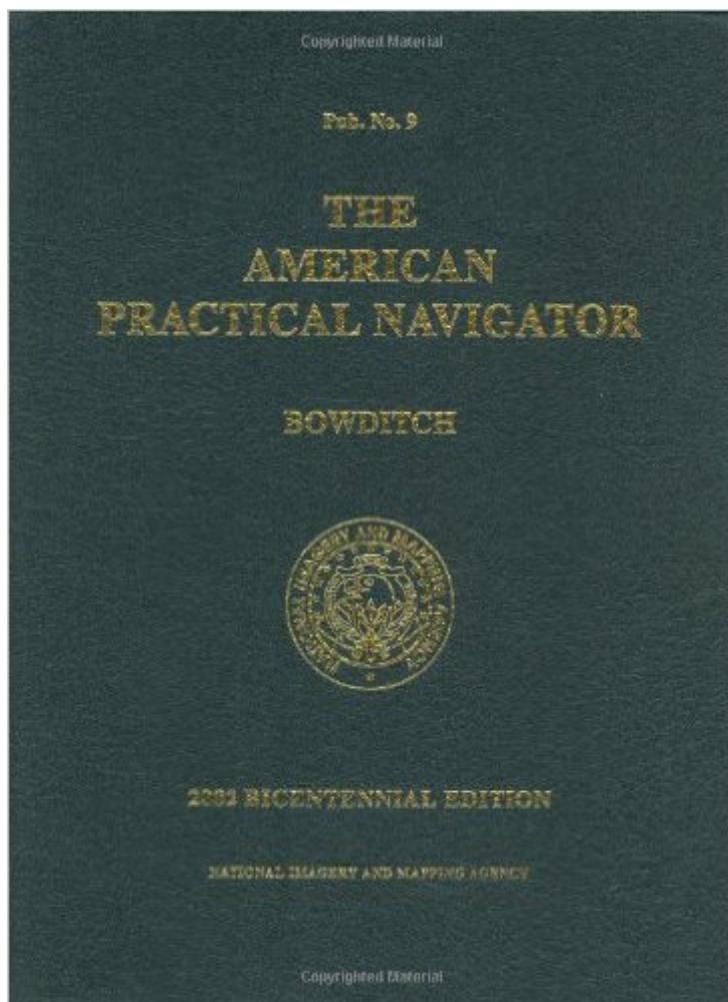


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# The American Practical Navigator: Bowditch



## Synopsis

THERE IS NO MORE RECENT EDITION OF BOWDITCH. THIS EDITION WAS PRINTED IN 2015, BUT IS THE 2002 EDITION. This edition also includes the latest Notice to Mariners. There are editions being offered for sale which claim to be later editions. Contact us for clarification. This edition of The American Practical Navigator, Bowditch, is offered by Celestaire and Paradise Cay Publications. This is the most recent update of Bowditch, the definitive work on navigation. Nathaniel Bowditch first published this encyclopedic work in 1802. During the last two centuries over 75 editions, almost 1,000,000 copies, of Bowditch have been published by the US Government. It has lived because it has combined the best technologies of each generation of navigator. This edition includes the latest advances in electronic navigation and digital charting technology. It also covers nonelectronic navigation such as celestial, plotting and dead reckoning. Bowditch contains numerous tables which have been valued for years by practicing navigators. Bowditch is carried on the bridge of every U.S. Navy ship and should be the mainstay of any serious navigator's library. Paradise Cay and Celestaire's present this commercial edition of Bowditch which is a complete copy of the latest Government edition.

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Although it appears intimidating, it's actually quite readable. It happens also to be the very pinnacle of all marine navigation guides; all others refer to it and every navigator/pilot should own a copy. But (a) it's enormous in both physical volume and weight and (b) it does get updated. What to do? ...A search on "nga bowditch" will provide you with the current pdf version, chapter by chapter on the

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Weighing in at a hefty five pounds plus and almost 1000 pages long, this book is as important to your boat as its keel, and almost as dense. First published by Nathaniel Bowditch in 1802 and carried on board every U.S. Navy vessel, THE AMERICAN PRACTICAL NAVIGATOR ("BOWDITCH") is the quintessential seafarer's reference. Exhaustively encyclopedic in scope, BOWDITCH is the sailor's mentor on just about any nautical subject, and it is also simply fascinating to read. Although online editions of BOWDITCH are constantly updated, a hardcover edition never crashes and has to be rebooted, and is never subject to the vagaries of battery failure. Despite its heftiness, every confirmed boat handler should have a copy of THE AMERICAN PRACTICAL NAVIGATOR.

30 years in the Navy, 13 at sea. This is the bible for all true Navy persons. I recall hours reading it, and endeavoring to absorb the wisdom of the sea as recounted by generations of those before me. As a Commanding Officer I would put notes in the Night Orders which would cause the watchstanders to research during quiet time, usually they could find the answers in Bowditch. A real gem, I still keep my copy close to read, when the lack of salt air causes me to feel remorse for my retired life. Rok Kedney CDR USN (ret)

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Gave it to an electronics-overloaded 16-year-old. He will not appreciate it now, wondering most of all why a New Mexico father bought a book on sea navigation, but the timeless knowledge will be valued long after the latest blinking gadget is in the landfill. A lot of knowledge for \$33.

This is the book the other navigation books keep referring to when trying to make a point or explain some fact of navigation. Might as well just get this book to start with. I just wish the first line on page 230 would have printed, I would like to know what it says.

A classic maritime reference book; although titled the "Practical American Navigator" it is much more than a basic Northern American navigation text. In fact, I would describe it more as a comprehensive academic text of applied navigation and the associated global oceanography and meteorology. As such, this book is as universal a text as the "Oxford Dictionary". The other great thing is that the majority of the text is written in clear and plain English.

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