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1.0 OVERVIEW

EdgeTech's DISCOVER Coverage Mapper is used primarily to assist in performing side scan surveys and ensuring adequate overlap on adjacent runs. The Towfish position (as calculated from GPS co-ordinate history, with user entered layback and offsets) is plotted in real-time on a 2-Dimensional latitude and longitude grid, along with the current bottom track coverage of the side scan sonar. Targets marked and then saved in the Target Logger application are also displayed on the same latitude/longitude grid as the Towfish track and coverage data.

The Coverage Mapper application is a separate executable, normally located in the same folder as the DISCOVER.exe application. (Typically: C:\Edgetech\DISCOVERxxxx-FS\DISCOVERCoverageMapper.exe). There is normally a shortcut on the user Desktop to the application. If the Coverage mapper is selected in the external features tab it will auto-start when DISCOVER is started otherwise it can be independently started either before or after DISCOVER.

When DISCOVER is running, the two applications share data to present the fish track history and coverage, and the Target Logger application provides marked and saved Target positions to the Coverage Mapper application. The DISCOVER Side Scan application must have a GPS receiver connected, providing valid position data during the survey.

The Coverage Mapper application will also show the fish position and coverage history during playback of user created JSF files in DISCOVER Side Scan, provided the data had good GPS position data during the survey. Coverage history is also saved in a user designated folder in a file such as 20051220212635.enl. The file name represents the date and time of the history file creation (not data acquisition date). Such files may be created and re-loaded at any time.



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2.0 OPERATION

Coverage Mapper Operation is described below.

2.1 Charts

Coverage Mapper supports unencrypted S-57 Electronic Navigational Charts (ENCs). S-57 files typically have the extension *.000, and these can be added to the Coverage Mapper one-at-a-time or by folder, as shown in **Figure 2-1**. NOAA provides free ENCs for the United States.

NOTE: Loading many ENCs is not supported. EdgeTech recommends using only a few at a time (≤ 3).

Display options for ENCs can only be changed after the first ENC is loaded.

Coverage Mapper can also display GeoTIFF and BSB images. Note that loading many images is not supported. Only use a few at a time. Large images may take a long time to load.

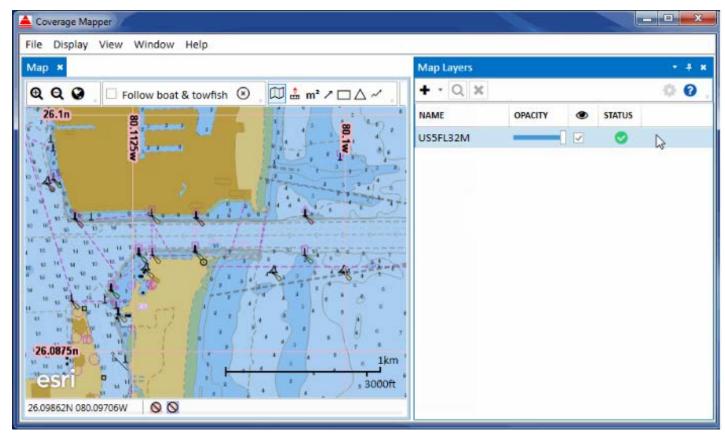


Figure 2-1: ENC Loaded

2.2 ENL Files

ENL files (*.enl) store coverage, track, and basic target information. Open ENL files to add their contents to the map layers. The user can remove all coverage, tracks, etc. from the layers with the Clear option. However, clearing does not delete files or affect recording.

NOTE: Coverage Mapper always records. Recording cannot be turned off.

Coverage Mapper only records coverage and targets sent to it. It does not record coverage loaded from ENL files. The user can change where ENL files are recorded to by changing the Project Folder, as shown in Figure 2-2.

