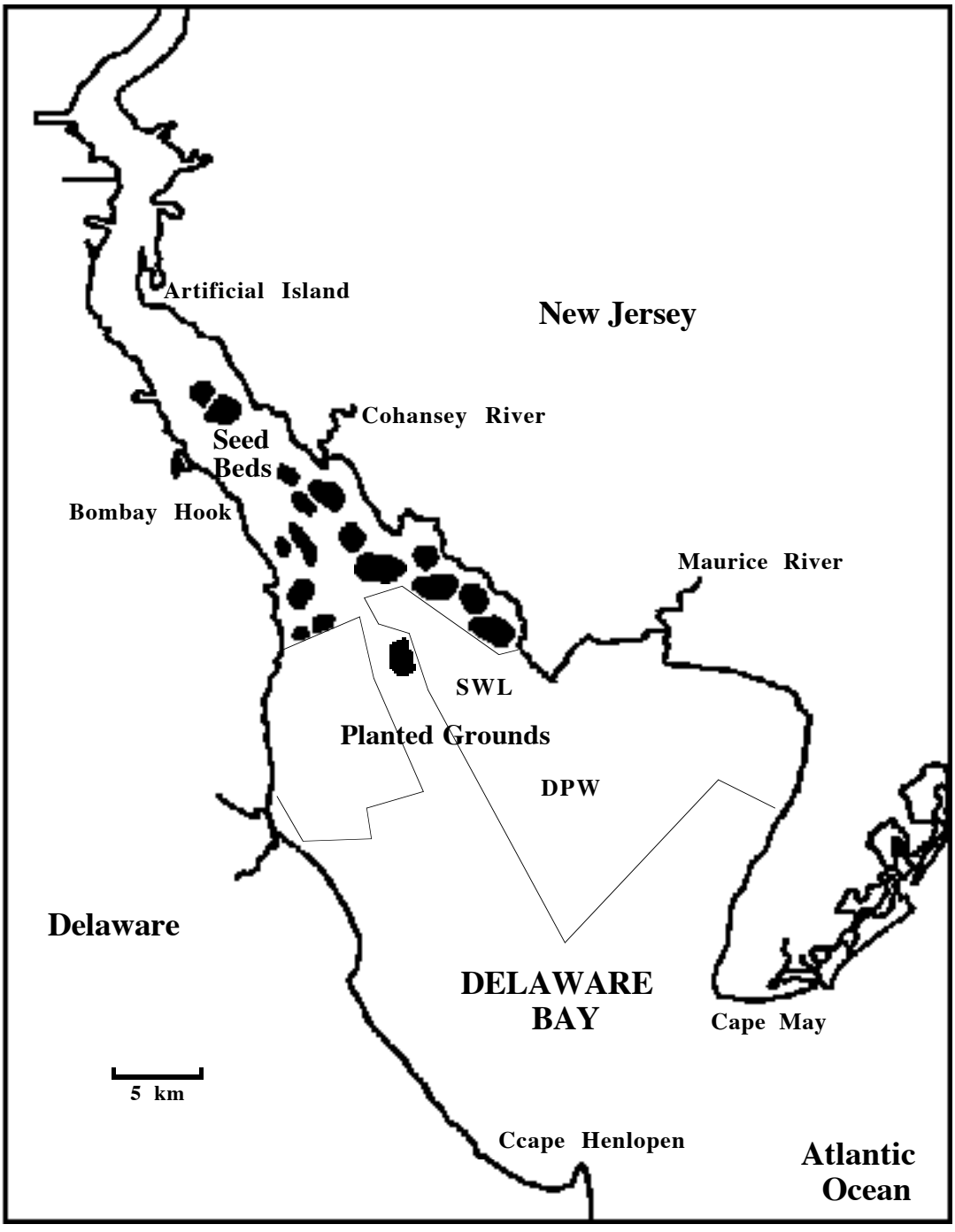

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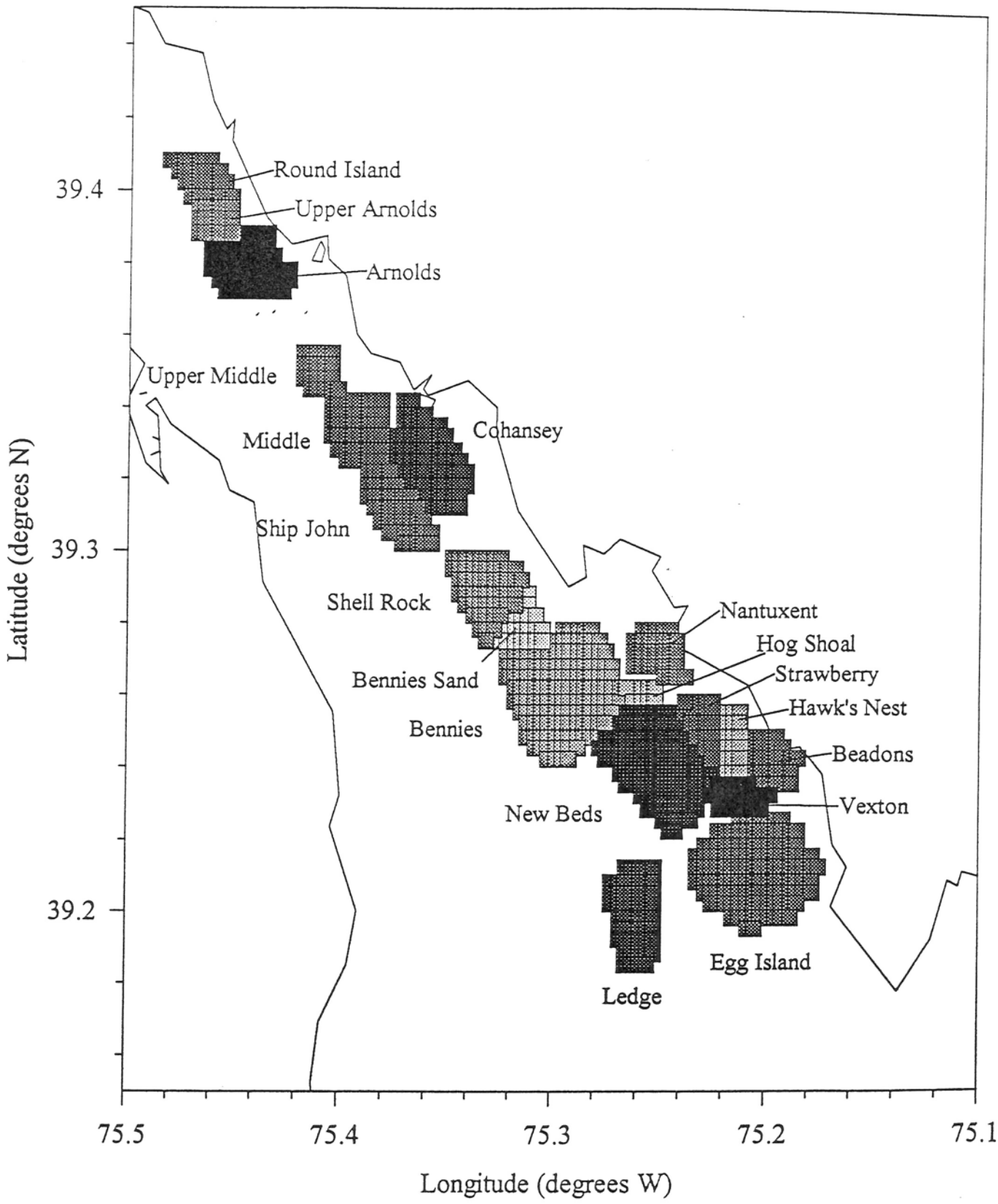

