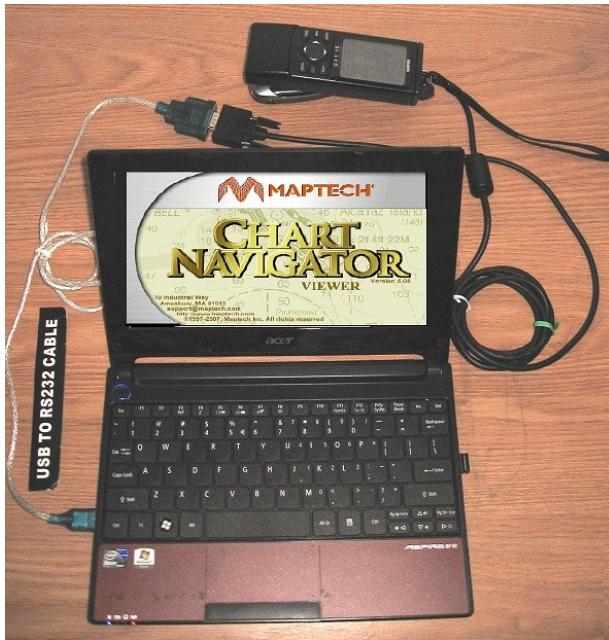


On the GPS front:

My old computer finally encountered a hardware problem that just is not worth fixing. I replaced it with a 10.1 inch netbook that I will also be able to use on the boat. One slight problem is that my two trusty Garmin 12's have only a DB9, RS232 serial interface and the newer computers especially netbooks only have USB serial interfaces.



After a little research I found that the local computer store stocks USB to RS232 conversion cables. So I got one and it works just fine. The silver colored cable is the converter cable.

Note, the free Chart Navigator Viewer comes with the ABC3 course and can be downloaded [">>> click here](#). Great for downloading routes and importing marks. My Netbook is a Windows 7 Starter w/ 32 bit software. The charts are available from NOAA. [">>> click here](#)

The above was written in July 2011, Since Oct 2013 [OpenCPN](#) has replaced Chart Navigator on my computers.

