

Update on the status of the Old Inlet Breach

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We have a new set of aerial photos of the new inlet in Fire Island. These photos were taken by Rich Weissmann as Rich Giannotti flew his J3 Piper Cub around the inlet on Sunday November 18th around 10AM EST. The previous set of photos were taken on November 11th at which point the inlet had established a connection to the bay to the east and around Pelican Island. At that point a substantial sand island to the west of the inlet connected Fire Island to the Pelican Island dock. In addition, the inlet itself had a marked offset to the west for the northern half relative to the initial set of photos from November 3rd. Weissmann's new photos now show that the original channel to the west just north of Fire Island has been re-established and that the western edge of the inlet near the ocean has eroded to the point that the offset on the 11th has now disappeared. And the ebb-tidal delta now appears to have east and west channels connecting the inlet to the ocean

The photos below show the progression of the inlet since its creation, after the nor'easter of the 7th and 8th, and the subsequent adjustments over the past week.

November 3, 2012



November 11, 2012



November 18, 2012