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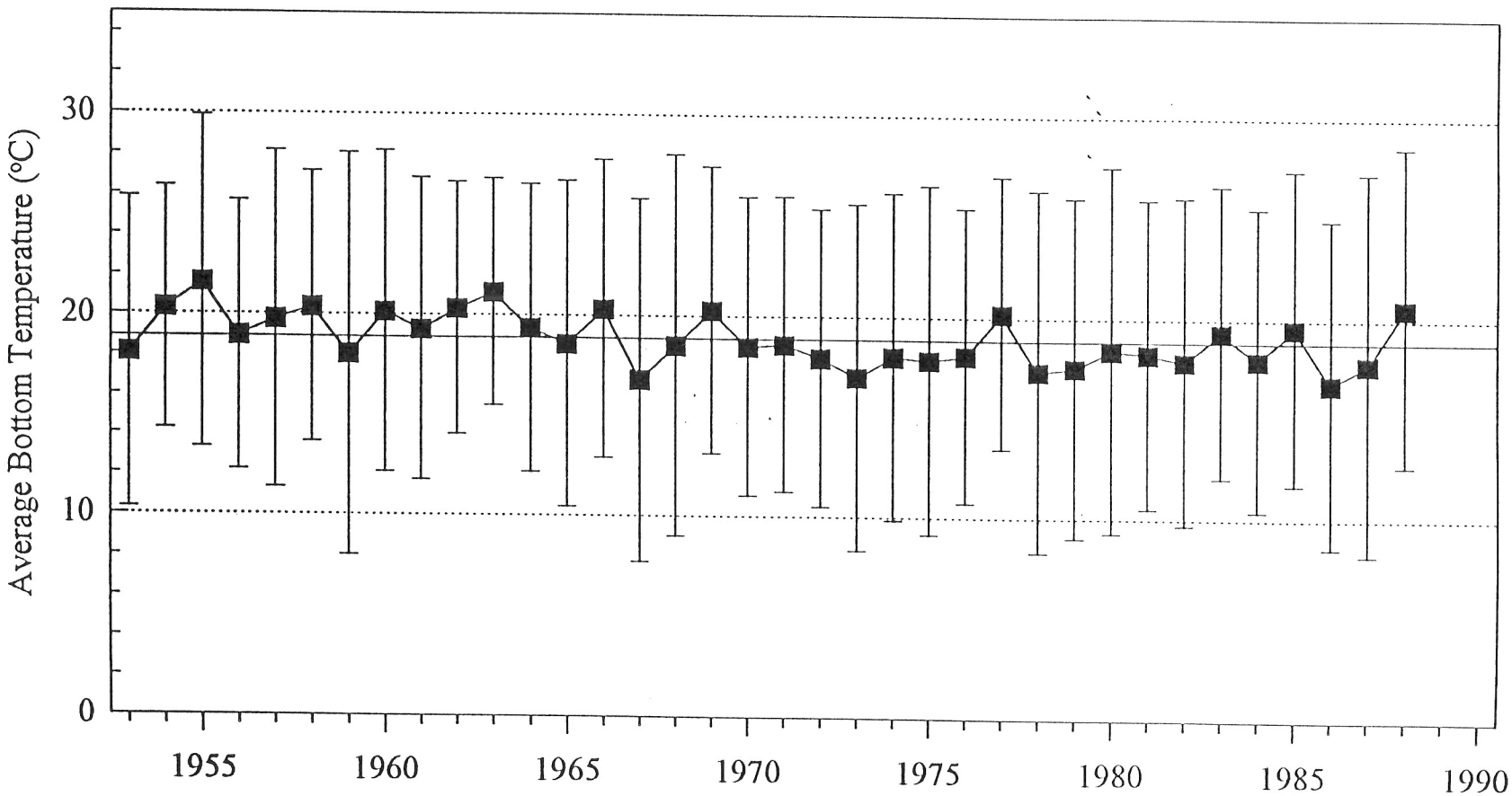

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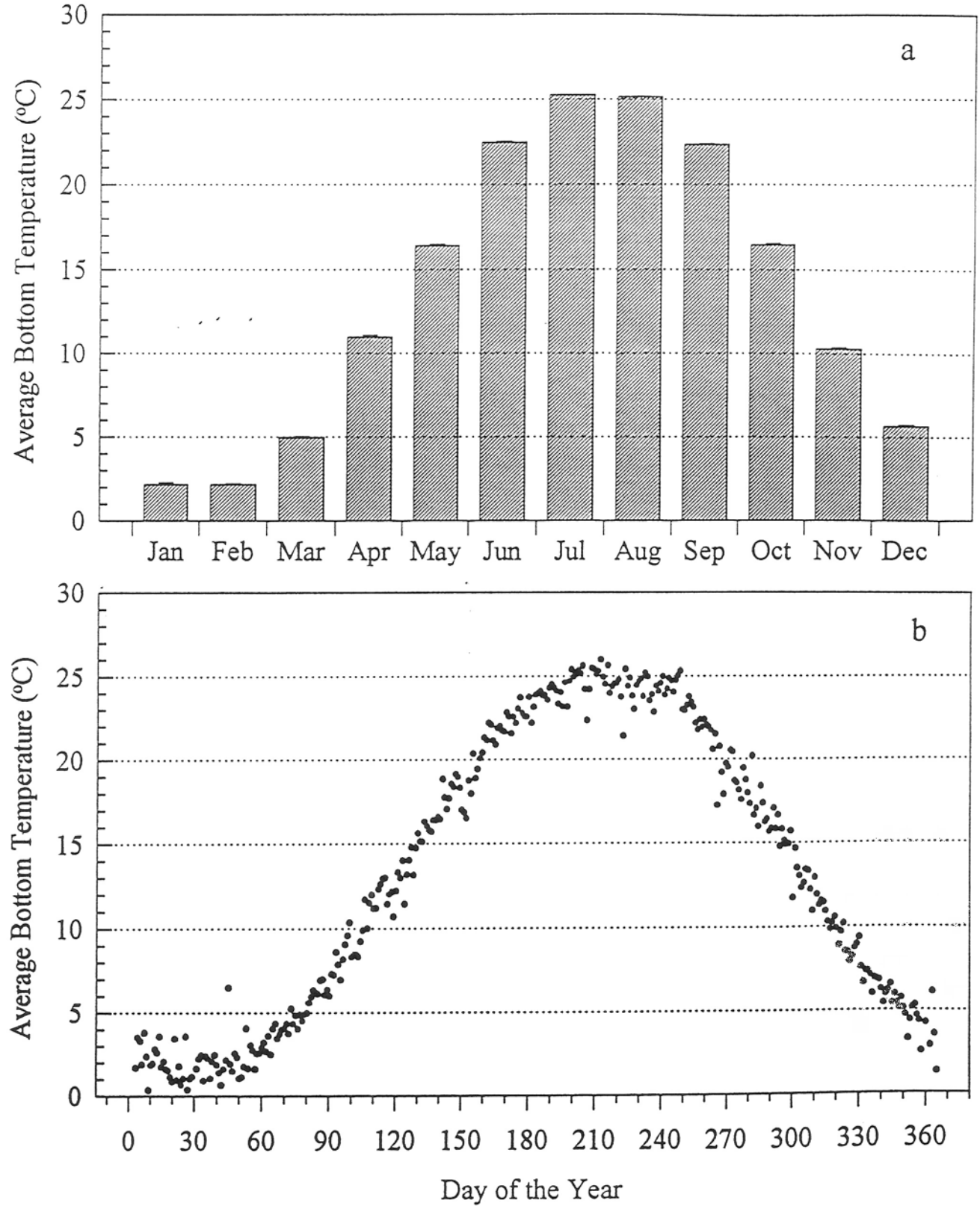

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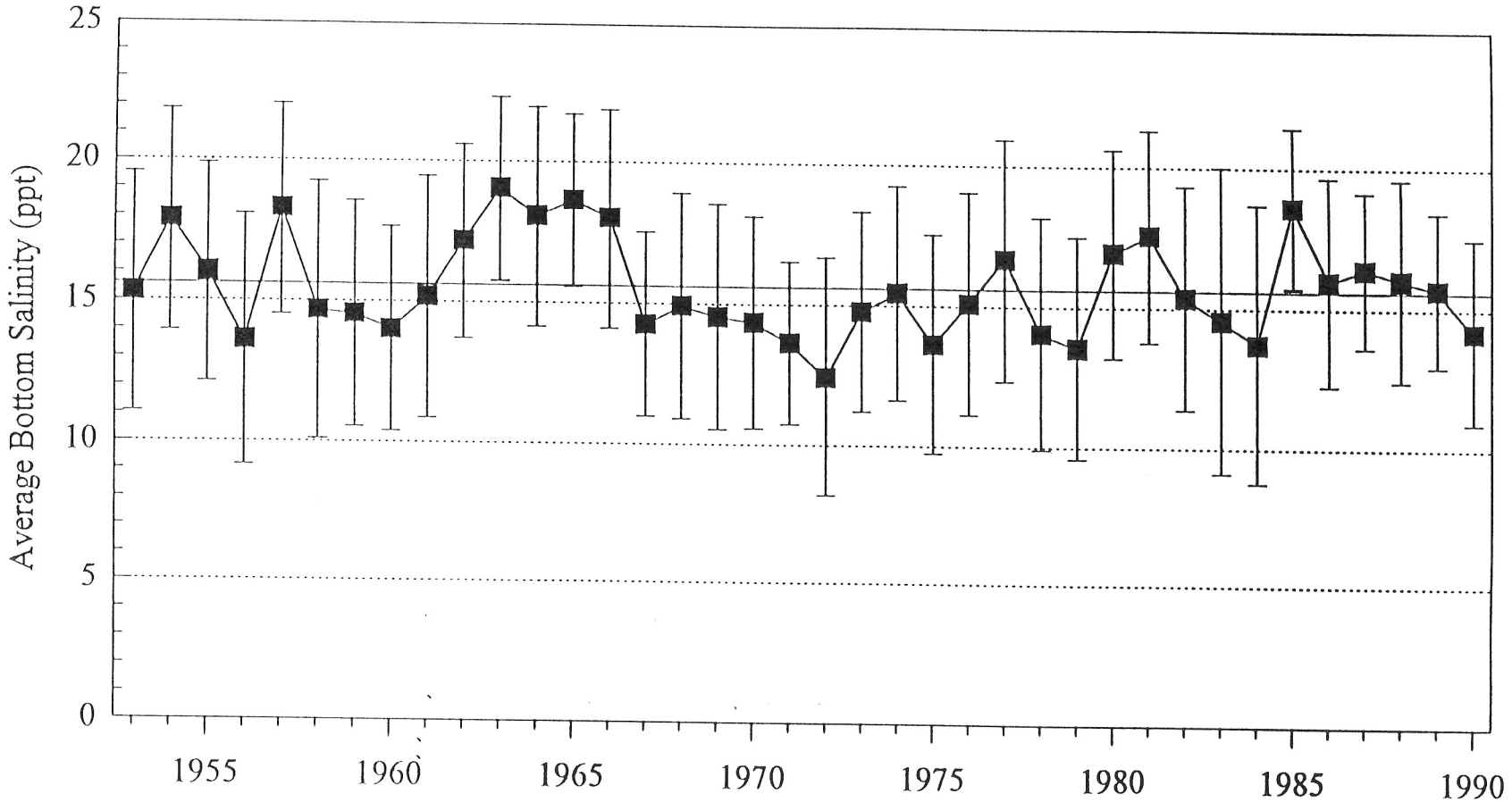

