

TERRY'S TOPICS #143: RECAP AS OF 16 December 2023



SUMMARY OF UPDATES:

- 1) ANCHORAGES: IndonesiaAnchorageV47 and PhilippineAnchorageV49.
- 2) MISCELLANEOUS: Link to Passage Guardian website.
- 3) OpenCPN: Portable O PI2USA Rev2 and Portable O PI2Africa.
- 4) SATELLITE CHARTS: IndonesiaRev41
- 5) SAT2CHART: New program version 16.0.10.0

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New or revised topics since 27 October 2023 recap are shown in GREEN.

Please read [THIS](#) if you haven't seen it previously. (Reprint from Terry's Topics #104)


ANCHORAGES: These anchorage locations are best displayed in the OpenCPN navigation program. Remember that if you right-click on an anchorage symbol and select 'Properties' there is often more information about this anchorage (See Tip#5 in [Terry's Tips Rev8](#)). Anchorages in Indonesia and Malaysia that begin with the prefix SM- have additional information as explained in the notes for these anchorages. Also remember that if you place the anchorage .gpx file in the OpenCPN 'Layers' folder you can selectively display the list of anchorages in the Waypoints tab and turn on or off their display on the screen.

AfricaPortsLocationsV1o5
Africa.ports.locations.v1o5

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NOTE: Location of eight

AndamanIslandsAnchoragesV1o5 [Download](#) 20KB NOTE: Maintenance update.

AustraliaAnchoragesV6 [Download](#) 1.1MB NOTE: New anchorages and moorings courtesy of SV OLENA. Anchorages extracted from 'Cruising the Coral Coast, Alan Lucas 9th Edition' are indicated by a red anchor icon.  Previously: [Eastern Australia] New anchorages courtesy of SV SuAn. A major update. To be able to follow links contained within many of the anchorages, it is necessary to download a number of .pdf files and place them on the computer's C:\ drive. [Download this folder](#), uncompress it and place these 8 .pdf files contained within the folder, NOT the folder, on the C:\ drive. Other anchorages will also contain links which can be followed only when online.

AustraliaWacgAnchorages [Download](#) 774KB NOTE: [Western Australia] These anchorages are intended to be used with the Western Australia Cruising Guide. The guide, companion satcharts and Navionics charts are available below for download. A description of these integrated with the OpenCPN program can be [downloaded here](#).

CambodiaAnchoragesV1o5 [Download](#) 3KB NOTE: Anchorages courtesy of SV SONGBIRD 50.

EastTimorAnchoragesV2 [Download](#) 8KB NOTE: Anchorages courtesy of SV CARPE DIEM. East Timor is also known as Timor Leste. Information for visiting yachts can be downloaded from [this link](#).

FijiAnchoragesV4 [Download](#) 287KB NOTE: New anchorages from [Fiji Shores & Marinas 2020](#). (Download from the web)

FrenchPolynesiaAnchoragesV1 [Download](#) 153KB NOTE: Anchorages courtesy of SV SuAn and Zulu Waterways. Includes the islands of Ahe, Armanu, Bora Bora, Fakarava, Hao, Huahini, Katiu, Kauehi, Makatea, Makemo, Maniki, Maupihaa, Maupiti, Nuku Hiva, Raiatea, Rangiroa, Tahanea, Tahiti, Tahuata, UaHuka and Uapou.

HelenReefAnchoragesV2o5 [Download](#) 2KB NOTE: Maintenance update.

IndianOceanAnchoragesV1 [Download](#) 36KB NOTE: Adds anchorages in the following locations: BASSAS DA INDIA, COCOS KEELING, COMOROS, MAYOTTE and ZANZIBAR.

