	Station Datum
GT	1.780	Great Diurnal Range
MN	1.248	Mean Range of Tide
DHQ	0.186	Mean Diurnal High Water Inequality
DLQ	0.346	Mean Diurnal Low Water Inequality
HWI	7.530	Greenwich High Water Interval (in hours)
LWI	0.850	Greenwich Low Water Interval (in hours)
Maximum	4.462	Highest Observed Water Level
Max Date & Time	01/27/1983 09:30	Highest Observed Water Level Date and Time
Minimum	0.945	Lowest Observed Water Level
Min Date & Time	12/17/1933 18:00	Lowest Observed Water Level Date and Time
HAT	4.039	Highest Astronomical Tide
HAT Date & Time	12/31/1990 18:12	HAT Date and Time
LAT	1.186	Lowest Astronomical Tide
LAT Date & Time	05/25/1986 14:24	LAT Date and Time



Showing datums for

9414290 San Francisco, CA

Data Units  Feet  
 Meters

Epoch  Present (1983-2001)  
 Superseded (1960-1978)

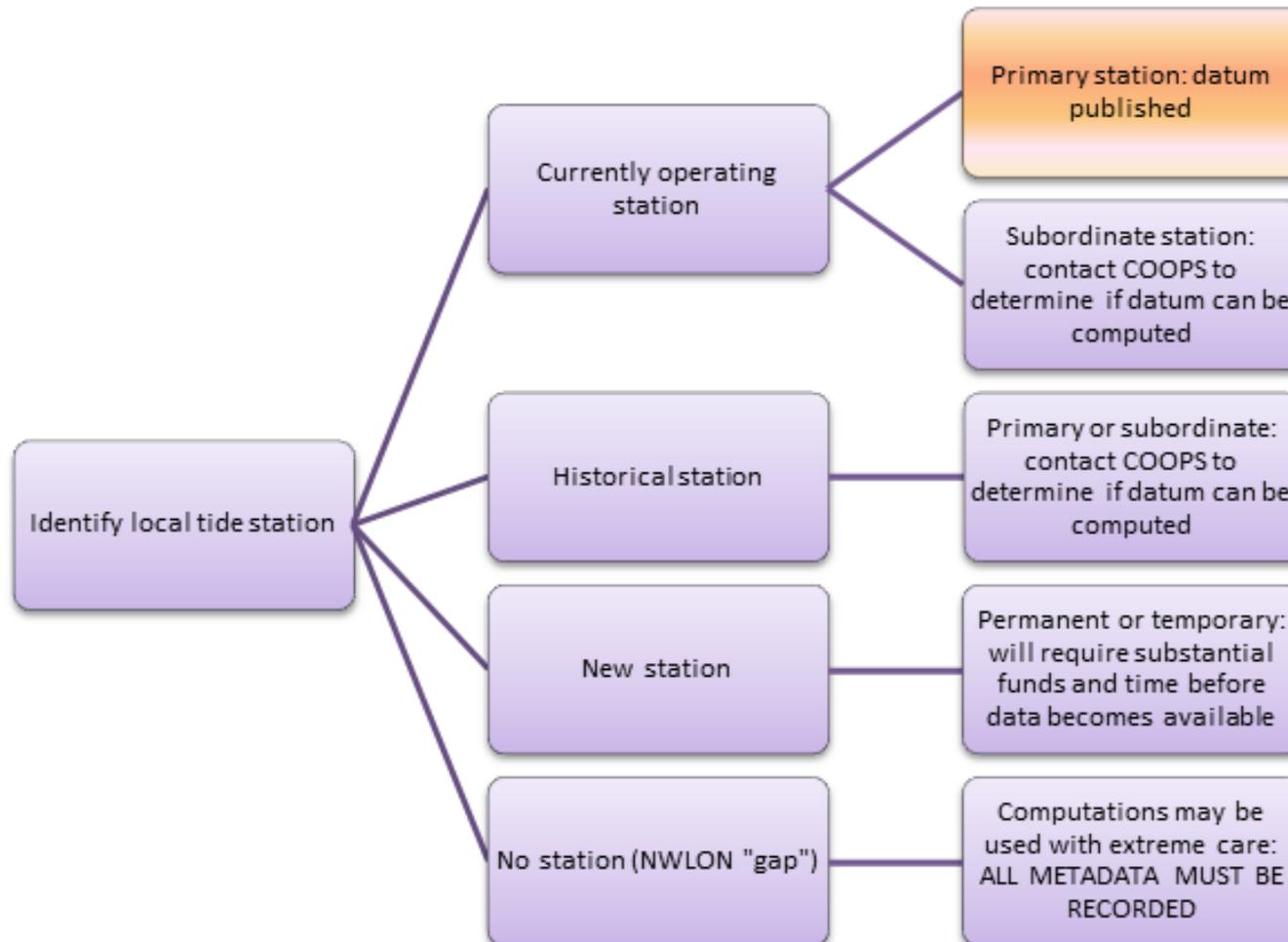
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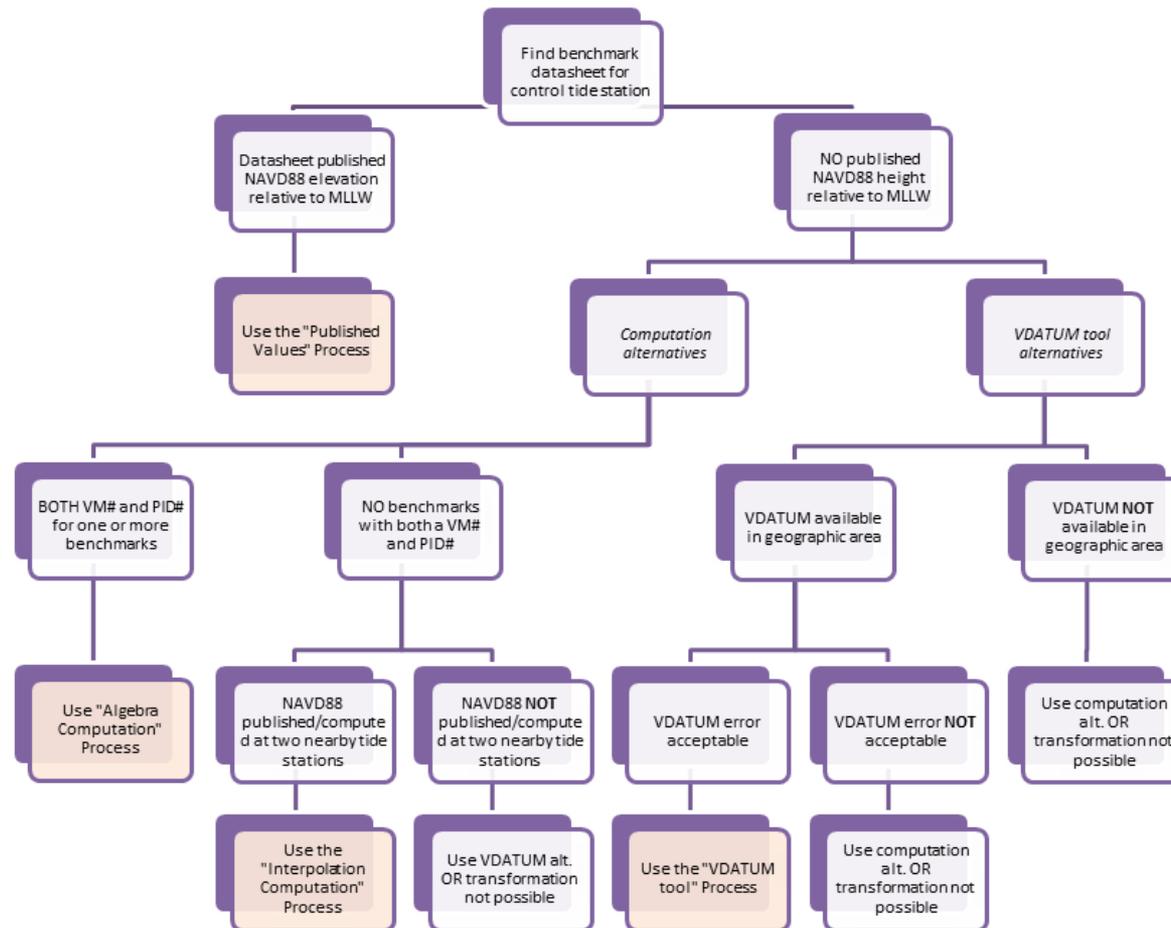


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Supporting survey monumentation

