

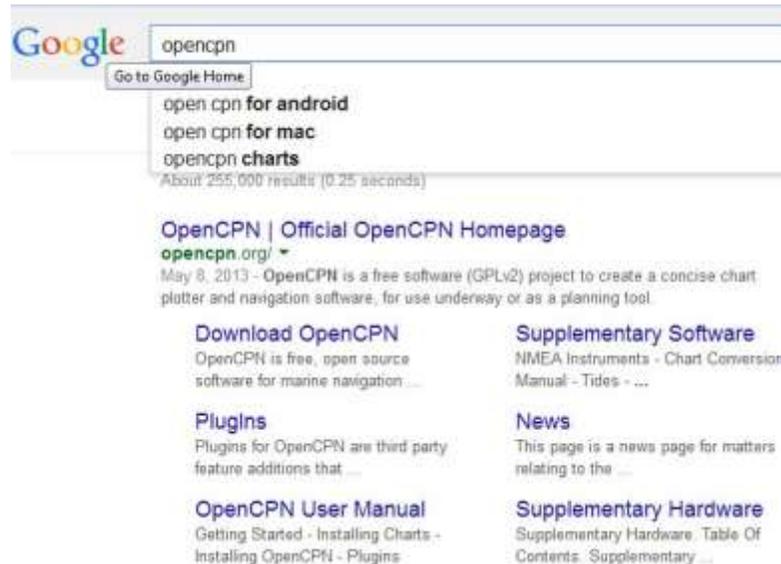
Install OpenCPN and Training Chart

For those who are comfortable with computers, we are going to download and install OpenCPN, and then copy two charts from the Chart Navigator CD into a directory we have selected during the install process.

The install will look different on different operating systems, and may work differently depending on whether you have javascript disabled, pop-up blockers installed, your version of Anti-virus, etc. To the best of my knowledge, you must be logged in as an Administrator to do this install.

Using Vista, Firefox for browser, Google for search engine and AVG for viruses.

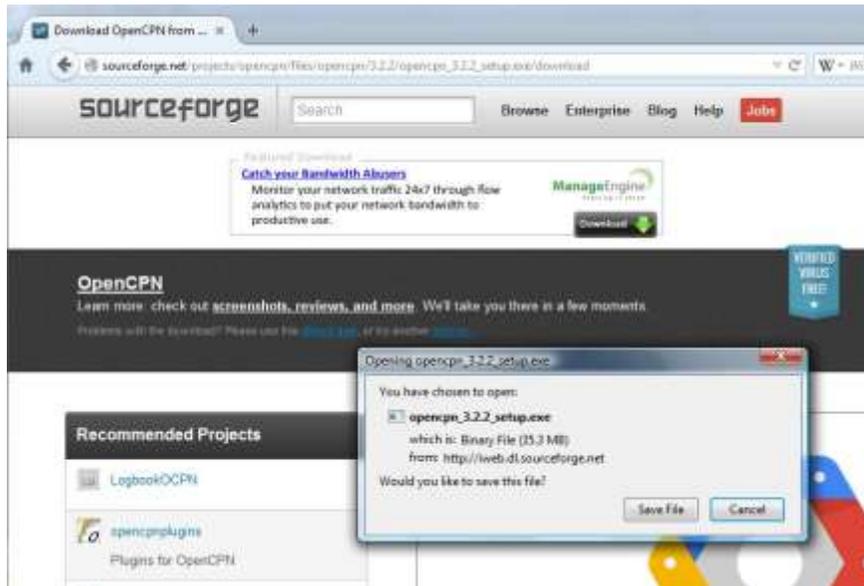
Find OpenCPN page



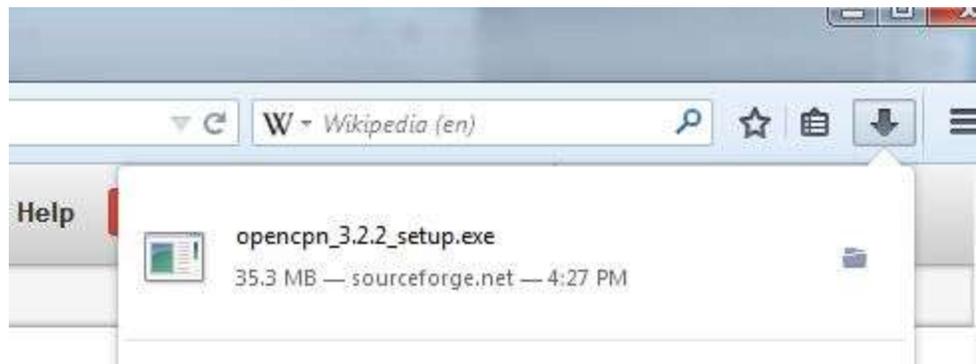
Select Download OpenCPN from the search page and you will see the following
(NOTE: Latest version is now 4.0, rather than 3.2.2 shown everything else remains the same)



Clicking the link for Windows version takes us to Source Forge, and download window will then open



Click Save file, and the file will download. Once download is finished, we need to run the install. Using Firefox, I can click on the down arrow to see my downloads, and can then click it to run. (If you are not using Firefox, you may have to manually go to your downloads directory, and click on the file there.)



