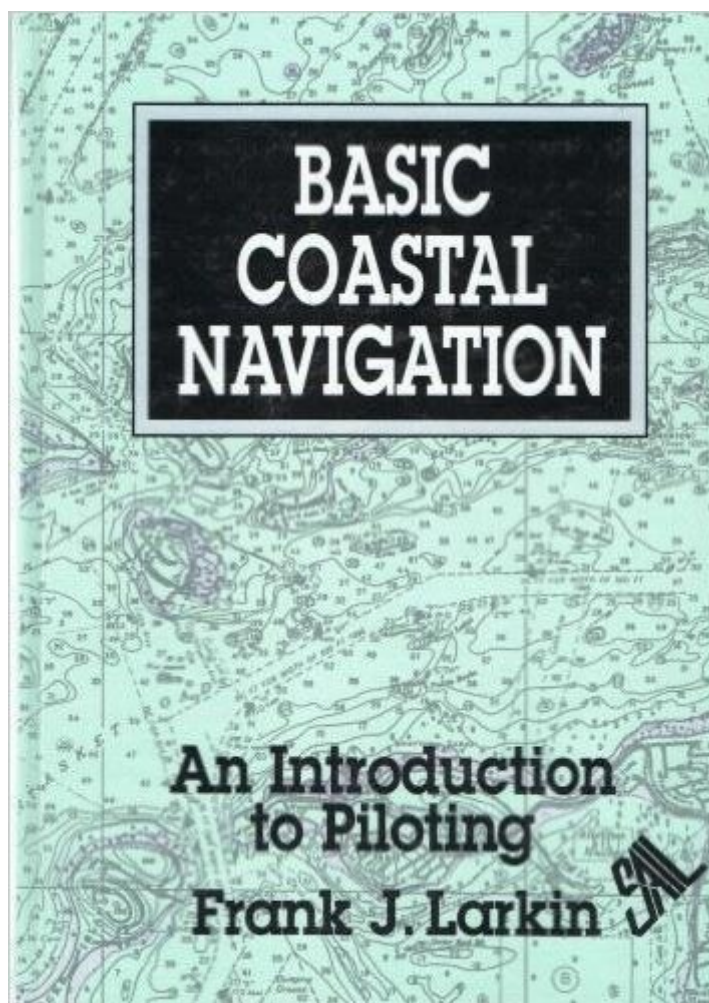


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# Basic Coastal Navigation: An Introduction To Piloting



## Synopsis

Anyone going to sea much beyond a row around the harbor needs to have a grasp of the basic techniques of coastal navigation or piloting. Here is a thorough, logical, clearly written presentation of all the fundamentals of coastal navigation most any recreational boater needs. Topics covered range from nautical charts, aids to navigation, instruments, plotting, determining position, calculating times and distances, to the use of electronic navigation systems. The text is completely up-to-date, very well illustrated, and each chapter includes a set of questions with answers providing a review of subjects covered. Highly recommended to both novices and to experienced boaters wanting to refresh their skills. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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"Basic Coastal Navigation" is a comprehensive and thoroughly-accessible guide to piloting small sail and power boats. Written in a self-instruction format with exercises, questions, and answers included in each chapter, the book offers step-by-step coverage of what sometimes can be a daunting subject. Frank J. Larkin takes care to write in a simple (but never dry) prose style, using easy-to-understand terms. Also, the book's layout is superb: There's lots of white space, large graphics, and varying font sizes and shadings. Larkin also includes helpful memory aids, such as "Lat is Flat" for Latitude and --for a Black-Topped/White Buoy, which indicates an obstruction-- "Think of the black top as a storm such as a Nor'easter." The author covers everything from nautical charts and plotting true courses to dead reckoning and electronic navigation systems (including GPS). All

sea-persons with small boats--whether power or sail--should purchase this book.

This is a basic introductory textbook for readers who have no previous training in navigation or piloting. The explanations are simple and clear. The author provides questions and answers at the end of each chapter, plus exercises in such skills as plotting a course. Appendices describe detailed procedures and forms that facilitate a navigator's work. The book's large format makes it easy for the reader to follow both text and illustrations. This useful book could be used either for training oneself or as the text for an introductory class. Michael Michaud, Vienna, Austria

This is THE first book in coastal navigation to go through if you are new to navigation without the electronics. Very well written and organized, the examples are excellent and the example charts to work out the problems are a great help. The example chart for all problems are printed in the book and can easily be copied if you do not want to write in the book. You can take this book with you anywhere and with a simple six inch ruler, a little protractor, and 60-30-90 triangle you can work all the problems any time anywhere. Great for autodidactic coastal navigators. Read it cover to cover, do all the problems and you will be a much more confident coastal navigator in the age of GPS and digital chart plotters. This is a good prelude to the USCA Basic and Advanced Coastal Navigation courses. I highly recommend this book! Great work Mr. Larkin!

Navigation can be complicated. This book simplifies it. It is very thorough and teaches you what you need to know to navigate coastal waters. It's not my favorite sailing book, but it has taught me a lot. The price is also very reasonable. Highly recommended!

I'm taking a 'self-study' class for Coastal Navigation from my local sailing club. Frank Larkin's book is the perfect complement reference work for that course. Personally, I'd like to see more practical problems. The resources in the back of the book are great; however, in this day, I would expect to be able to download the log example, worksheets and practice charts from the web (and not have to photo-copy them). Overall, a great resource.

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