

As both a recreational sailor and a professional (USCG 100 ton Captain's License) teacher of both sail and power, I depend heavily on the accurate positioning of GPS enabled devices, including chart plotters. Although dead reckoning and sextant based positioning is still known by some - but mastered by few- I understand that even the military schools are relying less and less on them due to the superiority of GPS enabled equipment. If we allow a private company to sacrifice the safety of our mariners, be they private, commercial or military, we are truly selling out our own country. You simply cannot allow this to happen.