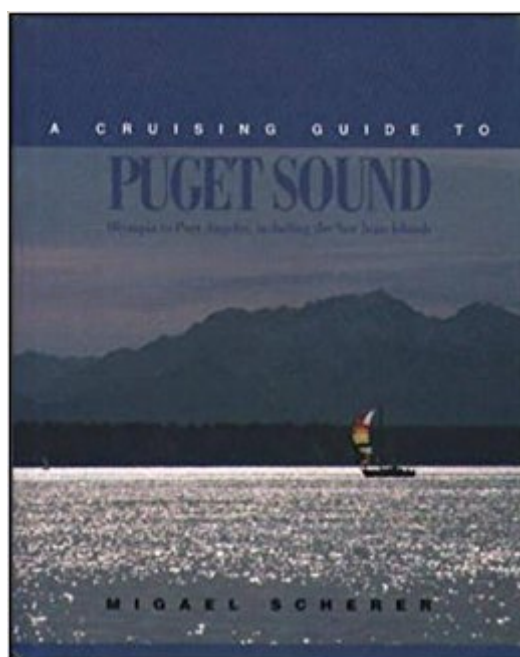


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A Cruising Guide To Puget Sound: Olympia To Port Angeles, Including The San Juan Islands



Synopsis

Puget Sound is one of the largest and most attractive cruising grounds in North America, more varied by far than even veteran cruisers expect--great natural harbors, breathtaking scenery, and a mild climate that permits year-round cruising. Here is the first comprehensive boater's guide to the almost 2,000 miles of shoreline and more than 300 islands that lie between Washington's capital of Olympia and the Canadian border at Point Roberts, including the San Juans. Veteran Pacific Northwest cruiser and award-winning author Migael Scherer brings more than 20 years of Puget Sound sailing to this guide, offering intricate, hard-earned local knowledge of the approaches, anchorages, and facilities of hundreds of bays, harbors, and inlets, with annotated charts for many. Here also are insights into local history and attractions, and a rating system that details every harbor and anchorage, how and where to get ashore, and what facilities to expect. A Cruising Guide to Puget Sound shows you not only where to cruise but how to make your cruise safer and more enjoyable, with a detailed discussion of weather, tides, currents, and the effects of commercial shipping, logging, and fishing. Migael Scherer is a graceful, meticulous, and observant writer whose love and appreciation of all that Puget Sound offers rings clearly. Here is her personal tour. From Olympia through the San Juans to Point Roberts on the Canadian border and Port Angeles in the Strait of Juan de Fuca, Puget Sound offers nearly 300 islands and some 2,000 miles of shoreline. Here is the definitive guide, including Tested piloting information, with comprehensive details on approaches, anchorages and moorage, getting ashore, and things to do Harbor and anchorage ratings, including beauty and interest, protection, and facilities-at-a-glance Advice on coping with tides and currents, weather, commercial traffic, log booms, and other navigational challenges Annotated chartlets Local history and seasonal highlights "Everything a yachtsman's pilot ought to be: shipshape and workmanlike in its approach, unusually well written, very thoughtfully researched. . . . I wish you'd put the price up to, say, \$1,000, and thereby deter a few people from discovering the anchorages that until now have been quietly traded between friends."--Jonathan Raban "Simply, every local boater should have a dog-eared, well-thumbed copy of A Cruising Guide to Puget Sound as a permanent feature in the nautical library."--48 Degrees North "This would be a welcome addition to the library of any Puget Sound sail- or powerboat owner. It could well become a hit among landlubbers searching for that elusive Sound-side getaway."--The Seattle Times

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“This is an outstanding cruising guide.” (Northwest Yachting) “. . . should be all one needs. . . Easy to use. . . well designed. . . thorough.” (Practical Sailor) “. . . so complete that veteran cruisers will discover cruising grounds they didn’t know existed or didn’t consider navigable.” (Sail) “If I ever made it to half the places [Scherer] studied, I would be an extremely happy cruiser. . . This book will be a keeper for my ‘to take cruising’ box.” (Sailing)

Seattle resident Migael Scherer has been cruising Pacific Northwest waters and living aboard since 1974, when she and her husband launched the sailboat they had spent two years building. Her cruising experience includes four years in Southeast Alaska and three trips on the 1,500-mile Inside Passage. Her first book, *Still Loved by the Sun*, won a Pacific Northwest Booksellers Association Award and a PEN/Albrand citation for distinguished nonfiction.

A little out of date in terms of facilities listed but that’s to be expected. I would love a more modernized version with color pictures but this gets the job done. Gives a nice detailed and fairly objective look at the Puget Sound region. I used it to scope out camping/kayaking spots in the San Juans and I went back and read the entries for every cove I went to and it hit them right on the head.

Purchased as a present for my son who has recently moved to Seattle and is taking up sailing. He was delighted with the book’s condition and its contents.

This book is a must for all boats in Washington state....an excellent description of all the islands moorages and anchorages in Puget Sound and the San Juans....

Some charts in this book are very hard to read because they are full sized charts shrunk to book size. The Mueller's hand drawn "maps" cut to the chase and provide a fast, simple references to approaches, park facilities, shore-side facilities, fuel docks, buoys, etc. The Muellers are much more informative about individual places. This book is also too large and heavy IMO, it tries to cover too much. I carry real charts anyway, so why screw around with these miniature sized ones. I'll moor it on my bookshelf and take my old copy of Marge and Ted's book when we leave tomorrow.

This is the classic hardbound version, most of which is still relevant, but must be acquired used. I also have the second edition, which is ringbound with soft cover, has more color and updated information.

Have the newer Paper back by author, was hoping for different information. Book was in great shape, no trouble with seller just buyer

Great guide for sailing the Puget Sound. Helped me plan a bunch of short sails! This book helped me quite a bit in deciding on location to sail to around the Puget Sound. The maps are only meant as a references not charts.

This was the first book my wife and I purchased when we started boating in the Puget Sound 5 years ago. We have bought dozens of boating books since. This is still our favorite. We have worn it out and are now buying another copy to keep at the house. The descriptions of harbor entrances are more complete than other books we use - we always use Scherer's descriptions for new approaches. The book is fun to read - includes sidebars of historical or social interest. Nice photography and an eye-pleasing layout. (Tidal current charts are included in the appendix.)

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