# SBE 46 LCD Display Box Reference Sheet

(see SBE 46 User's Manual for complete details)

#### Modes

User-selectable modes include:

- **Programming mode** While connected to a computer and running a terminal program, setup commands can be sent to the SBE 46. Setup parameters are stored in EEPROM, so the SBE 46 only has to be programmed once for a particular data format.
- **Testing mode** While connected to a computer and running a terminal program, data input to the computer is displayed on the SBE 46.
- Operating mode While connected to an instrument that is logging data, the SBE 46 displays the instrument's data.

# Programming the SBE 46

- 1. Connect the PC cable connector to the SBE 46's 9-pin PC/SBE 11 port and to your computer's serial port.
- 2. Connect the power supply to the SBE 46.
- 3. Place the J1 jumper on pins 2 and 3. This allows the SBE 46 to communicate with the computer.
- 4. Install a jumper on J3, connecting pins 1 and 2. This places the SBE 46 in programming mode.
- 5. On the computer, double click on SeaTerm.exe. Once the main screen appears, in the Configure menu select the **SBE 37** (the SBE 46 is not available in the list of instrument types). Select the following:
  - Serial Port: COM1 through COM10 are available
  - Baud Rate: 9600 (or 1200, 2400, or 4800, if applicable)
  - Data Bits: 8Parity: No Parity
  - Mode: RS-232 (full duplex)
- 6. Turn on the power toggle switch on the SBE 46. The SBE 46 should display the result of the status (**DS**) command.
- 7. Send the desired commands to program the SBE 46.
  - Input commands in upper or lower case letters and register commands by pressing the Enter key.
  - If system does not return S> prompt after executing a command, press Enter key to get S> prompt.
  - SBE 46 sends ?CMD if invalid command is entered.

COMMAND	DESCRIPTION
DS	Display status.
BAUD=x	<b>x</b> = baud rate (1200, 2400, 4800, or 9600). Default 9600.
ENABLEALARM=x	<ul> <li>x= Y: Sound alarm when data scan contains an a or A character. This allows SBE 46 to act as a remote depth display with alarm when used with SBE 11plus V2.</li> <li>x= N (default): Do not sound alarm when data scan contains an a or A character.</li> </ul>
P1LABEL=str	str = data label 1. *
P2LABEL=str	str = data label 2. *
P3LABEL=str	str = data label 3. *
P4LABEL=str	str = data label 4. *

<sup>\*</sup>Note: **str** can be any combination of characters with a maximum length of 10. Spaces can be entered at beginning of string to make data labels on each line of display line up.

### Testing the SBE 46

- 1. Remove the jumper on J3. This takes the SBE 46 out of programming mode and into testing/operating mode.
- 2. On the computer, type entries shown below and hit the Enter key. View the responses on the SBE 46:

Computer Entry	SBE 46 Response
Computer Entry	(shown with defaults for labels)
1.0	t=1.0
1.0	V 1.1 (SBE 46 firmware version)
1.0,2.0	t=1.0
1.0,2.0	c=2.0
1.0,2.0,3.333	t=1.0 c=2.0
1.0,2.0,3.333	p=3.333
1.0,2.0,3.333,4.444	t=1.0 c=2.0
1.0,2.0,3.333,4.444	p=3.333 s=4.444
1.0,12 Apr	t=1.0
2000,12:30:45	c=12:30:45

#### **Setting Up the Instrument** (SBE 11*plus* V2, 37-SM, 37-SMP, 37-SI, 37-SIP, 38, 39, 45, 48, or 50)

- 1. Set the instrument baud rate to the same rate as the SBE 46.
- 2. Set the instrument to wake up and start sampling when power is applied (applicable to the following instruments):
  - SBE 37-SI or 37-SIP: Set Interface PCB J1 jumper to Autopower position, and send AUTORUN=Y and SINGLESAMPLE=N commands.
  - SBE 38 or 50: Send AUTORUN=Y command.
  - SBE 45: Set PCB J1 jumper to Autopower position, and send AUTORUN=Y and SINGLESAMPLE=N commands.
- 3. Set the instrument to start sampling now or later (applicable to the SBE 37-SM, 37-SMP, 39, or 48):
  - Send **STARTNOW** command, or
  - Send STARTMMDDYY and STARTHHMMSS commands to set delayed logging start date and time.
     Then send STARTLATER command.

## Operating the SBE 46

- 1. Mount SBE 46 (optional): Remove the four, self-retaining, lid screws and lift the lid off the housing body. Using customer-supplied hardware, mount the SBE 46, using the four 4 mm (5/32 inch) mounting holes at the back of the housing body.
- 2. Set the SBE 46 jumpers:
  - A. J1:
    - SBE 37-SM, 37-SMP, 37-SI, 37-SIP, 38, 39, 45, 48, or 50: Jumper pins 1 and 2.
    - **SBE 11***plus* **V2**: Jumper pins 2 and 3.
  - B. J2: Jumper in place only if SBE 46 is powered by internal battery.
  - C. J3: Verify that jumper has been removed for operating mode.
- 3. Connect the instrument to the SBE 46:
  - A. SBE 37-SM, 37-SMP, 37-SIP, 38, 39, 45, 48, or 50: Connect 4-pin bulkhead I/O connector on instrument to SBE 46 SENSOR I/O 4-pin connector.
  - B. SBE 11plus V2: Connect 5-pin Remote Out connector on SBE 11plus V2 back panel to SBE 46 PC/SBE 11 9-pin connector.
- 4. Connect the power supply to the SBE 46.
- 5. Turn on the power switch on the SBE 46. As the instrument begins to sample and send data, the SBE 46 displays the data.