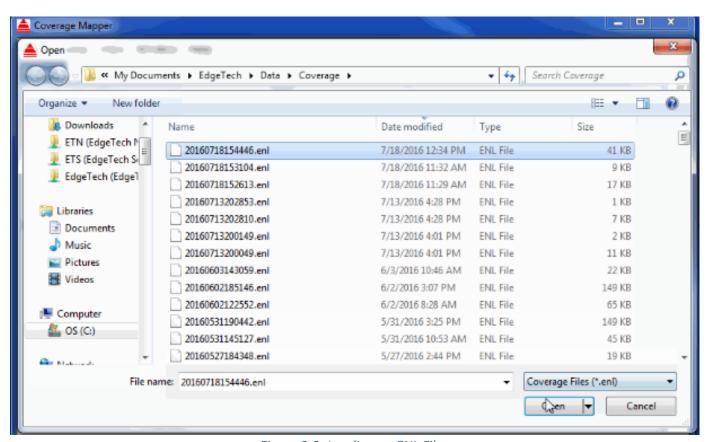


Figure 2-2: Loading an ENL File



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2.3 File Menu

Coverage Mapper's file menu allows the user to open coverage files (ENLs), start a new survey, open an old one, close the current survey, run a survey, and export a survey as a CSV file.

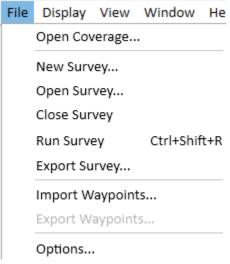


Figure 2-3: File Menu

In the File Menu, the user can also Import and Export Waypoints, refer to subsection **2.5.6**, and open the Options window, which is described in the subsections below.

2.3.1 General Options

The General tab of the Options window contains a section for changing the units, one for selecting the project folder, and another for manipulating the various saved window layouts.

2.3.2 Map Options

The Map tab of the Options window allows the user to change the colors for various parts of the map and change the options for a displayed ENC. Refer to subsection **2.1**.

2.3.3 Survey Options

The Survey tab provides options for changing the survey settings, including Run in / Run out, Line base name, Shape base name, and Plan Survey Speed.

2.3.4 Advanced Options

The Advanced options tab provides the user with the ability to manipulate the Connections (IP Addresses and Port Numbers), to set Coverage Display Limits, and to set GPS serial port numbers. The Advanced

Options are meant for users who are confident with changing these settings. If there is any question about how to use these options, contact **EDGETECH CUSTOMER SERVICE**.

2.4 Display Menu

The Display Menu has one option: Clear Coverage, which is discussed in more detail in subsection 2.5.2.9.

2.5 View Menu

The View Menu controls which screens are open in Coverage Mapper. A description of each is below.

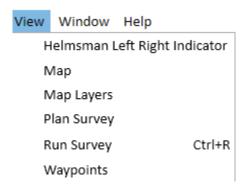


Figure 2-4: View Menu

HELMSMAN LEFT-RIGHT INDICATOR | MAP | MAP LAYERS | PLAN SURVEY | RUN SURVEY | WAYPOINTS



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2.5.1 Helmsman Left Right Indicator

The Helmsman Left Right Indicator displays how far the boat is to the left or to the right of the current survey line being run. Refer to subsection **2.5.5** for information about running a survey.

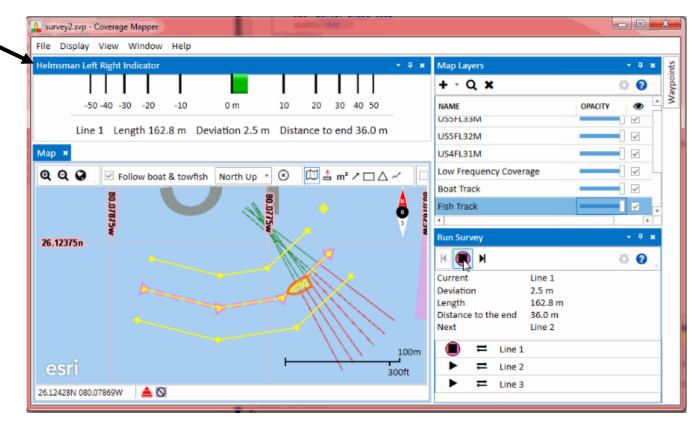


Figure 2-5: Helmsman Left Right Indicator

Helmsman data can come from another Coverage Mapper. Refer to subsection 2.3.4.

