

I am an avid sailor, GPS is very important to me for navigational purposes. Often coastal waters can be very foggy, and when they are, having an accurate GPS fix is just as important for personal safety as life jackets, flares and a life raft. GPS ties in directly into AIS systems and navigation plots. When these are not accurate, one risks possible collisions with other vessels, collisions with fixed objects and running aground. When navigating into a marina in a thick fog, with a GPS it is dangerous, without a GPS one would have to sail back and forth until the fog lifted due to the extreme danger of the fog. An inaccurate GPS in that case, would be just as good as no GPS at all, in other words, useless.

My cell phone is wonderful, I love it, but there are many types of cell phone services, and many broadband services, there is only one GPS, there is no alternative.