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ABSTRACT

The ingress of postlarval crustaceans through inlets is a potential bottleneck to recruitment. A joint oceanographic and fishery program was designed to identify the physical oceanographic transport processes that control the ingress of postlarval blue crab and white shrimp through an inlet. A 14-day experiment was conducted in and off the South Carolina coast utilizing a combination of moored instrumentation and shipboard surveys. Two research vessels operated in the inlet and offshore to measure vertical profiles of conductivity, temperature, depth, and chl a as well as larval abundance.

The estuary was essentially well-mixed during upwelling with stratified water offshore. The abrupt salinity disconnection from vertically well-mixed to stratified between offshore waters and estuarine waters suggests weak coupling between estuarine and coastal waters. The estuary was also well-mixed during downwelling but chl a concentrations were higher. Salinity on the shelf was vertically uniform, consistent with strong vertical mixing. Coupling of coastal and estuarine waters was optimized during this period when downwelling-favorable winds plus spring tides efficiently transported oceanic water into the estuary. Both salinity and chlorophyll a increased most rapidly in the inlet during downwelling winds and the onset of spring tidal conditions. Chl a concentration generally increased with depth suggesting a benthic source. A near-bottom chl a maxima was present along the ebb tide delta between the inlet mouth and the coastal front. It was positively correlated with salinity reflecting higher chl a in the more-saline water where the coastal front intersects the bottom along the offshore portion of the inlet delta.
Abundances of postlarval *Penaeus* were usually greatest in surface samples. Peaks abundances in the inlet coincided with downwelling conditions suggesting that larval ingress is enhanced then.

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1.0 Purpose and Objectives

This report summarizes data and results from NED1, the May 1993 North Edisto Ingress Experiment. This was the first of a series of cruises designed to relate the spatial and temporal distribution of postlarval blue crab and white shrimp in inner shelf water entrained through an inlet to periodic (tidal, diel, lunar) and stochastic (wind, current) events. Our hypothesis is that the physical flow field interacts with the behavior and population biology of white shrimp and blue crab larvae to discontinuously transport developmental larval stages from offshore sites to estuarine nurseries. From a conceptual perspective, we view this transport as comprising two steps, each likely dominated by a different mechanism: (1) transport from seaward spawning or larval development sites into the coastal frontal zone (as for blue crab), and (2) transport from the coastal frontal region into the estuary.

Postlarvae are entrained into an inlet by an interaction of the alongshore coastal current with a landward influx of coastal water caused by alongshore wind stress and tidal currents. Determination of the portion of the coastal current from which landward withdrawal occurs requires a study of the configuration and extent of the coastal frontal zone. Circulation will differentially influence ingress of blue crab and white shrimp depending upon the vertical distribution of the postlarvae. The strength of the tidal current
over the lunar cycle has a neap-spring modulation. The ability of larvae to maintain themselves at a certain depth can be nullified by strong vertical mixing induced by strong tidal currents. The degree of vertical mixing encountered by the larvae will depend upon current friction at the seabed and the degree of vertical density stratification. The vertical density stratification is imposed by the ambient density structure of the coastal frontal zone and local freshwater discharges.

NED1 was designed to determine: (1) the hydrography of the coastal frontal zone adjacent to a study site and corresponding abundances of larvae or megalopae, (2) the hydrographic state of the inlet water and corresponding abundances of larvae or megalopae, and (3) the response of shelf and inlet waters to wind and tides.

NED1 was conducted in and off the North Edisto Inlet on the South Carolina coast (Fig. 1a) in May 1993. During spring, prevailing winds favor upwelling, and the coastal frontal zone is vertically stratified because of seasonally high freshwater discharge. White shrimp postlarvae are usually present in coastal waters at this time. The sampling period covered 14 days. Because the tidal cycle is 12.48 hrs (2 cycles in 24.96 hrs) and the diurnal cycle is 24 hrs, a sampling of the same tidal stage over the 14-day period covers a full cycle of spring-neap tides and half-cycle of sunlight.

2.0 Oceanographic methods used

We utilized a combination of moored instrumentation and shipboard sampling. One mooring was positioned on the inner continental shelf to assess the response of the alongshelf current to wind forcing and another mooring was deployed within the deep inlet
channel to monitor the strong tidal currents there. Instruments at both moorings were placed in the lower half of the water column to measure currents, temperature, salinity and density, and subsurface pressure.

The temporal resolution of currents and water masses at a few discrete points was supplemented by frequent hydrographic and larval abundance surveys both in the inlet and offshore. Thus, the combined synthesis of in situ data and shipboard data from NED1 provided us the means to determine: (1) the temporal variations in coastal water advected into the inlet; (2) the location of larval populations relative to the coastal front; and (3) temporal variations in larval abundance advected into the inlet during flood tide.

2.1 Moored instruments

Oceanographic information was collected from two moored instrument arrays, designated as 'M1' and 'M2' (Fig. 1a) for approximately two weeks in May 1993. M1 was placed on a relatively flat ledge to the south of the main channel of the North Edisto River in water 14.5 meters deep (the main channel is 21 meters deep). M2 was located about 10 nautical miles (18 km) offshore at the 14-meter isobath.

Two InterOcean Systems, Inc. S4 current meters and two Sea-Bird Electronics, Inc. SEACAT data loggers were deployed at each site to measure currents, temperature and conductivity at 2 levels in the vertical and subsurface pressure at the bottom (Fig. 2; Table 1). Salinity and density ($\sigma_t$) were derived from conductivity, temperature and pressure values. The sampling rate for all the moored instruments was six minutes (0.1 hour). The temperature and conductivity values recorded by the S4 current meters were excluded from this data report because the quality of the signals tended to degrade over time and were
inferior to those of the SEACAT sensors.

