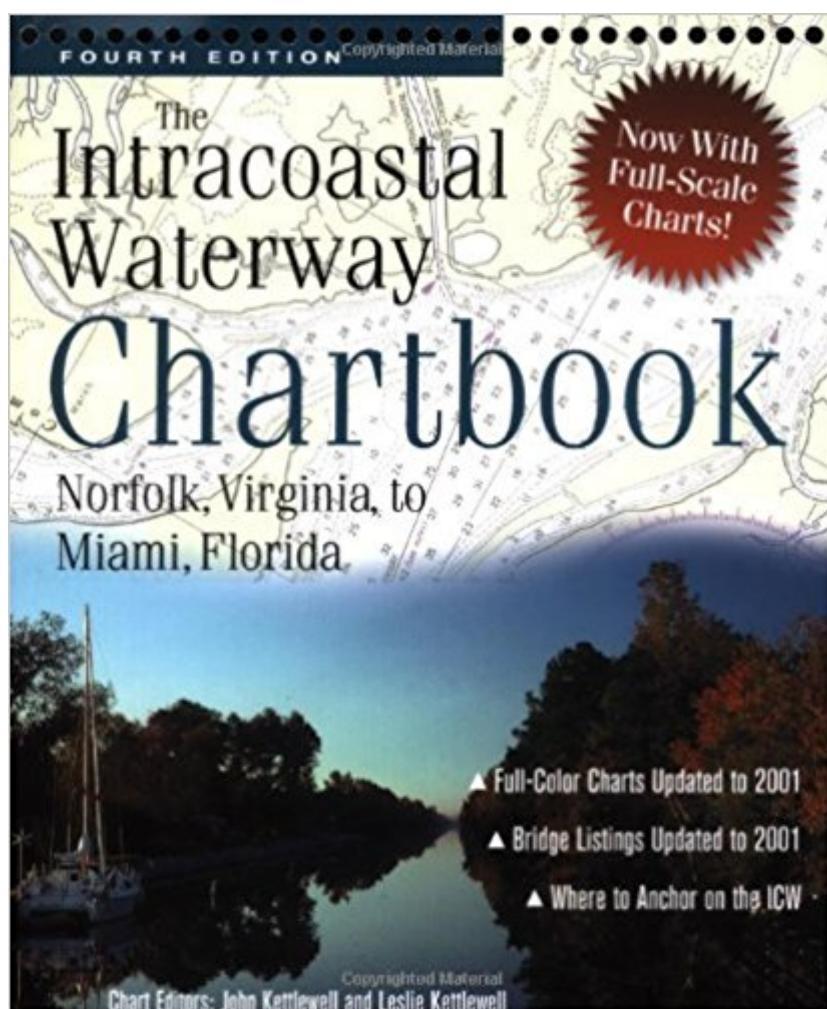


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# Intracoastal Waterway Chartbook : Norfolk, Virginia, To Miami, Florida



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An extraordinary value at the price, this compact, easy-to-use reference offers boaters a complete set of full-color navigation charts for the 1,090-mile Intracoastal Waterway, running from Norfolk to Miami, as well as charts for all the major Atlantic inlets en route. This edition has been fully updated through late 2001 and now features a larger size to allow chart segments to be presented at the same scale as the original NOAA charts from which they are reproduced.

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route, all in a compact, easy-to-use format. Statute miles are noted in five-mile increments in the chart margins, along with bridge, lock, and anchorage locations. A handy place-name index makes it even easier to go right to the chart showing your destination. An ideal companion to The Intracoastal Waterway Chartbook is The Intracoastal Waterway, Norfolk to Miami: A Cockpit Cruising Handbook, 4th edition, by Jan Moeller and Bill Moeller.

I'm really sorry to have to write such a negative review, but sent me an email asking what I think of this chart book, and so here it goes. Maybe it's just the electronic version, but the charts are way too small (even when zoomed in), and they don't provide enough information. I had heard that this was a must have when passing through the Intracoastal, and this book has been almost entirely useless, except for the section which lists the marinas and their statute numbers. Even the section of the Intracoastal known as the "Rock Pile", which can be terribly dangerous, has no information found in this book. Again, sorry to have to say it, but this material seems highly overrated, and as it turns out, I've been relying on my electronic chart plotter and Google maps (offline areas) rather than this expensive book. There are other books out there that cost less and have proven to be more informative and helpful.

I recently bought a boat in Fort Lauderdale and brought it up to the Chesapeake Bay. I bought several guides but this was used the most. It also shows clearly anchorage areas. It is small and compact and you flip the pages as you go along. I marked it up and after the journey it can be thrown away. I also had a set of larger size maps that cost a lot more but only used them 2 or 3 times. This compliments the waterway guides and also compliments Skipper Bobs. GREAT CHARTBOOK, highly recommended.

Buyer Beware! The publish date on this guide is 2012. That means the best case scenario is that the charts included are at least 5 years old, and that assumes they were all up to date at the time this book went to press, which we know is not the case. A chartbook that old is of questionable value and reliability.

This chart book saved us on our recent trip up the ICW from Oriental, NC to Maryland. There were several areas where we had no cell reception and the GPS on our boat was a few years outdated. Without this book, we would've gotten stuck a couple of times. Very detailed and a must for any trip on the ICW.

Nobody navigating the ICC should be without charts. I use a navigation app on my iPad but want paper for backup. This handy chart book is spiral bound so you can flip the pages up as you need them and since it only covers the ICC you're not dealing with a huge chart of stuff you don't need. I used this on the ICC from Oriental NC to mile zero near Hampton Roads. It's designed to be used with a cruising guide put out by the same company which is also useful. I'd buy it again

a great well organized reference piece for the ICW traveler. The one minor issue I have is that the small area of each chart tends to make you lose the big picture. I laid out the route from Charleston to Beaufort SC. and then transferred it to a large scale NOAA chart. What a surprise. Still it is very handy and much more useable than the fold open waterway charts. More durable too.

This edition is the second of this title I've had in the last 10 years. The information presented is not the complete set of data available, just what you need on the ICW. As with all printed material it's out of date before the print dries. but what's there is right there and the only technology you need is a magnifier with a built in light to see everything you need to see to stay out of trouble. Channels. Anchorages. Marinas. Navigation aids. Are almost always there and correct. But you still should check with the CG, ask others and share if you see a problem.

This book is well worth the price. I have a Nav app on my iPhone and iPod touch that does the GPS thing but having a true chart is so much easier. I tend to use this book with binoculars and compass more than my GPS stuff. Also a plus is the bridge names are in the margins near the bridges for quick reference as well as showing anchorages. Thanks for putting together such a nice chart book.

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