IndonesiaAnchoragesV47 [Download](#) 1.04MB NOTE: Adds anchorages from [Toucan's Retreat](#) (in the Rajah Ampat area) and from SV OLENA. Previously: 1) Includes anchorages in the Anambas and Natuna Islands. 2)

Additional information can be found in [Anambas Cruising Notes](#). 3) SM- Special case: From Sail Malaysia there are anchorages that begin with the prefix **SM-**. These anchorages do not have information in the Description page of the 'Properties'. Instead, do the following. Download the *Sail Malaysia Pilot October 17th 2019* from [this link](#). Place the downloaded .pdf file directly under the C: drive. Do not change the guide name. For any of the anchorages that begin with **SM-**, right-click on the anchorage symbol and select 'Properties'. On the 'Basic' page scroll down to find a link 'Sail Malaysia Cruising Guide'. Click on this link to open in your Internet browser (offline) to display a description of that particular anchorage in the guide.

Additional information can be found In [Indonesia-101 Anchorages](#) 23MB

JapanMarinas&PortsV17 [Download](#) 447KB NOTE: Maintenance update. Previously: Ports courtesy of SV SuAn and Kirk Patterson (ex SV SILK-PURSE).

JohnstonAtollAnchoragesV1 [Download](#) 3KB NOTE: New anchorages courtesy of Zulu Waterways.

KenyaAnchoragesV2 [Download](#) 11KB NOTE: New anchorages courtesy of Zulu Waterways.

KoreaMarinasV1o5 [Download](#) 2KB NOTE: New addition with maintenance update.

MadagascarAnchoragesV1 [Download](#) 19KB NOTE: New anchorages courtesy of SV ALBA and Zulu Waterways.

MalaysiaAnchoragesV25 [Download](#) 680KB NOTE: 1) Adds new anchorages. 2) Cruising Guide: From Sail Malaysia there are anchorages that begin with the prefix **SM-**. These anchorages do not have information in the Description page of the 'Properties'. Instead, do the following. Download the *Sail Malaysia Pilot October 17th 2019* from [this link](#) (960KB). Place the downloaded .pdf file directly under the C: drive. Do not change any guide name. For any of the anchorages that begin with **SM-**, right-click on the anchorage symbol and select 'Properties'. On the 'Basic' page scroll down to find a link 'Sail Malaysia Cruising Guide'. Click on this link to open in your Internet browser (offline) to display a description of that particular anchorage in the guide.

MaldivesAnchoragesV5 [Download](#) 193KB NOTE: Maintenance update. Previously: New additions courtesy of SV SOGGY PAWS, SV TOTEM and Zulu Waterways. It is important to note that the anchorage waypoints now contain links to websites (requiring the user to be online) and/or links to the relevant page in Mr John's Cruising Guide (at anytime for users with a PC). But for the latter to work the Mr John's Cruising Guide must be downloaded and

placed directly on the C: drive of the computer. CAUTION – [only this version](#) of Mr John's Cruising Guide will work and I recommend you download this version even if you have a copy. An additional guide from Mr John describing the Port of Arrival in Uligan is available [here](#) but does not contain links as in the anchorage waypoints. And for the Mac users the option you have is that the description of an anchorage waypoint with a Mr John's Cruising Guide link will have the relevant page number for you to search through in any copy of Mr John's Cruising Guide.

MaldivesScubaSitesV1 [Download](#) 31KB NOTE: New locations courtesy of SV SOGGY PAWS. I recommend including with the Maldives Anchorages in the Layers folder of OpenCPN.

MicronesiaAnchoragesV1 [Download](#) 23KB NOTE: Anchorages courtesy of Zulu Waterways.

MozambiqueAnchoragesV2 [Download](#) 46KB NOTE: New additions courtesy of SV ALBA.

NewCaledoniaAnchoragesV3 [Download](#) 75KB NOTE: New additions courtesy of SV SuAn.

NewZealandAnchoragesV2 [Download](#) 60KB NOTE: Adds new anchorages.

NiueAnchoragesV1 [Download](#) 1KB NOTE: Location of the Niue Yacht Club moorings with thanks to Keith Vial.

PalauAnchoragesV5 [Download](#) 97KB NOTE: New anchorages courtesy of SV SOOKE.

PalmerstonIslandAnchorageV2 [Download](#) 1KB NOTE: Maintenance update.

