

More MapSource unlock madness...

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Well, Garmin C/S have got back to me after several weeks, and are basically being completely unhelpful. They have said that they made it clear that the map tiles in CN8 are bigger than those in CS6, pointing out a web address on their site which includes the classic remark "Version 8 now includes larger map segments for easier map selection and downloading – so there's less chance you'll miss an area when planning your next trip!*" , and the footnote "*Some units with smaller memory will have limited loading capabilities." (Personally, I think a more accurate version would be "Version 8 now includes larger map segments, so there's less chance you can actually fit all of the area you need into memory, due to the requirement to include massive areas you don't care about"...)

Anyway, I am basically confronted with three options:

1. Live with the reduced mapping functionality on my 60CS
2. Give up on Garmin, and buy a new receiver and mapping from someone else – Magellan?
3. Buy a 60CSx and pay for a third map unlock.

But I think there is a snag with option 3. Even if I do buy a third unlock, when CN9 comes out and I want to upgrade, it seems that the "default" receiver registered with my account is my original 60CS, which I would get rid of and replace with the 60CSx. So when I buy the upgrade to CN9, one of the unlocks will automatically be for a receiver I no longer own, and I will end up having to buy *another* extra unlock so I can use the CN9 maps on both my 60CSx and my 296. This is sheer madness!

I've emailed Garmin to point this out, and to suggest that there *has* to be a way to "unregister" a receiver from their records if you upgrade, not just if you get it stolen or damaged. If I don't get a suitable response, I'm going to Magellan – I do not see why I should have to pay extra to have the right to choose which receivers I install my 2 legal unlocks on.

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