Wind speed and direction, barometric pressure, and air temperature were monitored hourly at Folly Beach (FBIS1), a nearby C-MAN (Coastal-Marine Automated Network) station which was maintained by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). FBIS1 is about 30 kilometers east-northeast of the North Edisto River study area. The meteorological information obtained at this station should represent local conditions. The wind speed and direction files were converted to x and y components. The corresponding surface wind stress components were calculated by an iterative technique which adjusted the wind speed to a 10-meter level and used a variable drag coefficient depending on the magnitude of the wind speed.

2.2 Shipboard sampling

Several hydrographic and larval abundance surveys were carried out on board the R/V BLUE FIN of the Skidaway Institute of Oceanography, and the R/V ANITA of the South Carolina Marine Resources Research Institute for a 14-day period in May 1993.

The BLUE FIN generally occupied offshore stations on the adjacent continental shelf (Fig. 1a) in an attempt to map the structure of the coastal frontal zone and the distribution of larval abundance perpendicular to the shore (stations T13 to T1) and then parallel to the ebb tide delta (arc stations A11 to A1). The timing of the offshore surveys was set to reach station A6 at the maximum flood tide which best coincided with the nighttime surveys in the throat.

The ANITA was stationed in the North Edisto throat and sampled during nighttime flood tides at three positions across the throat designated "N" (north), "M" (middle) and
"S" (south). These station locations are depicted as three short parallel lines near mooring M1 on Figure 1b. The throat surveys were designed to measure oceanographic properties of temperature, salinity, density and larval abundance entering the inlet and ascertain lateral variability in these parameters.

2.2.1 Hydrographic sampling

Each ship was equipped with an instrument called a CTD which recorded vertical profiles of conductivity (C), temperature (T), and depth (D). All the vertical profiles (or casts) were taken with a Sea-Bird Electronics, Inc. Model 25 Sealogger CTD, except those for Offshore Survey #5 which were taken with an InterOcean Systems, Inc. S4 CTD. Salinity and density were calculated from the conductivity, temperature and depth values using standard algorithms. An optional fluorometer was installed on each unit and the CTD on the BLUE FIN also had an optical backscatter (OBS) sensor. The fluorometer was designed to measure chlorophyll a fluorescence (Fl) and the OBS sensor measured turbidity by detecting infrared radiation scattered from suspended matter. The OBS values were not calibrated with suspended sediment samples, so they represent relative turbidity only.

All the sensors on the CTD were manufactured by Sea-Bird Electronics, Inc. (SBE), except the fluorometer, the Model OBS-3 sensor and the 0-100 psia strain gauge pressure sensor which were manufactured by SEA TECH Inc., D & A Instrument Company and Paine Corporation, respectively.

The CTD unit was lowered through the water column and real-time data were displayed on a personal computer. The SBE Sealogger CTD was set up to sample all the
above parameters (C, T, D, Fl, OBS and calculated salinity and density) at 1 Hz in real-time mode. Thus, the vertical structure of the water column could immediately be ascertained. The CTD cast information was also stored as a binary data file (with a sample rate of 4 Hz) on the personal computer. Software provided by SBE allowed several ways to view the data, including graphical or tabular display of the variables.

As part of the post-deployment processing, data from each CTD downcast were averaged by depth into 1.0 meter bins. This allowed hundreds of data points to be summarized into relatively few values and still keep the vertical resolution of various features. The bin-averaged data were then grouped appropriately to create contour plots of selected parameters, such as temperature, salinity and fluorescence.

The station log (Table 2) indicates the timing and position for the 114 CTD casts taken on the BLUE FIN and the 78 casts from the ANITA. A more graphical representation shows the relative schedules for the various offshore and throat surveys for each vessel (Fig. 3).

The throat and offshore surveys were intended to simultaneously sample the inlet and nearshore regions. However, since the nighttime flood tide was about one hour later every day (2 semi-diurnal tidal cycles ~ 25 hours), the offshore surveys gradually progressed out of the nighttime hours and many offshore stations were sampled during the day. The original schedule was also disrupted by occasional bad weather which precluded the BLUE FIN from going offshore. Additionally, we experienced mechanical problems with the ANITA for several days near the beginning of the study period and two throat surveys were conducted on the BLUE FIN.
There were a couple of surveys labeled "lw" and "hw" (Fig. 3) which represent hydrographic sampling only (no larval sampling) along offshore and estuarine transects centered in time at consecutive Low Water and High Water periods. They were designed to show how far water masses were translated during one-half of a semi-diurnal tidal cycle and to see if conditions changed during the neap to spring tidal cycle. These surveys will be described in a later section.

2.2.2 Continuous mapping of near-surface ocean properties

An Oceanographic Data Interface System (ODIS) aboard the BLUE FIN was designed to interface with an assortment of instruments. A primary navigation interface consisted of a Global Positioning System (GPS) and a fathometer. Near-surface ocean water was continuously pumped through a suite of sensors interfaced to ODIS that included temperature, conductivity, and fluorescence sensors. The fluorescence output of a Turner Designs fluorometer was calibrated by periodically collecting subsamples downstream of the fluorometer and measuring their chlorophyll $a$ (chl $a$) content in the lab. These calibrations are still underway. ODIS data were logged automatically onto disk during most of the BLUE FIN cruises at sampling intervals ranging from 2 min to 15 min.

2.2.3 Phytoplankton biomass sampling

Vertical profiles of fluorescence representing phytoplankton biomass were measured aboard each ship. The two Sea-Bird CTDs used aboard the BLUE FIN and ANITA were both equipped with SEA TECH in situ fluorometers. Prior to the spring cruises, both were calibrated against the same phytoplankton cultures. These tests showed that the fluorescence output of both instruments was linear over their maximum range. During the
cruises, natural plankton samples were collected by bucket immediately adjacent to the CTD at the surface during selected vertical profiles. Subsamples were concentrated on filters, extracted later in acetone, and chl a was measured in the lab using a Turner Designs Fluorometer. These data were used to derive a calibration curve to convert in situ fluorescence from CTD vertical profiles into chl a (Fig. 4).