PapuaNewGuineaAnchoragesV10 [Download](#) 163KB NOTE: Maintenance update. Previously: New anchorages courtesy of SV OBIWAN. Previously: 1) Adds new anchorages in the Louisiades. *These new anchorages have a link in the Description that opens the relevant page in the Louisiades Cruising Guide if you [download the guide](#) (6MB) and place it directly on the C:\ drive.* 2) Some anchorages are described in the *Niuguini Blue Oct 2013* issue. Download the issue from [this link](#) (11.9MB). Place the downloaded .pdf file directly under the C: drive. Do not change the name. For any of the anchorages that begin with a number from '1' to '10' right-click on the anchorage symbol and select 'Properties'. On the 'Basic' page scroll down to find a link '[Niuguini Blue Oct 2013](#)'. Click on this link to open the issue in .pdf format.

PhilippineAnchoragesV49 anchorages and moorings primarily in the Busunga area.	Download 817KB	NOTE: Update of
SeychellesAnchoragesV3 courtesy of Zulu Waterways.	Download 38KB	NOTE: New anchorages
SolomonIslandsAnchoragesV4 courtesy of SV SuAn.	Download 151KB	NOTE: New anchorages
SriLankaAnchoragesV1 courtesy of Zulu Waterways.	Download 19KB	NOTE: New anchorages
TaiwanMarinasV1o5 update.	Download 22KB	NOTE: Maintenance
TanzaniaAnchoragesV2 courtesy of Zulu Waterways.	Download 16KB`	NOTE: New anchorages
ThailandAnchoragesV16 anchorages Additional information in Kraden to Langkawi Cruising Guide , Phuket to Ko Muk Cruising Guide and Similan and Surin Islands Cruising Guide . The information in these guides has been added to the description of Thailand anchorages beginning with TH- . <i>Download the guides only if you want the entire documents.</i>	Download 279KB	NOTE: Adds new
Tonga AnchoragesV1 courtesy of SV SuAn. Includes Minerva Reef,	Download 13KB	NOTE: New anchorages
VanuatuAnchoragesV4 courtesy of SV COMPLICITE. Previously: To be able to follow links contained within many of the anchorages, it is necessary to download this .pdf file (extract the zip file to get the PDF file) and place it on the PC computer's C:\ drive.	Download 213KB	NOTE: New anchorages

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CM93 CHARTS

Cm93Ed2(2007) The May 2007 version of the cm93 vector charts is available:

- either the full (80N to 80S) [Download](#) 1.04 GB
- or a small (40N to 40S) version [Download](#) 407 MB

Cm93Ed2(2015) The May 2015 version of the cm93 vector charts is available. [Download](#) 1.33GB

CRUISING GUIDES

1) CRUISING SERVICES GUIDES (with thanks to Neil and Ley of ex-SV CRYSTAL BLUES)

[Andaman & Nicobar Islands](#), [Brunei](#), [Hong Kong-Vietnam-Indonesia](#), [Malaysia](#), [Miri](#), [Sarawak&Sabah](#), [Singapore](#), [Thailand](#)

2) MV SOLITA'S GUIDES (with thanks to Sue and John of MV SOLITA)

[Australia to Malaysia](#) [Brunei](#) [Palawan-Calamian](#) [Port Carmen Repair Yards](#)
[Puerto Galera-Mindoro](#) [Visayan Islands](#) [Sabah-Borneo](#)

3) LOUISIADES CRUISING GUIDE This [guide](#) (6MB) has been integrated with the Papua New Guinea Anchorages wherein a link in the Description of an anchorage will open the relevant page in the guide. To avail of this feature on a PC place the downloaded guide directly under the C:\ drive.

4) MR JOHN'S CRUISING GUIDE TO THE MALDIVES (24MB) As described in the *MaldivesAnchoragesV3*, PC users are advised to download this [guide](#) and place it under the C:\ drive. An additional guide from Mr John describing the *Port of Arrival in Uligan* is available [here](#).

5) WESTERN AUSTRALIA CRUISING GUIDE This edition (5.3) is the one I have integrated with OpenCPN for anchorages, waypoints, satcharts, and Navionics charts. I have made some corrections to the guide which can be [downloaded here](#). For a PC place the downloaded guide directly under the C:\ drive. For a Mac there is a workaround explained in [this document](#) which describes features of the waypoints when integrated with OpenCPN (Also listed under OpenCPN below for download).

