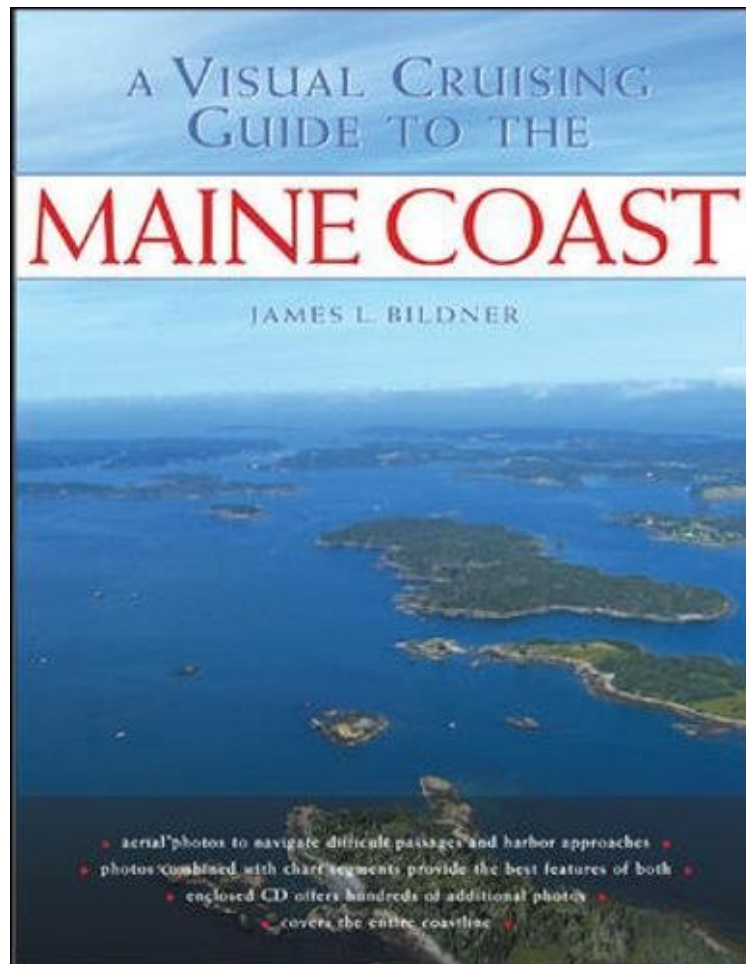


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James L. Bildner : A Visual Cruising Guide to the Maine Coast before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Visual Cruising Guide to the Maine Coast:

26 of 26 people found the following review helpful. It's gorgeous and very useful. By the engineer-historian I recall chartering in the British Virgin Islands over 20 years ago and being handed a spiral-bound book that showed all the anchorages viewed from a couple hundred feet above the water, looking in. Wouldn't it be great if there were something like that for the far-trickier Maine coast? Well, now there is, and it's extremely well done. Most two-page spreads in the book comprise an excellent harbor photo, the related section from the current NOAA chart, and a description of the harbor area. Superimposed on the chart is an arrow indicating the location from and direction in which the photo was shot. Some charts also include additional arrows that are overlaid on the photo as well so that you can see, for example, how the safest route for entry as seen on the chart actually looks on the water. That is really nice. By my rough count, there are 110 harbors covered, from Isles of Shoals (OK, they're not quite in Maine) to

Buck's Harbor on the west shore of Machias Bay. Unfortunately, anchorages around Eastport have been omitted. Maybe Mr. Bildner can get to them in a future edition. Everyone cruising the Maine coast will want to have this superb visual guide aboard to supplement the three standard guides. I only hope that the availability of this fine work won't bring TOO many folks and boats "from away" up to crowd our beautiful coast. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Cruising Guide By Linda Ray Baker Excellent book 10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Maine Visual Cruising Guide: a MUST for all Maine cruisers By Ken Wright This outstanding book provides substantial assistance for trip planning and cruising the coast of Maine. Having cruised Maine's beautiful coast for several decades, planning for my next cruise this summer has already been made easier by having this fine book. Of course, one must do the usual "paper chart navigation" planning before hand, but the additional help of this book is invaluable. This book has a permanent place both shoreside and onboard while cruising. It also makes a fabulous gift for my like-minded cruising friends. Captain Ken Wright[...]

WHEN YOU NAVIGATE THE COAST OF MAINE, A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS A Visual Cruising Guide to the Maine Coast takes the guesswork out of navigating Maine's intricate, reef-strewn waters, ensuring that your next voyage through this coastal paradise will be picture-perfect. Inside you will find more than 180 full-color aerial photographs that provide "by-the-picture" navigational guidance for Maine's treasured harbors, difficult passages, and hidden approaches. Author James Bildner has added chart segments and recommended course lines to these low-altitude photos, giving you a unique, at-a-glance guide to sailing around Maine. It's like cruising with a masthead lookout to point the way. Text descriptions of area with piloting instructions Labeled approach lines Low-angled photos with key navigation aides labeled Chart segments from high resolution NOAA charts

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