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## Rose Point and Maptech announce strategic partnership

Kirkland, WA, - February 1, 2006, Once rivals, now partners; Rose Point Navigation systems has teamed up with Maptech to produce a recreational software products. The relationship has already resulted in the release of Chart Navigator Professional, which is based on Rose Point's acclaimed Coastal Explorer software.

"Having Maptech distribute our software is a win – win situation for both companies" said Brad Christian, founder and CEO of Rose Point Navigation Systems. "Maptech's primary strengths have been their data products and excellent distribution. The new Chart Navigator Professional (developed by Rose Point) provides them with a best in class software and some features that were not available in Maptech's previous software products." Chart Navigator Professional includes chart quilting, vector chart support and integrated tides and tidal currents information, Coast Pilot and Sailing Directions (for international water), as well as an easy to search geo-locations database called a gazetteer. "We were able to modify the software to meet the specific needs of Maptech's customers; by adding 3D data support and support for Maptech's international tides and tidal current data."

Rose Point will continue to sell and support Coastal Explorer; however they plan to increase their product offerings and to focus on other segments of the recreational and enter into commercial market sectors. Rose Point and Maptech may collaborate on other projects in the future as Rose Point continues to grow their product line.

Chart Navigator Pro contains 13 DVD's with more than 38GB of charts, aerial imagery, perspective photos, 3D data, raster and vector charts. All of this data is included for unbelievable price of \$499.

Chart Navigator Pro is compatible with NMEA 0183 equipped marine electronic devices, including autopilots, radars (for target tracking), AIS receivers, wind instruments, speed, depth, and temperature sensors, and GPS receivers.

### **About Rose Point Navigation Systems**

Rose Point is the leading developer of PC based navigation systems. The company was founded in 2003, by Brad Christian, an ex-Microsoft developer, and is located in Redmond, Washington. The company produces Coastal Explorer. The software is also sold under license to a number of companies around the world, it is currently offered in 5 different languages and a variety of product names.

For more information on Rose Point Navigation Systems or Coastal Explorer visit

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