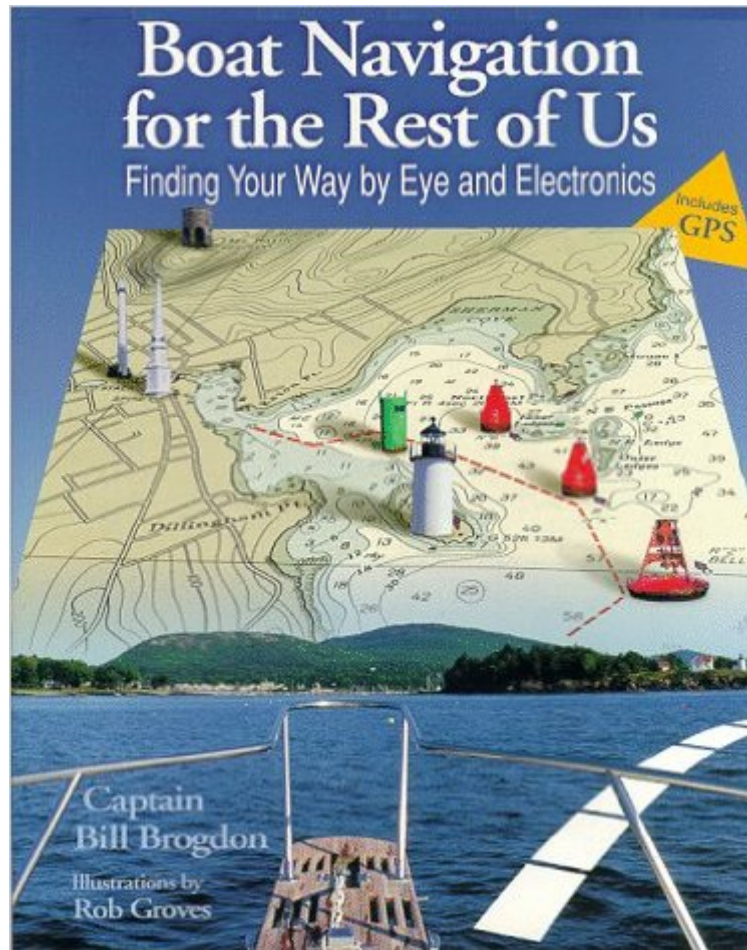


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Boat Navigation For The Rest Of Us: Finding Your Way By Eye And Electronics



Synopsis

The popular texts would have us navigate our small boats with the techniques used on ships and large yachts. But these elaborately precise methods just don't work in the cockpit of a typical pleasure craft. This is the first book to teach small-boat navigation the way smart skippers actually navigate, combining electronics like GPS, loran, and radar with commonsense visual piloting and seat-of-the-pants chartwork. Captain Brogdon explains in plain, simple language exactly how to find where you are and how to get where you want to go with a minimum of fuss.

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Customer Reviews

First, this is a good book. It's useful, I liked it. I learned a few things, it was worth the money. However, some of the background to the navigation "tricks" are questionable, to say the least. My first clue that I might have to watch out for apocryphal math ideas was in the first paragraph of the first page of the book, in the Acknowledgments, where Capt. Brogdon informs us that Newton invented logs and the slide rule (?!). This would be news to Napier and Oughtred, who actually did invent the slide rule twenty years before Newton was born. So how serious is this? Not very. I think Capt. Brogdon knows his way around navigation very well, and he's a good writer, the book is very clear. Don't rely on the background math, but who really reads that stuff anyway, except people like me who are looking for word problems for their next Calculus class? So again, I get over my huffiness and move on. I approve of keeping Loran-C in the book. I don't use it, but people still do and it's good to cover it. I also approve of Capt. Brogdon's fondness for depth sounders, I have a cheap fishfinder LCD on my outrigger sailboat, and it's very useful. He's clearly

an expert on setting up and not messing up your compass. Very useful and clear stuff there. Good, so now I'm in a better mood. I move on to GPS. The GPS section is fine, but this is where the book is most dated, as viewed from 2009. A lot has happened in GPS since 2001. Mapping, for example. An updated version covering mapping GPS would be excellent. Finally, I wish publishers would spring for a real index in a book like this. A professional indexer would have made this book much more useful. The index included is cluttered, hard to read and badly organized.

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