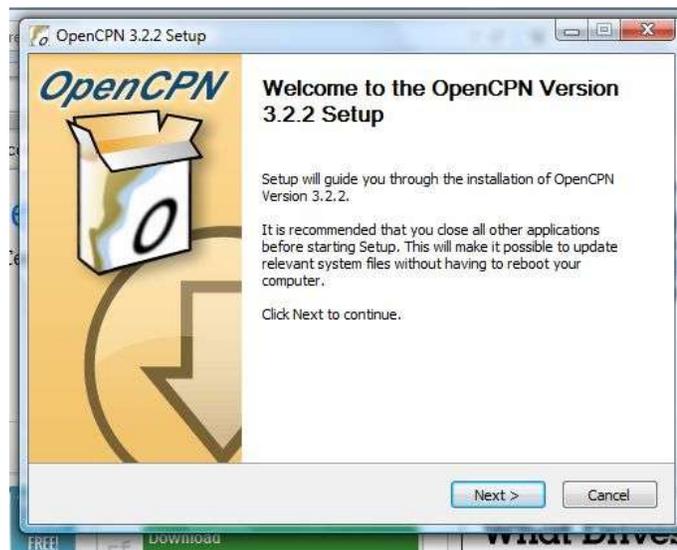
On the start of the install, Windows wants to confirm it is okay to install the program. Click Run



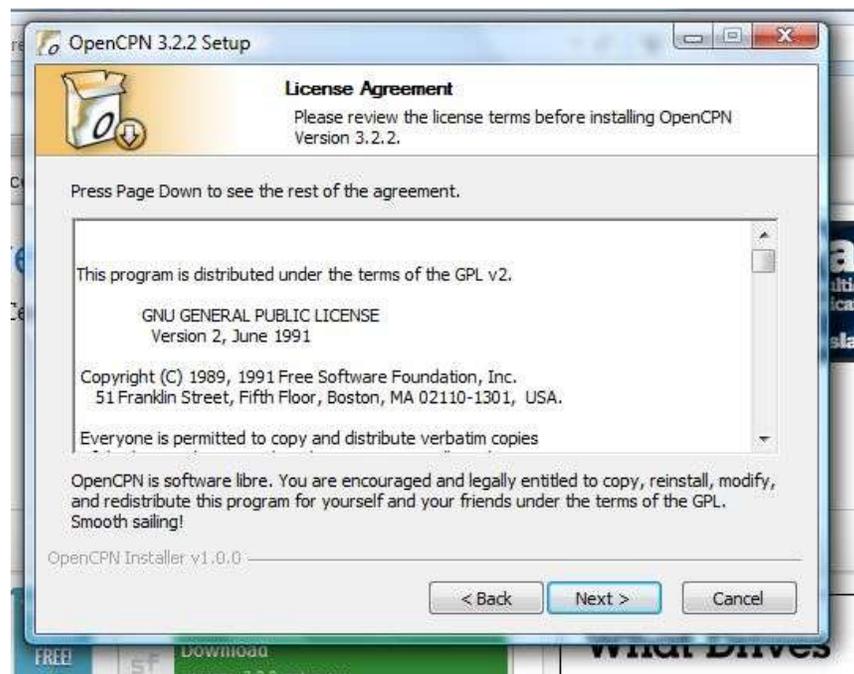
And select the language



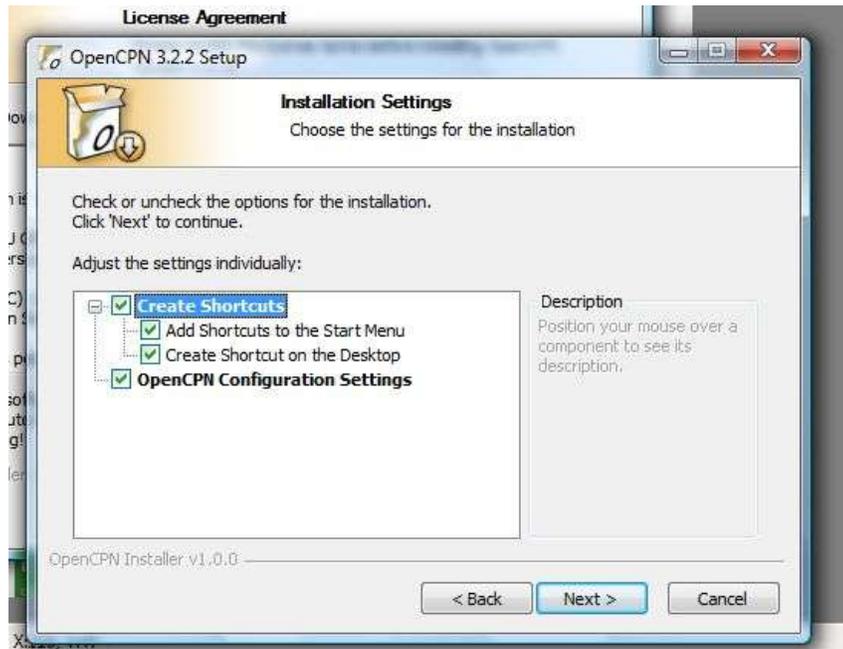
Then we will see a welcome to install screen



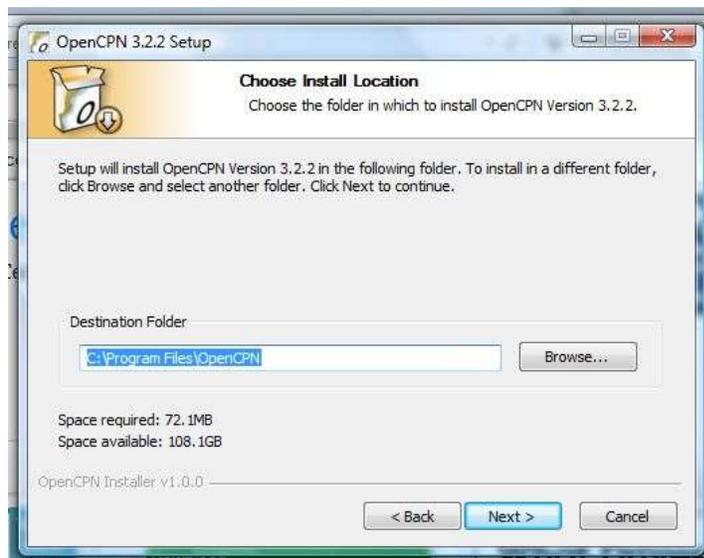
And a license agreement



Now we have the option to add shortcuts, etc. You can leave this as it is. Do not uncheck the Configuration Settings box.