6) SEA-SEEK CRUISING GUIDES [Indian Ocean](#) [Pacific Ocean](#) NOTE:
Several of the guides are in the French language.

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MISCELLANEOUS:

AstroNavigation Course [Link to website](#) NOTE: This online course is made possible by The Blended & Online Learning Design (**BOLD**) Fellows Program and is hosted by Vanderbilt University.

Common COM Ports for USB GPS [Download](#) 11KB NOTE: The procedure to create common COM port numbers for all USB ports on a Windows computer.

Dengue Fever Guidelines [Download](#) 235KB NOTE: Find the correct treatment for this sometimes fatal disease.

*FijiScubaSitesV1 [Download](#) 220KB NOTE: New dive sites courtesy of SV OLENA.

GPX Editor [Download](#) 889KB NOTE: A handy program for manipulating .gpx files such as tracks, routes, waypoints, etc.

*Indonesia Power Cables Rev1 [Download](#) 10KB NOTE: Added new location. This file now contains 2 locations where power cables are known to exist. In OpenCPN import this .gpx file using the *Route&Mark Manager* or alternatively place in the *Layers* folder (Recommended).

*Indonesia Internet 2022 Rev4 [Download](#) 34KB NOTE: Update to locations in Indonesia where internet signals were found or lost. Compiled by Sherry on SV SOGGY PAWS.


*Philippine Power Cables Rev15 [Download](#) 88KB NOTE: Added new location. This file now contains 31 locations where power cables are known to exist. In OpenCPN import this .gpx file using the *Route&Mark Manager* or alternatively place in the *Layers* folder (Recommended).

**Remember that if you place these.gpx files in the OpenCPN 'Layers' folder you can selectively display them on the screen. (To add/delete these files see Tip#11 in [Terry's Tips Rev8](#))*

Passage Guardian [Link to website](#) NOTE: A global (free of charge) safety service for recreational vessels conducting ocean passages.

Prevention & Control of Dengue [Download](#) 2.4MB NOTE: This comprehensive document is from the World Health Organization.

Red Arrow Pointer [Download](#) 1KB NOTE: Replace that

hard-to-see mouse pointer with a 'senior citizen' one!  After download, unzip and move to C:\Windows\Cursors. Go to the Control Panel and change how the mouse pointer looks.

OpenCPN for Android [Purchase from Google Play store](#) NOTE: Latest version is 5.8.4 released 24 July 2023. Be careful to download the 'Dave Register' version which is supported. It will automatically update if previously purchased. I suggest you also join the forum [here](#).

Portable OpenCPN Guide Rev2 [Download](#) 5MB NOTE: A description of the procedure to create a portable version of the OpenCPN program which can be loaded on a memory stick, complete with charts, anchorages, routes, etc. You also have the option of leaving the program on the computer. Windows only.

[PortableO PI2USA Rev2](#) [Download](#) 5GB NOTE: A portable version of OpenCPN wth anchorages and charts spanning from the Philippines to the west coast of the USA. Revised to include additional anchorages. Windows only.

[PortableO PI2Africa](#) [Download](#) 8.2GB NOTE: A portable version of OpenCPN wth anchorages and charts spanning from the Philippines to the east coast of Africa. Windows only.

Terry's Tips Rev8 [Download](#) 25MB NOTE: Added #17 'The 'Ultimate' Anchorage Waypoint'.

Viewing KAP vs MBTILES [Download](#) 2MB NOTE: Don't get frustrated viewing the two types of overlay charts in OpenCPN 5.

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ROUTES:

Anambas Routes Rev1o5 [Download](#) 72KB NOTE: Routes courtesy of Neville on SV ALBA. Maintenance update.

Fiji Routes Rev1 [Download](#) 458KB NOTE: Updated routes courtesy of SV Olena.

Japan Cruising Routes [Follow this link](#) NOTE: A collection of routes from Kirk Patterson of [Konpira Consulting](#). His comment: *"In this seven-part "Kirk's Take" series, I provide information to help foreign boats consider their Japan cruising options. And I highlight some of the special sights and attractions along each route."*

Mozambique Routes Rev1o5 [Download](#) 54KB NOTE: Routes courtesy of Neville on SV ALBA.