2.5.2 Map

Manipulate the map by clicking and dragging on it to see another area. This action is called panning. To zoom in and out, use the mouse wheel or magnifying glass icons.

NOTE: There are no built-in charts at higher resolutions (tighter zooms). The map background will appear blank when zooming in close by default.

As the mouse moves, the position under it (latitude/longitude) is displayed in the bottom left corner of the screen, as shown in Figure 2-6.

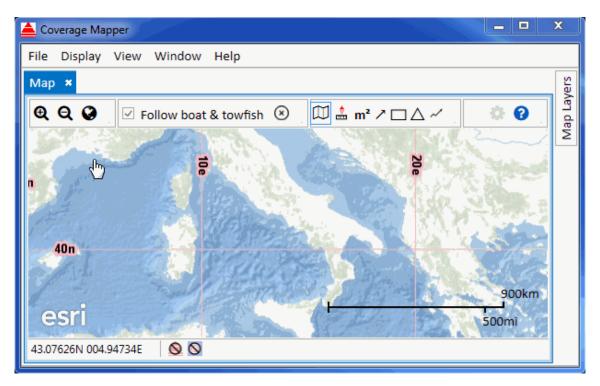


Figure 2-6: Coverage Mapper Main Screen

Clicking on the map does different things depending on which tool is being used, with the move map tool being the default. Switch tools using the toolbar or by right clicking on the map, as shown in **FIGURE 2-7**.

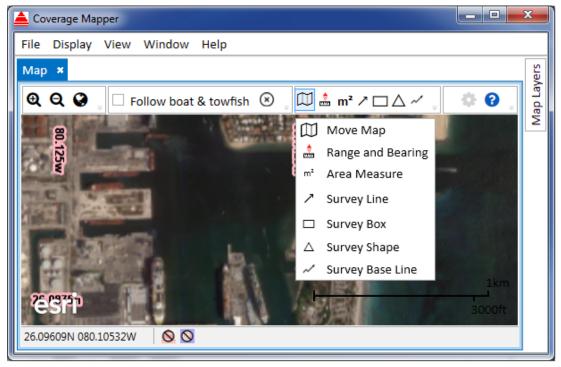


Figure 2-7: Switching Tools



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2.5.2.1 Move Map Tool

In the move map tool, the user can also find out about targets. Click once on a target to see its name. Double click on a target to send it to the Target Logger if it is connected.

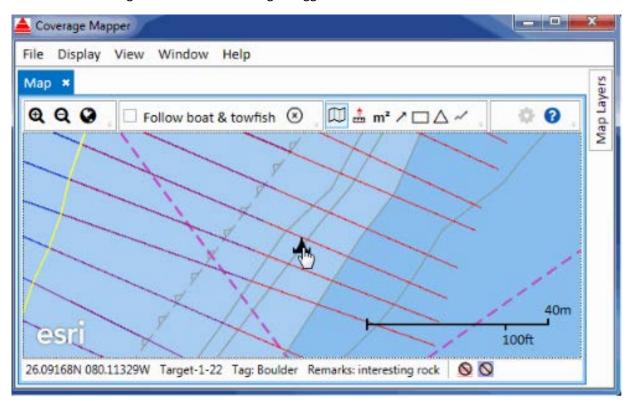


Figure 2-8: Getting Target Information

2.5.2.2 Range and Bearing Tool

Range and bearing and area measurements can also be taken by clicking on the appropriate icon, clicking the area, and dragging, shown in **FIGURE 2-9**. The measurements are displayed in the bottom near the position display. When done measuring, set the tool back to the move map tool to enable panning.

