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Sea Kayak Navigation: A Practical Manual, Essential Knowledge For Finding Your Way At Sea



Synopsis

The first edition (0953195619 which went out of print Spring 2007) rapidly became a standard text for sea kayakers. This new edition builds on that success. There are numerous improvements in the explanations and GPS is covered in more detail, reflecting the increased availability and usage of electronic navigational aids. Full use is made of colour photos, diagrams, maps and charts, further enhancing the reader's experience. Exercises to reinforce and self-assess how much the reader has taken on board are provided at the end of each chapter. "Sea Kayak Navigation" is recommended as support material for the new British Canoe Union navigation courses that are currently being introduced.

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Customer Reviews

Franco began sea kayaking at the age of fifteen. He was lucky enough to be brought up in the Channel Islands. The small scattered islands, fast tidal streams and summer fogs ensured that navigation was a key skill learnt at an early age. In 1978 he was one of a team of three Jersey men who completed the first circumnavigation of Ireland by sea kayak. In 1989, with Kevin Danforth, he made a record breaking unsupported crossing of the North Sea. He is the managing director of Pesda Press and still occasionally manages to fit in some freelance coaching (he is a BCU Level 5 Coach). He now lives in Wales and his interests are sea kayaking, whitewater, rock and ice climbing, and ski-mountaineering. His current passion is a twenty-nine foot yacht called 'Firebird'. He has paddled throughout the United Kingdom and in many parts of the world including Nepal, Scandinavia, the coast of Brittany in France, the European Alps, Peru and Western Canada.

A "for hire" Puget Sound excursion boat gave me my first exposure to inland navigation. Later along the Alaska, Washington, Oregon coastline I acquired my coastal navigation skills. While there is nothing like practical experience, This book is the next best thing. In this book you will find the practical knowledge and techniques you will need. It takes the art of inland and coastal navigation and tailors it specifically for the kayakers needs. While we are too small a craft to carry all the fancy stuff the bigger boats do. There is no reason for us not to know where we are, where we are going and how long it will take to get there. Yes, Yes, I know you have your portable GPS - at least for as long as the battery lasts. After that you are back to the arts of navigation. Hone your skills - learn multiple ways of figuring out where you are.

Excellent book for directionally-challenged folks like myself. Easy to read and follow, good exercises to solidify content. Recommended for all who want to learn about navigation for sea kayaking.

This book is a definite necessity for anyone wishing to learn the ways of open water travel. It is not only thought highly of by me, but by some of the paddling community's greatest participants. The coaches, the professionals in our industry, have told me this personally . This is the only book on this topic you will ever need.

Excellent book that teaches practical knowledge using good descriptions and excellent diagrams / images.

The best sea kayak navigation book out there. Well written and user friendly.

Super book, did not know I knew so little, will be of immeasurable help!

valuable information

High- average level. Retarding navigation there's much to say. This book does a good summary and allows start with some security.

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