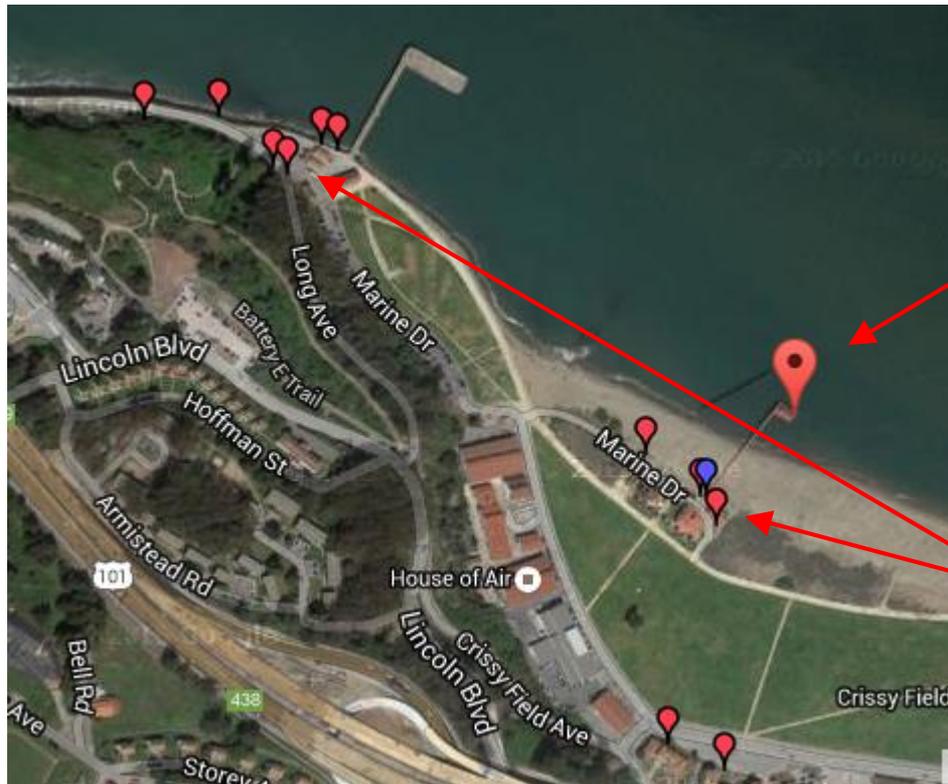
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## The NGS Data Sheet

See file [dsdata.txt](#) for more information about the datasheet.

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HT0698 DESIGNATION - CLARK
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HT0698 STATE/COUNTY- CA/SAN FRANCISCO
HT0698 COUNTRY - US
HT0698 USGS QUAD - SAN FRANCISCO NORTH (1995)
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HT0698 *CURRENT SURVEY CONTROL
HT0698
HT0698* NAD 83(1992) POSITION- 37 48 30.98554(N) 122 28 15.28359(W) ADJUSTED
HT0698* NAD 83(1992) EPOCH - 1991.35
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HT0698 LAPLACE CORR - 2.87 (seconds) DEFLEC12B
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HT0698.GEOID12B height accuracy estimate available here.
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Elevations of tidal datums referred to Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW), in METERS:

HIGHEST OBSERVED WATER LEVEL (01/27/1983)	=	2.640
MEAN HIGHER HIGH WATER	MHHW	= 1.780
MEAN HIGH WATER	MHW	= 1.595
MEAN TIDE LEVEL	MTL	= 0.970
MEAN SEA LEVEL	MSL	= 0.951
MEAN LOW WATER	MLW	= 0.346
MEAN LOWER LOW WATER	MLLW	= 0.000
North American Vertical Datum	NAVD88	= -0.018
LOWEST OBSERVED WATER LEVEL (12/17/1933)	=	-0.877

North American Vertical Datum (NAVD88)

Bench Mark Elevation Information

In METERS above:

