

Next-generation Paper Chart Production Solution

CARIS, Canada, has launched Paper Chart Composer, the next-generation desktop software application for paper chart production. It is the successor to CARIS GIS product, delivering a highly intuitive workflow for creation of any official or customised chart. This allows users to improve efficiency in creating paper charts using the latest desktop production tools.

Paper Chart Composer offers desktop users access to the same robust object creation and editing tools that exist in CARIS HPD. Out of the box, Paper Chart Composer can easily create paper charts automatically from S-57 ENC data, common vector and raster GIS formats and import from existing CARIS maps.

With Paper Chart Composer users can utilise the standard cartographic presentation based on the IHO INT1 and INT2 specifications or customise presentations for organisation-specific products. Powerful compilation tools allow automatically annotating and masking chart features. Paper Chart Composer can print paper charts to any standard supported Windows print driver, save as postscript, or output to Raster formats.

To coincide with the release of Paper Chart Composer CARIS is offering a two-day Paper Chart Composer [boot camp](#) at CARIS 2012, which is taking place 25-26 June 2012 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. During the boot camp attendees will be given an exclusive opportunity to participate in the first expert lead Paper Chart Composer training session. Topics will include sheet and panel definition, supported data sources, conversion of ENC data to paper chart features, digitising tools, topology, annotation, masking, borders and scale bars, quality control rules, vector and raster outputs and printing.

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