

# A Cruising Guide To The Chesapeake: Including the passages from Long Island Sound along the New Jersey coast and inland



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Foreword  
Significant changes have taken place since the first edition of this  
Guide appeared nearly 30 years ago—not only in cruising conditions on  
the Chesapeake but also in the Bay itself and the people who benefit  
from its great natural resources in so many different ways. The boating  
population of the Bay like that of the nation as a whole has approxi-  
mately doubled in the past quarter century—bringing with it new types  
of recreational craft, new shore-based facilities to service them—  
and thousands of newly-converted

landsmen to discover the pleasures and penalties of cruising. In preparation for this new edition we have re-explored Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries more thoroughly than at any time since the late Fessenden Blanchard made his initial explorations in 1948. The "we" is more than editorial; for we have continued Blanchard's practice of drawing heavily upon the knowledge of many other Chesapeake boatmen—several hundred of them—who know their own rivers, creeks and harbors more intimately than any one cruising man could ever hope to know them. Two contributors to this edition deserve special recognition for their invaluable assistance in covering areas they know well or have revisited recently. Samuel D. Foster Jr., an experienced Chesapeake yachtsman whose home is on San Domingo Creek, St. Michaels, cruised the Upper Eastern Shore in his ketch-rigged motor-sailer Sony during the fall of 1972 and reported on extensive changes from the C. & D. Canal to the Choptank River. Carson Gibbs, an Annapolis cruising skipper, sailed his auxiliary sloop Cunegonde along the lower Eastern Shore from the Little Choptank to Cape Charles on a survey cruise in the summer of 1972, revisiting Tangier Sound, Smith and Tangier Islands, Pocomoke Sound and poking into most of the tidewater creeks from Chesconessex to Kiptopeke on Virginia's Eastern Shore. Gibbs' cruise also took him across the Chesapeake Bay entrance to Little Creek on the North shore and back up the Western Shore as far as Mobjack Bay. His findings and perceptive observations are recorded in Chapter VII and parts of Chapter VIII. My own findings from extensive cruising in my auxiliary yawl Brer Fox and consultation with local authorities cover the Eastern Shore.

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