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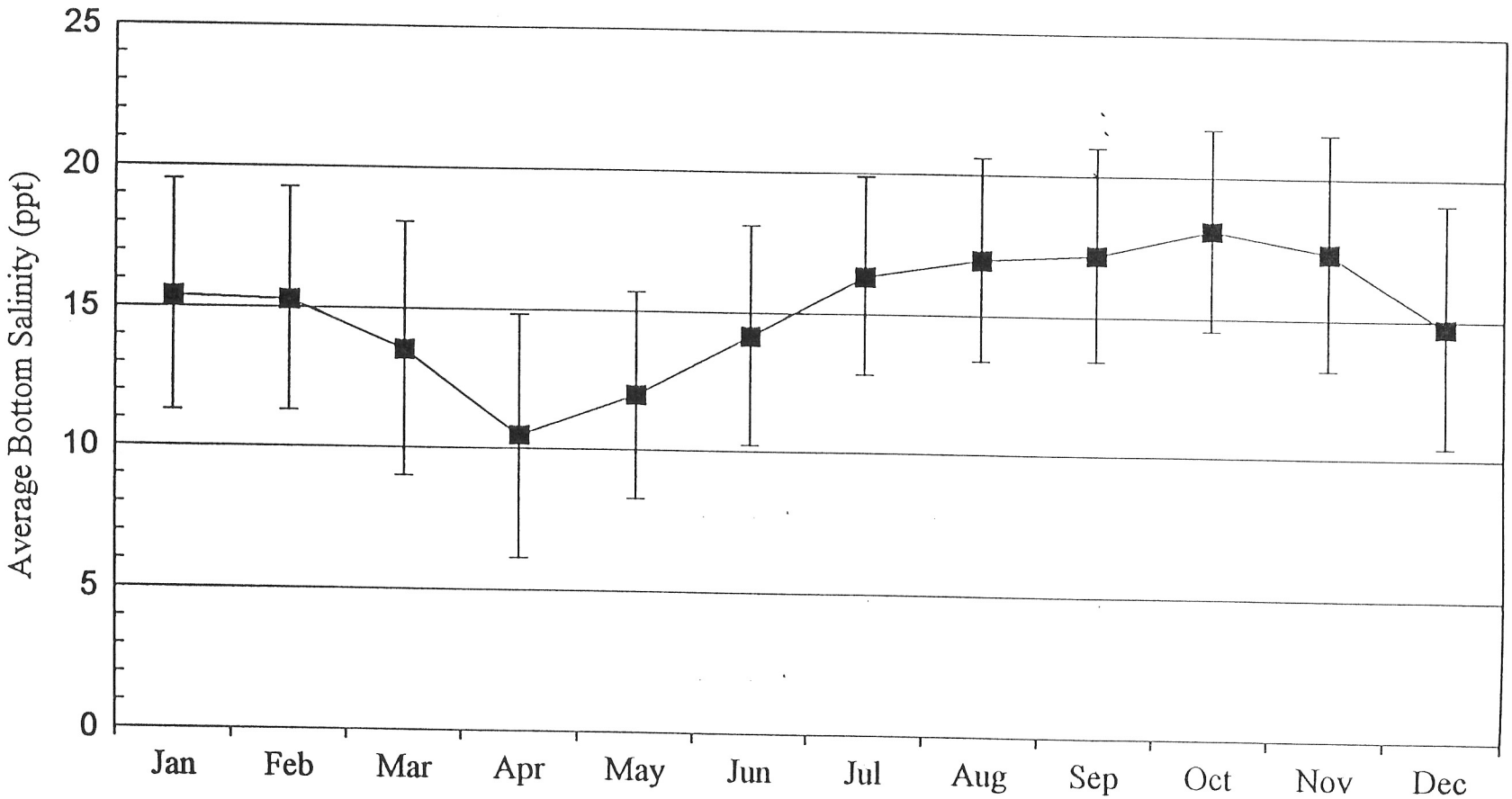

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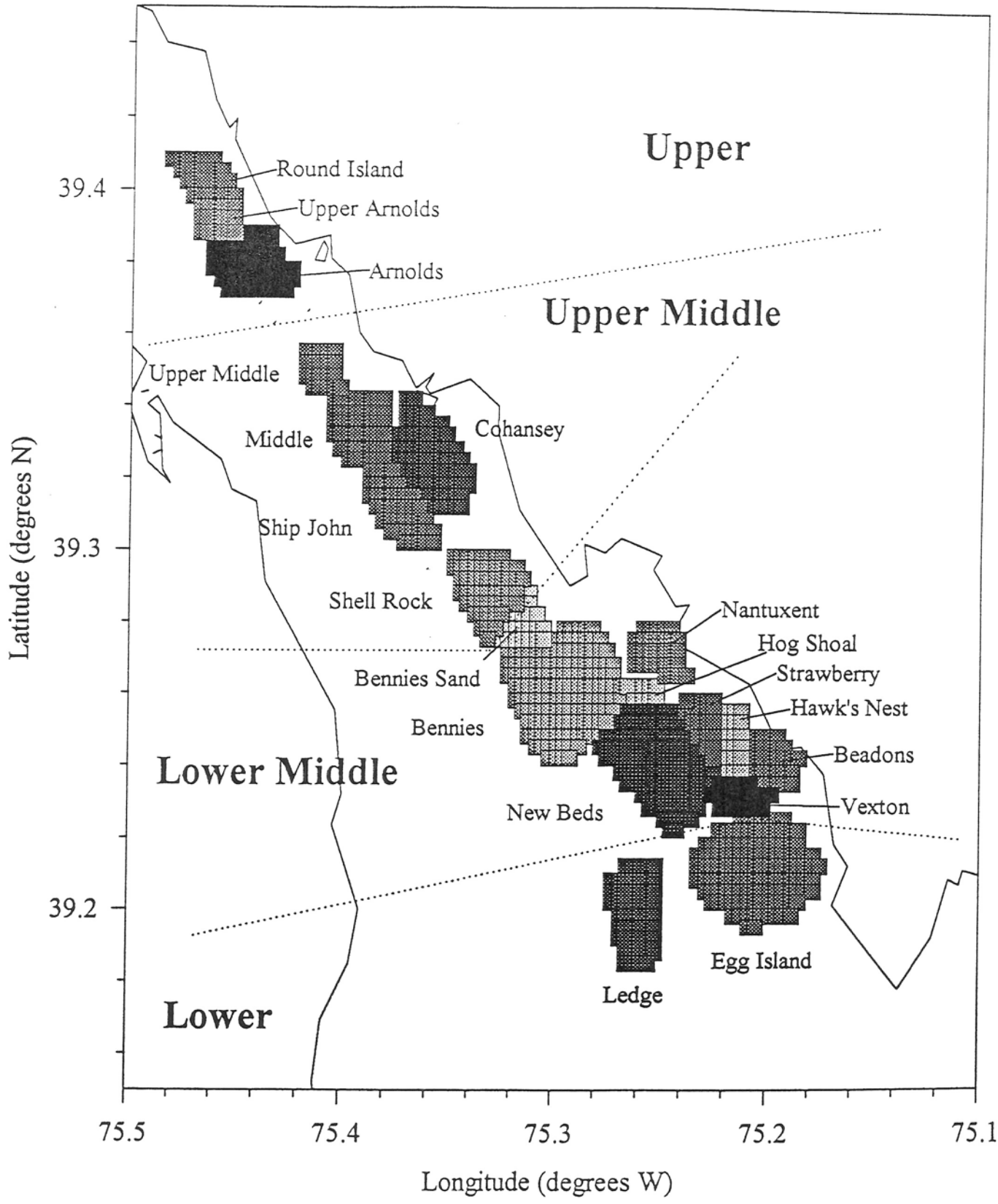

