

Historic Bottom Characteristics and Abbreviations

Noun	Source Abbreviation	Chart Abbreviation
Boulders	Blds	Blds
Clay	Cl	Cy
Coral	Co	Co
Coral head	Cl Hd	Cl Hd*
Gravel	G	G
Grass	Grs	Grs
Mud	M	M
Ooze	Oz	Oz
Pebbles	P	P
Sand	S	S
Shells	Sh	Sh
Shingle	Sn	Sn
Silt	Silt	Si
Stones	St	St
Seaweed	Wd	Wd

Adjective	Source Abbreviation	Chart Abbreviation
Broken	brk	bk
Coarse	crs	c
Dark	dk	dk
Fine	fne	f
Gritty	gty	gty
Hard	hrd	h
Large	lrg	lrg
Light	lt	lt
Rocky	rky	rky
Small	sml	sml
Soft	sft	so
Speckled	spk	spk
Sticky	stk	sy

Color	Abbreviation
Black	bl
Blue	bu
Brown	br
Gray	gy
Green	gn
Orange	or
Red	rd
White	wh
Violet	vi
Yellow	yl

* also charted as CoHd; Other codes noted for source "digitized": 1) Silt 2) gyt = Baltic name for stiff organic-rich glacial clay.

(For recent codes from Charts, see: <http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/mcd/chartno1.htm> p.44-46 "J Nature of the Seabed")