

NOAA 200TH CELEBRATION EVENTS

A variety of special events and activities will take place across the nation including:

December 2006

Opening Ceremony, *Silver Spring, Maryland*

January 2007

American Meteorological Society, *San Antonio, Texas*

February 2007

NOAA Heritage Week, *Silver Spring, Maryland*

March 2007

Pacific Islands Event, *Oahu, Hawaii*

April 2007

National Space Symposium, *Colorado Springs, Colorado*

May 2007

Monticello Event, *Charlottesville, Virginia*

July 2007

Pacific Northwest Event, *Seattle, Washington*

August 2007

Alaska Discovery Event, *Juneau, Alaska*

September 2007

Great Lakes Event, *Chicago, Illinois*

October 2007

Maritime Museum Heritage Conference,
San Diego, California

November 2007

Time Capsule Event, *Boulder, Colorado*

December 2007

Closing Ceremony, *Silver Spring, Maryland*



Come Join Us!

For a full list of events and additional information, visit

www.celebrating200years.noaa.gov



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We've come a long way in 200 years!

NOAA

OUR BEGINNINGS...AMERICA'S FIRST SCIENCE AGENCY

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hen the nation was new, Thomas Jefferson established the the first federal science agency – *Survey of the Coast* – to support safe maritime commerce. The agency was responsible for:



- ◆ surveying the coastline and seafloor
- ◆ creating nautical charts for safe navigation



Coast and Geodetic Survey crew uses a plane table to map shoreline in Southeast Alaska circa 1921.

In 2007, NOAA celebrates 200 years of science, service, and stewardship... expanding Jefferson's vision into a realm of unimagined possibilities.

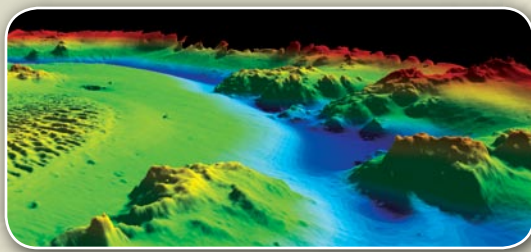
Today's NOAA is a federal agency touching the lives of Americans in many ways... every single day.



Image of Hurricane Katrina taken from observation satellite GOES-12.

We invite you to learn about our heritage and our evolution into an environmental science agency by taking a moment to visit the Web site (www.celebrating200years.noaa.gov) that chronicles our beginnings, transformations, and visions of the future. You'll see a list of upcoming celebration events that may be in your area and you can request a brochure with more in-depth information.

We want YOU to be a part of our celebration!



Dimensional bathymetric chart of the entrance to Portsmouth Harbor, New Hampshire.

Today's NOAA...

It all started with President Thomas Jefferson's vision to support his fledgling nation's economy with safe maritime commerce. Today, our reach is global. NOAA has partnered with more than 60 countries and the European Commission to develop a global Earth Observation System that, over the next decade, will revolutionize the understanding of Earth and how it works. With benefits as broad as the planet itself, the U.S.-led initiative promises to make people and economies around the globe healthier, safer, and better equipped to manage basic daily needs.

On the domestic front, NOAA continues to play a pivotal role in the U.S. economy. We provide products and services that affect 30 percent of the Nation's gross domestic product every year. Waterborne commerce remains the backbone of the U.S. economy, contributing over 13 million jobs and \$1 trillion annually. The fishing industry adds another \$30 billion each year to the nation's economy. Ocean research adds additional billions in new products and discoveries.

The value of lives and property saved through NOAA's timely weather and climate forecasts and warnings is beyond calculation.

We at NOAA take pride in our heritage and our legacy: providing a richer knowledge of our environment and enhancing the quality of life for our fellow citizens today and America's children of tomorrow. ◆



We... survey the coastlines and seafloor ◆ create nautical charts for safe navigation ◆ forecast the daily weather ◆ predict and warn of severe weather

◆ monitor and predict global climate change ◆ protect and manage coastal and living marine resources ◆ promote sustainable fisheries ◆ monitor seafood safety

◆ explore the world's ocean ◆ break new ground in environmental research ◆ include one of the nation's seven uniformed services