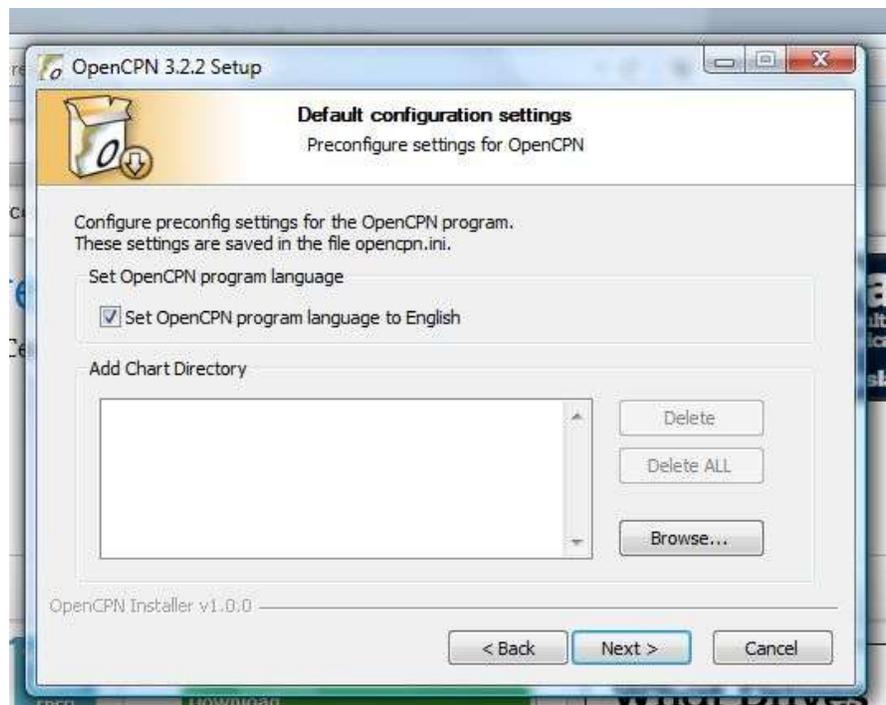
Now we can choose where to install the program. In this case I installed the program to the default directory. You may wish to install it somewhere else if you organize your programs differently.



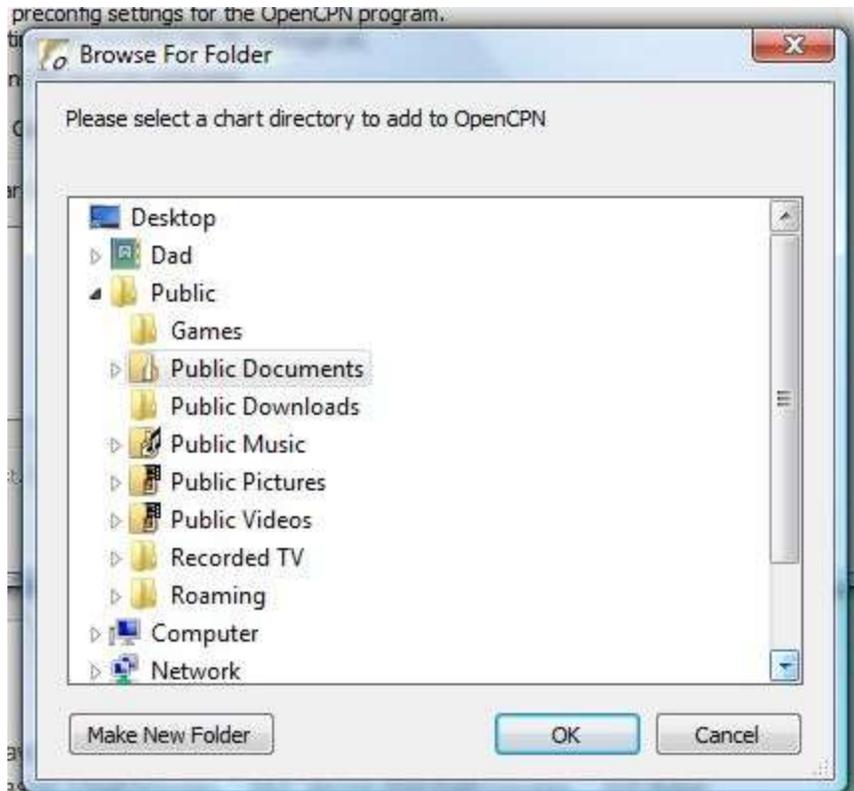
You also get to choose where it will show up in the start menu. I left that as default also



Now the install program wants to know where to locate charts (We will put the charts into this directory later on.)