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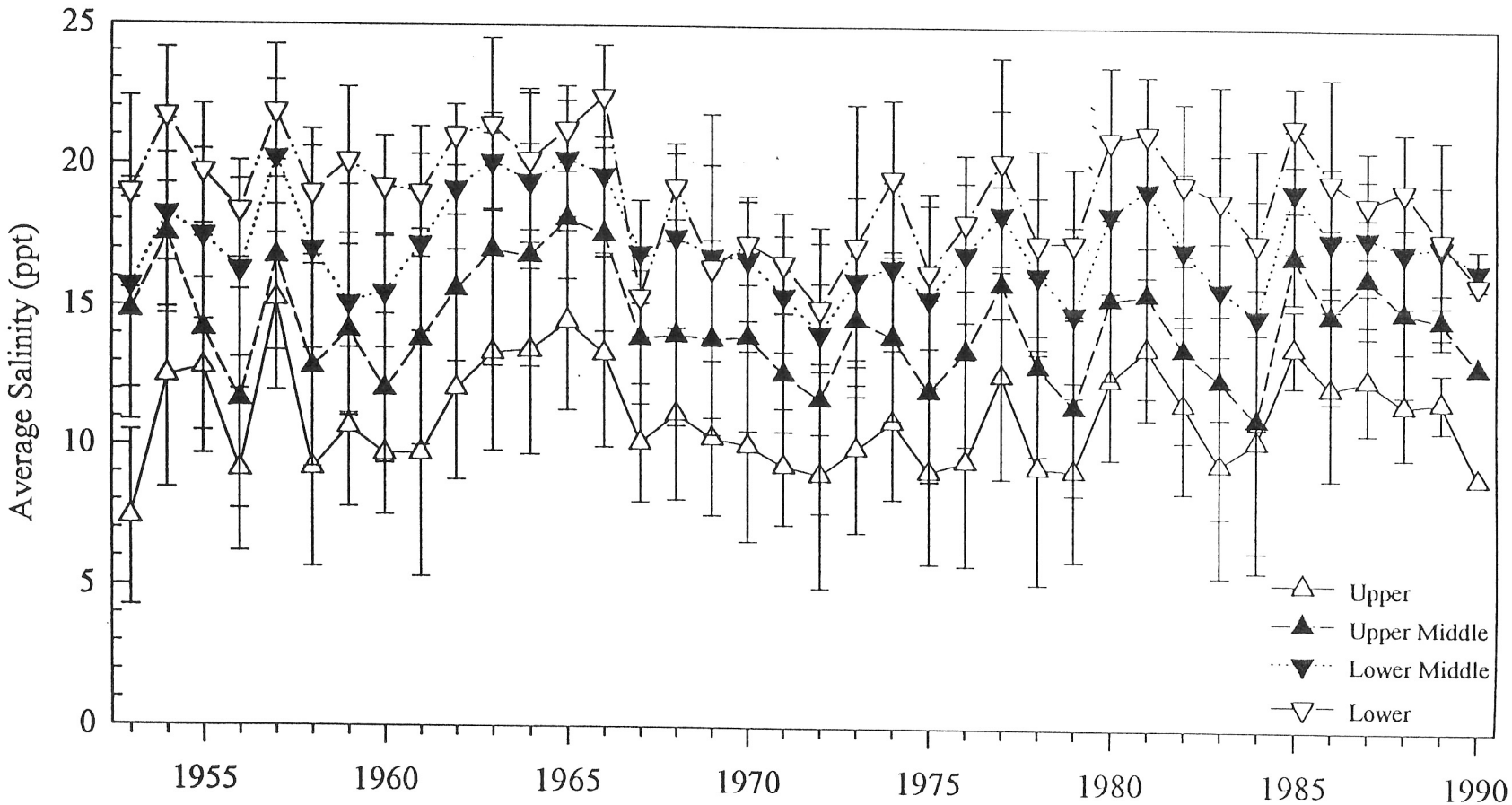

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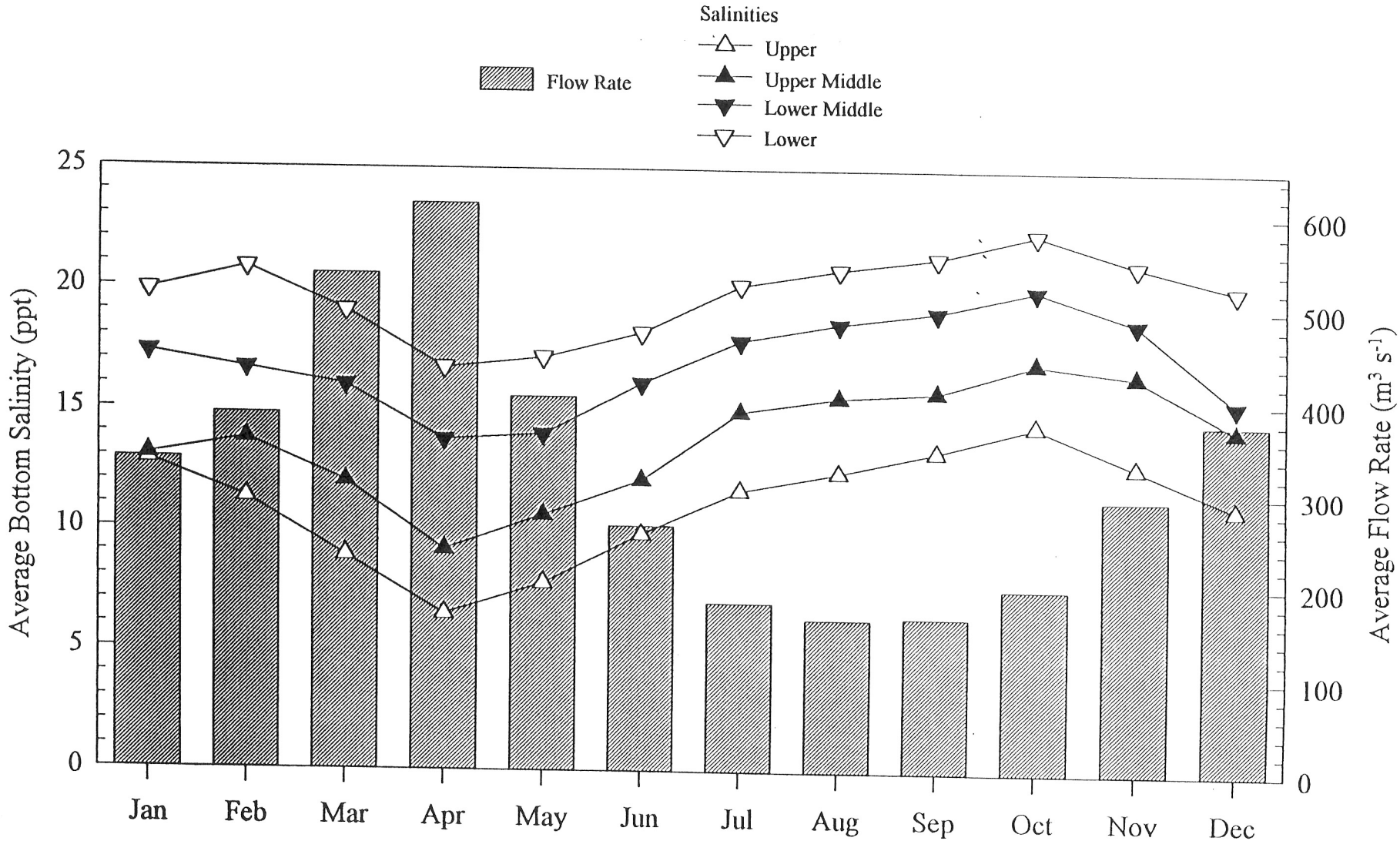

