

# Comprehensive Aid to Fishing Baffin Bay and the Upper Laguna Madre

I will soon release a product called *Comprehensive Aid to Fishing Baffin Bay and the Upper Laguna Madre*. Here, I'll describe all parts of the product in detail and explain how to go about purchasing it.

## Overview of Product Parts:

1. GPS data file
2. Spreadsheet describing waypoints in GPS data file
3. Text document discussing use of track lines in GPS data file
4. DVD providing details related to use of GPS data
5. *Monster Maps and More* book

## Detailed descriptions of Product Parts:

### GPS File—provided on a generic SD Card in format for either Garmin, Lowrance or Magellan units

My GPS file contains over **350 waypoints**, most of which lie in Baffin Bay and the Upper Laguna Madre. I generally break my waypoints into three categories, using icons to place them: Fishing spots (fish icon), Anchoring sites (anchor icon) and Hazards (skull icon). When I first started using a GPS, I sometimes placed a fish where I like to anchor. Most issues of that sort are addressed in the spreadsheet for use with the GPS data.

I have no GPS data west of Black Bluff on the south shoreline of Baffin, nor any in Cayo Del Grullo and Laguna Salada. My data covers the area from the JFK Causeway to the Land cut, the eastern half of Baffin, and Alazan Bay. I also have a considerable number of waypoints and tracks in Nueces Bay and Corpus Christi Bay, but the spreadsheet does not address these waypoints and tracks.

I use **Track Lines** as my "roads", traveling on them most of the time, especially in treacherous areas or in dangerous navigating conditions, like darkness and/or fog. All of the tracks in my GPS data file are Active Tracks. I keep my active track feature turned off unless I am making a line to use later as a road. Users of this product will have to make a choice about whether to keep their own Active Tracks or delete them before installing my GPS data. One option is to convert all useful portions of Active Tracks as Saved Tracks before deleting the Active Tracks. The user will need Garmin's Homeport installed on their computer to do this. I recommend anyone purchasing this product who uses a Garmin device to install Homeport; it is free. I advise Lowrance and Magellan users to install the brand-specific software for using the data on their computers.

I have spent years accumulating the data in this GPS file. It contains many productive fishing spots, anchoring sites, pathways to use to access areas and obstructions to avoid. Anyone hoping to gain a more complete knowledge of navigating and fishing the Baffin/ULM system can benefit greatly from the use of this data. In no way do I intend to imply that my data is foolproof, that is reduces all risks inherent to navigating these treacherous waters.

Everyone purchasing this product will sign a disclaimer releasing me from all liability related to the use of the data. However, those who carefully use the track lines and who work to study and learn all they can from the spreadsheet and document explaining use of the track lines should be able to navigate these waters safely.

### **Spreadsheet describing waypoints in the GPS File—provided on paper and as a file on the SD card with the GPS data**

I've created a spreadsheet which lists all the waypoints in the GPS file, and **describes pertinent facts** related to each. I have set up the spreadsheet to list the name (or number) of the waypoint, the icon used with it (if any), the lat/long coordinates, and most importantly to the user of this product, a brief description of why I have it in the database, and/or how to best use it to maximize angling efficiency.

If the waypoint is an obstruction, the remark might be as simple as the word rock, or junk. If it is a fishing "sweet spot", the layout of the bottom might be described. If it's an anchor site, the remark might say "wadable only on tides of 13.4 or lower" or "work southwest toward the dropoff of the sandbar, which runs east/west". All of the remarks are intended to aid the user of the GPS data in maximizing angling efficiency.

\*\*\*Anyone purchasing this product should become familiar with the TCOON Buoy system, which I reference in the remarks related to GPS waypoints, as in the example above. The Baffin Buoy's URL is <http://lighthouse.tamucc.edu/overview/068> and the Packery Channel Buoy's is <http://lighthouse.tamucc.edu/overview/005>. Both these buoys list tide levels on an hourly basis and are an invaluable tool for anglers fishing the area and using this product.

### **Text document discussing use of track lines in GPS data file—provided on paper and as a .doc file on the SD card with the GPS data**

This document contains discussion of the various track lines in the GPS data, giving **advice for safest and most efficient use** of them. It identifies areas where the tracks pass close to major obstructions, mentions places where they pass over shallow spots and provides advice about which ones are safe to use while on plane and which are intended for use at idle speed. I generated this document to help members of my Lucky 7 Club, and they have found it quite useful. Everyone who purchases this product should take the time to read and study the document, cross referencing the text with what they can see on their GPS/computer screen.

### **DVD providing details related to use of the GPS data**

The DVD **provides a backup to parts of the spreadsheet and document** describing use of track lines. I give on-the-water views of some areas, and use images of me at the computer screen to make important points about the GPS data, how it can help the angler, and how it could create danger for a sloppy user. For a visual learner, the DVD might be a more effective tool for mastering the effective use of the GPS data, but it should not be used in place of or without the other two documents.

\*\*\*As of the time I'm typing this, the DVD is incomplete. I will have it finished before the end of May 2015, the projected date for release of this product.

***Monster Maps and More* book—over 100 pages of full-color graphics and text**

I originally created this book in 2011, using Google Earth images overlaid with pictures, text and GPS data, to **document the locations where I and my customers/partners have caught trout in excess of 27 inches** throughout the Baffin/ULM system. I've updated the book twice since then, using new pages printed and inserted loosely. The book includes not only the images, but also written discourse related to the memorable catches made at the sites shown throughout the book, offering advice on the best times to fish the areas, conditions conducive to catching in the areas and strategies, techniques and even lures I've used to catch big trout in the places.

The book includes a list of specific lures used to trick the really big fish referenced in the records and a portion of the spreadsheet which is part of this product package. Someone who reads and studies this book and cross-references the information it provides should receive insight about when and how to fish the areas covered in the book and GPS data file.

I've previously only sold this book as part of a seminar, and have a limited number of copies to sell as part of this product. The cost of the book/seminar has been \$500.

The cost of *Complete Aid to Fishing Baffin Bay and the Upper Laguna Madre* is \$999 (if purchased by check) or \$1029 (if purchased through the PayPal on the Captain Kev's Products page of this site).

\*\*\*Disclaimer for the product can be viewed on the last page of this blog.

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1. The product is the intellectual property of its creator, Kevin Cochran.
2. The purchaser agrees not to distribute any part of the product to anyone else, in any form whatsoever, whether by loaning out the book, GPS data card, DVD, paper documents, or sending out any of the files electronically.
3. The purchaser understands that the GPS data, while intended to provide help in navigating the waters it covers, does not provide a guarantee of safety, either implied or directly. The user of the data agrees to do so at his/her own risk, and hereby relieves Kevin Cochran of all liability related to its use.

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