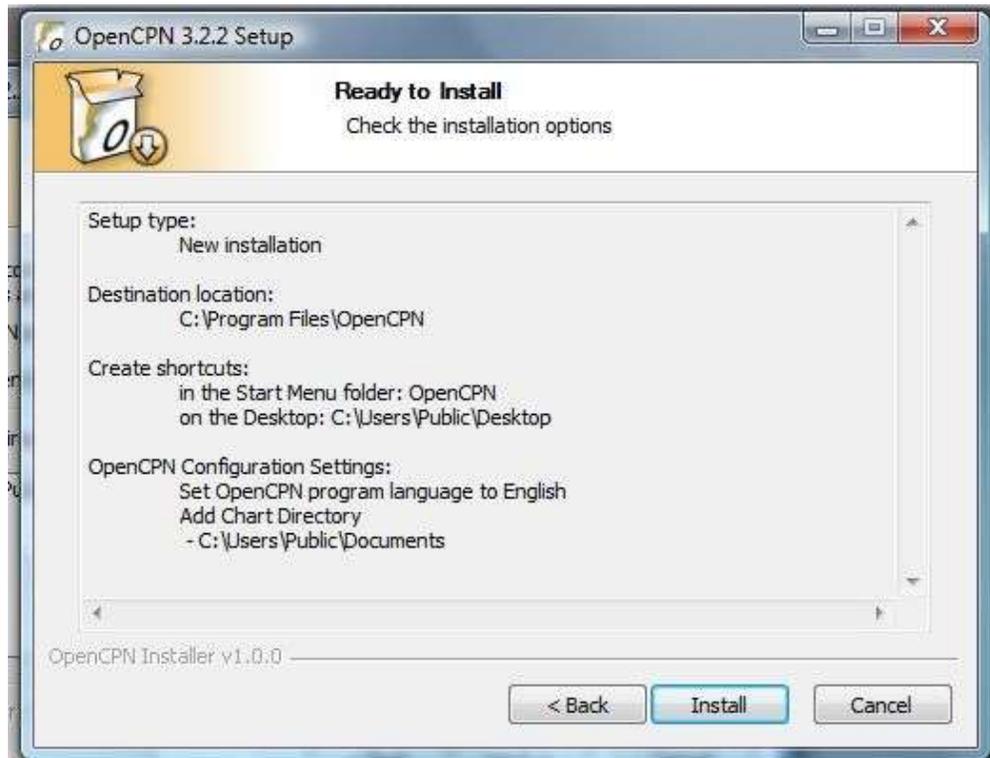
We click browse, and should see something like the following. You may wish to make a separate directory for charts, but to simplify the install, I selected public documents as the location where the program will find charts.



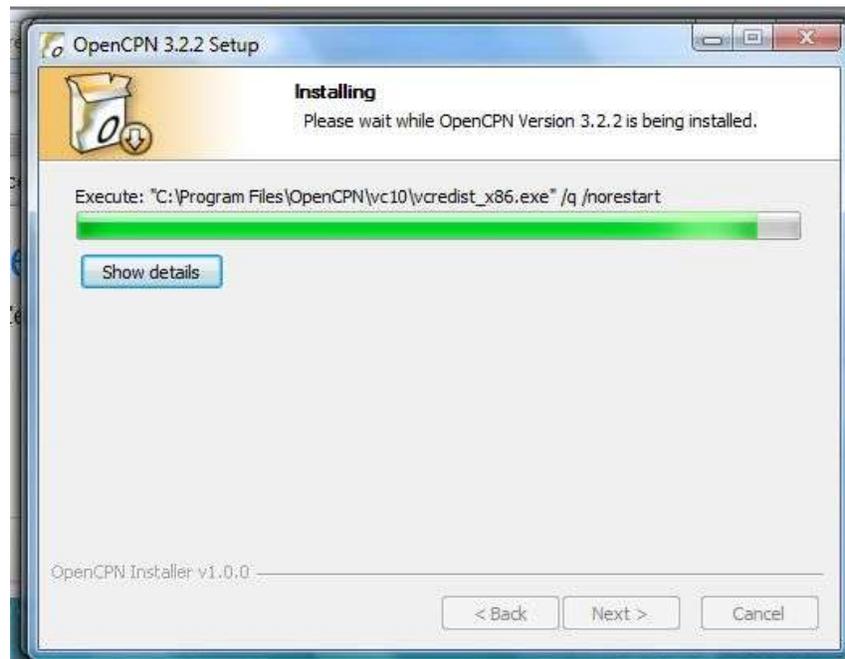
The installer will then open a window, confirming the actual path to the location of the charts. Take note of this, as we will need it later.



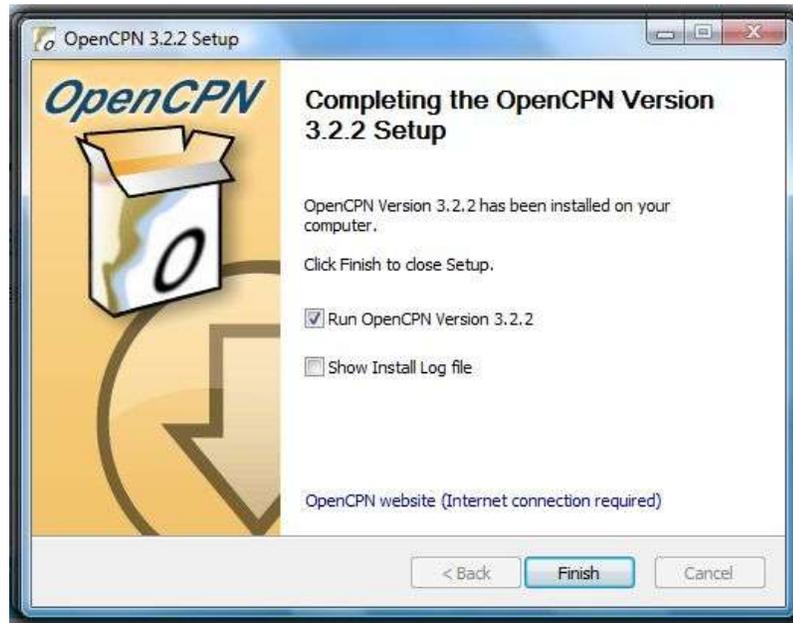
Now the installer confirms all the settings we have selected



When we click install, you will see the progress



Once the install is finished you will see this screen. Uncheck the Run OpenCPN, as we need to install the charts before running the program.



