SAR HAWK Surveyor

Quick-Start Guide June, 2019



SAR HAWK SURVEYOR

SAR HAWK SURVEYOR now available for commercial release – June, 2019 Dedicated playback and target analysis software for Humminbird® side-look sonar data and bathymetry from altitude. Reads SOLIX, HELIX, ION and all older formats Provides a waterfall for data review and target marking plus a "mapview" window showing the sonar and bathymetry data placed on a chart or satellite imagery, ready for export and reporting.

New features:

Automatic and manual bottom tracking. XYZ file export and import. Real-time bathy contour line generation. XYZ file background chart



SARHAWK Installation

Launch the installer and follow the prompts to install SARHAWK. Upon successful installation, you may launch SARHAWK directly from the installer.





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SAR HAWK folder Configuration

- On initial startup, SARHAWK, will begin in /Users/yourname/Documents/sarhawk_project
- If you want to save your SARHAWK projects elsewhere, set the path on the startup screen. As an example, we often just use C:/SARHAWK to make things easy to find.
- This is up to the user, and does not change an behavior, just personal preference.



SAR HAWK Charts Configuration

- If you have an internet connection, you can instruct SARHAWK to look for imagery and charts on the internet (covered below).
- If you have your own charts, you can tell SARHAWK where to find them.
- On the install disk we have provided a folder called "CHARTS". Drag this to the C drive, then as covered below tell SARHAWK to look in C:\Charts, and it will browse the folders there. You can later add your own charts to the same location



SAR HAWK Data Configuration

- SARHAWK reads Humminbird® files from your disk drive. It expects one ".DAT" file (as example, R00018.dat) and a folder named for that file (R00018) containing the associated ".son" and ".idx" files (i.e. B001.idx, B001.son, B002.idx, B002.son, B003.idx, B003.son, etc.)
- On the install disk we have provided a folder called "DATA". Drag this to the C drive, then as covered below tell SARHAWK to look in C:\Data, from which you can browse to the files you want. You can later add your own data to the same location
- Good luck, and enjoy.



SAR HAWK Walk-through: Launch SARHAWK from desktop icon

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Here you can select the working directory (or use what SARHAWK provides by default) and name/select your project. Provide a project name (Demo1) and select "Create". On splash-screen, if you have a good graphics card, select "Hardware Acceleration" (and s/w will restart)



SAR HAWK Walk-through:

Preliminaries (and not necessary, just nice to know): From the Tools Icon, you can define any sensor/GPS offsets note, these would be from center of boat.



As an example, if you know your antenna was in the bow of the boat and your sonar in the stern, you could measure their offsets and type them in. Not mandatory, just increases quality of SARHAWK target location estimates.



SAR HAWK Walk-through:

Preliminaries (and not necessary, just nice to know): You can also specify your color palettes, and Units preferences



SAR HAWK : work flow

We envision the user would take one of two paths:

Quick–look: just select your files, specify offsets / limits and press "GO"; SAR HAWK creates a mosaic in the background, and presents it on top of whatever pretty chart/photo it could find. Export for reports. This mode is not interactive, but it gives you the quickest look possible at your data, geo-coded over a chart or air/satellite photo, so you can see where you went, and what you covered. The resulting images and maps can be exported at user-specified resolution and format, ready for reporting or display in Google Earth/ArcGIS.

Playback – interactive mode. Again, select files – the .dat file – and press the start arrow. The waterfall starts, the mosaic starts, and you can control playback/processing and enjoy the view – zoom, mark targets, pause, measure, etc. Still makes mosaics. Use scissors to cut out turns (break swaths) and improve mosaics. Export. Create target reports, etc.



SAR HAWK: Adding Data



To load data, select the "Add Data" icon on the toobar, and choose either Quick Look (for a coverage map mosaic) or Playback, to scroll through your data



SAR HAWK: Adding Data

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For both Quick Look and Playback, you start by selecting the Humminbird® "DAT" file(circled in red). This should point to a similarly named folder (circled in blue) containing your .IDX and .SON files



SAR HAWK: Adding Data

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The Quick Look settings dialog allows you to add or remove files for review, adjust properties including mosaic resolution, beam width, swath clipping, normalization, contrast and feathering, plus navigation smoothing filters. These tools are all available interactively in playback. Default values usually work just fine, but feel free to experiment. More details available in the manual.

Click the START button to see your mosaic.



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SAR HAWK reads your data files, applies any specified smoothing and creates a mosaic, automatically supplying any background imagery it found in the Charts folder or over your internet connection.





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Select the "Chart Background Options" icon on the SAR HAWK toolbar to access the charts dialog. Use the Advanced dialog to check the "Online world imagery" box to auto-search images and charts on the web; select "Folders" to search local disk drive for your charts. Uncheck unwanted charts/images to get the background you want.

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On completion of your quick-look mosaic, you can pan and zoom, mark targets (just snippets from the mosaic) and export imagery to GeoTIFF, ArcGIS or Google Earth (select Export icon on toolbar). Adjust the resolution to get the chart size you want, or change the coverage. You can also select to include the background images or leave it blank.



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SAR HAWK quick-look mosaic exported to Google Earth (transparent background, 1 meter resolution)



SAR HAWK : Playback



For a more interactive experience with the data, use the Playback mode. Again, you select the "*.dat" (data) file, and it must point to the folder with the .son and .idx data.



