**SITE** - HOLLINGERS ISLAND CHANNEL, MOBILE BAY, AL **SITE CODE** - MBHI

**TARGET SPECIES** - *Crassostrea virginica*

**NOMINAL SITE CENTER** - 30° 33.80' N 88° 04.50' W

**LOCATED ON NOAA CHART** - 11376

**SITE ACCESS** - The launch point is at Dog River, which is south of I-10 on the Dauphin Island Parkway. Launch the boat at the Beach Comber ramp, and proceed out the Dog River channel to green channel marker "9". Turn southwest from the marker, and start poling to locate the scattered small oyster reefs.

**SITE DESCRIPTION** - This collection site is in the upper reaches of Mobile Bay, and is near the upper distributional limit for oysters within the bay. The oysters are located in 2 m of water on small scattered reefs. Station 1 is about 100 m southwest of the green channel marker "9" in the Dog River/Biloxi channel, and a similar distance southeast from a 4-legged wooden stand just to the east of the Dog River Marina. Station 2 is 50 m to the south of station 1. Station 3 is another 50 m to the south.

**OYSTER COLLECTIONS**

1995 No collection.
1996 Medium to large oysters were only found on one small reef within the site area. Due to the scarcity, this was a composite sample.
1997 No collection.

**SEDIMENT COLLECTIONS**

1995 No collection.
1996 The dark gray sediment sample, with some brown silt and shell hash, was collected at the nominal site center.
1997 No collection.

**SAMPLING METHODS**

Oysters - stainless steel dredge
Sediment - stainless steel sediment grab and stainless steel scoop

**WATER DEPTH** - subtidal, 1.0 to 2.5 m