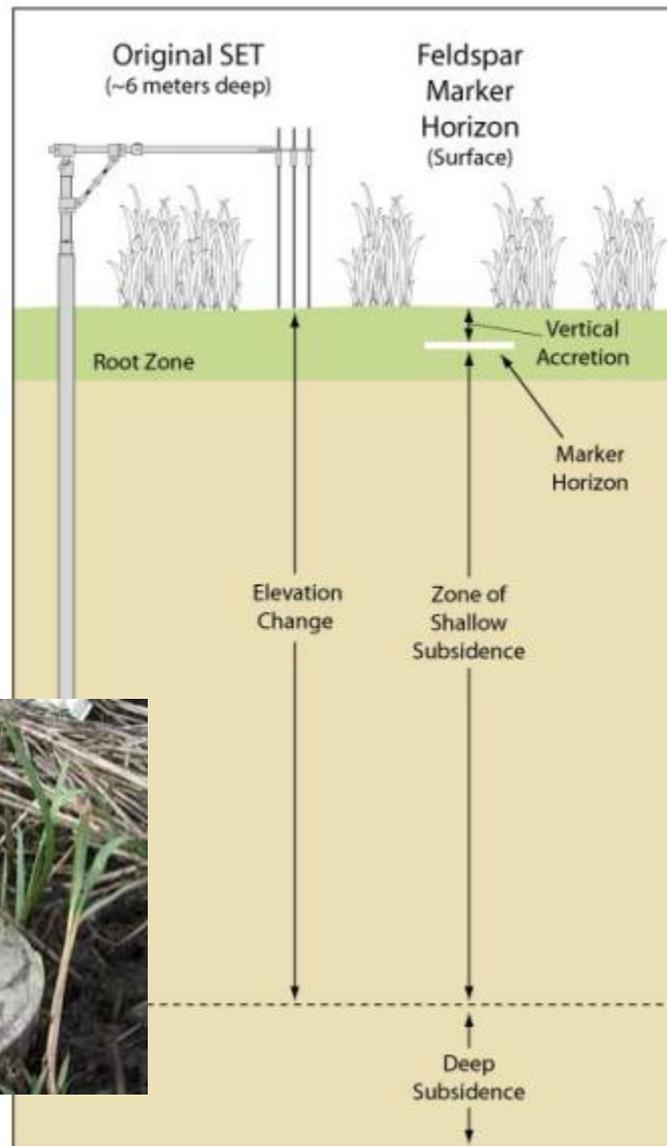
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NO 2 1948	4.221	2.626
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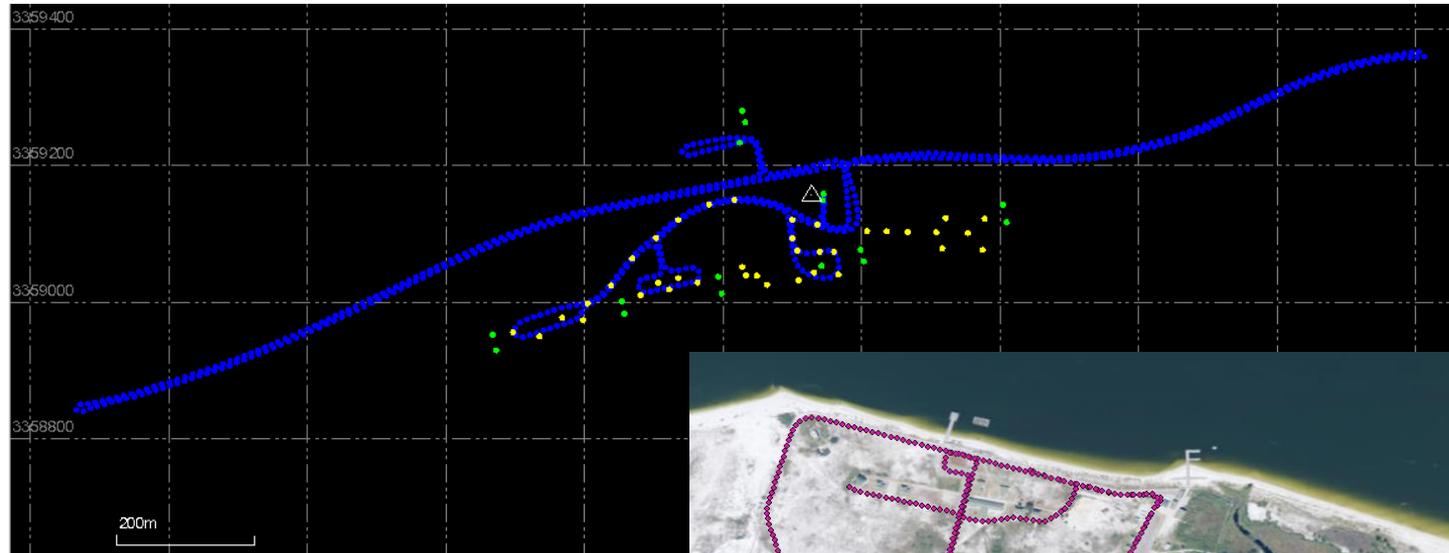


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N 25.452694310°  
W 080.196143560° NAD83(2011) 1.740 m

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