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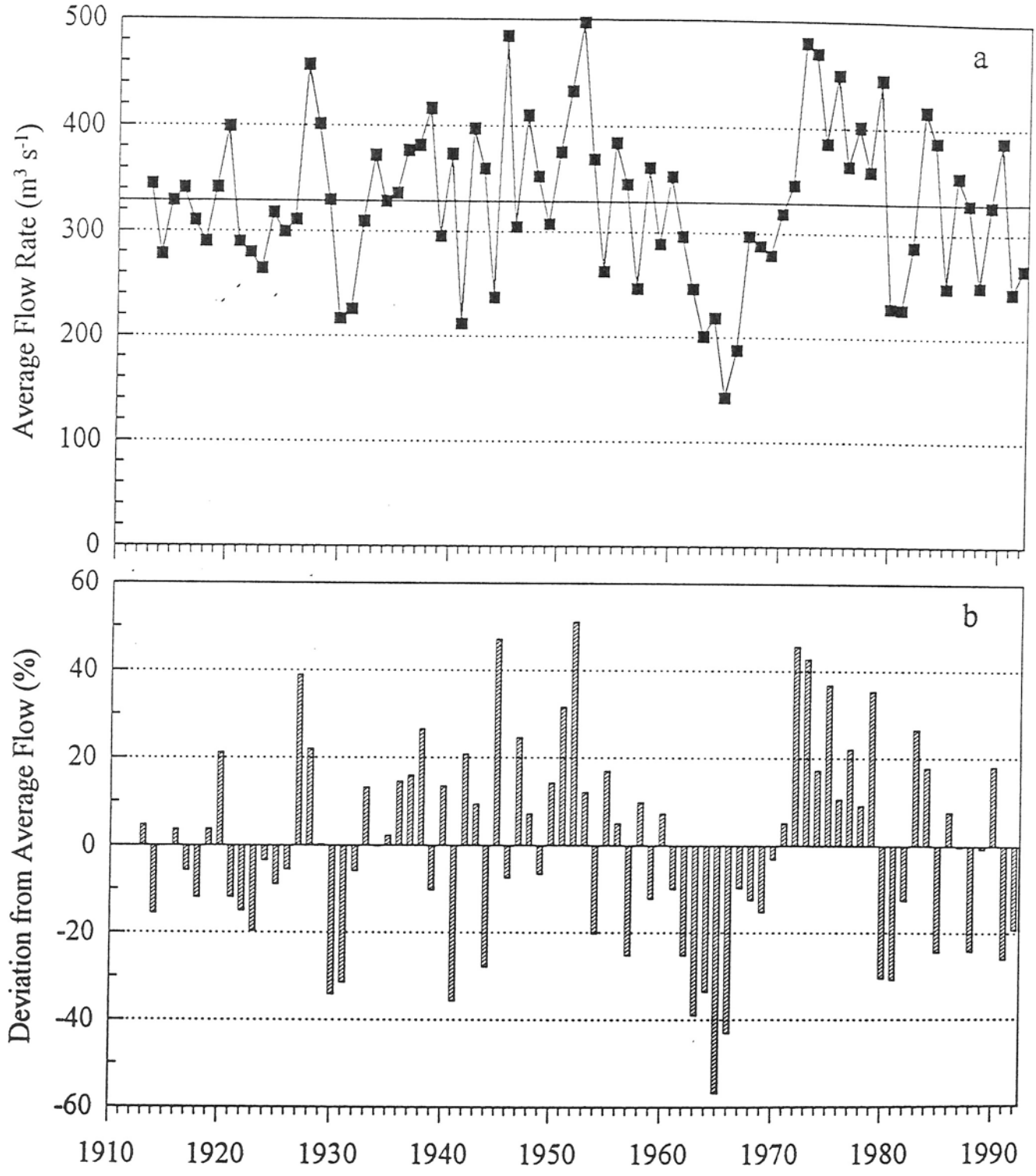
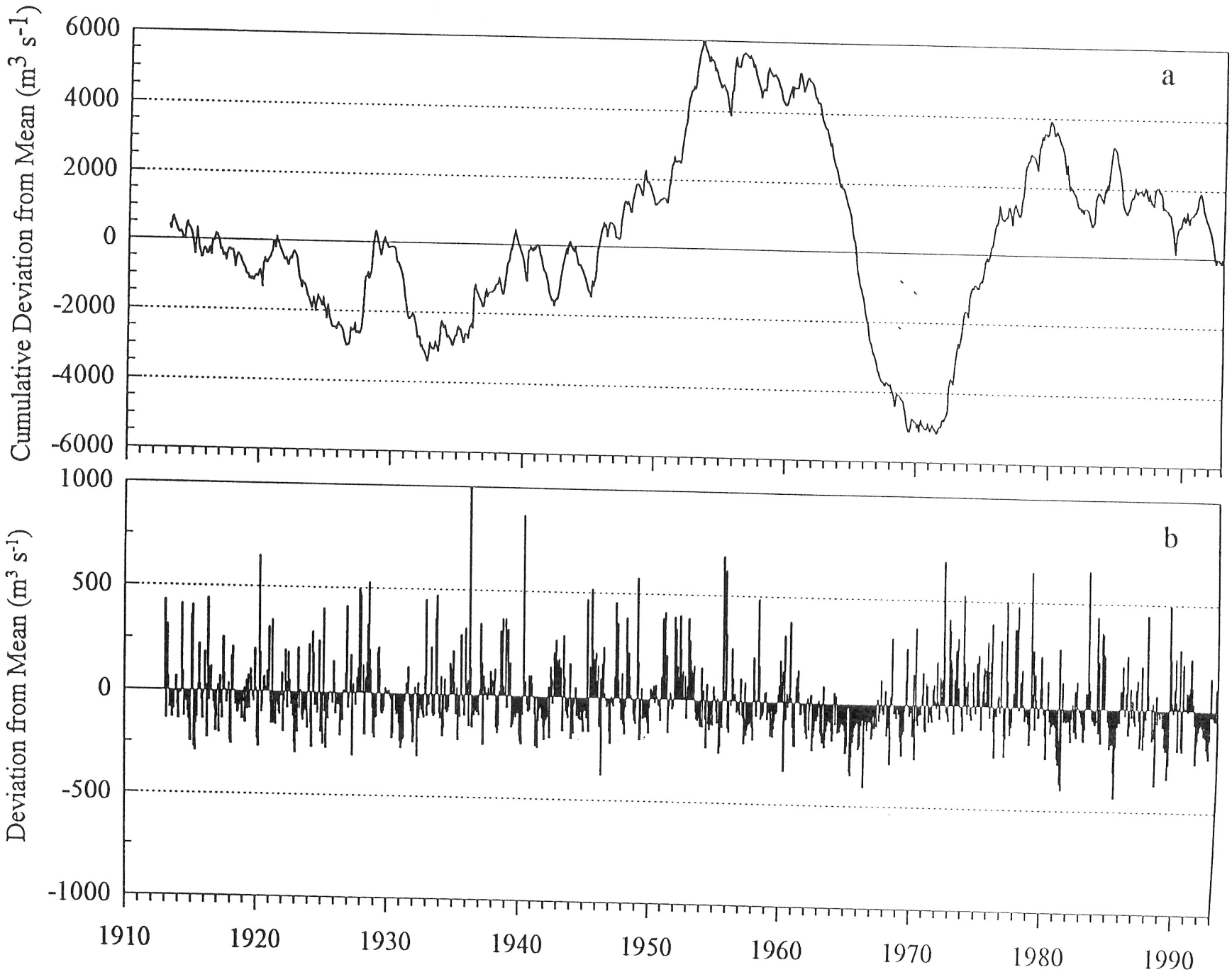


Figure 10. (a) Mean annual flow rates of the Delaware River at Trenton, NJ and (b) deviations from long term average flow rates. Horizontal line in (a) is average flow rate for the period 1913-1992 (= 329 m3 s-1, S.D. = 74.8, n = 80).