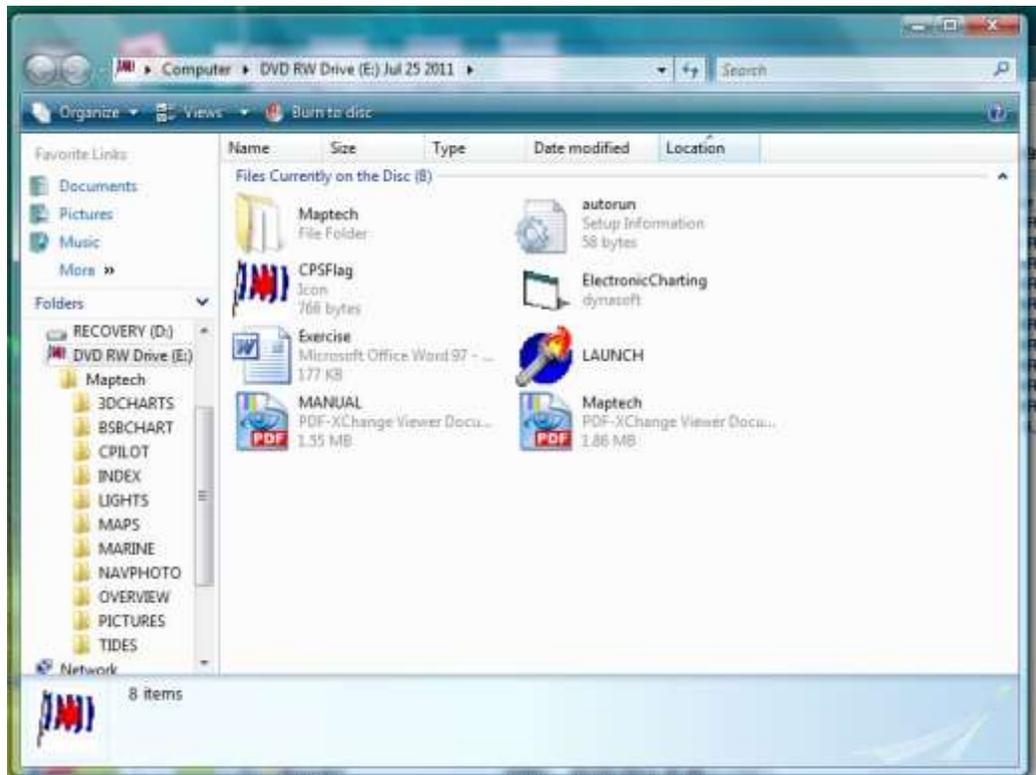
Now we need to install the charts, which we will get off the Chart Navigator CD.

Place the Chart Navigator CD in your drive, and you will see the following if autoplay is enabled, otherwise you will have to use Windows explorer to skip to the next step.

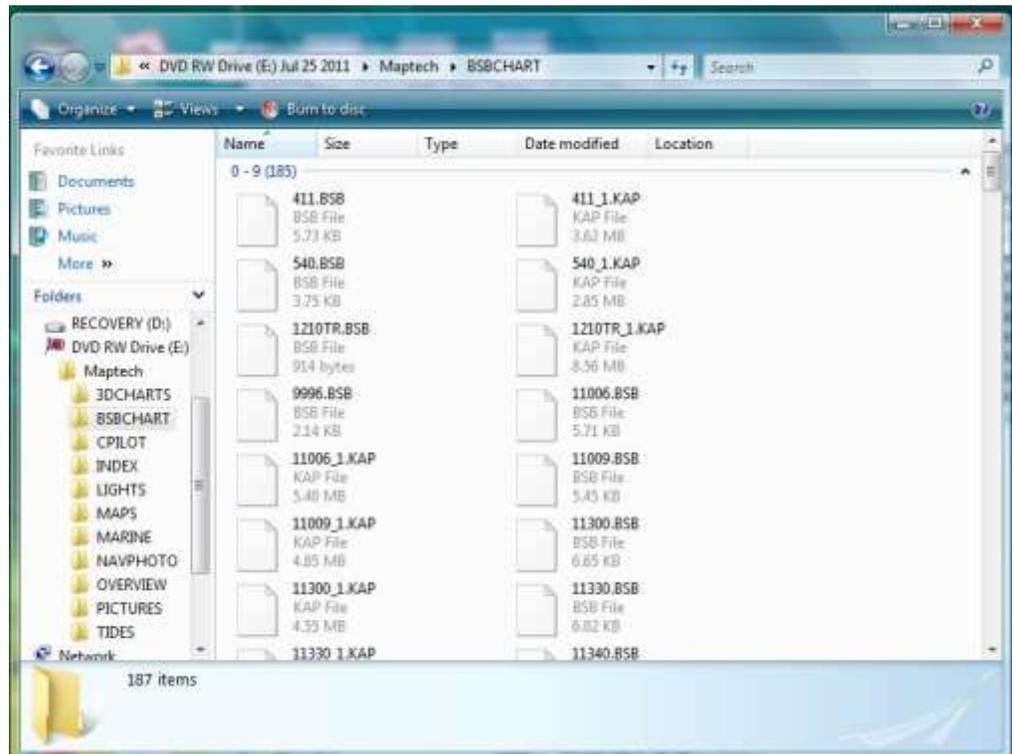
(don't click this →)



