

OpenCPN Chart Plotter - Project Data

Title: FREE OpenCPN chart plotter software

Objective: Show the features of OpenCPN, how to download it, how to get charts

and discuss the help that QYC will offer to install OpenCPN and charts

on student computers

Speaker(s): Kevin Jones, Rick Oppegaard, Perry Hansen

QYC Only?: No

Date: 26 Oct, 2016

Time: 7-9 PM

Duration: 120 minutes

Location: Vashon Library

Space Required: Room with tables, chairs and projection screen

Supplies to bring: Laptop and power cable, projector and power cable, laptop to

projector cable, USB GPS antenna

Tools to bring: None Props & Examples: None

Advertising plan: Advertise tech talk w/ flyer at QMM, library, grocery store, HW store,

Burton Boat, QYC (Meyers Hut, top of hill bulletin board, dock gate),

preview at QYC meeting



OpenCPN Chart Plotter - Time Mgmt

7:00	Welcome / Overview / Approach
7:10	OpenCPN Features
8:00	Limitations
8:15	Download OpenCPN to student devices
8:25	Download US charts to student devices
8:35	Download global charts to student devices
8:45	Student surveys
8:50	Pack equipment
9:00	Done



QUARTERMASTER YACHT CLUB – Tech Talk Introduction

WELCOME to QYC Tech Talks!

- A Tech Talk is...
 - An <u>exchange</u> of information, ideas and experience
 - More dialogue than "teaching"
 - A little structure
- We encourage...
 - Listening, learning & contributing
 - Discussion and debate
 - Questions
- Our next Tech Talk is:



■ 16 November, 2016 at 7PM — Rescue & Lifesaving Essentials

Together, to Learn From Each Other



OpenCPN Chart Plotter - Overview

- Free PC based chart plotter / navigation software & worldwide charts
- Connects with & displays vessel navigation equipment data
- Key features:
 - Chart plotter showing ships position
 - Chart management
 - Waypoints & routes / Route manager
 - Tides & currents
 - Man overboard feature
 - AIS data display
 - Anchor watch
 - Weather data overlay
 - User guide





OpenCPN Chart Plotter - Approach

- Provide demo of OpenCPN capabilities today
- How to find OpenCPN software for download today
- OpenCPN / Chart download and setup
 - Separate session if desired
- OpenCPN advanced user options future?
- OpenCPN integration with your boat nav system
 - Maybe



OpenCPN Chart Plotter - GRIB Request

- Initiate request using OpenCPN
- Email to Query@saildocs.com

From: Kevin Jones

Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2016 10:42 PM

To: Query@saildocs.com

Subject: thanks

send GFS:52N,48N,130W,120W | 0.25,0.25 | 0,6,12..72 | WIND,PRESS,GUST

Download file from return email

From: query-reply@saildocs.com

Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2016 10:43 PM

To: Kevin Jones

Subject: GFS:52N,48N,130W,120W

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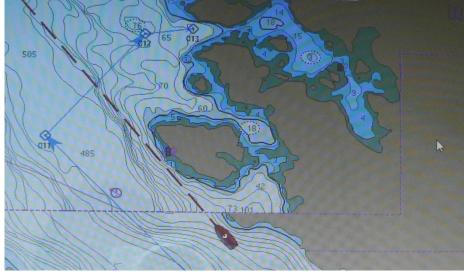


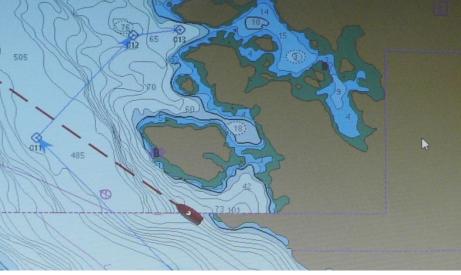
OpenCPN Chart Plotter - Limitations

Vector chart quilting





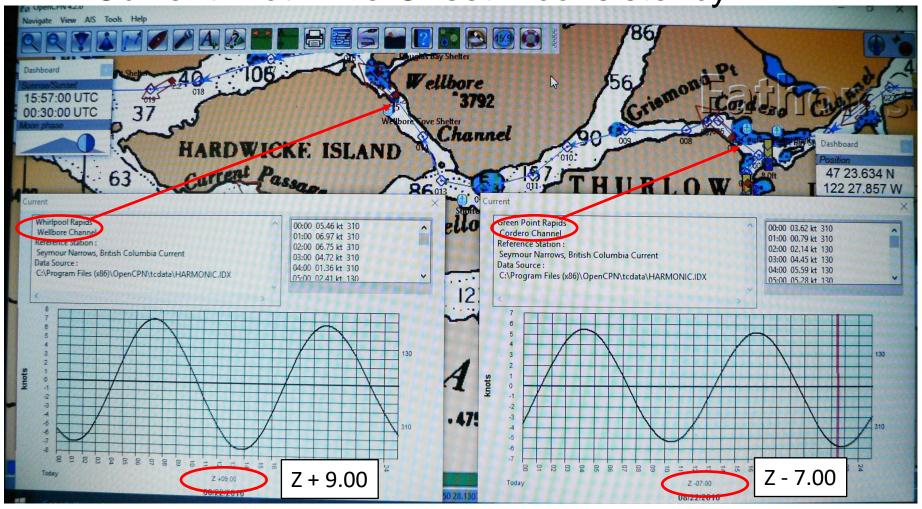






OpenCPN Chart Plotter - Limitations

Current Plot Time Offset Inconsistency





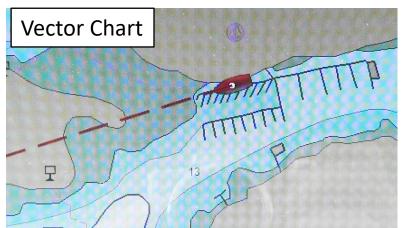
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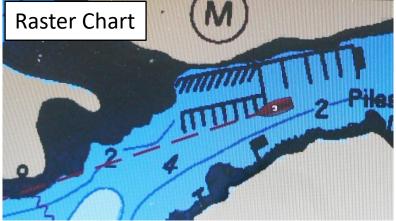
- Some Tide Plot units in meters
 - Even though depth units = Feet
 - Texada Mines
 - Squitty Bay (Lasqueti Island)
 - Comox
 - Nanoose Bay
 - Crofton
 - Probably others



OpenCPN Chart Plotter - Limitations

Chart position data inaccuracies – Secret Cove







Discussed in detail at Nautical Chart Accuracy Limits Tech Talk

OpenCPN Chart Plotter - Where to find

http://opencpn.org/ocpn/download

- Global chart file: Cm93 jan 2011
- Canadian chart file: NDI folder



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