



# Meridian Chartware

Making navigation simpler, safer, quicker, and more accurate

## FAQ: What are ARCS Charts?

**ARCS Charts are direct digital reproductions of the standard British Admiralty paper charts.**

ARCS (Admiralty Raster Chart Service) charts are direct digital reproductions of the standard British Admiralty paper charts, some Meridian products such as SEAttrak ARCS have been specifically designed to support this format of digital charts no matter where they are purchased from (though Meridian are Admiralty Chart Agents and can supply these). The catalogue numbers of the charts are identical to the chart numbers of those found in the Admiralty chart catalogue. Each chart is supplied with two resolutions; a low-res chart, which should normally be used for an overview of its geographical coverage, and a high res chart, which you zoom into for normal navigation. Should you wish to view an area at a larger scale, you can use the zoom-to-chart facility provided in the software to select an appropriate larger scale chart, if installed.

Each chart contains all of the navigational detail of the paper equivalent. You can therefore be sure that the level of detail displayed is that which the hydrographer concerned intended you to use. You should however always use an appropriate scale chart for the area concerned. A route-planning chart should not be used for inshore navigation across the Thames Estuary, for example.

The charts are supplied on regional coverage CD-ROMs. There are many hundreds of charts installed on each CD but you are only licensed to access and install those charts, which you have purchased from Meridian or from another Admiralty Chart Agent. Please see Installing Chart Permits or Installing Charts for more information.

ARCS charts are purchased for use on a specific system as the licence for a chart relates to one system only.

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