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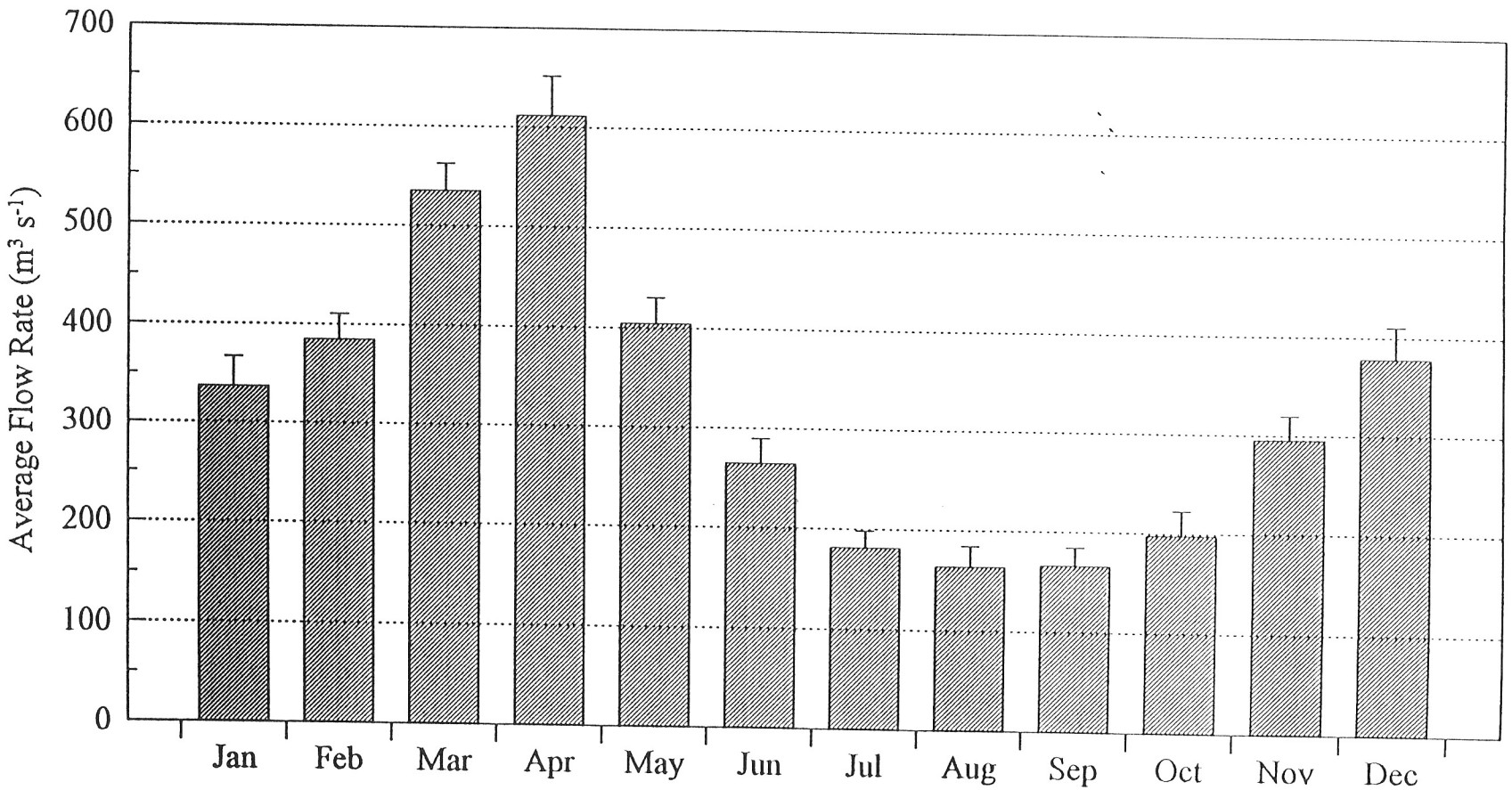

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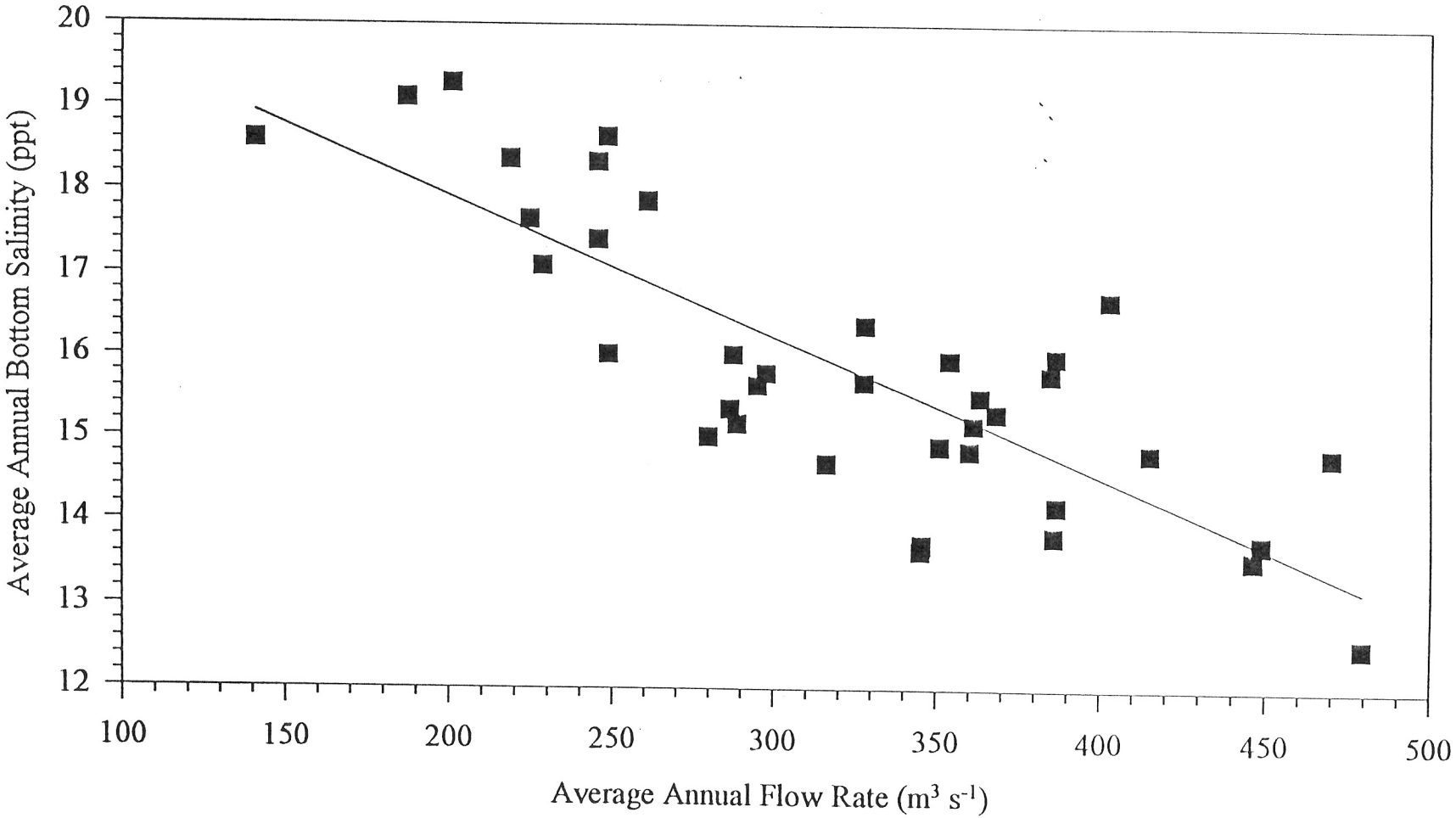

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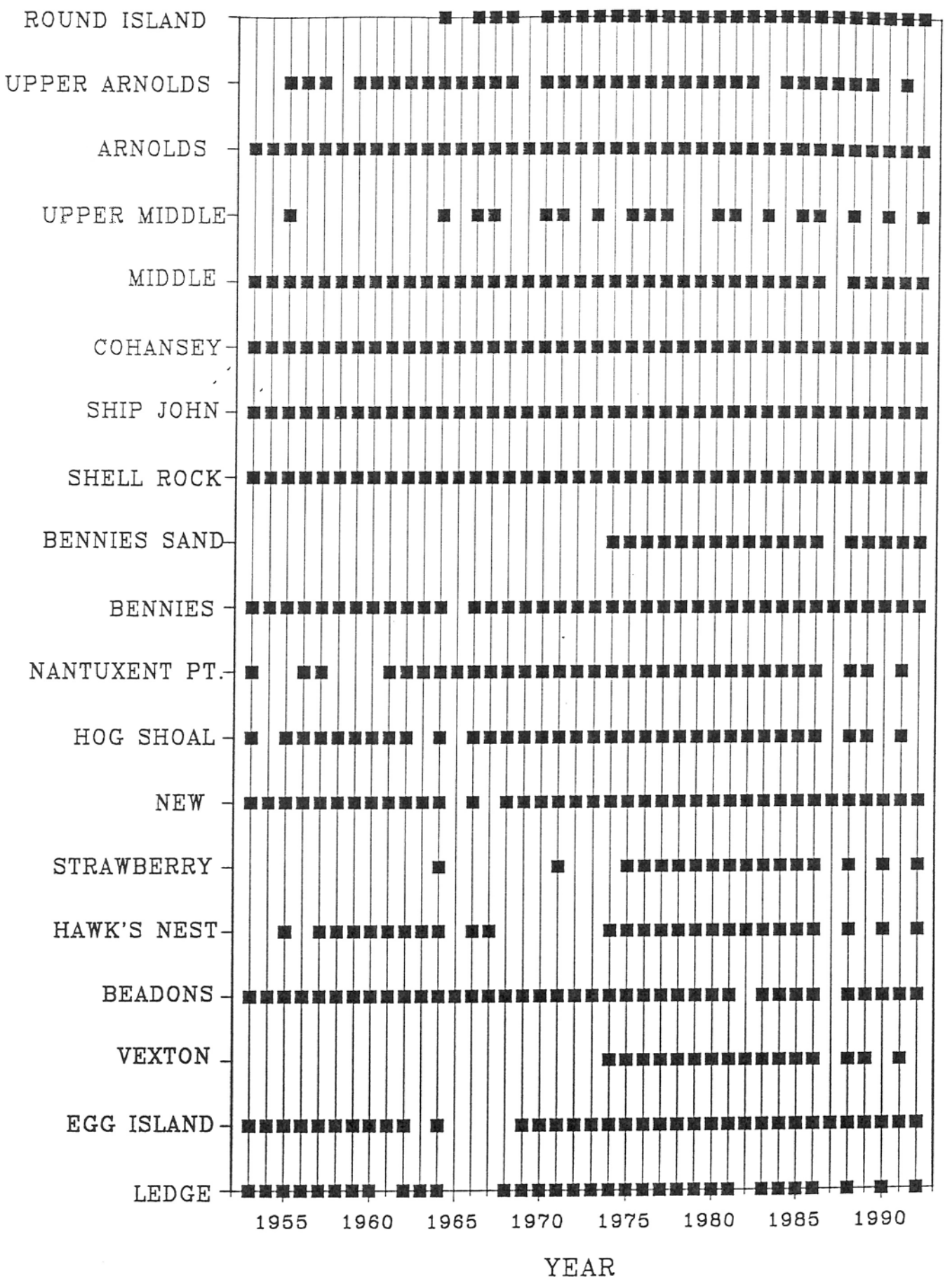


Figure 14. Sampling frequency Delaware Bay New Jersey oyster seed beds. The presence of a black square at the intersection of a seed bed and year indicates that dredge samples were taken at that location in that year. The seed beds are listed from farthest upbay to farthest downbay.