2.2.4 Larval sampling

Net tows in the offshore domain were taken at stations outside the coastal front, inside the coastal front and 3 arc stations (A9, A6, and A3); A6 was sampled near the time of maximum flood current. Tows in the inlet were done in the North Edisto throat (near M1; see Fig. 1b) and sampled during nighttime flood tide at three positions across the throat designated "N" (north), "M" (middle) and "S" (south). This plan complements the hydrographic sampling plan in the inlet described at the beginning of Section 2.2. Inboard and outboard nets were set at surface and bottom at each station using 0.6m bongo nets (0.505 mesh) fitted with an opening and closing device. Tow duration was approximately 5 minutes in the throat and 10 minutes offshore.

3.0 Results and Discussion

Results from NED1 are described by a series of tables and plots that come from moored and shipboard instrumentation. The main forces that affect estuarine and coastal waters are bottom friction induced by tidal and wind-generated currents and surface wind stress. These forces affect the degree of stratification imposed by buoyancy sources from freshwater discharges along the coast and surface heating, as well as govern the strength
and direction of currents. The role of these interacting forces will become obvious in the results that follow.

3.1 Wind stress events

The alongshelf component of wind stress is the principal forcing for coastal currents and wind-driven sea level fluctuations. Figure 5 shows the rotated component and vector plots of wind stress that have been subjected to a 40-hour low-pass filter. (Filtered data sets are discussed in the next section.) The wind stress direction was predominantly upwelling-favorable (positive alongshelf; i.e., northeastward along the coast) with the exception of two downwelling events (negative alongshelf). One downwelling event began on 20 May and lasted about 3 days; the other began late on 26 May and lasted for 2 days.

When wind stress is upwelling-favorable (local wind blowing from the southwest), water near the surface is advected offshore and replaced by deeper water from farther offshore. The coastal front is spread seaward and the strength of vertical stratification increases. When wind stress is downwelling-favorable (local wind blowing from the northeast) water near the surface is advected shoreward, near bottom water is carried seaward, the front is strengthened close to shore, and vertical stratification diminishes. The significance of the upwelling- and downwelling-favorable wind stress is evident in the offshore transect contour plots of temperature, salinity, density and chlorophyll a described in a later section.

3.2 Moored instrument statistics

All moored instruments at M1 and M2 had a sample rate of six minutes, but for this analysis every tenth value was selected to create hourly records. Then the hourly values
for both the oceanographic and meteorological data were independently filtered with a 3-hour and 40-hour low-pass digital filter. The 3-hour filter (3hlp) removes the high frequency noise from the record and the 40-hour filter (40hlp) removes variations associated with phenomena with periodicities of less than 40 hours (i.e. mainly tides). The 3hlp values have a delta-t of 1 hour, while the 40hlp files have been decimated to have a delta-t of 6 hours.

We determined the principal axes along which current and wind vectors had their maximum variance. All 3hlp and 40hlp data had principal axes within 25 degrees of the local shoreline orientation of 50 degrees east of north. Thus, for simplicity, all current and wind stress vectors were rotated 50 degrees counter-clockwise, so the principal axes would be closely parallel to the local shoreline and isobaths. For this rotated coordinate system, positive x-components are directed offshore and positive y-components are alongshore toward the north.

Three tables of statistics present first order properties for the filtered data sets (Tables 3, 4 and 5). Table 3 shows 3hlp and 40hlp statistics for the complete data sets. The effect of the low-pass filter is most evident in the currents where the 40hlp standard deviations are significantly smaller than the corresponding 3hlp values. Reductions in the other ocean parameters are not so large. Hourly wind data are least affected by the filters.

Note that under the vector rotations used, 3hlp currents (which contain most of their variance in the semi-diurnal tide) mostly fluctuate along the axis of the inlet and perpendicular to the shoreline (the x-axis). When the tidal variances are excluded by the 40hlp filter, most of the variance in the inlet is still along the x-axis (the inlet’s axis), while that of the coastal currents offshore is more shore-parallel.
Statistics during neap and spring tide periods illustrate the effects of the larger spring tides on tidal currents (Table 4). The x-axis tidal currents increased by 25 and 11 percent in the inlet throat at mid-water and bottom, respectively. Similar increases of 7 and 21 percent were measured in the coastal waters offshore. Subsurface pressure fluctuations (which represent tidal height elevations) were 40%/30% higher at M2/M1 during spring tides than for neap tides.

An upwelling and downwelling event was defined for 16-19 May and 21-23 May, respectively (Table 5). Both offshore current meters were located below the pycnocline for the upwelling event in a zone of onshore flow that strengthened toward the bottom, a feature that has been seen off Georgia during upwelling (Blanton, 1986). Presumably, above the pycnocline, a current meter would have measured an offshore component.

The reversal of alongshelf currents from an upwelling to a downwelling regime is apparent at the offshore station. The water column was well mixed during the downwelling event, and both meters measured an onshore flow that decreased with depth. Continuity demands that a compensating offshore flow take place somewhere, presumably either in a bottom boundary layer or at some other location north or south of M2.

The 40hlp currents in the inlet are difficult to interpret. If we had been able to locate M1 in mid-channel, we would have expected to measure influx of ocean water during the downwelling event. The fact that sea level rose at the onset of downwelling (discussed later) suggests that was indeed the case. Since M1 was, in fact, located off the main axis channel on a ledge with complex surrounding topography, the 40hlp data probably are reflecting a more complex wind and pressure-generated circulation. Therefore, we will not discuss further the 40hlp current meter data from M1.
3.3 Time series of winds, currents, and water mass properties

Plots of the 3hlp and 40hlp moored data display the rotated wind stress and current vectors, as well as temperature, salinity, \( \sigma_t \) and subsurface pressure data (Figs. 6 - 11). The plots of 3hlp current meter data at M1 (Fig. 6) show strong tidal currents along the axis of the inlet (x-component). Positive x-component currents ebb toward the ocean. Currents are only slightly diminished at the near-bottom meter. The fluctuations in the cross-inlet (y) direction are very small (note differences in scale) when compared to the axial fluctuations. These components are difficult to interpret because a slight change in the coordinate rotation would change the algebraic sign of the cross-inlet component. Therefore, we place no significance on the cross-axis components in the inlet until further analyses are completed.

