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Toughbook on a Boat

Panasonic was more than willing to equip Neville and Catherine Hockley with two Panasonic Toughbook laptop computers for their trip around the world on their 41-foot cutter-rig sloop, Dream Time. Neville's design company in New York City, i&D Media Group, doesn't miss him—he keeps a virtual office using satellite communications and the Toughbook-30 and the Toughbook Y5. "We're lucky to have clients with an adventurous spirit that believe that as long as you can do the job, it doesn't matter where you are."

When the idea to sail around the world arrived, Neville decided to keep his full-time position with his company. With today's satellite technology, navigated by Panasonic's laptops, Neville cites that his office commute has never been shorter (his

"office" is about four feet from the bed) and that the view from the office has improved significantly. Panasonic was proud to sponsor Neville and Catherine with the computers that connect them, in so many ways, to the lives they never had to "leave behind."

"Sailing around the world is challenging enough, you must have the right gear to survive the conditions - the constant motion of the boat, the damp, humid air, storms, breaking seas - the environment can be unforgiving and relentless," writes Neville. "If there's a weakness in your equipment, mother nature will exploit it. It's reassuring knowing our Panasonic Toughbook computers have been



designed,
engineered
and tested to
survive these
extreme
conditions."

THE \$999 TOUGHBOOK

In these tough economic conditions, Rugged Depot is offering a great solution for reduced budgets with the Genuine Panasonic Toughbook CF-18 that retailed for \$3699.

These units are restored to their original manufacture specifications, including operating systems and drivers (as if they had just come off the assembly line.)

In addition to the standard 90-day warranty, Rugged Depot is also offering the following warranties for a limited time.

3-year additional warranty \$229
2-year additional warranty \$159
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