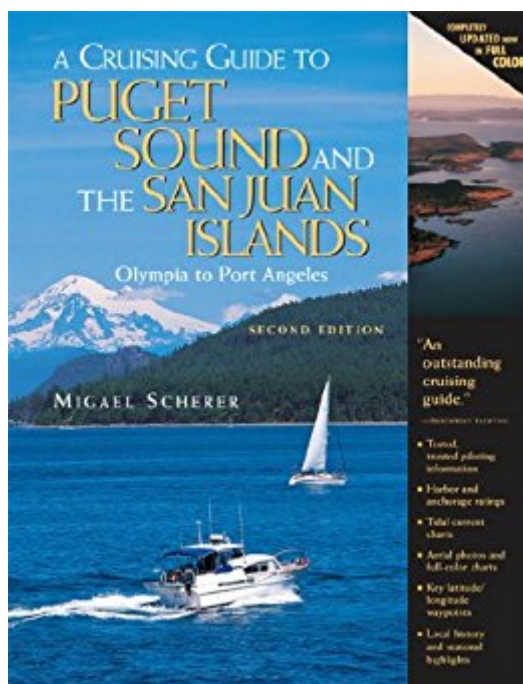


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# A Cruising Guide To Puget Sound And The San Juan Islands: Olympia To Port Angeles



## Synopsis

"Simply put, every local boater should have a dog-eared, well-thumbed copy [of this guide] as a permanent feature in the nautical library." "48" North A Cruising Guide to Puget Sound and the San Juan Islands has earned an outstanding reputation for the accuracy of its piloting instructions, the clarity of its writing, and the high quality of its information. This second edition includes color photos and nautical chart segments throughout, as well as: Approaches and anchorages for hundreds of bays, harbors, and inlets many with annotated charts Weather, tides, currents, and commercial traffic patterns Local history and attractions 240 full-color photos 75 color chartlets Larger size and lay-flat binding for ease of use With at-a-glance ratings of every harbor and anchorage, A Cruising Guide to Puget Sound and the San Juan Islands is the definitive resource for Pacific Northwest cruising. "Everything a yachtsman's pilot ought to be: shipshape and workmanlike in its approach, unusually well written, very thoughtfully researched." "Jonathan Raban, bestselling author, Waxwings: A Novel and Passage to Juneau "All the necessary nuts and bolts about navigating local waters is found in A Cruising Guide to Puget Sound. . . . A welcome addition to the library of any Puget Sound sail- or powerboat owner." "Seattle Times "An elegant, beautiful book. . . . For even those few boaters who think they know all Puget Sound has to offer, this invaluable reference guide will introduce them to hundreds of new places yet to explore." "48" North "So complete that veteran cruisers will discover cruising grounds they didn't know existed or didn't consider navigable." "SAIL "An encyclopedic sailing guide to area waters, written with exhaustive first-hand research to almost every cove and inlet, and complemented with a remarkable series of maps, charts, and pictures." "Seattle Post-Intelligencer "Well written and full of tantalizing places." "WoodenBoat "A keeper for my 'to take cruising' box." "Sailing "A monumental book that gives minute details on every bay, waterway, and stretch of navigable salt water from Olympia to Port Angeles, including the San Juan Islands. It does an excellent job of explaining navigational hazards and anchoring peculiarities at each point along the way." "Bellingham Herald

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## Customer Reviews

This is an excellent book for Puget Sound boaters, A DEFINATE MUST BUY! It is very easy to find locations and is up to date. A cruising guide lists, Beauty/interest, Protection, Facilities, Latitude and longitude, Phone numbers and web sites of marinas, parks, etc. It also has many wonderful color pictures of area attractions, plus charts and tidal current charts. This is a much better book than Gunkholing in the South Puget Sound which is eight years out of date.

A must have for cruising down sound or in the San Juan Islands. There are not any good cruising books for South Sound and this was and still is a "Bible" of information. I live in the San Juan Islands and we gleaned more information about our own waters. Highly recommend this book. ONE THING THOUGH.....American Camp anchorage is NOT protected from south westerlies!

This is a must have boaters book if you live in the Puget Sound area. Very detailed in the points of interest, each one is clearly described and rated. Some charting is included for difficult harbors, approaches are described. This gives us (new boaters and new Washingtonians) a great place to start in our explorations. Highly recommended!!!

If you are familiar with Waggoner's Cruising Guide, then this is about as useful. I was looking for a guide that had a drawing, picture, of each harbor, or destination with information about each anchorage, a marina, the town etc....like DreamSpeaker's guides to the San Juans etc. This guide was not useful to me and I returned it.

This review could take hours to write, if there was room and time. Since there isn't, I'll just say that Puget Sound/Seattle/Anacortes are my favorite places to be. I'd live there now, except for other family requirements (but I sure know how to get there!). The boat I mention in the SFO cruising guide will be towed up to the Sound as often as possible, and every nitch and cranny will be re-explored, following in the wake of my late uncle who lived there and taught me the art of boating back in the '60s. I drive up there every chance I get. Cruising up there can be very complex....considering ship traffic, reefs that are close to the water surface, floating logs that can separate an outdrive from the boat in a nanosecond, and private or shallow areas that it is a good idea to stay away from. This book has it all.

Loved this book! Ms. Scherer accurately describes anchorages, moorages, water passages etc. She also includes lat/long information which helps in using the GPS. We've been sailing in the San Juans for over 30 years and still found this book helpful. We even tried a few anchorages we've never explored before after reading her descriptions. Definitely a book to add to your boat!

Nice pictures and great quality printing but lacks specific detail to be useful. This book was too generic to be helpful. I felt like this was a complete waste of money and don't know who could find this book useful beyond maybe researching the area prior to leaving. We recently spent two weeks sailing in the San Juans and never used it. The Waggoner book that was in our charter boat was much better but our favorite was San Juan Islands Cruise Guide: A Boaters Handbook for Camping the San Juan's and Surrounding Area by Cummins.

We use this as a supplement to Waggoners and other Cruising Guides. While we find it helpful, our first preference are the series of Yeadon-Jones cruising guides for a more personal and detailed source of local cruising information...

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