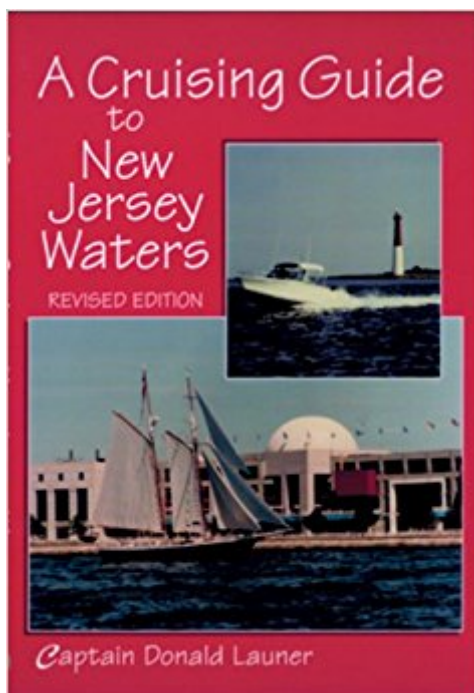


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# A Cruising Guide To New Jersey Waters



## Synopsis

With this book in hand, boaters can cruise down the Jersey Shore--from New York Harbor to Delaware Bay--in the good company of Captain Donald Launer. Captain Launer brings many years of experience as a skipper of small boats to this engaging nautical and historical guide to New Jersey's tidal waters. Cruise with him from the New Jersey/New York state line near the mouth of the Hudson River, past Raritan Bay and Sandy Hook, and into the Manasquan Inlet. From there, he gives you a choice of voyages: the inside route through the Intracoastal Waterway to Toms River, Barnegat Bay, Atlantic City, and Cape May, or taking the offshore passage. Then you explore the Delaware Bay and its tributaries and cruise up the Delaware River to Trenton. This revised edition contains updated information about onshore facilities, marinas, restaurants, stores, sites of interest, docking fees, bridge heights, maritime service stations, weather, navigation, and safety, as well as post-September 11 regulations in the waters around New York City. The book also includes a wealth of photographs and sea charts. Donald Launer, who holds a U.S. Coast Guard captain's license, has explored the New Jersey waters in every kind of small craft since he first sailed in Barnegat Bay at the age of eight. His articles on recreational boating have appeared in *Good Old Boat Magazine*, *Cruising World*, *The Beachcomber*, *Offshore*, and *Sail*. He berths his schooner, *Delphinus*, in Forked River, New Jersey.

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Launer, a licensed captain for 17 years, has extensively cruised New Jersey waters in his

two-masted schooner, Delphinus. New Jersey is surrounded by 300 miles of navigable waters subject to tidal flow. Beginning at the northeastern corner of the state on the Hudson River, Launer sails down the Hudson River around Sandy Hook, down the Atlantic Coast via the Intercoastal Waterway past Atlantic City, round Cape May into Delaware Bay, and on to Philadelphia and finally Trenton. Along the way he describes weather, prevailing winds and currents, bridges, safe anchorages, yacht clubs, restaurants, parks, game preserves, marinas, and even local boating stores and repair facilities. He primarily stays within sheltered waters but also discusses in detail the ocean passage with good solid advice for the offshore skipper. Launer is also a keen environmentalist and updates not only the boating conditions but the encouraging wildlife resurgence. A good, solid addition for public libraries along the Atlantic seaboard. John Kenny, San Francisco, P.L. Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Launer blends maritime history with nuts-and-bolts cruising facts.. (Cruising World)Fills a big void in the East Coast boating world. (Home News Tribune)Whether you are a newcomer to the Jersey coast or an old-timer, you will delight in Captain Launer's blend of local history and sea lore. (Barnegat Bay Banner)

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Nice guide.

Delivered quickly, received as described.

Captain Launer is an articulate, informative, and entertaining guide. His information is current and detailed. I have enjoyed reading this book straight through from the Introduction. I look forward to extending my next Baltimore-to-Cape May cruise up the ICW to Atlantic City with Captain Launer's guide at hand.

Captain Donald Launer is one of the more knowledgeable sailors along the New Jersey shore. He lives there and is devoted to marine arts and sciences as they effect boaters. His book is scrupulously accurate, unusually readable, and more than interesting for sailor, motorboater or just an interested reader. Although the book is sequential in form, in that it presents a travelogue from

New Jersey's dramatic Palisades to rather scruffy Trenton Falls, it is equally useful as a reference book; the organization is outstanding. Captain Launer has also kindly provided a fairly complete reference section. This is a "must book" for any skipper who wishes to cruise New Jersey Waters. A great gift for any Garden State boater.

"A Cruising Guide to New Jersey Waters" is a delightful sail up all the little tidal rivers, through the marshes, backbays & canals - a waterway tour around peninsula New Jersey. I went to several of the lovelier locations described in this book by car. If you want to really go off the beaten track, forget the popular tourist guides & check out books like this one.

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