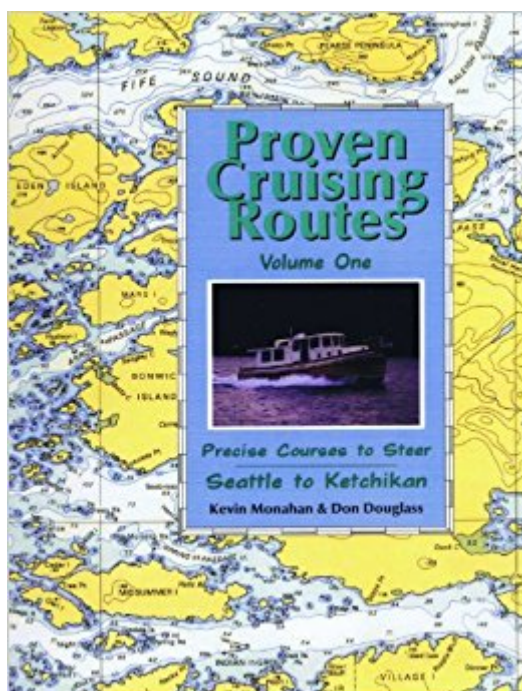


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# Proven Cruising Routes: Precise Courses To Steer : Seattle To Ketchikan



## **Synopsis**

At last, actual routes-waypoint to waypoint, with a diagram of each waypoint-from Seattle to Ketchikan! A first-of-its-kind, this route guide covers the conventional ferry/cruise ship routes northbound, as well as the Outer Passage, and many remote inlets and passages preferred by small cruising boats. The results of several years of on-site testing, this guide, which sets the standard for all future route guides, is a boon for skippers wanting a quick, accurate reference. Waypoints are given for each step of a route with steering courses, distance-to-go, and other critical data for helmsmen and navigators. Proven Cruising Routes is a major breakthrough in presenting clear and concise directions for navigating the intricate passages between Seattle and Alaska. Each step of the way complete steering information for the helmsman is instantly available with instructions for every turn, the location of every waypoint, magnetic and true courses to steer, distances to go and detail maps of every waypoint and route. Three years in the making, these two highly experienced GPS navigators have combined efforts to describe each and every waypoint to use when cruising between Seattle and southeast Alaska. These are the routes they have used dozens of times in plying the waters of the Inside Passage and their unique and concise presentation of the technical information is as user-friendly as it is exact and unambiguous. In Proven Cruising Routes, their routes have been optimized for small craft travel and the presentation is designed to alert a helmsman when following or crossing shipping lanes, separation zones, precautionary zones and other known hazards within 400 yards of the route. Should the skipper wish to follow another route, junctions are identified for painless decision making. Proven Cruising Routes provides an instant reference for the skipper who needs to know-quickly and clearly-the course to steer, the distance to the next waypoint, or the presence of hazards in the vicinity. Proven Cruising Routes will be an invaluable companion for a skipper using GPS in any weather and visibility-giving both the novice and the old timer an added margin of safety in piloting these challenging waters.

## **Book Information**

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## Customer Reviews

Don Douglass has logged more than 170,000 cruising miles over the past 30 years-from South America to Dutch Harbor in the Aleutians. He considers Alaskan waters as some of the finest in the world. He began exploring Northwest waters in 1949 as a youth and has sailed the Inside Passage on everything from a 26-foot pleasure craft and commercial fishing boats to a Coast Guard icebreaker. He holds a BSEE degree from California State University and a Masters in Business Economics from Claremont Graduate University. Don holds honorary membership in the International Association of Cape Horners and, as a founding father of the International Bicycling Association, was elected to the Mountain Biking Hall of Fame. He has documented over 8,000 anchor sites and created highly acclaimed Exploring series guidebooks and maps, published by FineEdge.com.

I bought this book as an addition to my other cruising guides for a trip from Ketchikan to Bellingham, WA. in August, 2013. Had I been able to preview the book, I probably would have passed on the purchase. It contains way-points for travel along the Inside Passage. While they are amalgamated in various ways, they just are not that helpful. It took a second read to figure out how they were tied to the authors suggested routes but the routes were confusing without referencing the inside cover for an overview. During the southbound trip, I didn't reference this book once. Other guides contained much more useable information. This was a waste of money for me.

the author jumped from course to courses, never staying on one route until finished, it was just too confusing, I feel it was a waste of my money.

Used this as a planning aid for an inside passage. Better than anything I have used before.

A great tool for one who is serious about taking on the inside passage to Alaska. A must have for the one who is serious about traveling the inside passage.

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The words "Proven" and "Precise" made me assume that the data would have a high degree of accuracy. When the 5th waypoint I entered showed up 30 miles East of Bellingham instead of the Gulf Islands I suspected a problem. I thought I had found a typographic error that must have been part of the publishing process. I discovered from the publisher's web site that there is a long list of other errors that you want to be aware of and it didn't include the one I found. I emailed the author, Kevin Monahan, and was told "The error was one degree which is 60 miles, it comes from misreading the edge of the charts as you move along the latitude line near a full degree mark." In the errata sheet there were many others with the one degree error. If Kevin is right about the source, then these waypoints were never actually used, nor were they even entered into a charting package, or a plotting GPS. Both units would clearly have shown up errors this large. Needless to say I am going to be very careful how I use the data. Fortunately I do have a charting GPS, which is how the first error showed up.

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