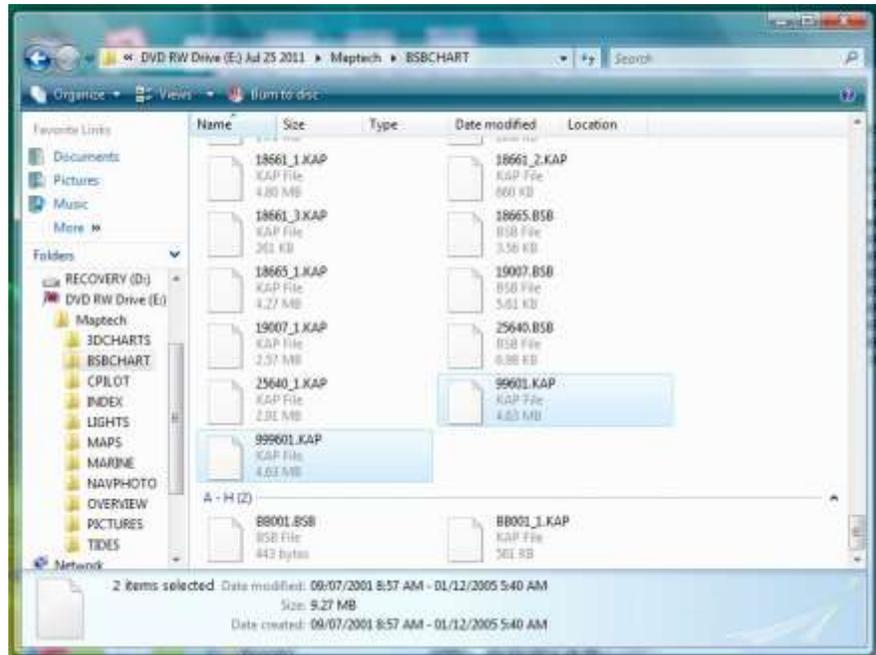
Choose the Open folder to view files, and you will see the following



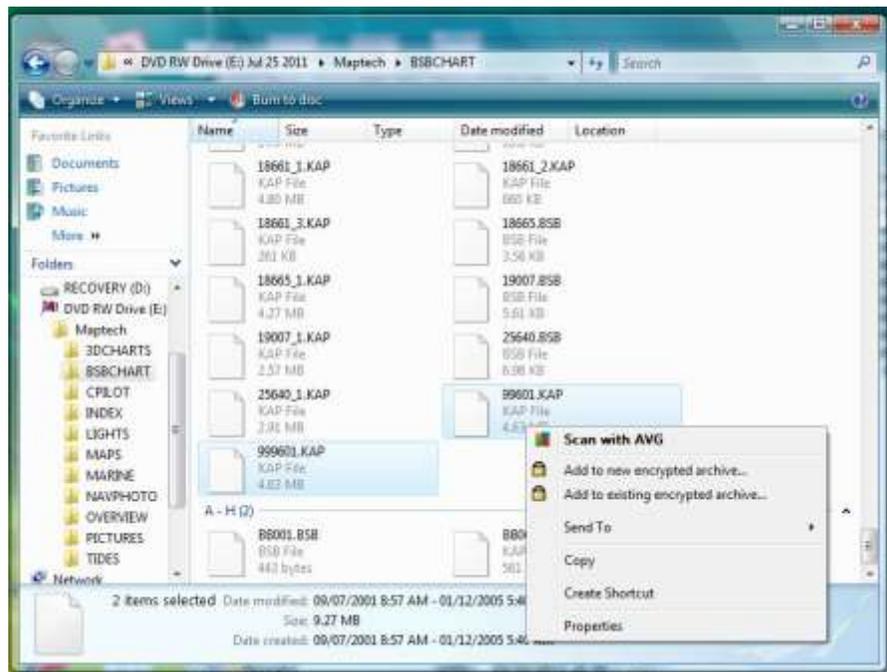
We need to select the "BSBCHART" directory by clicking on it (if you don't have the list on the left to click directly on BSBCHART, click on Maptech, and then you will see BSBCHARTS, and can then click on it)



The files you see are all rasterized charts. You can install them, but almost all of them are American, and cover American waters. The charts we need are at the bottom of the list (if your list is sorted by name), so scroll to the bottom of the list