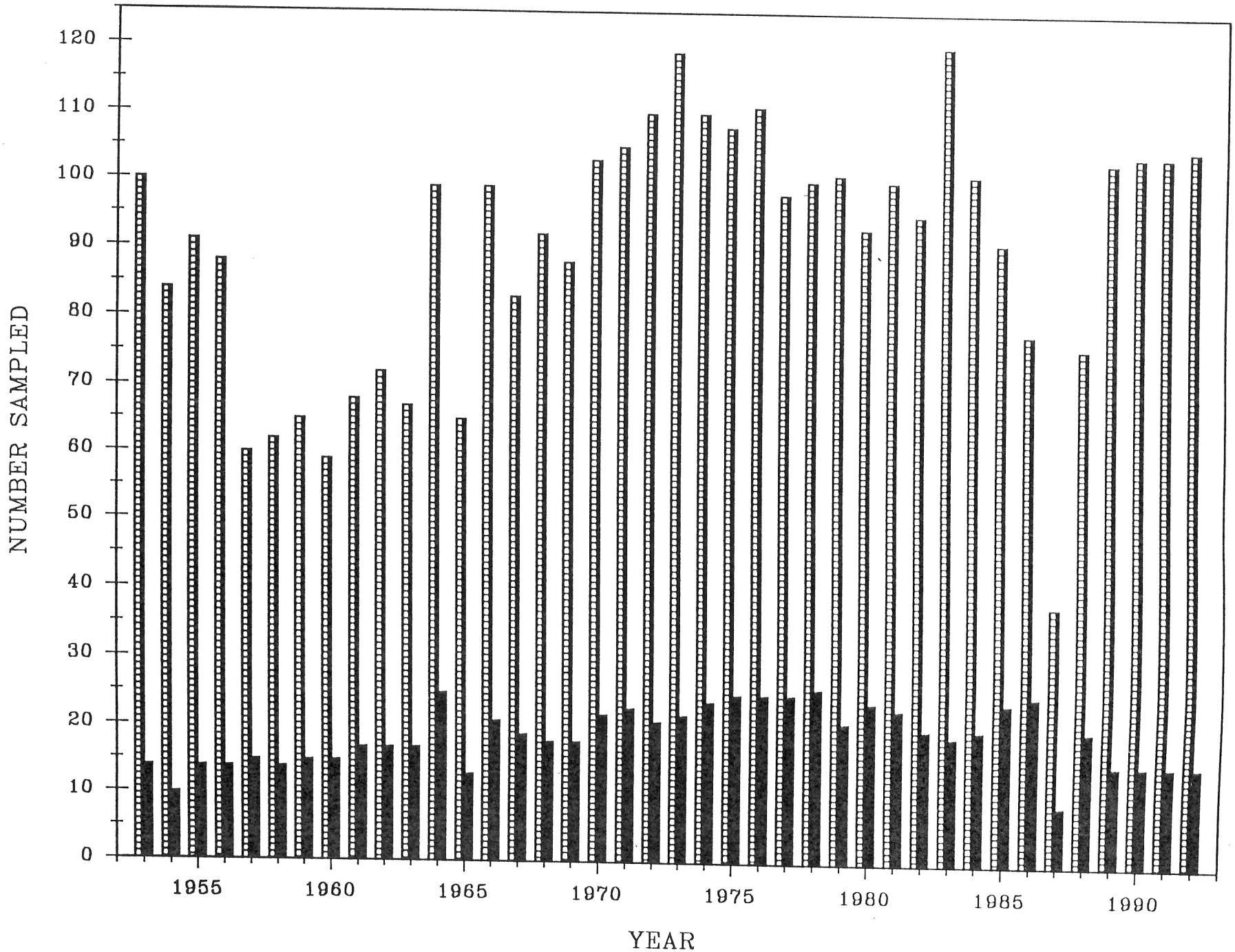


Figure 15. Total number of Delaware Bay New Jersey oyster seed beds (solid bars) and grids (cross-hatched bars) from which dredge samples were retrieved in each

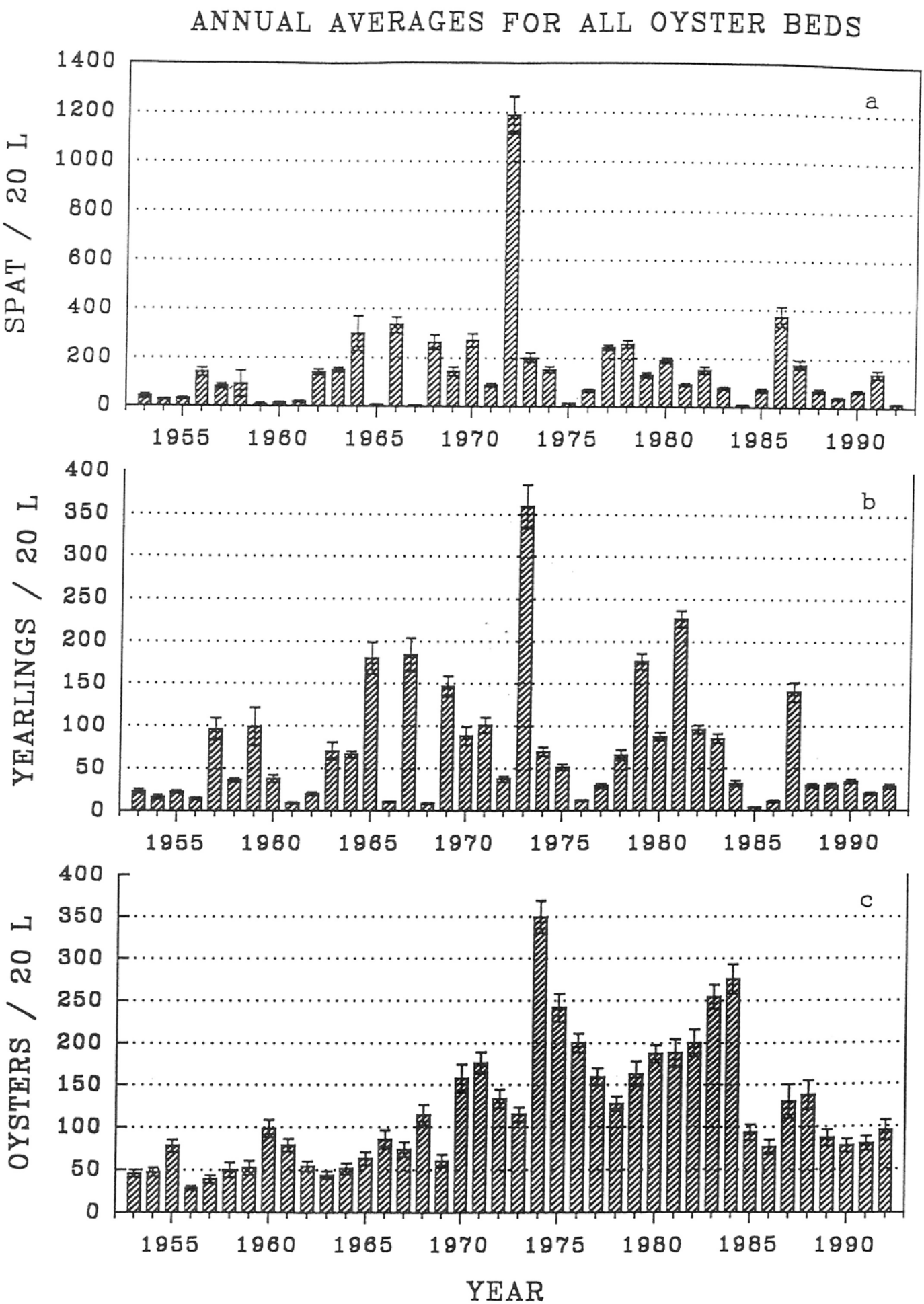


Figure 16. Mean number of live oysters within each year for all of the Delaware Bay New Jersey oyster seed beds combined. a. annual mean (±1S.E.) number of spat 20L-1. b. annual mean (±1S.E.) number of yearlings 20L-1. c. annual mean (±1S.E.) number of adult oysters 20L-1. The grand means (±1S.E.) across all years are: 29.11(0.02) spat 20L-1, 13.47 (0.01) yearlings 20L-1, and 58.38 (0.03) adult oysters 20L-1 (all are back-transformed from ln values).