Offshore tidal currents at mooring M2 are strongest in the cross-shelf (x) component (Fig. 7). They are also embedded in the alongshelf (y) component to a smaller degree, a characteristic that illustrates that tidal current vectors trace out an ellipse in coastal waters. Note the positive and negative trends in the alongshelf component that will be discussed for the 40hlp data.

Temperature, salinity, and \( \sigma_t \) at mooring M1 in the inlet show the effects of the tidal current as it advects horizontal gradients of properties past the sensors (Fig. 8). The similarity in the top and bottom data indicates that the water column is essentially vertically homogeneous.

The situation is different offshore. The decreased magnitude of the cross-shelf (x-component) tidal currents does not advect large fluctuations in temperature, salinity and \( \sigma_t \)
by the sensors (Fig. 8). However, the presence of vertical gradients of these parameters is evident from the fact that the "TOP" and "BOT" are vertically stratified until 22 May, after which they become well mixed. This becomes clearer in plots of the 40hlp data and in the hydrographic section plots from the BLUE FIN that follow.

The 40hlp data for wind stress and currents off the coast at mooring M2 (Fig. 9) show the effects of wind on coastal currents. The long episode of upwelling-favorable wind stress from 15 to 20 May was matched by positive alongshelf (y-component) current, except for a brief 18-hr interlude of weak downcoast currents beginning just before 16 May. There are short period fluctuations in wind stress evident in the 3hlp data that are filtered out in the 40hlp data (compare Fig. 6a to Fig. 11a). These fluctuations can reverse currents if they last more than 6 hours and may account for short-term reversals in the 40hlp current that do not match the 40hlp wind. Thus the 18-hr interlude of downcoast currents before positive alongshelf currents set in may have been triggered by a strong onshore wind component (Fig. 6a) that was filtered out of the 40hlp wind data. When the wind stress reversed on 20 May, alongshelf currents also reversed and remained so until upwelling-favorable winds resumed just before 24 May.

In general, the 40hlp alongshelf (y-component) currents at bottom are less than those measured about 6 m above bottom (Fig. 10). The opposite is true for the cross-shelf (x) components. During the first upwelling-favorable wind event, the near-bottom component is onshore at about 5 cm/s as predicted in the discussion under wind measurements. As the water mass section plots will show, coastal waters at M2 were vertically stratified and the baroclinic pressure gradient associated with such a regime predicts onshore flow in a bottom layer at this time.
Note that during the downwelling event and the following upwelling one, offshore flow and subsequent onshore flow near bottom does not develop. Vertical stratification at M2 had disappeared by this time. The cross-shelf component 6 meters above bottom swings onshore during downwelling and offshore during upwelling. We interpret the onshore flow as a manifestation of the flow required to raise sea level at the coast, and the following offshore flow as a similar manifestation of the flow that lowers sea level during upwelling. The distribution of cross-shelf flow in the vertical is dependent upon vertical stratification which governs the internal pressure gradient affecting such flows. Our vertical resolution of currents is not sufficient to offer more precise interpretation of cross-shelf components, and expectations derived from stratified fluids do not necessarily follow from such poorly resolved data.

The evolution of temperature, salinity and density fields at M1 and M2 is easily seen in the 40hlp data (Fig. 11). At the offshore station, mid-water column and bottom temperatures rose during the upwelling event as northward currents brought in warmer shelf waters from the south. Temperature in the inlet fell during the downwelling event and began increasing again during the second upwelling event. Actually, temperatures at M1 began falling about 1 day before the wind reversed. The 3hlp wind data, which are more representative of the instantaneous winds (Fig. 6a), were the strongest during this event. Falling inlet temperatures at this time suggest that cooler water from offshore was brought into the inlet. Simultaneous temperatures at M1 and M2 showed an overall increase in temperature, but a temperature gradient between inlet and coastal waters that diminished over time. Thermal stratification offshore had disappeared by 22 May.
Salinities in the inlet were 3 to 4 PSU fresher than those in coastal waters (Fig. 11b). An early dip in inlet salinity coincided with a lull in wind stress. Salinities rose more or less steadily during the study, but the rate of increase was greatest during the downwelling event. Afterward, salinity was practically steady. The salinity difference between inlet and coastal water decreased to about 2 PSU after 22 May.

Subsurface pressure (SSP) fluctuations (Fig. 11d) reflect the combined effects of changing sea level elevation and barometric pressure. SSP fluctuations were characterized by three rapid increases in pressure followed by slower decreases. The abrupt increases occurred near times of change in wind stress, but SSP was generally higher during downwelling and lower during upwelling, indicating an influx of water into the inlet during downwelling periods.

3.4 Offshore hydrographic sections

The following figures consist of cross-shelf versus depth plots of salinity, chlorophyll a, temperature and \( \sigma_t \) for each of the offshore surveys. Tables of bin-averaged data from which these plots are drawn are available from the authors upon request. We also used a flowthrough system that pumped water from 1.6m below the surface along the ship track and recorded salinity, temperature, and fluorescence. The flow-through system allowed us to tie in the near-surface estuarine data to similar data offshore as well as help resolve scales of variation. We have divided this section into surveys that were done under upwelling-favorable wind stress conditions and compared them to those conducted during downwelling-favorable wind stress.
3.4.1 Offshore surveys OS1 through OS4 (14-22 May 1993)

These surveys (Figs. 12-15) were done under upwelling-favorable winds that diminished at the time of OS3 and shifted to downwelling-favorable during OS4. During OS1 and OS2, the front (see the salinity plot) was spread seaward. It outcropped near T13 during OS1 but had moved farther offshore during OS2. Vertical stratification was quite strong, and the two-layered nature of the coastal front is most apparent at this time. Note that the nose of the front (seen near T3 on OS1) shows up as a high-salinity subsurface zone at A6 along the arc. The offshore transect was always done near the time of low water, but the tide was flooding by the time the ship cruised along the arc. Thus, the nose of the front containing the 34-PSU isohaline was apparently advected shoreward by the flooding tide so that it intersected the arc below the surface during the first three surveys.

