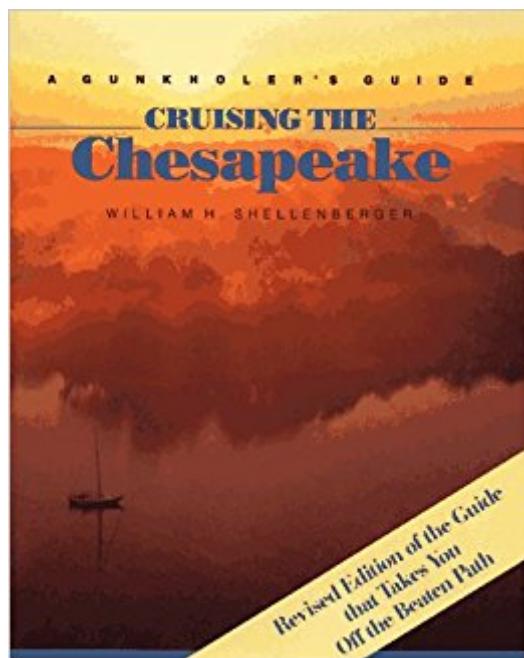


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Cruising The Chesapeake: A Gunkholer's Guide



Synopsis

Here is a thoroughly revised and updated edition of the Chesapeake Bay's best cruising guide. Eastern-Southeast Boating said that a copy "should be in the library of every cruising yachtsman." The Virginian-Pilot said, "With more than 3,000 miles of shoreline, the Chesapeake Bay offers a treasury of cruising spots. Shellenberger's book provides the key to unlock it." Dolphin Book Club News said, "This is the best guide we've seen on the largest, most varied, and probably the most popular cruising grounds and boating area in the United States today." We couldn't have said it better ourselves.

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We have used it for 5 years and finally have visited each of the 5-star rated anchorages. They were all worth the trip. We could not have entered many of the best without the specific "local knowledge" this book provides, and have amazed friends when we entered a tricky entrance, making all the right turns as though it was our home port. It's more comprehensive than any other guide and has no advertising. Get the other guides if you're primarily looking for restaurant reviews and the like, since he only mentions a few of the most outstanding "finds", but if you're looking for pristine anchorages, or where the closest fuel, food, hurricane hole or pumpout is, this is the book for you.

This is a very comprehensive and informative book for anyone interested in finding those hidden away spots in the coves. The author has obviously been in every nook and cranny and has done a fine job of accomplishing what he has set out to do in authoring this book. The maps contained

within should be used as a general reference only, as they do not provide the detail needed to navigate adequately. This is not a pictoral book and, as a result, has very few pictures.

In addition to telling you where facilities, anchorages, and other interesting local points of interest are, he supplies invaluable lessons only learned in the school of hard knocks. Valuable mariner lessons were included on weather prediction, inlet navigation, and other techniques tailored to use in the Chesapeake bay. The book was very well done, and I hope to set off on a cruise in the very near future.

I have two copies of the 2001 edition: one aboard my sailboat in Annapolis and the second in my office. Most of my use of the book has been in the middle Chesapeake. In crawling up and down the Magothy, Severn, South, West, Rhode, Chester, Wye, and Tred Avon Rivers this book has provided helpful insight into what I would find. This book and the Maptech chart book are all you need to find your way to and through the backwaters of the Chesapeake.

After using the other popular cruising guide for several seasons we bit the bullet and bought this one. Throw the other one away, this one has better descriptions of the places to go, how to get into the anchorages, what's there waiting for you, and where to anchor. Worth the \$\$.

Seems to be a great resource. Well organized, with a trove of useful details. Have already learned about a few good places to anchor, etc. not very far from where our boat is docked that I hadn't been aware of. Only downside -- and it's pretty big -- is the age of the book. The latest edition was published in 2001, so the status of some business establishments listed in the book will have changed. For example, there's a rave review for a restaurant in our area that burned to the ground in 2003. Best to call ahead before heading out if you're planning on visiting a business establishment listed in the book that you're not certain is still around.

It seems to be a great book however I didn't bother to check when the book was written. My copy is about 25 years old so a lot of the information is out dated. I will probably buy another one that is up to date. If it wasn't dated I would have given it 5 stars.

Not to be trite, but this book is an absolute must for anyone who seriously cruises Chesapeake Bay including its approaches. Superb detail and illustrations compliment a clear, carefully worded text. I

have and use two other cruising guides for additional information but always start and end with this book.

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