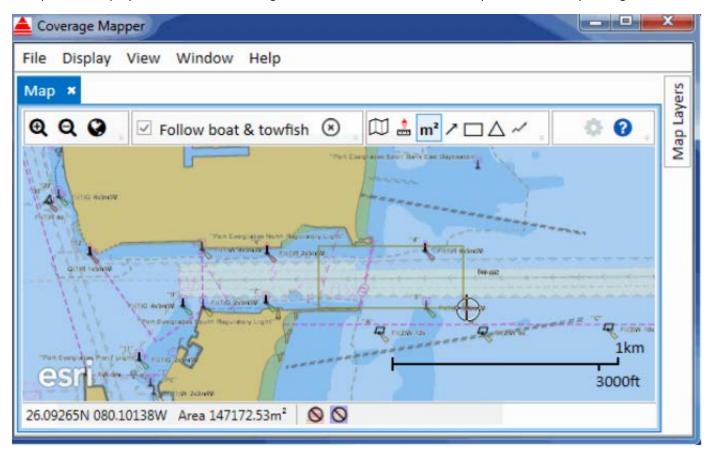


Figure 2-9: Measuring the Area

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2.5.2.3 Survey Line Tool

The Survey Line Tool allows the user to draw lines by clicking and dragging on the map when the tool is selected, as shown in **FIGURE 2-10**.

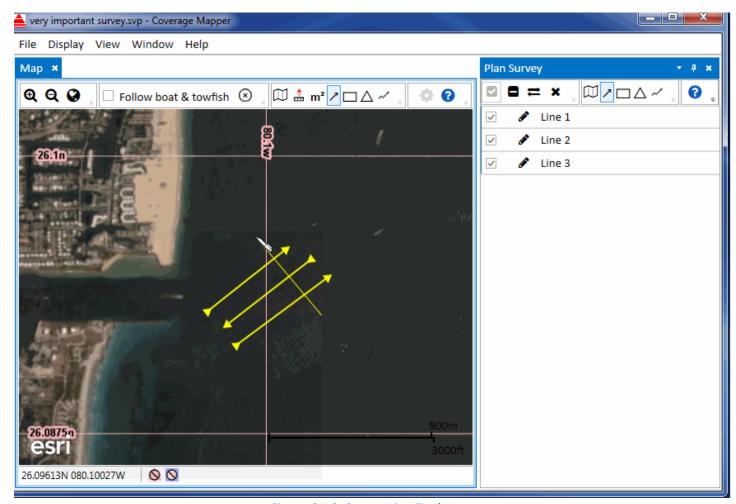


Figure 2-10: Survey Line Tool

2.5.2.4 Line Spacing Settings

Most survey line tools allow the user to specify line spacing. Equal spacing sets all the lines to be added the same distance apart. Range and overlap also uses equal spacing, but the spacing amount is calculated from the set range and overlap using this formula: (2 x range) – overlap. The efficient pattern alternates spacing between the set major and minor spacing, as shown in **FIGURE 2-11**.

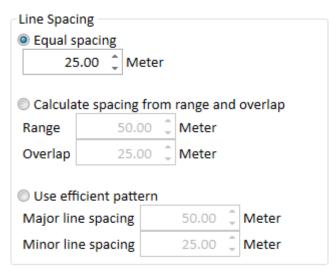


Figure 2-11: Line Spacing Settings

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2.5.2.5 Survey Box Tool

When Survey Box Tool is selected, a new survey box can be drawn by clicking and dragging on the map. The box can be filled with lines or can be empty for surveys when the user needs to "paint the screen."

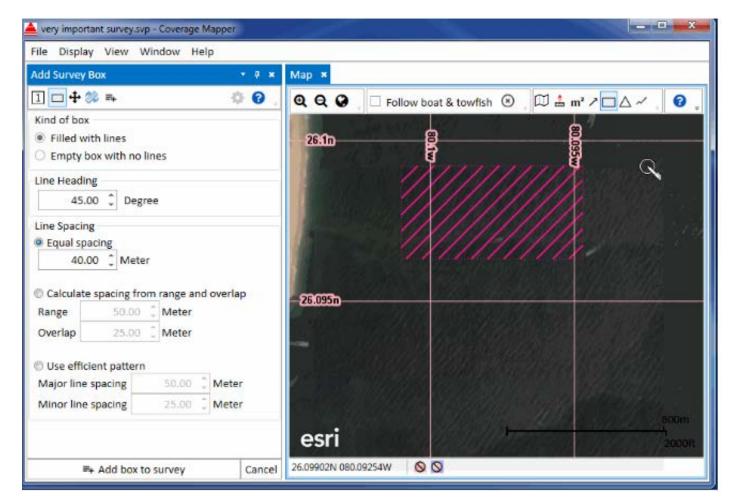


Figure 2-12: Adding a Survey Box

Click and drag anywhere on the map with the move and rotate tools to adjust the box. The user does not need to click near the box to move or rotate it.