Wind stress had diminished significantly during OS3. The higher salinity subsurface water had progressed shoreward to station T3, and a strong coastal front appeared between T3 and T5. A shallow lens of low salinity water extended shoreward and shows up along the arc through A6. (The water mass structure along the arc must be interpreted with the flooding tide in mind.) Through the time of OS3, the shallow water along the arc was vertically stratified to varying degrees because the coastal front was advected over the arc during flood tide. Vertical mixing was not strong enough to destroy the front at this time.

By the time of OS4, the halocline and pycnocline depth increased seaward of T5 which reflects strong upwelling of deeper water from farther offshore. The water mass above the pycnocline was relatively warm and fresh and may have been part of the coastal front at one time. We were unable to define the offshore extent of this warm and relatively low salinity patch during OS4, which extended out an additional 9 nautical miles.
from T13 (which was usually our most offshore station location). There was no evidence that the density gradient was becoming positive (which it should as the outer shelf was approached) at T22 indicating that the patch size of the low density lens was greater than 6 nautical miles in the cross-shelf extent.

During OS4, the 34-PSU isohaline had either upwelled or mixed to the surface at T7 forming a relative high salinity zone with a weak coastal front (weakness indicated primarily by the $\sigma_t$ gradient) situated between T7 and T1. Winds had reversed to a downwelling-favorable direction at the time of the T1 - T5 stations, and the water there had become well mixed. Also, OS4 was conducted only one day before maximum spring tide.

3.4.2 Offshore surveys OS5 and OS6 (22-24 May 1993)

These two surveys (Figs. 16 and 17) were completed during downwelling-favorable winds and coincidentally at the time of spring tide. Downwelling circulation and spring tide conditions provide the most efficient vertical mixing. Vertically stratified water previously appearing between T7 and T10 during upwelling-favorable winds was no longer present. Instead, the water here was vertically mixed to salinities greater than 34 PSU. The coastal front between T1 and T3 was still present for OS5 but water had mixed vertically by the time of OS6 and the front appeared to be destroyed. The water along the arc was essentially well mixed for both surveys, although there was some evidence of lower salinity water ($< 33.6$ PSU) being advected by the flood tide from offshore.

Data from OS6 suggest that some of the water mass structure in shallow water reflects alongshelf advection. The coastal front between T1 and T3 was quite weak with salinities
between 33.8 and 34.0 PSU. We cannot rule out the possibility of a stronger front being present closer to shore than T1. Advection of lower salinity water around the arc could form weak stratification on the arc but leave water farther offshore unaffected.

OS6 was conducted as downwelling-favorable winds had diminished considerably before changing to an upwelling-favorable mode. We presume that the low salinity lens observed during OS1 through OS4 was advected seaward during upwelling. During downwelling, the vertical gradient was destroyed in the relatively shallow water close to the coast, but probably survived as a lens farther offshore (~T10 and T13). Upon relaxation of downwelling wind, the cross-shelf forces in this water mass structure are out of balance, and there is a tendency for near-surface water in the lens to be advected onshore. This would explain the reappearance at T13 of the strongly stratified water, evident during OS4.

3.4.3 Offshore surveys OS7 through OS10 (24-27 May 1993)

These surveys (Figs. 18-21) were conducted during upwelling-favorable winds, but these had diminished by the time of OS10 to the beginning of a downwelling episode that would last for two days (Fig. 5). Upwelling winds had blown for almost one day at the time of OS7. The low salinity lens offshore at T13 was still present but had weakened in vertical stratification. This feature remained in place for OS8 and OS9, but was not present for OS10. The water from T1 to T10 was essentially well-mixed during all these surveys, but there is a suggestion of more stratified conditions shoreward of T1. For example, there was a weak coastal front between T1 and T7 during OS2 but stratification was much stronger along the arc at A9, suggesting advection of low salinity surface water
into the area along the arc. Salinities along the arc had increased slightly by the time of OS10 suggesting that the low salinity source was patchy. A low salinity source from along the coast is also suggested in one of the surveys in the inlet and will be described in Section 3.5 of this report.

3.4.4 Offshore comparisons at neap and spring tide

Neap and spring tides occurred on 15 May and 22 May, respectively. We conducted two quick hydrographic surveys along the "S" line of stations (Fig. 1a) on 15 May to define the changes in coastal water masses between high and low water at neap tide. The sections (Fig. 22) showed the same high degree of vertical stratification as observed during OS1 and OS2 which immediately preceded and followed the neap tide surveys. The low salinity lens was a relatively broad feature during slack low water extending from A1 to S10 (right panels on Fig. 22). At the end of flood tide, however, the vertical density gradient was considerably stronger beneath the lens which was somewhat more compact with a well-mixed surface layer. Due to the horizontal nature of the isohalines and other properties, we were unable to estimate a horizontal tidal excursion for the neap tide survey.

No comparable survey was done at spring tide, but the OS5 survey (Fig. 16) showed well-mixed conditions offshore of the coastal front which was a relatively compact feature close to shore. This undoubtedly reflects the result of both the higher tidal current strengths at spring tide and the more efficient vertical mixing of coastal regions during downwelling conditions (Blanton and Atkinson, 1983; Blanton et al., 1989; Blanton et al., in press).

In summary, neap tide and upwelling-favorable winds represented relatively weak
vertical mixing conditions that allowed coastal waters to be vertically stratified. Spring
tide, on the other hand, occurred during downwelling conditions and was quite effective in
erasing vertical stratification except near the coast.