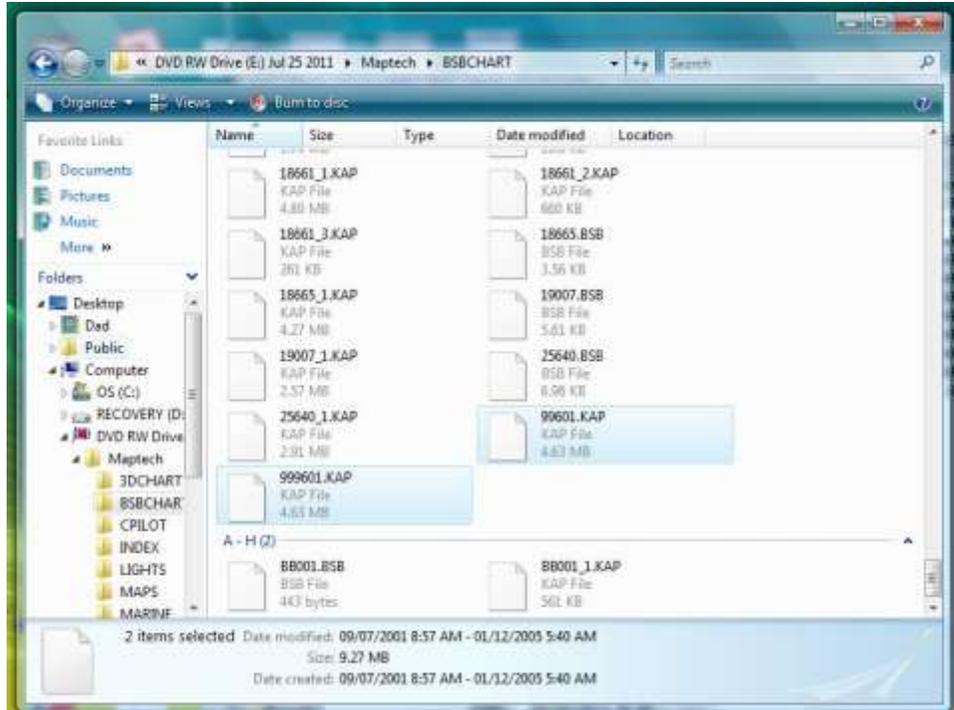


The above, highlighted charts are the ones we need. To select them, hold down the control key (often marked Ctrl), and click each one. Now right click over one of the files

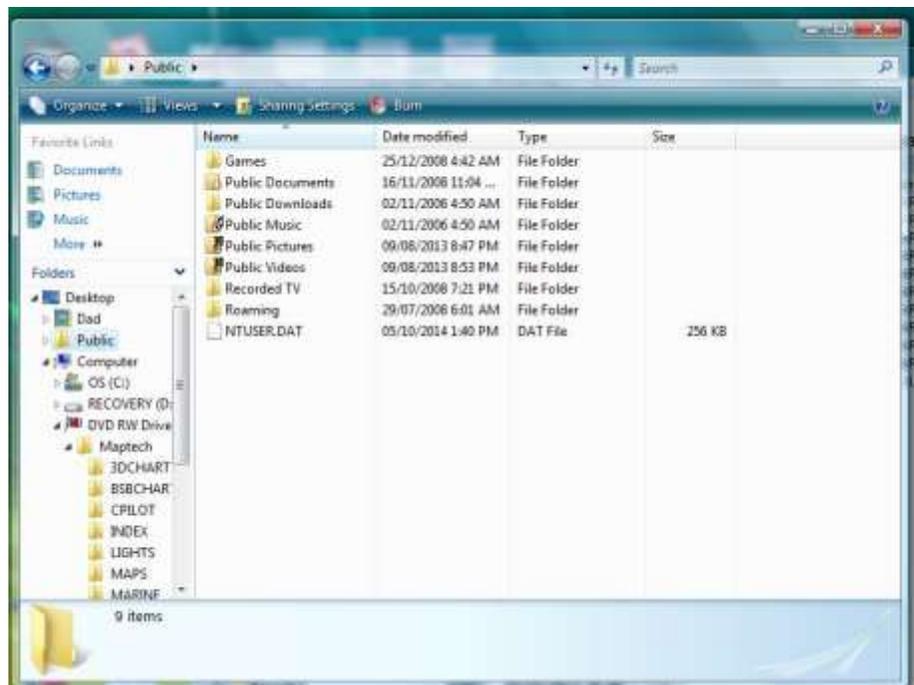


From the list that pops up, select copy

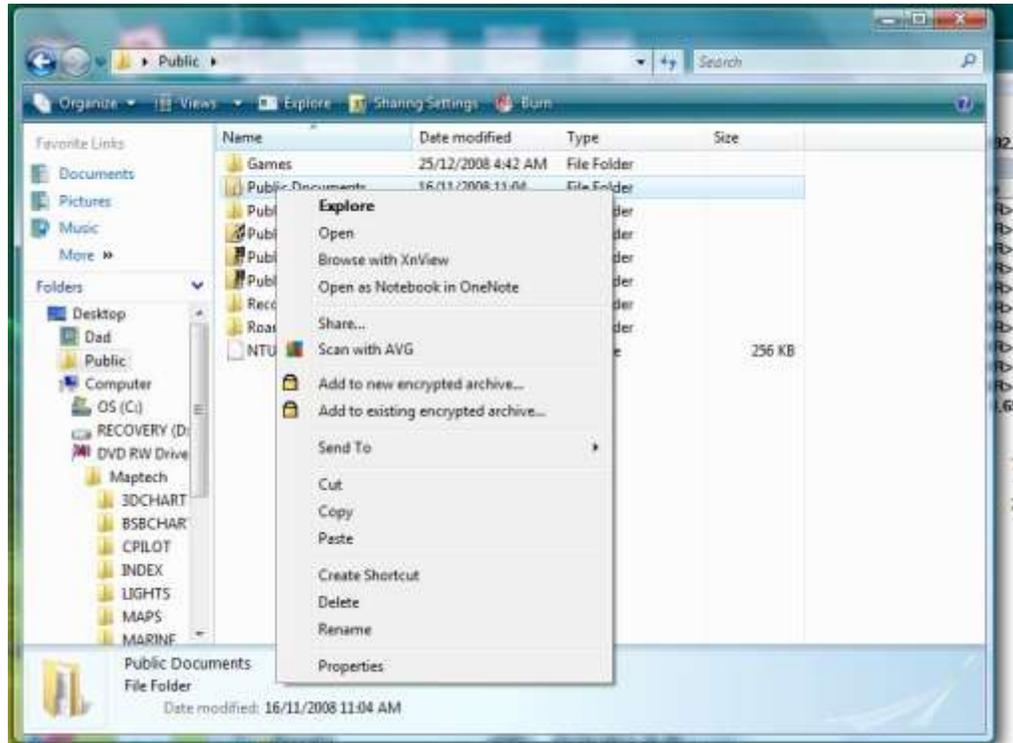
Now we need to paste them into the directory we told OpenCPN would contain the charts. Our configuration of Explorer shows a list of drives and directories on the left. I simply scrolled up until I found Public Folders. (If you have a different configuration, you may have to use the bar listing directories near the top of the window.



