Tutorial Title:Analysis and Management of Georeferenced Bathymetry and
Oceanographic Data in a Marine Geographic Information System

Continuing Education Units and Professional Development Hours

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Overview:

Oceanographic data can cover a broad range of data types, from seafloor bathymetry to chemistry of the water column to sea surface temperature. Visualizing these data - together - should be an important goal for scientists wishing to really understand the ocean environment from the seafloor to the sea surface. The use of a marine geographic information system coupled with management of various types of oceanographic data in a spatial database allows scientists and professionals to compile, process, and analyze many different data types at once.

The course will include:

CARIS intends to demonstrate this ability in a workshop by using our Bathy DataBASE software for compilation, analysis, management, and visualization of the following spatial data types.

- bathymetry (surfaces and point clouds),
- water column imagery including georeferenced gas seeps and dangers to navigation,
- slope analysis maps used for geomorphology,
- sediment analysis maps with data collected using remote sensing techniques, and
- Georeferenced oceanographic data such as dissolved oxygen and carbon dioxide, primary production, temperature, salinity, etc.

Introduction

- Introduce workshop and personnel
- Workshop overview and topics

Raster Data display

- Introduction of software to use
- Bathymetry data
 - Bathymetry from hydrographic survey
 - Water column imagery (point cloud) displayed in 3D natural gas seeps
- Oceanographic spatial data
 - CTD point clouds with various attributes (dissolved oxygen, light percentage, depth, salinity, temperature, pH, etc.)
 - NetCDF formatted data of temperature and salinity
 - Sediment type gridded data
 - o Other data types

- Show different types of data together in a spatial marine GIS data correlation with existing bathymetry
 - Display in 3D
 - Display over bathymetry if available
 - Display over ENCs if available

Management of raster data in a database

- Software introduction
- Explanation of database (PostgreSQL)
- Data analysis oceanographic and bathymetric data
 - Data attribution and querying of metadata
 - Import/Export of data

Vector data products and Oceanographic data model

- Vector data products
 - Contour generation of data layers (isolines of salinity, temperature, sediment type, etc.)
 - Vector current information (overlaid on bathymetry)
- Oceanographic data model
 - Creation of a data model for oceanographic data types
 - Data model would allow for creation of Marine Information Overlays (MIOs) and possibly specific Additional Military Layers (AMLs)
 - Expected discussion

Biography:

Karen Hart is a Senior Hydrographic Consultant at CARIS USA and has been with the company for 7 years, providing specialized consulting and training to clients in the United States and abroad. Prior to joining CARIS, she worked as a Marine Scientist/Hydrographer for 6.5 years at SAIC. She has an MS degree in Oceanography and a BS degree in Geology.