ADMIRALTY Quick Guide to ENC Symbols

This quick reference guide is to help you recognise some of the lesser known ENC symbols. It is not intended to replace 'ECDIS Chart I'. The ENC symbols shown are in daytime colours. They may be shown in different colours/shades in night-time palette.

ENC Symbol	Explanation			Additional Information	5011 Ref
8	Generic isolated danger symbol – with less depth than user-selected safety contour or where the depth is unknown			Wreck, rock or obstruction	K
(32)	Sounding of low accuracy			Equates to sounding of doubtful depth in 5011	12
* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	5 stars 4 stars 3 stars 2 stars U Caution applies Dredged	4 stars B Uncharted features dangerous to exist; medium accuracy survey 3 stars C Depth anomalies may be expected 2 stars D Large depth anomalies may be expected Quality of bathymetry yet to be Caution area where a specific caution note applies Dredged area deeper than safety contour Darker blue indicates water shoaler than		detected; high accuracy survey o navigation are not expected bu ; low accuracy survey or passage so xpected; poor quality data	t may
			indicate areas of charted data at smaller scale than main display	Zoom out until vertical lines disappear to view at scale appropriate to data	
-ABAB-	Indicates buoyage		undary between IALA A and B ems	See NP735	
? ♣? ?∱? ?↓;̂?	informat Query as absence	ion t ssoci of a	y indicates insufficient to symbolise the feature. ated with symbol indicates mandatory attribute, such as e, direction or orientation.	Query may appear alone at a point, on a line or in a defined area. Further information may be obtained from cursor enquiry of the query	Q80
⊕	Virtual ai		navigation with no physical	ECDIS / ENC based symbol	
ENC DATA NON-ENC DATA	and offic	ial El ine –	n area of unofficial vector data NC data, marked by orange pecks angled towards unofficial	May be shown the other way around on older ECDIS. Within areas of non-ENC data, an alternative, official chart must be used for navigation	

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i		Indicates that an additional information note is available	Additional information can be viewed by cursor enquiry under the Information (INFORM) or Textual Description (TXTDSC) fields		
<i>>></i> →	\rightarrow	Non-tidal current direction		H42	
→>		Spring tide – Ebb Flood		H41	
— —		Light vessel/lightfloat		P6	
P 4	7 \(\frac{\tau}{1} \)	Daymarks		Q82	
- 0		New Object – Point New Object – Line New Object – Area	New type of feature not yet known to ECDIS – further information available by cursor enquiry		
Symbol setting on ECDIS Simplified Traditional		Buoy = Sloping Beacon = Upright			
11		Spar or pillar lateral beacons – red/green	IALA Maritime Buoyage System. Refer to NP 735	Q130	
4 4	۵ 4	Buoys – lateral – conical – red/green, according to applicable IALA system	IALA Maritime Buoyage System. Refer to NP 735	Q130.1	
_	<i>□</i> ▶	Lateral can buoys – red/green	IALA Maritime Buoyage System. Refer to NP 735	Q130.1	
7 7	1 1 1	Cardinal marks north/east/ south/west	IALA Maritime Buoyage System. Refer to NP 735	Q130.3	
• •	i İ	Isolated danger marks	IALA Maritime Buoyage System. Refer to NP 735	Q130.4	
•	Å	Safe water buoy	IALA Maritime Buoyage System. Refer to NP 735	Q130.5	
	ĬĬ	Spar or Pillar – special marks	Shape/topmarks are optional – colour yellow	Q130.6	
4 0	\triangleright	Special purpose buoys eg TSS lane markers	Shape/topmarks optional – colour yellow	Q130.6	
	•	Buoy – mooring	Derived from Chart 50 I I	Q40	