SAR HAWK : Playback



This is the INTERACTIVE mode. Selecting the "Playback" option offers the user a waterfall, and the ability to adjust brightness and contrast, zoom in, mark targets and plot them on the mosaic and background image. If you don't see the waterfall at first, just click left on the waterfall icon on the toolbar, circled in red above.



SAR HAWK: Playback zoom

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SAR HAWK allows you to "ZOOM IN" on your waterfall to focus only on meaningful data. Select the waterfall zoom icon (circled in red) then drag a box through the oscilloscope and waterfall.



SAR HAWK : Playback zoom

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SAR HAWK will zoom in on both the oscilloscope and waterfall, allowing you to see targets better. This is independent of any clipping and trimming in the mosaic.



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If you want to remove the water-column and see the data in ground range, just select the slant/ground toggle at the upper right of the waterfall toolbar (circled in red).



SAR HAWK : Bottom Tracking

Bottom tracking options are Auto, Manual, and Disabled.

When Disabled, Sarhawk uses existing altitude data to track the bottom.

When set to Manual, the user may manually set bottom tracking by clicking within the oscilloscope window.

When set to Auto, Sarhawk uses sophisticated bottom tracking algorithms to do automatic bottom tracking!







Select the Waterfall Target tool for target marking in the waterfall. Specify box size and comments, then left click on targets as they pass; a "diamond" appears on the waterfall, and a target mark on the mosaic.



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If you pass over targets you have marked before, SAR HAWK will alert you to where you marked them before with a dashed green box.



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If you mark the target again, the new mark is posted along with the previous in the mosaic. You can adjust display of target snippets and marks in the mosaic from the Mosaic Properties icon on the toolbar.



SAR HAWK: Targeting Modes



Select target mode from the Targeting Mini-menu on the waterfall. "Snapshot" targets are just snippets from the waterfall, so can even show objects in the water column. "Geo-coded" targets are geoTIFFs so allow accurate measurement of targets.

SAR HAWK: Targeting modes



In this example, the target was marked in "snapshot" mode; the data are in slant range, and at native "ping and pixel" resolution (no gridding).





In this example, the same target has been marked in Geo-coded mode: the resulting image is a north-up geo-coded GeoTIFF snipped from the mosaic at full resolution. The data have been corrected and gridded.





You can use the Waterfall alerts to help you review data. If you see a target, select the Waterfall zoom icon (circled) then click and drag a box around your area of interest on the waterfall.





SAR HAWK will zoom the waterfall to your area of interest If the waterfall stops scrolling, push the slider back to the top to re-start the scroll. You can mark targets just as before.





Select the "Contacts" icon on the main toolbar for the Contacts dialog, where you can select, view, zoom (+/- on keyboard) and measure your contacts. Use the Contacts toolbar tool to measure and change views.





The contact tool allows you to browse, measure and export your contacts. Here we show measurement of target length, width and height (from shadow length). This works best on geo-coded targets.





Right click on any target in the contact view to rename, edit, annotate or delete. You can also add contacts to the "staging table" from which you can create a report, export as a CSV list or send targets to a plotter.





Sample HTML contact report created from the contacts in the SAR HAWK staging table.



SAR HAWK: Bathymetry

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SAR HAWK creates single beam bathy mosaic from existing altitude data or bottom track altitude. Adjust the beam width via the processing controls. Adjust the colormap, minimum, and maximum values by clicking on the bathy legend in the top right corner.



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SAR HAWK : Bathymetry

SAR HAWK now supports realtime contour generation for bathymetry created from existing altitude data collected by your depth sounder.

Click on the bathy legend to access the contour generation settings.

Click the contour checkbox to enable or disable contour lines.

Base value refers to the depth where the first contour will be generated. Interval refers to the interval at which additional contour lines are generated. Opacity adjusts the transparency of the contour lines.



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SAR HAWK: XYZ Export

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Single beam bathy mosaic created from altitude meta-data or bottom-track altitude may be exported as XYZ file for use a background bathy charts or for importing into other GIS programs.



SAR HAWK: XYZ Import



Manually load a XYZ file from the chart loader to create a background bathy chart. Adjust the resulting background chart using the options in the XYZ loader. See the User manual section 5.7 for details.



SAR HAWK : Mosaic (coverage map)







During playback, click the "New Swath" (scissors) icon in SAR HAWK to "cut" the current swath, and start a new one. This can be useful for cutting out turns, and creating separate swaths for each pass.



SAR HAWK : Mosaic (coverage map)

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The user can "un-check" swaths in the Swath list, to hide turns. Drag the swath name up or down in the list to re-layer the mosaic image.



SAR HAWK: Mosaic (coverage map) SAR HAWK

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Use the "clip" values to cut out bad data from the middle and far edges of the swath. Use the Filters menu to apply de-spiking and smoothing filters to position, heading and altitude. Position usually needs smoothing, altitude may need de-spiking then smoothing.



SAR HAWK: Playback Mosaic



Playback mosaics are the same as quick-look mosaics, you can pan and zoom, mark targets (just snippets from the mosaic) and export imagery to GeoTIFF, ArcGIS or Google Earth (select Export icon on toolbar)



Summary

- Single beam bathy, XYZ export/import, Automatic Bottom Tracking
- Reads all current versions of Humminbird® side-look data
- Projects can be re-opened for review, editing and addition of new data (from the same area)
- Supports target marking, analysis, export and reporting SAR HAWK SURVEYOR Manual on the disk

