

Ice Draft Calculations

Sea level h is derived from the relationship

$$h = \left(\frac{P_{\text{btm}} - P_{\text{atm}}}{r \cdot g} \right) - DD$$

Where

DD is the vertical spacing between the pressure sensor and the range (acoustic transducer) sensor,

r is the density of sea water,

g is the local acceleration due to gravity.

Ice draft (d) is computed as

$$d = h - b \cdot r \cdot \cos q$$

Where

b is the calibration factor for sound speed *

q is the tilt angle.

* calibration factor for the actual mean sound speed relative to the initially assumed sound speed used in decoding the raw range data.

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