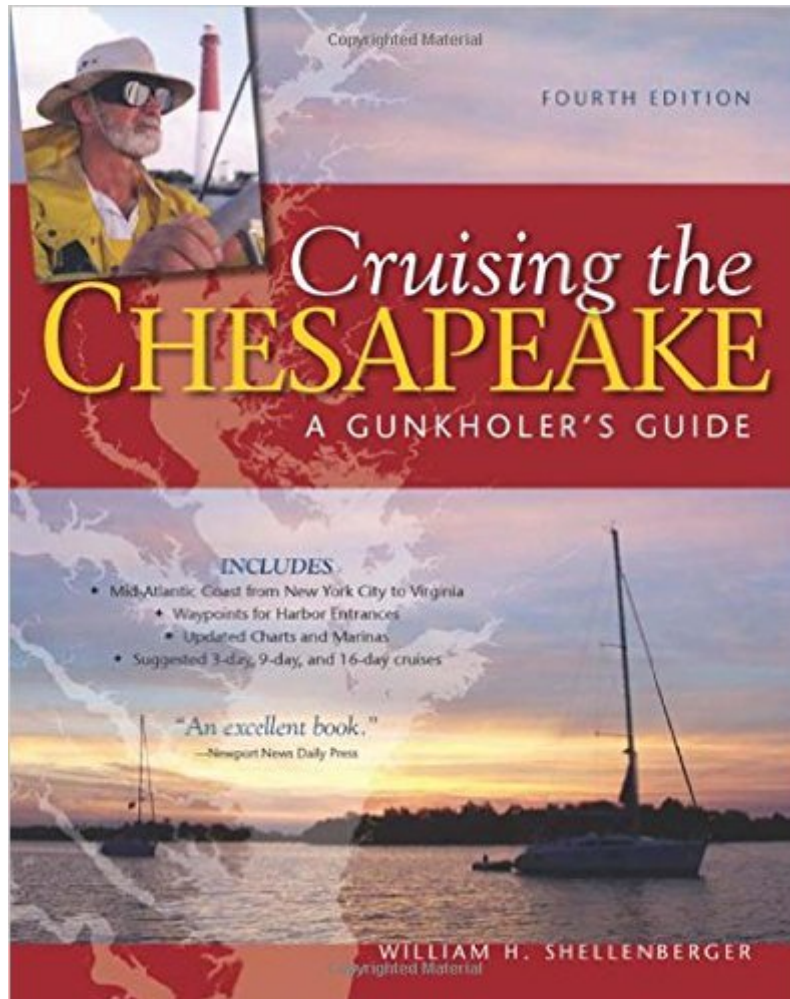


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Cruising The Chesapeake: A Gunkholers Guide, 4th Edition



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"Shellenberger has perfected the art of gunkholing . . . An excellent book for both those who enjoy weekend cruises and those who merely want to know more about Chesapeake Bay." -- Daily Press (Newport News, VA) "With more than 3,000 miles of shoreline, the Chesapeake Bay offers a treasury of cruising spots. Shellenberger's book provides the key to unlock it." -- Virginian-Pilot "An 'insider's' look at the hundreds of places cruisers and weekend boaters love to hole up in. . . . It is also a loving portrait of the bay, its history, its people, its wildlife, and its environment." -- The Mariner "A truly monumental guide." -- Sunday Capital (Annapolis, MD) Dotting its more than 3,000-mile shoreline are creeks, coves, and inlets--or gunkholes in Chesapeake Bay parlance. They are as challenging as they are charming for cruisers to find and enter, sometimes discouraging the less adventuresome. But thanks to author Bill Shellenberger, you will be able to enjoy these hidden treasures like an old pro. For more than twenty years, Bill Shellenberger's *Cruising the Chesapeake* has been the guide of choice for sailors and motor cruisers seeking to avoid the beaten path. Here Bill shares with you his engaging, heartfelt evocation of the Bay, its shores, history, wildlife, and people. No other guide to the region offers such complete, detailed coverage of virtually every point of interest on the Bay--from the secluded east fork of Langford Creek to the bustling hearts of Baltimore, Washington, and Norfolk. Find your path to *Cruising the Chesapeake* with A cruise planner with suggested itineraries for cruises of 3, 9, and 16 days, supported by overview charts and planning tips Waypoints for anchorages and key locations that make planning your cruises and integrating navigational data into your GPS unit a snap NOAA charts and aerial photos of key anchorages and tricky passages Updated information on piloting and shoreside facilities Expanded coverage up the Atlantic seaboard from the entrance of the Chesapeake to New York City and its anchorages that make this the ONE guide for the mid-Atlantic boater A comprehensive cruise planner and navigation guide and a vivid celebration of one of North America's natural treasures, *Cruising the Chesapeake* is a book no Chesapeake boater will want to be without.

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Excellent. Highly recommended. A true cruiser's guide with ratings / rankings on where to go and what do and see. Covers areas by beauty & interest, weather & wave protection, and facilities. Includes a nice to have reliable recommendation on bad weather hold-up locations. If you are a traveler who has found value in Frommer's or Rich Steves' guides, you will like this book. A boaters guide from an experienced and knowledgeable Chesapeake Bay (and beyond) sailor.

This is our second copy of the book. It was purchased as a gift for a fellow sailor. I was impressed by the organization of the information and wish more cruising guides implemented this format that includes a mini-map on every page. The writing is crisp and informative. Recommended especially for sailors who need deep water passage making and safe places to retreat during storms.

This is a great reference book based on the information it provides. However, I was disappointed there were no color plates and the format is not especially friendly. It doesn't play well as a coffee table book and being hard cover it isn't a user's manual either. It does contain a lot of useful information.

My husband did not even want to put down this book. It is detailed for the Chesapeake bay. It gives all the information you want for boating the Chesapeake. He would highly recommend this book if you want to know the ins and outs of the Chesapeake

Folksy friendly: Almost like a conversation over a couple beers, only without the errors.

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While no guide is perfect, this one has a lot of helpful hints to the areas we have visited. As newbies on the Chesapeake,(I am a southern New Jersey ocean sailor at heart) we have found a lot of useful information for our adventures. Would recommend this to all sailors.

This is a pretty good guide book, but the pages have light grey ink on a white page which is hard to read, and the included chart close-ups are tiny and not too easy to use. I've used a lot of other cruising guides that are much more readable, which is important given that when you're out boating, you often need a quick answer and sometimes have a lot going on with driving, sail trim, traffic, weather, etc.

This is a nice book, conveniently organized for the Bay cruiser. It's easy to find essential information for any given section of the Bay. If only the charts and pictures were in color, instead of shades of gray, they would be so much more readable and useful.

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