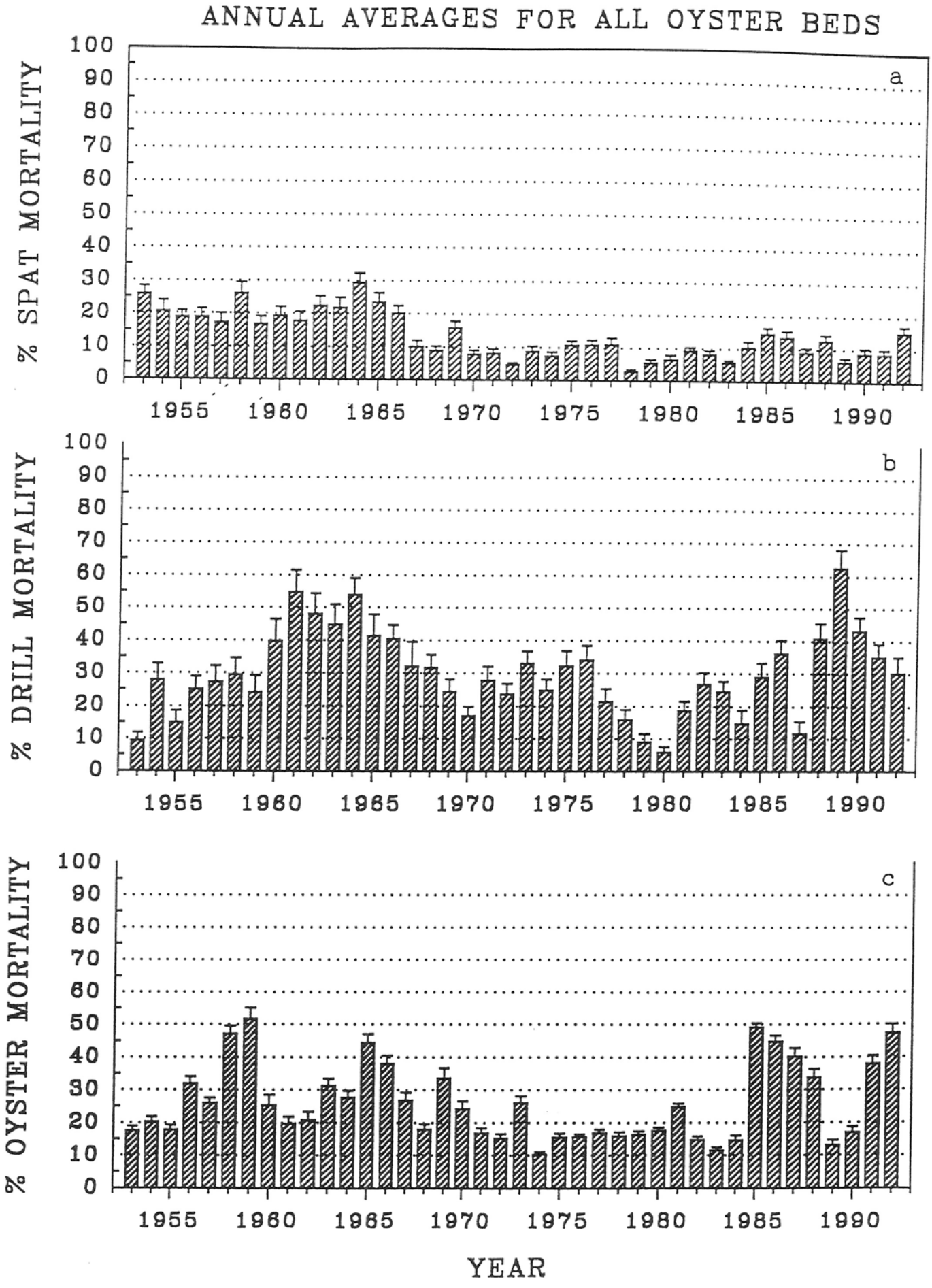
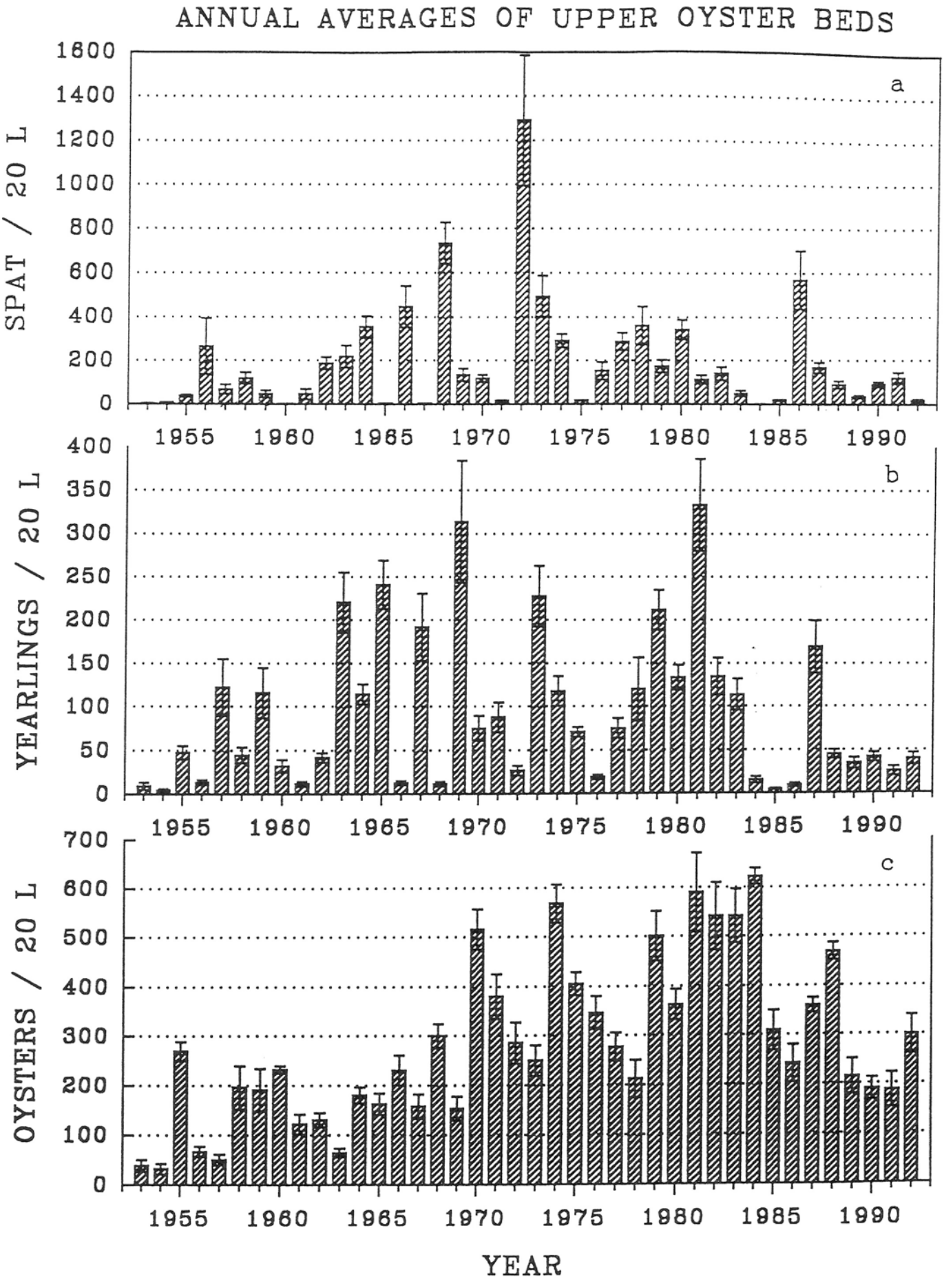


Figure 17. Mean percentages of dead oysters within each year for all of the Delaware Bay New Jersey oyster seed beds combined. a. annual mean (±1S.E.) % spat mortality (RSM x 100). b. annual mean (±1S.E.) % drill-induced spat mortality (RDSM x 100). c. annual mean (±1S.E.) % oyster mortality (ROM x 100) . Mortality measures are defined in the text.



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