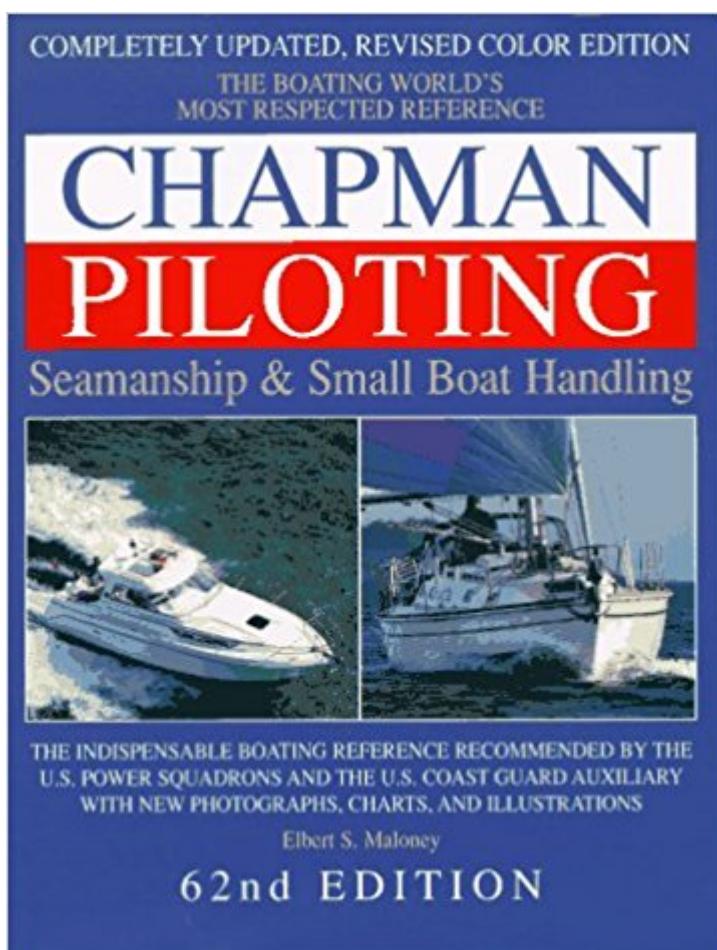


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# Chapman Piloting: Seamanship & Small Boat Handling (Chapman Piloting, Seamanship And Small Boat Handling)



## **Synopsis**

Continuously updated to reflect ever-advancing technology, Chapman Piloting, Seamanship & Small Boat Handling remains the most comprehensive and authoritative reference guide to recreational boating after three quarters of a century. More than 1,500 photographs and drawings illustrate all the information necessary to own and operate a seaworthy boat. With a well-earned reputation as the Bible of Boating, Chapman's offers the most current data on boat handling, basic piloting procedures, sailboat and powerboat seamanship, charts and compasses, tides and weather, and boating equipment, as well as all the official boating laws and regulations governing the nation's waterways. Also included is the latest information on developments in the crucial fields of marine electronics, safety systems, radar, and communications. Used by private navigation and sailing schools throughout the country, Chapman's is also recommended by the United States Power Squadrons and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary for their public boating-education classes. Whether used as an on-board reference, for home study, or in conjunction with boating courses, this is the one indispensable text for novice and expert alike.

## **Book Information**

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Developed in 1917 by pioneering small-craft enthusiast and Motor Boating magazine editor Charles F. Chapman, Chapman Piloting covers the gamut of information that both the fledgling boater and seasoned mariner need to know. The 62nd edition includes fully updated sections on navigation with satellite technology, procedures for emergencies, and maritime laws and regulations. In

addition to the thorough chapters on boating basics, safety, the art of seamanship, waves and weather, piloting and navigation, electronic equipment, and the boating community, subjects are wonderfully illustrated, cross-referenced, and supplemented by a comprehensive glossary of boating terms. Without question, Chapman Piloting remains a standard text for boating schools and has long stood as a ready and dependable first mate in wheelhouses of powerboaters and sailboaters alike. --Byron Ricks

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First, I highly recommend at least the basic boating class, many times offered by the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. With or without that education, this book should be studied by anyone operating or even a regular passenger on a vessel. Unfortunately I have had many encounters with "experienced boaters" that do not actually know much or anything at all about navigation, piloting, the rules of the road, the sea, or the many aspects of safe yachting. Reading this book will put you heads above many other boaters and may open your eyes to what you did not even know you did not know.....Happy and safe boating

I don't know how you can make a more comprehensive book about boating. I'm new to boating, and I've been asking questions of everyone I meet at the marina and at the stores. When I received this book, I read for an hour and found answers to everything I wanted. If I didn't recognize a term, phrase, or technique I read in the book, I didn't have to leave the book to find it. Knots? It's in here; and it's the most approachable guide I've read. Safety equipment and how to use it? Everything you need to know is here. There's a great chapter on maneuvering, focusing on all the scary bits: at the marina and docking, including casting off and coming back in. The book even includes a section on using ropes and power to turn in tight quarters. Trailering and sailboating are treated clearly, though sailing coverage might be a little light -- I'm a power boater and can't say. The book is continually revised and is incredibly current. There's a chapter on advanced marine electronics, including all the new plotters and GPS systems, and the upcoming radio features. The book doesn't neglect the

basics; there's a 40-page chapter on compasses, and plenty of information on observing weather, charting, and navigation. There are colour illustrations throughout, a great index, and a good glossary. Unfortunately, there are also typographical errors and formatting problems here and there, too. Sometimes, they're enough to make the material confusing or inaccurate. This volume is giant and a bit intimidating, and you probably can't bring it aboard with you. You can't read it in bed, either. If you own a boat, even if you're experienced, I'm sure you can use a copy of this book for reference. If you're new to boating, like I am, you'll have great use for the book and its contents. If you don't own a boat yet, you should buy one before you go to the boat show or the dealership; you'll learn more than your salesman probably knows!

I love boating on the Chesapeake Bay and other waters... exploring and as we say 'gunkholing" in out of the way spots. This is almost always done in rented trawlers and other available craft. Never never never would I leave shore without this reference tool in my bag. It is a valuable reference guide and in a pinch can substitute as a door stop, paper weight or mallet. Yes the Chapman has gotten heavy in its old age but still packs a punch as far as its massive information. Want to curl up with a page turner on a quiet evening? The Chapman may not be your best choice but if I find myself on board a water craft larger than a (God forbid) JetSki, I want a Chapman with me.

Dear Skipper: Whether a novice or practiced boater, Chapman's Piloting Seamanship and Boat Handling book is an essential part of your marine safety education. It doesn't matter where you do your boating; ocean, intracoastal, lakes or rivers, or the size or type (sail or power) of your vessel. And don't make the mistake of thinking that a basic boating course is adequate training. Chapman's provides in-depth and meaningful training which can keep you and your family safe and able to enjoy your time on the water. It teaches you how to adequately equip your boat, boat handling during inclement weather (absolutely crucial), piloting (getting from point A to point B) anchoring, docking and all the other essentials which should be learned and trained on water. Don't keep Chapman's in your boat, keep it on your coffee table by the television where you can see it and access it easily and often. The seamanship book is sort of like an emergency preparedness plan for your boat. As an emergency responder you must study and understand and be able to implement the plan BEFORE an emergency or disaster strikes! Read this book and practice on water. The result will be a confident, alert and happy skipper.

Extremely interesting and informative. Just absorb it over time would be a good way to retain the

information. Hopefully, the information learned will be second nature when needed.

awesome, a wealth of knowledge

Product received on time and as described. Masterful.

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