2.5.2.6 Survey Shape Tool

With the Survey Shape Tool selected, the user can click to add points to the shape. Like the survey box, the shape can be filled with lines or left empty. Click and drag anywhere on the map with the move tool to position the shape. The user does not need to click near the shape to move it.

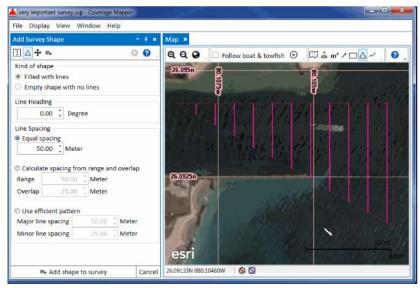


Figure 2-13: Adding a Survey Shape

2.5.2.7 Survey Base Line Tool

Clicking anywhere on the map with the Survey Base Line Tool activated adds points to the base line. Using the move tool with this feature works the same as the other shape tools.

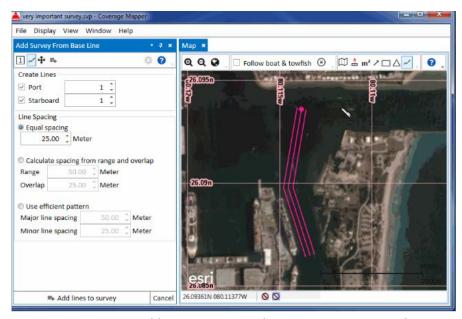


Figure 2-14: Adding Points using the Survey Base Line Tool



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2.5.2.8 Follow Boat & Towfish Check Box

When the Follow option is checked, the map follows the boat when it moves off-screen.

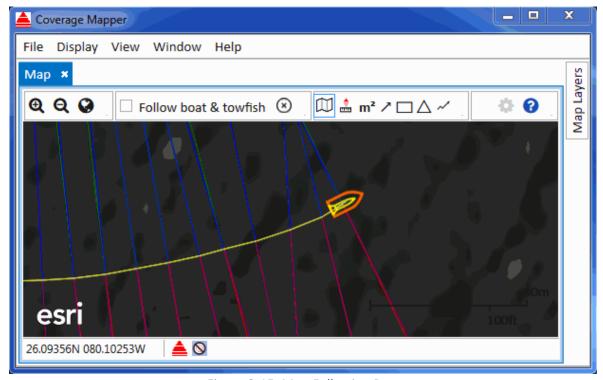


Figure 2-15: Map Following Boat

2.5.2.9 Clear Coverage Tracks Button

The user can also remove all coverage, tracks, and targets with Clear.

NOTE: Clearing does not delete any files or affect recording.

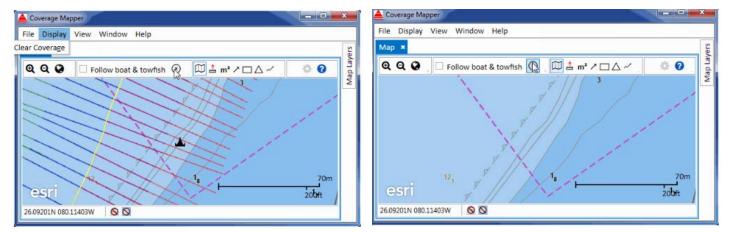


Figure 2-16: Before and After Tracking Lines Removed

2.5.2.10 GPS Check Box

When GPS Check Box is checked, Coverage Mapper will read from a GPS plugged into computer via USB (or RS-232). What port and baud rate used can be specified in the advanced Serial Ports section of Options.



Figure 2-17: GPS Check Box

CAUTION: When Coverage Mapper reads the GPS, DISCOVER **cannot**. Only one program can read the GPS at a time. Therefore, Coverage Mapper GPS feature should be turned off (unchecked) before attempting sonar data acquisition with DISCOVER.