3.5 Estuarine longitudinal sections

A low water survey from the North Edisto inlet mouth to 13 nautical miles inland was
conducted at neap tide on 15 May (Fig. 23). A similar high and low water survey was
conducted at spring tide on 22 May (Fig. 24). The low water survey showed a weakly
stratified (almost well-mixed) estuary with salinities of about 30 PSU at the mouth
decreasing to about 23 PSU at the upstream survey limit. By the time of spring tide, low
water salinities had increased by 1 PSU throughout the inlet. The high water survey
indicated the presence of relatively low salinity water that had intruded from offshore on
the flood tide. This water was stratified and produced a relative maxima in density slightly
upriver in the region of maximum water depth. This is further evidence of a low salinity
coastal source near the inlet mouth (see Section 3.4.3).

The almost vertical nature of the isohalines allowed an estimate of the excursion of
water from its high water to low water position (Fig. 24). Using the 31-PSU isohaline as
an indicator, the tidal excursion through the inlet throat was approximately 5 nautical
miles. The same excursion occurred for the 26 PSU isohaline farther inland. These
distances apply to spring tide, and they would presumably be somewhat smaller for neap
tide.
3.6 Throat surveys

South (S), Middle (M) and North (N) inlet stations (near M1 in Fig. 1a) were sampled as quickly as possible for each of the 13 throat surveys. All CTD casts and plankton tows were taken only during nighttime flood conditions. The order of station selection was random and if time permitted, the three stations were repeated. A preliminary look at the hydrographic data suggests slight variability of the water mass properties in the throat cross-section. However, we need to examine the data more closely since the casts were taken at different times relative to maximum flood, and tidal aliasing (especially with such strong tidal currents) may confound the relevant features.

An additional CTD cast (without a plankton tow) was taken at the middle throat station at maximum flood tide whenever possible. A time series plot of these CTD measurements (Fig. 25) displays the temporal variability in salinity, temperature and fluorescence in the water column. These data confirm that salinities near the mouth were about 30 PSU on May 13-15 (neap tide) and increased from that time until 26 May to a level of about 32 PSU. The rate of increase was greatest between 20 May and 22 May, which coincided with downwelling winds and the onset of spring tidal conditions. It is likely that weakly stratified water present from 13-20 May was erased by mixing from the faster spring tidal currents on 22 May, but further analyses are needed to confirm this.

3.7 Biology results

3.7.1 Offshore surveys

The spatial distribution of chlorophyll a (chl a) was quite similar throughout the study period, with variations apparently induced by the combination of wind reversals and tidal
mixing. Generally, chl $a$ was highest in the deeper samples at the arc stations, and decreased with distance offshore and at shallower depths (e.g., Fig. 17). Concentrations typically ranged from 4-5 $\mu$g/l nearshore to 0.5-1 $\mu$g/l offshore. Under downwelling-favorable winds, chl $a$ was vertically stratified only in the arc stations (Fig. 17). Under upwelling-favorable conditions, chl $a$ was vertically stratified at offshore stations as well (Fig. 12). The highest chl $a$ concentrations occurred in waters of intermediate salinities (33-34 PSU; Fig. 26a). Since salinity was the major contributor to water column stability, chl $a$ fluorescence was also correlated with intermediate values of $\sigma_t$ (22.5-23.5; Fig. 26b). Optical backscatter (OBS) measured by the CTD was highly correlated with chl $a$ fluorescence (Fig. 26c).

3.7.2 Estuarine longitudinal transects

Three surveys downstream from NED6 to NED1 were conducted, one during high water and two during low water (Figs. 23 and 24). The spatial distribution of chl $a$ was similar in each survey, with highest concentrations (4-5 $\mu$g/l) near the estuary mouth, and low concentrations (2-3 $\mu$g/l) at intermediate river stations. Upriver stations (NED 3-6) typically showed weak or little vertical stratification of chl $a$, whereas fluorescence increased with depth at the downriver stations (NED 1-2). At a given station, chl $a$ concentrations were greater at high water than low water.

3.7.3 Throat surveys

The middle throat station was sampled at the time of maximum flood tide coinciding with darkness. Chl $a$ exhibited a pattern of increasing concentration with depth (Fig. 25b). Nearbottom concentrations often saturated the sensor at 10 volts (~5.6 $\mu$g/l) and are thus
minimum estimates of chl $a$. Beginning on 22 May, chl $a$ increased rapidly to saturated values throughout the water column. Surface values gradually declined over the next 2-3 days.

Patterns in the temporal and spatial distribution of salinity were similar to those of chl $a$ (Fig. 25), increasing with depth and over time. As a result, salinity and chl $a$ exhibited a highly significant positive correlation (Fig. 27a). The most appropriate regression model to fit the data cannot be determined because of the samples which saturated the fluorometer output, but it appears that approximately half of the variance in chl $a$ distribution in space and time can be explained by changes in salinity. As observed in offshore waters, patterns in water column stability reflected changes in salinity, so that chl $a$ was also highly correlated with $\sigma_t$ (Fig. 27b). Chl $a$ was again highly correlated with optical backscatter (Fig. 27c).

3.7.4 Larval results

Counting of postlarval samples has been finished for the middle and southern stations in the inlet (Fig. 28). The northern and offshore samples will be counted during the second year. Postlarval quantities of *Penaeus* were, in general, most abundant in surface samples. The key result is that the two peaks on 22 May and 24 May and the two larger peaks on 27 May and 28 May occurred during downwelling conditions. Even the small peak on 15 May occurred during a brief downwelling-favorable wind event.

There are some details in the abundance curve that raise questions. Note that abundances of *Penaeus* began to increase at the beginning of the downwelling event which began on 20 May to a peak density on 22 May. There was a brief decrease on 23 May
then another peak on 24 May when upwelling-favorable winds occurred. These questions have prompted us to sample more frequently when the wind shifts from upwelling-favorable to downwelling-favorable so that temporal variability is better resolved.

