

Electronic Chart and Nautical Publication DVDs Celebrate 5th Year

2010 Edition updates over 3,000 NOAA and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers electronic charts and 176 Government Publications, Reference Texts, and Nautical Calculators

MINNEAPOLIS, MN (January 26, 2010) — *Managing the Waterway* cruising guide authors, Mark and Diana Doyle, have released their fifth annual update of *Managing the Waterway: Complete Electronic Chart and Nautical Reference Library* (2-DVD Set).

“I’ll be honest,” states Doyle, “When we started downloading NOAA charts as a convenience for our cruising guide customers we never thought the product would evolve like this or that we’d be doing updates five years later.”

DVD 1 contains the entire NOAA raster chart library in standard BSB format. The charts are organized into nine popular cruising geographies and cataloged for easy loading and unloading into all of the popular e-charting applications including Coastal Explorer, Fugawi, The Capn, Nobeltec VNS and Admiral, MacENC, and others.

DVD 2 contains vector charts, nautical publications, and free & trial e-charting applications.

Complete NOAA ENC and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers IENC vector chart libraries are both included in standard S-57 format. NOAA covers coastwise U.S. waters as well as Pacific & Caribbean “possessions and interests.” The USACE is responsible for Inland Waterways including the Great Loop route from Chicago to Mobile.

United States and International cruisers can easily reference and search the following Acrobat PDF and HTML government publications, reference texts, and nautical calculators:

American Practical Navigator (Bowditch)
Atlas of Pilot Charts
Canadian Coast Guard Radio Aids to Navigation
Chart No. 1 (Paper/Raster & Electronic/Vector)
Distances Between Ports Pub. 151
Distances Between U.S. Ports
Federal Meteorological Handbook No. 1
Handbook of Compass Adjustment
International Code of Signals Pub. 102
Magnetic Variation Charts
Marine Weather Service Charts
Mariner’s Guide for Hurricane Awareness
MF and HF Channels
Nautical Calculators
Nautical Chart User’s Manual
Navigation Rules (International & Inland)

NGA List of Lights
NOAA Coast Pilots
NOAA Hurricane Basics
NWS Observing Handbook No. 1
Radar Navigation Manual Pub. 1310
Radio Navigation Aids Pub. 117
Sailing Directions (Enroute)
Sailing Directions (Planning Guides)
Sight Reduction Tables Pub. 229
Sight Reduction Tables Pub. 249
State Chart Catalogs
The (CIA) World Factbook
USCG Light Lists
U.S. VHF Channels
World Port Index Pub. 150
Worldwide Marine Radiofax Broadcast Schedules

For those new to e-charting, or for those current e-charting users who would like to test drive another application, free and trial software for both the PC and Macintosh includes Rose Point Navigation Systems Coastal Explorer, Fugawi Marine ENC, MacENC, NavSim BoatCruiser, SeaClear II, and TIKI Navigator.

Doyle summarizes, “NOAA and the USACE updated 3,000 plus e-charts this year. And 56 (32%) of the 176 publications also received updates. That’s a lot of change! This is a convenience product. Think buying a chicken at the supermarket on the way home so the family can have a hot meal, quickly and inexpensively. Although boaters can find and download many of these digital assets themselves, we think they’d rather be out on the water.”

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