Now I have clicked Public, and you can see the Public Documents folder on the list.



Now I right click Public Documents



and select paste.

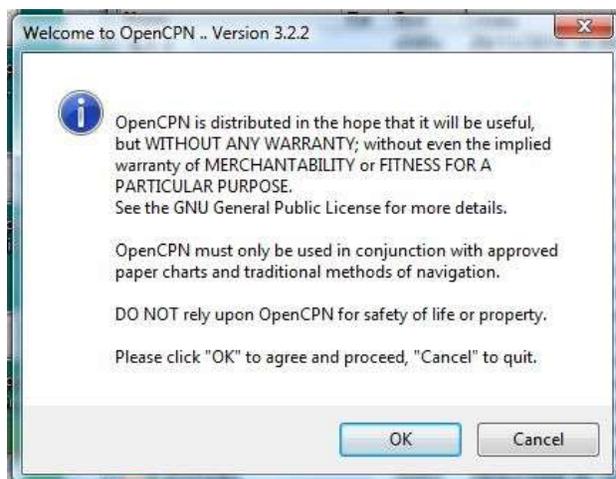
(Technically, we are supposed to also copy the 9996.BSB file as well, but OpenCPN works fine without it, and again, I am trying to keep this as simple as possible.)

I can now close this explorer window, and eject the CD.

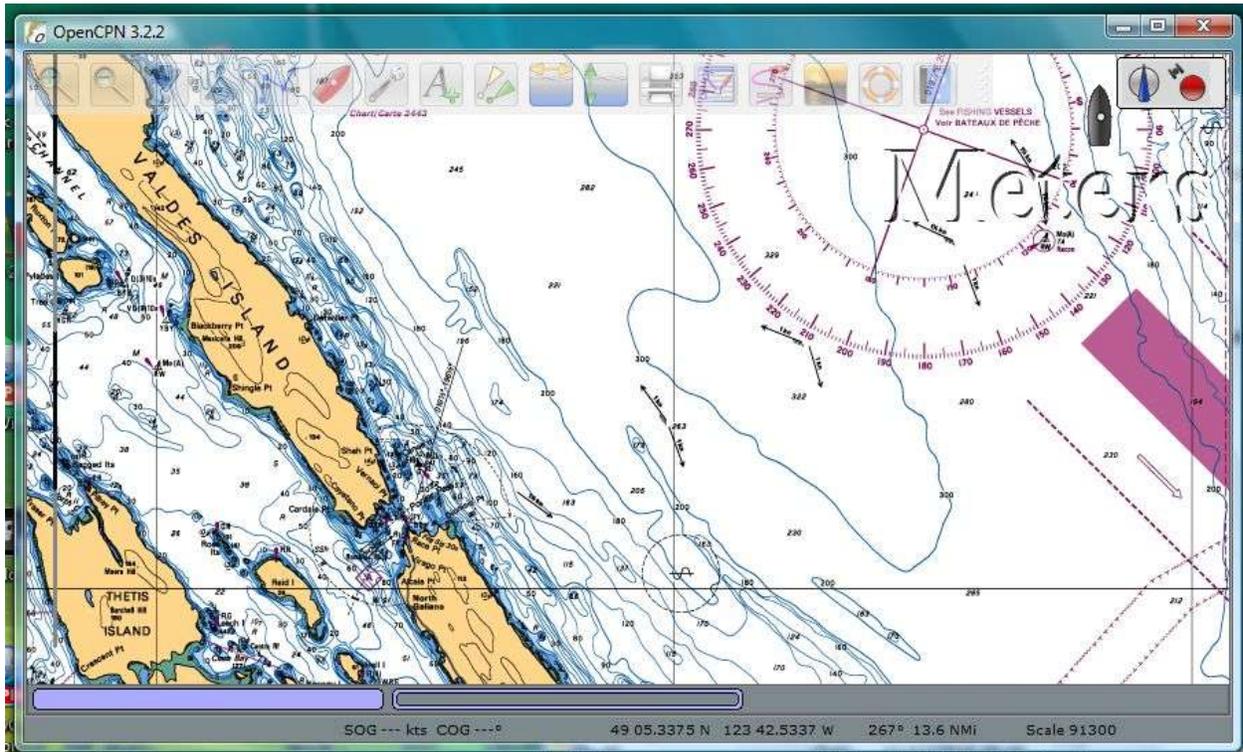
Now we want to start OpenCPN. In my case I used the new Desktop Icon



We have to agree to a disclaimer (I've seen this on most of the programs I have used)



And if everything is good, we will see something like this.



Congratulations! You are ready to practice with an Electronic Charting program.