4.0 Summary

The upwelling/downwelling cycles observed during NED1 clearly affect the oceanography of coastal waters [compare Fig. 12 (upwelling) with Fig. 17 (downwelling)]. Coastal currents were northward at M2 during upwelling and changed to southward during downwelling. Sea level as represented by subsurface pressure decreased/increased in the inlet and offshore during upwelling/downwelling. Salinity at the inlet throat rose most rapidly during the downwelling event of 21-23 May. Coupling of coastal waters with those of an estuarine nursery was optimized during the downwelling events which transported oceanic water into the estuary and raised sea level.

4.1 Preliminary interpretation

We have two sets of sections done within one day of each other in which we can compare the hydrographic and chl a distributions in both the estuary and across the shelf (Fig. 29). The low water neap tide survey on 15 May (Fig. 29a) shows an essentially well-mixed estuary in the lower reaches between stations NED1 and NED3. Once the inlet delta is crossed, stratified water characteristic of upwelling conditions is encountered offshore. Note the strong decrease in chl a away from the bottom and offshore. This gradient is also reflected in the inlet with high values of chl a along the bottom adjoining the ocean and in the inlet basin as a whole, which has chl a values only slightly below 3 µg/l.
The next simultaneous survey was done at spring tide low water on 22 May during downwelling conditions. Salinity and chl $a$ concentrations in the estuary (Fig. 29b) were similar with maximum chl $a$ along the inlet bottom next to the ebb delta. A similar maximum occurred on the shelf at the bottom adjacent to the delta. Salinity on the shelf was vertically uniform, consistent with high vertical mixing (downwelling winds plus spring tides). There was a 2-PSU salinity difference across the inlet delta.

Low salinity stratified water along the arc showed up several times in our surveys (e.g., Fig. 20). A stratified low salinity source also showed up at HIGH water at the ocean end of the estuary (Fig. 24), a feature that could only have come from the shelf. The origin of the low salinity source is quite speculative at this time. We have data from the ODIS flow-through system as a means to extrapolate CTD surface salinities between M1 in the inlet to A6 along the arc. (Cross-calibration between CTDs and the flow-through sensor has not been completed.) Five high water traverses across the ebb-tide delta (Fig. 30) show that lowest salinities along this track occurred near Deveaux Banks between 2 and 3 nautical miles seaward of M1. The low salinity water was relatively warm. We speculate that it represents low salinity water advected along the coast into the region of the inlet delta. Note the wide range of salinities observed at A6 (Fig. 30). These correlate with upwelling/downwelling conditions that have advected low/high salinity water into the arc from other sources.

In summary, the lowest salinity water along the arc was often relatively warm (as in OS7 through OS10), consistent with heating in shallow water. More observations of tidal and wind-generated currents on the ebb tide delta and along the arc are required before we can understand their temporal and spatial variability. Since this water mass may provide a
food source for the larvae, it is important to understand its origin.

4.2 Concluding remarks

The primary food for early planktonic stages of shrimp larvae is phytoplankton. As the larvae age and increase in size, their diet also includes protozoan and metazoan microzooplankton (Dobkin, 1961; Cook and Murphy, 1969; Christmas and Etzold, 1977). Since spatial and temporal patterns in the distribution of herbivorous microzooplankton in coastal waters are related to those of their prey (Verity et al., 1993), phytoplankton biomass (chl a) represents either a direct food source for shrimp larvae or a tracer of that food source. Thus, the distribution of chl a relative to more conservative properties (salinity, temperature, density) provides an indicator of water masses or hydrographic regions which may be nutritionally beneficial to shrimp larvae during their transport from offshore spawning sites to estuarine nursery grounds.

The key to understanding the processes influencing the mesoscale distribution of plankton during May is to resolve the apparent paradox in the relationship between salinity and chl a in the mouth of the estuary, and that observed seaward. Chl a peaked at intermediate salinities in coastal waters but was positively correlated with salinity in the estuary (Fig. 29). The decline in chl a in waters of 34 PSU or greater is due to increasing nutrient limitation of phytoplankton growth with distance offshore (Verity et al., 1993; Yoder et al., 1993). The decline in chl a in coastal waters of <33.5 PSU (Fig. 26a) is similar to that which occurred in estuarine waters of <33.5 PSU (Fig. 27a). Since the source of new nutrients for phytoplankton growth is freshwater, one would expect a negative correlation between salinity and chl a, as observed farther upstream in the North
Edisto river transects (Figs. 23 and 24) and nearby waters (Verity et al. 1993), but contrary to that observed at the middle throat station over time (Fig. 25). The positive correlation reflects higher chl $a$ in deeper waters, which are also more saline. Since fresher water at the surface should contain more nutrients and also provide more light for algal photosynthesis, the increase in chl $a$ with depth is provocative. This increase with depth was also observed at arc stations (Figs. 12-15; 17-21) as well as in the estuary.

Explanations for this near-bottom chl $a$ maximum include enhanced production at depth, sinking of phytoplankton from surface waters, and epibenthic sources. Several observations are instructive in this regard. First, the North Edisto estuary is tidally dominated, with tidal current velocities often exceeding 100 cm/s (2 knots) and occasionally exceeding 150 cm/s (3 knots) on the spring tide ebb. Second, a region of enhanced chl $a$ concentrations coincides with the mouth of the estuary, which is shallow (Fig. 29) and thus susceptible to wind- and tide-induced scouring of surface sediments. Third, the temporal peak in chl $a$ near station M1 coincides with the time of spring tides, which flood larger areas of the marshes and increase the amount of bottom material pumped or scoured out. Fourth, the elevated chl $a$ in nearbottom waters occurs in both stratified and non-stratified (i.e., vertically mixed) waters (e.g., Fig. 29). If the subsurface maximum in chl $a$ was due to enhanced production at depth or settling from above, then mixing sufficient to produce homogeneous salinity distributions should result in homogeneous phytoplankton distributions. However, if the source of chl $a$ is epibenthic phytoplankton, then a near-bottom peak should expand upwards from the bottom as observed in the inlet throat (Fig. 25). The increase in water column chl $a$ would be further stimulated by addition of previously sessile algae flushed from the marshes by high water.
Thus, we hypothesize that hydrography and meteorology combine to regulate the temporal and spatial distribution of phytoplankton in the North Edisto estuary and adjacent coastal waters. In turn, these distributions may affect how larvae are distributed in coastal waters.

