



NOAA S-57 Chart - Quality “U” display on Chart

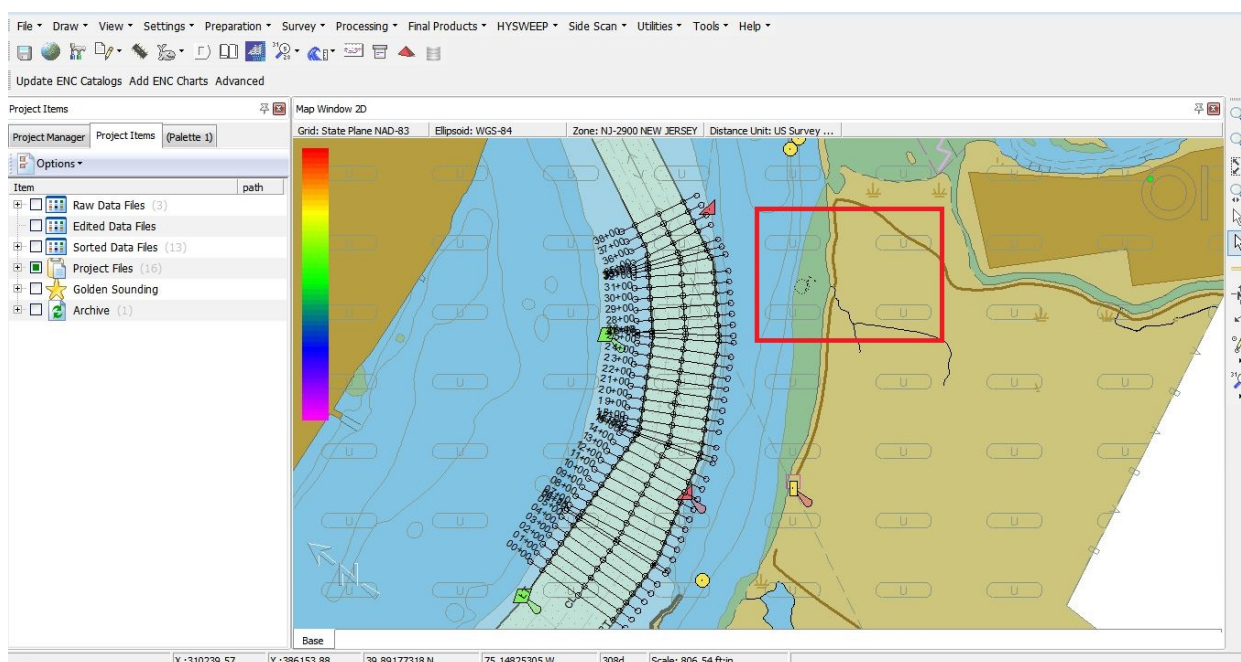
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Over the past year, several people have asked our support group and in training sessions what the “U” means when a S-57 Chart is loaded in HYPACK®. It seems to overtake the chart and convolute things a bit. I will show you what it means and how to toggle the display of this display option.

The “U” display is a Metadata object describing the quality of the data shown. The attribute of interest is CATZOC or Category of Zone Confidence. The value on most US ENC's is “6” or Un-assessed. It seems like someone who creates the charts makes sure to cover their back side if something wrong happens when navigating while using these charts. Smart!

Now that you understand what it means and can deal with the chart being unassessed you can turn this off to have a clean look to your chart.

FIGURE 1. S57 Chart in HYPACK® with the Quality of Data Marks Showing



1. **Access the Control Panel.** Click the Hammer and Chisel icon or press F9 on your keyboard.
2. **Click [S57 Options].**
3. **Deselect the Visual Quality of Data and click [OK].**
4. **Close the Control Panel.**

FIGURE 2. Turning off the Quality of Data Marks

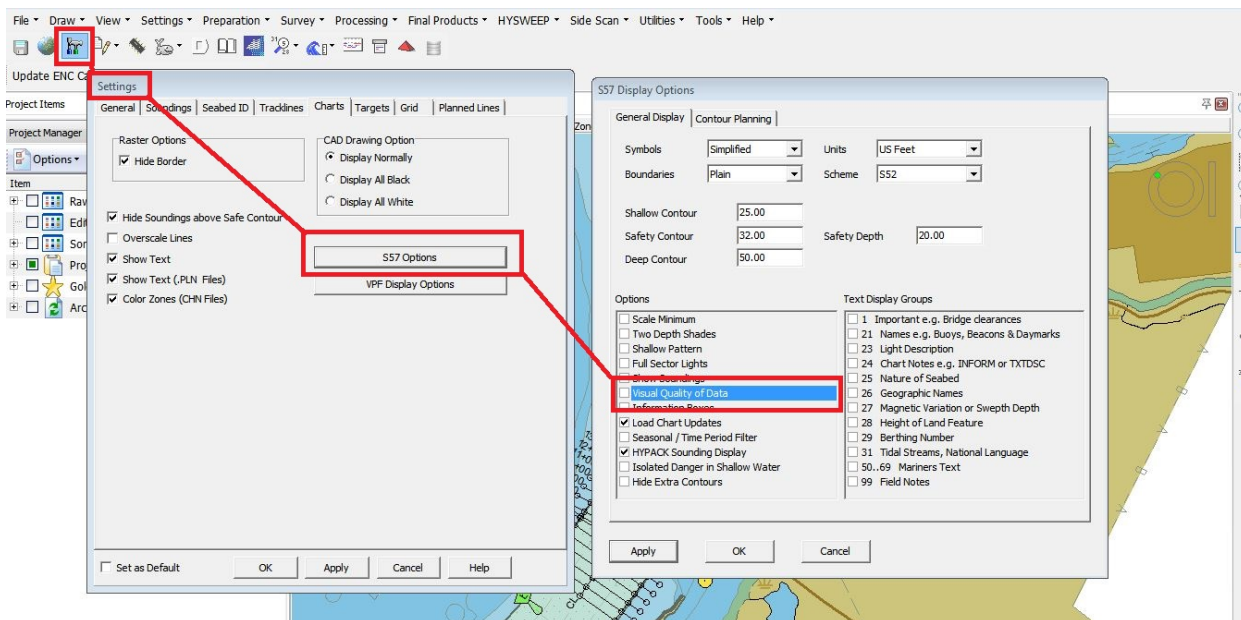


FIGURE 3. Much cleaner look now!