Palau Routes Rev1o5 [Download](#) 16KB NOTE: A collection of routes to enter/exit and within the atoll. Maintenance update.

Philippine Harbor Entrances Rev14 [Download](#) 76KB NOTE: A collection of routes to enter 20 harbors in the Philippines including a typhoon hole in Mindanao. In OpenCPN import the file into the Routes page of the Route Manager or alternatively place the .gpx file in the Layers folder (recommended).

Thailand Marina Entrances Rev3o5 [Download](#) 39KB NOTE: Routes to enter marinas at Phuket (Boat Lagoon), Krabi (Boat Lagoon and Port Takloa), PSS Shipyard Satun and Racer Marina.

Remember that if you place these.gpx files in the OpenCPN 'Layers' folder you can selectively display them on the screen. (To add/delete these files see Tip#11 in [Terry's Tips Rev8](#))

SAILING DIRECTIONS SE ASIA:

SailingDirectionsSEAsia [Download](#) 34MB NOTE: NGA (National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency) publications.

SAS PLANET:

SAS Planet Program [Download from web here](#) NOTE: Scroll down to the link "Sasplanet.zip". It has 'tweaks' to work with Sas2Chart.

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SATELLITE CHARTS

(Formerly titled 'GE2KAP OVERLAY CHARTS' I've changed the name since the chart sources are now more than GE (Google Earth) and the type of charts are both KAP and the new Mbtiles charts. I've created these charts with the Sat2Chart program listed below. These charts are best displayed in the OpenCPN [V5 and above] navigation program listed above.)

Don't forget to delete the old and add the new directory and rebuild both the charts database and chart groups (if applicable) in OpenCPN.

AfricaPortsRev2 [Download](#) 131MB **NOTE:** Companion charts to Africa Ports Location. Adds Navionics charts.

AndamanIslandsDepthCharts [Download](#) 18MB **NOTE:** To help locate the depth chart the name begins with 'AD'. You have the option of including these in a Chart Group with the Indonesia satcharts or making a separate Chart Group for just these charts. As always, it is a choice of configuration chosen by the user.

AndamanIslandsRev2 [Download](#) 34MB **NOTE:** Companion charts to Andaman Islands Anchorages. Adds Navionics charts with 'Navionics' in the name.

AustraliaRev6Nav [Download](#) 465MB **NOTE:** Companion Navionics/C-Map charts to Australia Anchorages.

AustraliaRev6Sat [Download](#) 2.15GB **NOTE:** Companion Satcharts to Australia Anchorages.

NOTE: As an alternative to downloading the entire file of the new revision if you already have the *AustraliaRev5Sat* folder, do the following:

Download these [additional charts](#) 34MB Uncompress the file then move the downloaded charts into the *AustraliaRev5Sat* folder and rename the folder as *AustraliaRev6Sat*.

A HINT ABOUT THE ABOVE TWO CHARTS: I recommend you make two Chart Groups; one for Nav and one for Sat, to facilitate displaying the charts.

AustraliaWacgNavCharts [Download](#) 190MB **NOTE:** Companion Navionics charts for the Western Australia Cruising Guide.

AustraliaWacgSatCharts [Download](#) 1.14GB **NOTE:** Companion satcharts for the Western Australia Cruising Guide.

CambodiaRev1 [Download](#) 28MB **NOTE:** Companion charts to Cambodia Anchorages. Adds Navionics charts with 'Navionics' in the name.

Caribbean Charts [Download](#) 22KB **NOTE:** Unzip the downloaded document. It contains links to the available satellite imagery sources for 16 countries in and bordering the Caribbean Sea. An extensive effort by the author of the Sat2Chart program, Paul Higgins.

EastTimorRev2 [Download](#) 34MB **NOTE:** Companion charts to East Timor Anchorages.

HelenReef Depth Chart [Download](#) 8.5MB NOTE: A single depth chart for Helen Reef. The name begins with 'HD'.

