

**FIRST VERTICAL DERIVATIVE OF THE  
RESIDUAL MAGNETIC FIELD  
Port Saunders Map Area**

12/11

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This map was derived from data acquired during an aeromagnetic survey carried out by NOVATEM Inc. The survey was flown during the period October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 to May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009, using a Cessna-185 aircraft C-FARU. The aircraft was equipped with two Geometrics cesium vapour magnetometers with a sensitivity of 0.005 nT, installed in wingtip pods. Total field data were sampled at 10 Hz. The nominal traverse and control-line spacing were, respectively, 200 m and 2000 m, and the aircraft flew at a nominal terrain clearance of 50 m. Traverse lines were oriented N75W with orthogonal control lines. The flight path was recovered following post-flight differential corrections to the raw Global Positioning System data and inspection of ground images recorded by a vertically mounted video camera. The survey was flown on a pre-determined flight surface to minimize differences in magnetic values at the intersections of control and traverse lines. These differences were computer-analyzed to obtain a mutually levelled set of flight-line magnetic data. The levelled values were then interpolated to a 50 m grid.

The first vertical derivative of the residual magnetic field is the rate of change of the magnetic field in the vertical direction. Computation of the first vertical derivative removes long-wavelength features of the magnetic field and significantly improves the resolution of closely spaced and superimposed anomalies. A property of the first vertical derivative maps is the coincidence of the zero-value contour with vertical contacts at high magnetic latitudes (Hood, 1965).

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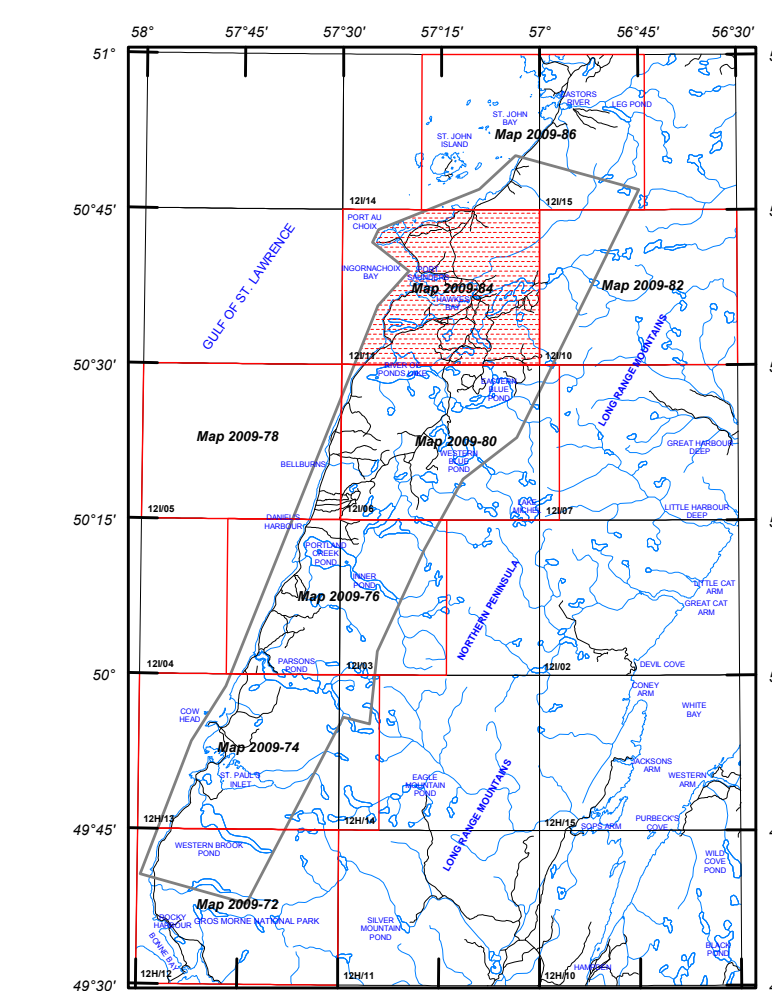
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Power Line	.....
Drainage	.....
Road	.....
Flight Line	.....

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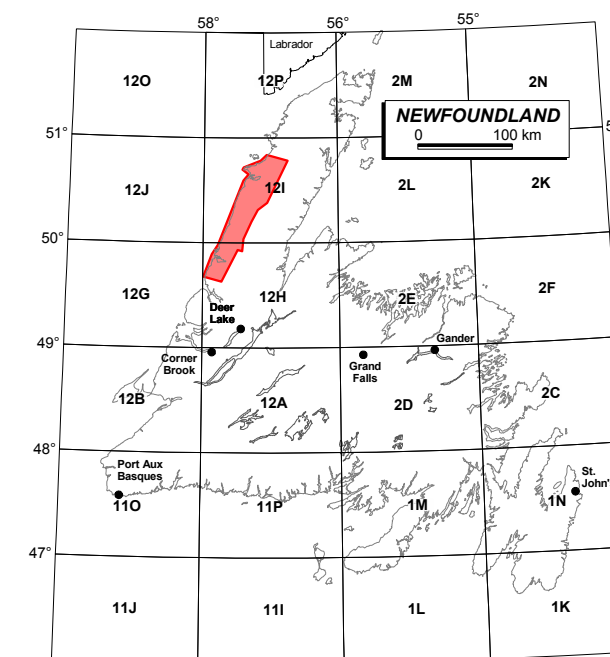
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PORT SAUNDERS - NTS 12/11

Scale 1: 50 000  
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NAD83 / UTM zone 21N

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