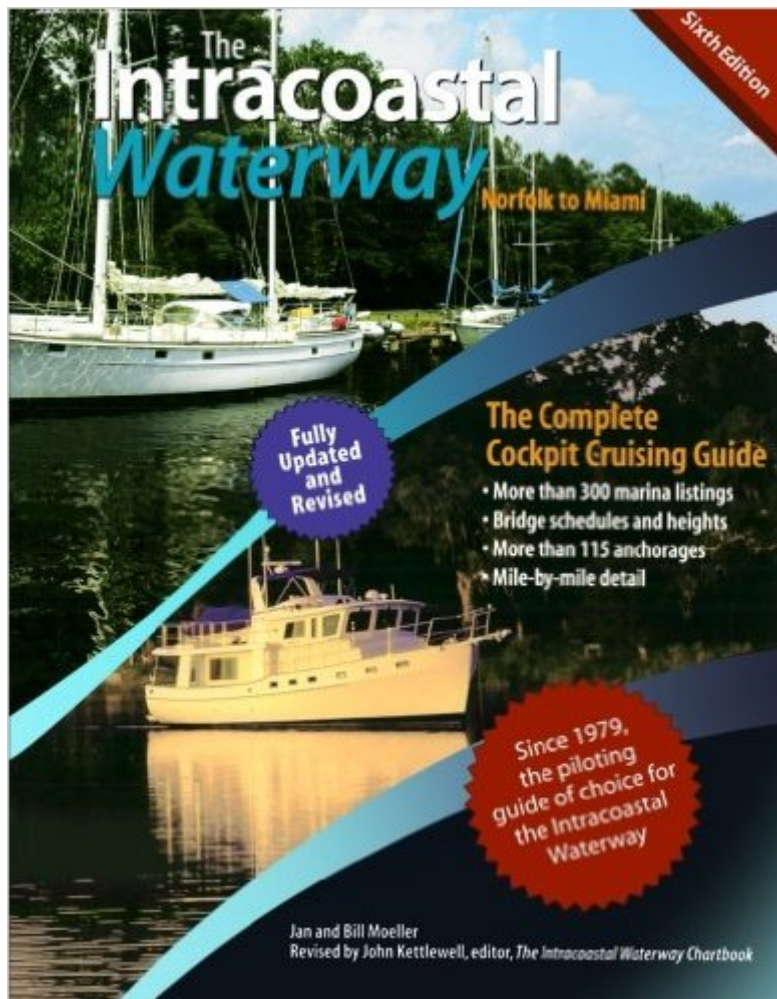


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The Intracoastal Waterway, Norfolk To Miami: The Complete Cockpit Cruising Guide, Sixth Edition



Synopsis

"Indispensable . . . Don't do the ICW without it."-- Powerboat Reports Since 1979, this book has been the piloting guide of choice for the tens of thousands of boaters traversing the 1,094-mile Intracoastal Waterway between Virginia and Florida each year. This sixth edition is double the size of its predecessor and includes greatly enhanced coverage of anchorages, pilotage, and facilities. With the addition of John Kettlewell, editor of The Intracoastal Waterway Chartbook, to the author team, the Moellers' long-established mile-by-mile navigation guide is better than ever.

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Customer Reviews

While the updated information is most welcome, the old copy we've used for years is much easier to use. In particular, it has a smaller page size with more pages, and it has a smooth, flip-around spiral binding. These two characteristics are remarkably valuable in the cockpit or at the chart table. With the old version, one simply flips pages through it as the trip progresses and it stays open where it is left. It is also compact enough to stay within reach without being in the way. As a result, when trying to sort out some situation, the old guide is always at hand and at the ready, providing the needed information without having to juggle the guide to find one's place and then hold it open while trying to steer and read. In defense of the new issue's form factor, the additional information may well have forced the larger page size lest the thickness get out of hand. Even so, a flip-around spiral binding would still be more desirable than the "perfect binding" of the new issue. Summary: the new information is a most welcome improvement, but the standard paperback form factor is not.

I have had 2 of the smaller version with the spiral notebook format that is very convenient to use. We were looking for an updated guide, but this one is not easy to use. It can't be folded over to keep your place without a bookmark and it is too big! I liked the older, smaller book that fit easily in the cockpit as we travel the ICW. There have been changes to bridges on the ICW that have not been updated in this version. The old format was a perfect size and design. We had recommended this guide to all our cruising friends, but this new book just isn't an improvement.

This is a definite must for anyone planning to "Do the ditch." Specifically, ALL pertinent information concerning traveling up and down the Intracoastal Waterway is contained within these pages. Even if you don't have such plans, now or in the future, it is still a really interesting book to scan through. You cannot help but admire the detail that went into such an undertaking. Charles Reap
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This is a good supplement to info you can mostly find online. I used it primarily for planning a trip North on the ICC from Oriental NC to mile zero near Hampton Roads. The information on bridges, anchorages and marinas is helpful and is presented sequentially as you go along. I had to use the book backwards as it was designed for cruises southbound but that was not a huge problem. The publishers encourage you to buy their chart book which I did, and found to be useful as well. This is a good summary of what you're going to find on the ICC

A little different than what I imagined, but not bad. I would use this on longer trips on the ICW when ranging out of my home grounds. I didn't find a reference to the channel markers to mile numbers which would have helped when talking to friends who wanted to know where I was. I would say marker 96, Google maps would give them and I no idea where that was. Most of the descriptions of marinas were right on.

I purchased an earlier edition of the same publication and therefore knew the quality of what I was getting. I wanted a guide through the ICW, not an advertisement for attractions along the way. Although, this book did provide a bit of local lore as well. The only reason I did not give it a 5 star rating was because it was a bound paperbak. My earlier version was a spiral bound book which is much easier to open and refer to during the voyage. I also got excellent service. The book was delivered in 3 days without any special request or cost for expedited handling. A happy camper (or should I say sailor)

Wonderful. I first did the lcw by myself in 1980 in a 22 foot sailboat and had the old version next to me the entire way. We just bought this book and my wife read it. It will be in the cockpit With us on our trip from Baltimore to south west florida next month. I am wondering if their chart book is adequate and able to replace paper charts. We have a catalina 350.

Simply think that other volumes are more thorough and offer higher degrees of detail. In this new age of GPS, chart plotters, and resources like "Active Captain", printed books need to offer more than general descriptions.

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