2.5.3 Map Layers

The Coverage Mapper organizes map content into layers, as shown in **Figure 2-18**. Each successive layer builds upon previous ones. Thus, it is a good idea to keep charts at or near the beginning of the layers list.

Features of the Layers include:

- Add predefined types of layers
- Remove layers
- Reorder layers with drag and drop
- Change layer opacity
- Temporarily hide layers
- Zoom to show a layer's content

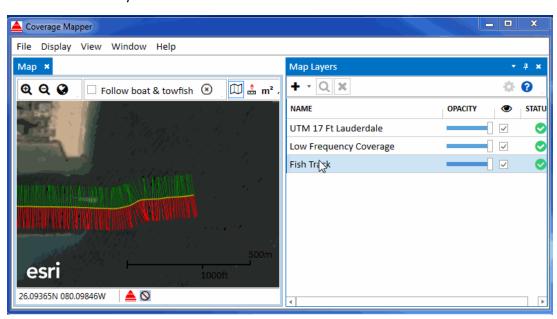


Figure 2-18: Manipulating some of the Layers' Options in Coverage Mapper



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2.5.4 Plan Survey

Survey plans consist of lines, shapes, or both, and can be saved as Survey Plan Files. The files are automatically saved as changes are made to the plan, and modifications can be made to an existing plan. However, there can be only one survey plan file open at a time.

The Plan Survey Window, as shown in Figure 2-19, allows the user to:

- Remove lines and shapes
- Reverse lines
- Edit point positions
- Launch the survey drawing tools

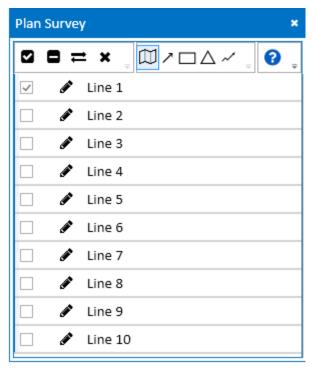


Figure 2-19: Plan Survey Window

2.5.5 Run Survey

The Run Survey in where the survey is conducted, geographically. The window allows the user to Start or Stop running a line, go to a previous or next line, and reverse lines.

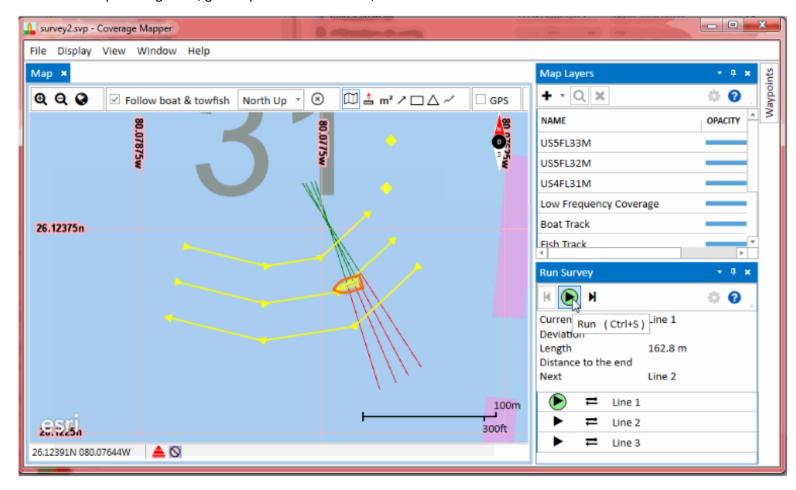


Figure 2-20: Run Survey Window

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2.5.6 Waypoints

Waypoints can be imported and exported via File menu, or added directly on the map. In Waypoints window, the user can:

- Display, highlight or hide waypoints on map
- Edit waypoint's name or position
- Delete waypoints



Figure 2-21: Manipulating Waypoints in the Waypoints Window

2.6 Window Menu

The Coverage Mapper remembers window layouts, and allows the user to name and apply customized layouts at any time. Windows are also dock-able, meaning that they can snap, or stick to different places on the screen. Right-clicking the top window reveals these docking options.