HelenReefRev 2 [Download](#) 5MB NOTE: Companion charts to Helen Reef Anchorage.

FIJIRev6 [Download](#) 723MB NOTE: Companion charts to Fiji Anchorages. Adds Navionics charts covering areas titled FNAV01-18.

FrenchPolynesiaRev1 [Download](#) 378MB NOTE: Companion charts to French Polynesia Anchorages.

IndianOceanRev2 [Download](#) 217MB NOTE: Companion charts to Indian Ocean Anchorages. Adds Navionics charts with 'Navionics' in the name.

IndonesiaDepthChartsRev3 [Download](#) 210MB NOTE: Adds new charts. To help locate the depth chart the name begins with 'ID'. You have the option of including these in a Chart Group with the Indonesia satcharts or making a separate Chart Group for just these charts. As always, it is a choice of configuration chosen by the user.

IndonesiaRev41 [Download](#) 2.65GB NOTE: Adds companion charts to new anchorages.

NOTE: As an alternative to downloading the entire file of the new revision if you already have the *IndonesiaRev40* folder, do the following:

1) Delete the chart "TualLg.mbtiles" from the *IndonesiaRev40* folder and then

2) Download [these additional charts](#) 05MB Uncompress the file then move the downloaded charts into the *IndonesiaRev40* folder and rename the folder as *IndonesiaRev41*.

JapanRev17 [Download](#) 702MB NOTE: Companion charts to JapanMarinas&Ports. Adds Navionics charts with 'Navionics' in the name.

JohnstonAtollRev1 [Download](#) 9MB NOTE: Companion charts to Johnston Atoll Anchorages. Also download [this chart image](#).

Don't forget to delete the old and add the new directory and rebuild both the charts database and chart groups (if applicable) in OpenCPN.

KenyaRev2 [Download](#) 70MB NOTE: Companion charts to Kenya Anchorages.

KoreaRev2 [Download](#) 39MB NOTE: Companion charts for the Korea Marinas.

MadagascarRev1 [Download](#) 240MB NOTE: Companion charts for the Madagascar Anchorages.

MalaysiaRev28 [Download](#) 883MB NOTE: Companion charts to Malaysia Anchorages. Adds Navionics charts with 'Navionics' in the name.

Malaysia Depth Charts [Download](#) 144MB NOTE: To help locate the depth chart the name begins with 'MD'. You have the option of including these in a Chart Group with the Malaysia satcharts or making a separate Chart Group for just these charts. As always, it is a choice of configuration chosen by the user..

Don't forget to delete the old and add the new directory and rebuild both the charts database and chart groups (if applicable) in OpenCPN.

MaldivesRev4 [Download](#) 756MB NOTE: Companion charts to Maldives Anchorages and Maldives Scuba Sites

MozambiqueRev2 [Download](#) 293MB NOTE: Companion charts to Mozambique Anchorages.

MicronesiaRev1 [Download](#) 197MB NOTE: Companion charts to Micronesia Anchorages. Unique to these charts is that instead of companion satellite imagery charts, the surrounding charts are from Navionics Marine Charts. The high confidence in position for this Navionics region is the reason I have chosen this practice.

Navionics Charts This is a collection of Navionics charts from [The Chart Locker](#) for the following locations: [Fiji](#) (631MB), [French Polynesia](#) (431MB), [Japan](#) (224MB), [Louisiades](#) (614MB), [Micronesia](#) (175MB), [New Caledonia](#) (721MB), [Pitcairn Island](#) (3MB), [Rapa Nui](#) (8MB), [Samoas](#) (64MB), [Solomon Islands](#) (595MB), [Taiwan](#) (136MB), [TongaNiueMinerva](#) (144MB), [Tuvalu](#) (18MB), [Vanuatu](#) (144MB), [WallisFortuna](#) (12MB).

NewCaledoniaDepthCharts [Download](#) 22MB NOTE: To help locate the depth chart the name begins with 'NCD'. You have the option of including these in a Chart Group with the New Caledonia satcharts or making a separate Chart Group for just these charts. As always, it is a choice of configuration chosen by the user.

