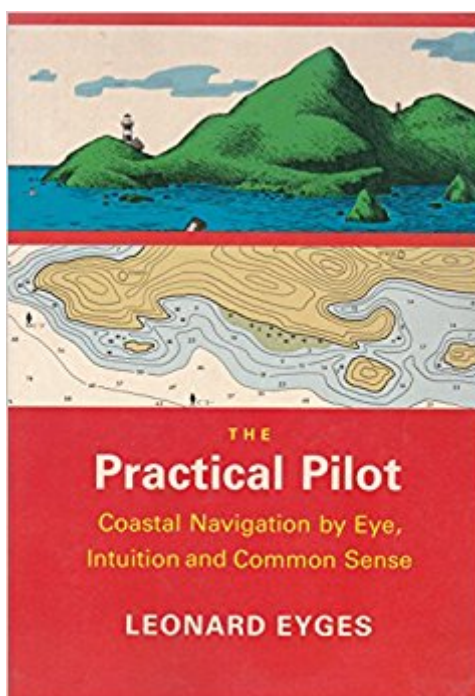


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The Practical Pilot: Coastal Navigation By Eye, Intuition, And Common Sense



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Here is a revolutionary, simple, and practical method of coastal piloting. At the heart of the system is visual navigation with emphasis on using land formation and navards to determine a boat's position. In clear, lively prose, Eyles unfolds the system step by step. There are also valuable new insights on reading charts, adjusting a compass, and avoiding collisions. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Excellent work. Very well researched and presented. This book is full of gems of information that even a professional navigator might find he did not exactly know. This book is copy written in 1989, so it is well beyond current technology (in 2015), but facts and the basics never change so there is much to recommend this book to anyone who wants to understand how to put it all together and be a better mariner. The title describes exactly what this book is about. Would be nice to see a revised edition.

Simply the best explanation of the techniques that small boat pilots actually use (or should use!). I have been sailing over thirty years, and have sailed the west coast of North America singlehanded from Canada to Mexico. I've read dozens of books on this subject and no book better explains the real travails of the small boat navigator, and how to deal with them, than this one. It's a travesty that this book is out of print. Today's small boat pilot relies far too much on electronics when his/her eyeballs and brain are far more dependable.

You may not need all the knowledge in this book in the age of GPS, but the approach is valuable nonetheless. You may not throw your chartplotter overboard and go back to the old days, but you will learn to pay attention to your surroundings in a whole new way. Great book in any century!!

Arrived timely. Great for teaching novices the art of navigating in the coastal waters of West Florida.

Very enjoyable to watch Newton's approach to and process of applying mathematics in his search to understand the world.

This book tells me what I want to know: "How can I look at the chart and my surroundings and tell where I am and where to go while at the helm paying attention to traffic, wind, and weather?" I've read several navigation books and found them to be aimed at people on ships that would have a dedicated navigator or those who were studying for a written exam. I can't just go below, spread out paper charts, plot my DR position, calculate set and drift, etc. unless far from land and other boats. Have you tried to use a sextant on a small boat in anything but glass calm conditions? Consider trying it at the tiller, then looking up numbers on tables (in the rain), doing math in your head, and trying not to run aground at the same time.

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