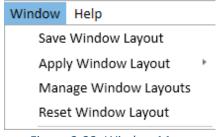


Figure 2-22: Window Menu

The window layout can also be reset to the default by clicking the appropriate menu option.

2.6.1 Save Window Layout

Saves the current Windows Layout for future use.

2.6.2 Apply Window Layout

Applies a previous Window Layout to current settings.

2.6.3 Manage Window Layouts

Allows the user to manage existing Window Layouts.

2.6.4 Reset Window Layout

Restores Windows Layout to the fault.

2.7 Help Menu

The Help menu item will bring up the module's built in Help Documentation, along with information about the Current Version, and an option to create a log archive.



Figure 2-23: Help Menu

NOTE: If you have any further questions about Coverage Mapper, contact **EDGETECH CUSTOMER SERVICE.**

2.7.1 Coverage Mapper Help

This activates an interactive Help Menu, which will address most user questions.

2.7.2 Creative Log Archive

2.7.3 About

Provides information about the current Version of Coverage Mapper.



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A.0 Legacy Coverage Mapper Description

The legacy coverage mapper has been described in this appendix for customers who still have this version of the utility. For more information, contact **EDGETECH CUSTOMER SERVICE**.

An example of the Legacy Coverage Mapper screen is shown in FIGURE A-1.

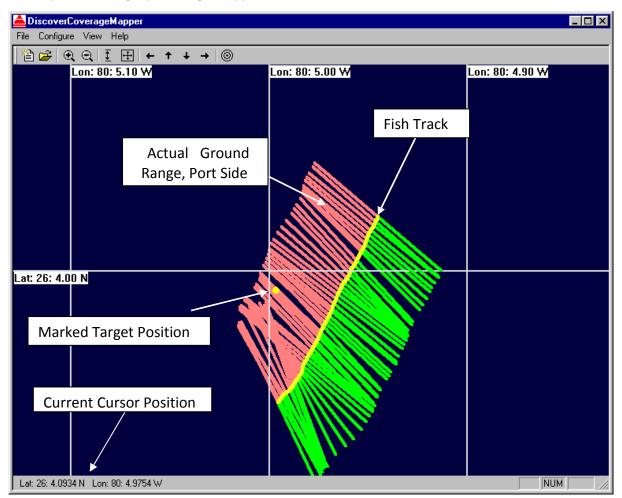


Figure A-1: Coverage Mapper Screen Example

The Coverage Mapper can be user configured to:

- Auto Pan (follow ship with fixed zoom factor)
- Auto Zoom (shrink scale as region is expanded) for larger areas of coverage.

The user may customize all the colors of the Coverage Mapper display such as: background, targets, grids, Towfish position, high and low frequency coverage, port and starboard, etc.

Coverage marks for indicating both the high frequency and low frequency system ranges.

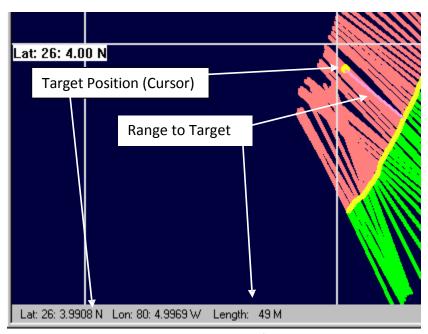


Figure A-2: Coverage Marks for HF and LF

Direct measurement of distance between two points on the Mapper screen, in meters, is provided by using the mouse RIGHT "click and drag" function. See above.

Other features and controls provided are:

- Zoom IN/Zoom OUT
- Re-center screen on Fish Position
- Pan Up/Down (North/South)
- Pan Left/Right (East/West)
- Measure Area or Length

Users may select track items to be displayed/hidden (Boat Position, Fish Position, Targets, Coverage, etc.).

The coverage mapping feature uses significant amount of the CPU's resources. The following are the recommended minimum system specifications:

Display: Dual Screen Support
Memory (RAM): 512 Mbytes minimum

CPU: Pentium 4

A.1 Operation

As sonar data is acquired by the DISCOVER Side Scan application, the following data is sent in real-time to the Mapper application:



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• Current true ground range of side scan (affected by Bottom Tracker or manual fish height estimate)

- Navigation position of the survey vessel
- User entered Towfish layback (see DISCOVER 4200 Software Manual).