NewCaledoniaRev4 [Download](#) 341MB NOTE: Companion charts to New Caledonia Anchorages. Adds Navionics charts with 'Navionics' in the name..

NewZealandRev2 [Download](#) 858MB NOTE: Companion charts to New Zealand Anchorages.

NiueRev1 [Download](#) 4MB NOTE: Companion charts to Niue Anchorages.

PalauRev5 [Download](#) 119MB NOTE: Companion charts to Palau Anchorages. Update and adds overall Navionics Chart.

PalmerstonIslandRev1 [Download](#) 4.2MB NOTE: Companion charts to Palmerston Island Anchorage.

PapuaNewGuineaDepthCharts [Download](#) 50MB NOTE: To help locate the depth chart the name begins with 'PNGD'. You have the option of including these in a Chart Group with the Papua New Guinea satcharts or making a separate Chart Group for just these charts. As always, it is a choice of configuration chosen by the user.

PapuaNewGuineaRev11 [Download](#) 236MB NOTE: Companion charts to Papua New Guinea Anchorages.

PhilippineDepthChartsRev1 [Download](#) 191MB NOTE: Adds new chart. To help locate the depth chart the name begins with 'PD'. You have the option of including these in a Chart Group with the Philippines satcharts or making a separate Chart Group for just these charts. As always, it is a choice of configuration chosen by the user.

PhilippinesRev68 [Download](#) 1.13GB NOTE: Maintenance update with new and replacement charts.

NOTE: As an alternative to downloading the entire file of the new revision if you already have the *PhilippinesRev67* folder, do the following:

1) Delete the chart "SanJacintoStraitCMap.mbtiles" from the *PhilippinesRev67* folder.

2) Download [these additional charts](#) 19.3MB Uncompress the file then move the downloaded charts into the *PhilippinesRev67* folder and rename the folder as *PhilippinesRev68*.

Don't forget to delete the old and add the new directory and rebuild both the charts database and chart groups (if applicable) in OpenCPN

SeychellesRev4 [Download](#) 122MB NOTE: Companion charts to Seychelles Anchorages. Adds Navionics charts with 'Navionics' in the name.

SingaporeRev3 [Download](#) 30MB **NOTE** Adds a Navionics chart in addition to the .mbtiles chart.

SolomonIslandsDepthCharts [Download](#) 54MB **NOTE:** To help locate the depth chart the name begins with 'SID'. You have the option of including these in a Chart Group with the Solomon Islands satcharts or making a separate Chart Group for just these charts. As always, it is a choice of configuration chosen by the user.

SolomonIslandsRev3 [Download](#) 396MB **NOTE:** Companion charts to Solomon Islands Anchorages.

SriLankaRev2 [Download](#) 101MB **NOTE:** Companion charts to Sri Lanka Anchorages. Adds Navionics charts with 'Navionics' in the name.

TaiwanRev1 [Download](#) 50MB **NOTE:** Companion charts to Taiwan Marinas. Adds Navionics charts with 'Navionics' in the name.

TanzaniaRev3 [Download](#) 102MB **NOTE:** Companion charts to Tanzania Anchorages. Adds Navionics charts with 'Navionics' in the name.

ThailandDepthChartsRev1 [Download](#) 89MB **NOTE:** Adds new charts To help locate the depth chart the name begins with 'TD'. You have the option of including these in a Chart Group with the Thailand satcharts or making a separate Chart Group for just these charts. As always, it is a choice of configuration chosen by the user.

ThailandRev18 [Download](#) 273MB **NOTE:** Maintenance update of companion charts to Thailand Anchorages.

TongaRev1 [Download](#) 83MB **NOTE:** Companion charts to Tonga Anchorages (includes Minerva Reef).

VanuatuDepthCharts [Download](#) 41MB **NOTE:**To help locate the depth chart the name begins with 'VD'. You have the option of including these in a Chart Group with the Vanuatu satcharts or making a separate Chart Group for just these charts. As always, it is a choice of configuration chosen by the user.

VanuatuRev4 [Download](#) 548MB **NOTE:** Companion charts to Vanuatu Anchorages. Adds Navionics charts with 'Navionics' in the name.