A tidal excursion of approximately 5 nautical miles has implications for future sampling plans. A particle located on the arc at the beginning of flood tide would be advected across the delta and into the inlet throat, a situation that was not expected at the beginning of the study. Thus, larvae sampled on the arc may show up in samples taken in the throat allowing us to better link data found along the arc to data in the inlet. This motivates us to devote some of our future sampling efforts to the delta itself, although such efforts will be somewhat restricted due to shoals and other hazards.

Preliminary Penaeid abundance data in the inlet throat suggest that ingress increases during downwelling events, which is consistent with one of the hypotheses we advanced at the beginning of this study. However, some critical questions arise. In the first of two large ingress events on 22 May and 24 May (Fig. 28), downwelling winds had diminished on the 23rd. So why did abundances peak again on 24 May when upwelling conditions had begun? While downwelling conditions push coastal water into the inlet and carry any larvae present at the mouth into the inlet, there are other plausible mechanisms that could carry larvae in coastal waters to the inlet during the onset of upwelling. Since bottom water is carried shoreward as downwelling relaxes and upwelling begins, larvae near bottom could be advected toward the inlet during the initial stages of upwelling.

Clearly more information is required to understand how larvae "pool" in coastal waters in the vicinity of the inlet, and how fluctuating oceanographic conditions optimize the communication of coastal waters with inlet waters. This requires a better determination
of temporal fluctuations in circulation and larval abundances at the onset and through a
downwelling event before mechanisms operating on the scale of an upwelling/downwelling
cycle can be understood and put in proper context with larval ingress.

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Table 1. Moored instrumentation used during NED1 in May 1993.

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Instrument:

SEACAT serial# = Sea-Bird Electronics SEACAT data logger
S4 serial# = InterOcean Systems S4 current meter

Parameters:

A = air temperature
B = barometric pressure
C = conductivity
P = subsurface pressure
T = water temperature
V = current velocity
W = wind velocity

Weather Stations:

FBIS1 = Folly Beach (C-MAN)
C-MAN = Coastal-Marine Automated Network (NOAA)
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**Cruise:**
- B1 - R/V BLUE FIN (May 93 cruise)

**Station:**
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* = plankton net tows were taken at this station

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**Cruise:**

A1 = R/V ANITA (May 93 cruise)

**Station:**

S = south side of channel (near Edisto Island)
M = middle of channel (in throat)
N = north side of channel (near Privateer Point)

NEDI = estuarine station in North Edisto River
Table 3. First order statistics for parameters measured during NEDi. The station location and depth above bottom are designated for each sensor. All parameters with x- and y-components have been rotated 50 degrees counter-clockwise. Series with a length of 15.25 days begin 13 May 1993 at 18 GMT and end 29 May 1993 at 00 GMT; series with a length of 11.75 days begin 15 May 1993 at 00 GMT and end 26 May 1993 at 18 GMT. (a) 3hp data; (b) 40hp data.

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NORTH EDISTO MOORINGS

Figure 2
North Edisto Predicted Currents and Sample Times

Days in May 1993 (EDT)
Figure 4

A
*Anita NED 1*

![Anita NED 1 diagram](chart)

B
*Blue Fin NED 1*

![Blue Fin NED 1 diagram](chart)
Figure 5

FBIS1 WIND STRESS (40hlp)

Alongshelf

Cross-shelf

components rotated -50 degrees

Days in May 1993 (GMT)
Figure 7

FBIS1 WIND STRESS (3hlp)

- = y-comp
--- = x-comp

M2 X-COMP CURRENT (3hlp)

--- = S4 908 (TOP)
--- = S4 909 (BOT)

M2 Y-COMP CURRENT (3hlp)

Days in May 1993 (GMT)
Figure 8 (a & b)

TEMPERATURE

--- = SEACAT 295 (M1 TOP)
- - - = SEACAT 327 (M2 TOP)
--- = SEACAT 849 (M1 BOT)
--- = SEACAT 848 (M2 BOT)

SALINITY

--- = SEACAT 327 (M2 TOP)
--- = SEACAT 848 (M2 BOT)

Days in May 1993 (GMT)
Wind Stress and Current Vectors (40hlp)

Figure 6

FBIS1 wind stress (rot-50)

M2 TOP (rot-50)

M2 BOT (rot-50)

Days in May 1993 (GMT)
NED1 Offshore Survey Number 1
14-15 May 1993

Salinity (psu)

Chlorophyll (µg l⁻¹)

Temperature (°C)

Σt (kg m⁻³)

Figure 12
Figure 13
Figure 14
Figure 15
Figure 16
Figure 17
NED1 Offshore Survey Number 7
24 May 1993

Salinity (psu)

Chlorophyll (µg l⁻¹)

Temperature (°C)

Σ₁ (kg m⁻³)

Figure 18
Figure 21
North Edisto Estuarine Survey - 22 May 1993 - R/V Anita

High Water - Spring Tide

Salinity (psu)

Chlorophyll (µg l⁻¹)

Temperature (°C)

Σ₁ (kg m⁻³)

Distance from mouth (nautical miles)

Low Water - Spring Tide

Salinity (psu)

Chlorophyll (µg l⁻¹)

Distance from mouth (nautical miles)
Time versus Depth Plots during Maximum Flood Current in Throat of North Edisto Inlet

Salinity (psu)

Chlorophyll (μg l⁻¹)

Temperature (°C)

Σt (kg m⁻³)
North Edisto Low Water Neap Tide Survey - 15 May 1993

Estuary - R/V Anita

Offshore - R/V Blue Fin

Salinity (psu)

Chlorophyll (µg L⁻¹)
North Edisto Low Water Spring Tide Survey - 22 May 1993

Estuary - R/V Anita

Offshore - R/V Blue Fin

Salinity (psu)

Chlorophyll (μg l⁻¹)
Figure 30