These parameters are used to plot the position of the ship, Towfish, and coverage area on the 2D latitude/longitude-based grid. Since the Towfish's internal compass is used to show the its heading, it is important that the compass is properly calibrated. (See Towfish Manual for instructions).

Targets marked and saved in Target Logger are sent to Coverage Mapper for plotting on the 2D grid.

For more information on the new Target Logger, see the provided addendum in the Manuals Folder: Target Logger Software Module Addendum [0018974].

All data used to construct the coverage map are saved as *.enl files for later recall. These files do not consume much space; however they will need to be erased periodically to keep disk clutter down.

A.2 Window Layout

Coverage Mapper Window layout is labeled in FIGURE A-3, and described in the following sections:

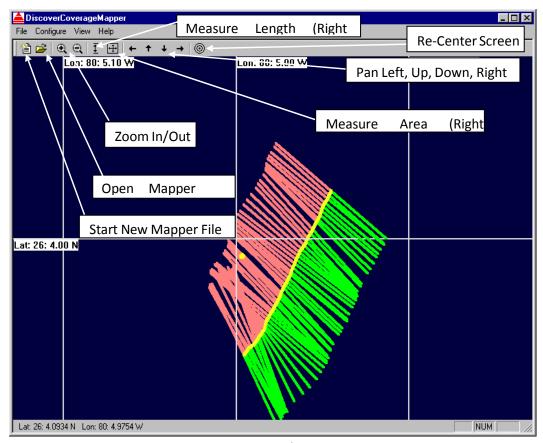


Figure A-3: Window Layout

A.2.1 Control Icons

The control icons, from left-to-right, are described as follows, as shown in FIGURE A-3.

START NEW MAPPER FILE: This clears the display screen of all information, closes the current file, and starts a new file.

OPEN MAPPER FILE: This opens an existing file, and displays the data onscreen. Subsequently acquired data is augmented to the display.

ZOOM IN/OUT: These change the scale factor of the display. The mouse scroll button (if equipped) performs the same function.

MEASURE LENGTH: LEFT click on this to change the mouse right click function to measure linear length in meters.

MEASURE AREA: LEFT click on this to change the mouse right click function to measure area square kilometers.

PAN LEFT, UP, DOWN AND RIGHT: Moves the center of the display to the side shown by the arrow.

RE-CENTER SCREEN: Forces the screen to be re-centered on the current fish position.

A.2.2 File Menu

The file menu is described as follows:

NEW: Click this to clear the screen and start a new file.

OPEN: Select a file for display in the window that opens.

EXIT: Select to exit the DISCOVER Coverage Mapper module.

A.2.3 Configuration Menu

The configuration menu is described as follows:

FOLDER SELECTION: This allows the user to choose the folder for storing Coverage Mapper files.

AUTOMATIC ZOOM: When selected, the display zoom factor is adjusted to ensure the Towfish position is displayed on screen

AUTOMATIC PAN: When selected, the display zoom factor is kept constant and the display is panned to ensure the Towfish position is displayed on screen

A.2.4 View Menu

The view menu is described as follows:

TOOLBAR: Toggles display of the shortcut toolbar on the top of the screen.



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SHIP POSITION: Toggles display of the ships position on/off.

FISH POSITION: Toggles display of the tow fish's position on/off.

TARGETS: Toggle suppression or display of target position on display.

COVERAGE HF: Toggle suppression or display of HF system coverage on display.

COVERAGE LF: Toggle suppression or display of LF system coverage on display.

ZOOM IN: Zoom in one scale factor.

ZOOM OUT: Zoom out one scale factor.

COLORS: Allows user selection of each of the color of each of the displayable parameters.

RE-CENTER DISPLAY: Forces the display to be re-centered on the current or latest fish position.

NOTE: There is an interaction between Coverage Mapper and Target Logger where in when the user double left clicks a target icon in the Coverage Mapper, it will be recalled and opened in the Targets Logger screen for review.