SHORELINES CHARTS: *To streamline this missive I've moved the shorelines charts for various countries to a permanent location in a Word document with download links. I've done this since I do not intend to update those charts.*

[Download](#) 32KB

Don't forget to delete the old and add the new directory and rebuild both the charts database and chart groups (if applicable) in OpenCPN.

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SAT2CHART: (Formerly known as GE2KAP)

Sat2Chart V16.0.10.0 [Download from web here](#) 41MB NOTE: Will download as 'Sat2Chart_Install.exe'. September 13, 2023. Creates charts from GE, chart images, SasPlanet and Google Earth Pro. Can overlay opencpn, sasplanet images onto GE. New: Removed Support for overlaying opencpn onto Google Earth.

Features of the program: 1) Four options for a source of charts (Google Earth, Geo-Ref Image, SasPlanet and OpenCPN). 2) Three options for type of chart (Mbtiles, Kml and Kap). 3) Ability to edit a chart. 4) Ability to view an mbtiles chart. 5) Ability to merge mbtiles charts made at the same zoom levels. 6) Ability to create charts from the highest zoom level of an mbtiles chart. 7) Ability to manage the SasPlanet cache. 8) Ability to add self-generated depth sounding to an mbtiles chart. 9) Ability to add depth soundings from GoogleEarth (with Navionics or CMap). 10) Ability to convert other files (such as MaxSea&SeaClear) to .gpx or .kml. 11) More 'tweaking' of the SasPlanet program. 12) All operations have supporting tutorials and help readily available. 13) A forum for discussion, updates, questions and getting answers. ([Join here](#)). 14) And a few more capabilities.

GE2KAP2SASP [Download](#) 38MB NOTE: My procedure for getting to the location on SAS Planet where you want to make charts using GE2KAP (Now called Sat2Chart).

Installation Guide (Installing Sat2Chart and SasPlanet on a Windows Computer)

[Download](#) 452KB [Get started with this guide](#)

NOW ON FACEBOOK Join the several hundred people at the [GE2KAP group](#) on Facebook. Still using the old name. A private group so must ask to join.

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This reprinted issue (#104) has a significant number of new anchorages, charts and miscellaneous items as a result of the release of OpenCPN 5.0.0. For a detailed look at 'What's New in Version 5' go [here](#).

Comments regarding downloads from this issue follows:

ANCHORAGES Changes to the anchorages include an 'Extended' page of the waypoint 'Properties' that now allow a quick view of the nearest tide station. To

read the advantages of this capability download [this](#). (But also see TIDE STATIONS below!)

DE-CLUTTER The waypoints, routes, etc. will not show on the screen if you zoom out beyond a certain point (1:5MM) so as to reduce screen clutter. This is a setting by the user in the 'Extended' page of waypoint 'Properties' or for all new waypoints in Options/Ships/Routes/Points. (Alternatively, a toggle press on the 'V' key will do the same at any zoom level)

SATELLITE CHARTS (*Formerly GE2KAP OVERLAY CHARTS*) The satellite derived charts now include a new type, mbtiles, which have better color resolution than the previous KAP charts. In this issue I have updated many of the charts but it will be a long process to do the many others that can benefit from this new visual capability. I've also been able to delete multiple KAP charts in favor of a single mbtiles chart. This improvement comes at a price of a new manipulation process in viewing them that is different from viewing KAP charts. To read about it download [this](#).

SAT2CHART (*Formerly GE2KAP*) Name changed to reflect the new capabilities of the program; various satellite imagery sources are used to create two types of charts. The titles and content of companion programs regarding use of the program will evolve over time.

TIDE STATIONS OpenCPN V5 does not show tide stations for a large part of the world. To remedy this deficiency download the fix [here](#).

PLUGINS The development of plugins for O5 is lagging the basic program. 'Out of the box' plugins are World Magnetic Model, Chart Downloader, Dashboard and Grib files. To check on the availability of a plugin of interest follow the updates on the OpenCPN website [here](#).

There will be some growing pains as users transition to the new OpenCPN and a good way to keep up with the issues and their resolution is to join the [OpenCPN Forum](#).

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