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# Croatia Cruising Companion (Wiley Nautical)



## Synopsis

The Dalmatian coast, with its many unspoilt islands and crystal clear waters, ranks high amongst the best cruising areas in the world. Share its secrets, get an inside track on the latest cruising and destination news, and obtain all the facts, photos and chartlets you need to cruise it safely, discover its hidden gems, and enjoy it to the full.\*Croatia is a cruising hotspot that is developing rapidly. This is the most in depth and up to date book of its kind on the market.\* The authors have access to the best contacts and latest information on what is happening onshore and offshore. They have lived and worked in the cruising area for five years. This book features\* Port guides - where to eat, shop & visit as well as local facilities, chandlers and engineers.\* Pilotage - clear pilotage directions, aerial approach shots.\* Colour charts to simplify harbour approaches, carefully selected approach and entrance waypoints.\* History and culture - useful background information about these important aspects of the cruising region.\* Eating and drinking - restaurant tips for each harbour, local cuisines and wine cellars.

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## Customer Reviews

"Croatia undoubtedly has an interesting coastline and this publication does it justice..." (Classic Boat, February 2008) "well laid out book with comprehensive explanations of the pros and cons of each anchorage and port" (Dinghy Magazine, February 2008) "I wouldn't take the risk of this book not being onboard. Buy it, and take it with

you!" (Practical Boat Owner, March 2008) "The pages are bright and accessible, with plenty of charts and photographs. Worth packing if you're off on a charter." (Yachting Monthly, April 2008)

A wide variety of ports and anchorages set against a spectacular natural backdrop are an essential part of Croatia's increasing popularity as a cruising destination. However Croatia is not just a pretty face - this country is rich with culture and reflects an intriguing diversity of influences. The Croatia Cruising Companion features this country's sailing heartland - the Dalmatian coast between Zadar and Molunat, south of Dubrovnik, and its numerous off-lying islands. Packed full of colour harbour plans and photographs this essential guide also covers all the shore facilities in depth and will prove an invaluable asset aboard any yacht. The Croatia Cruising Companion encapsulates their passion for Dalmatia's coastline and islands, and incorporates the detailed knowledge they have built up in the five years they have lived there.

**PORT GUIDES** Useful information about where to eat, shop and visit in addition to a comprehensive guide to the local facilities, chandlers and boatyards

**PILOTAGE** Clear pilotage directions and invaluable local knowledge

**CHARTLETSE** Easy to read, full colour charts to simplify harbour approaches

**HISTORY AND CULTURE** Useful background information about these important aspects of the cruising region

**GLOSSARY** A Croatian phrasebook of nautical and general terms

I purchased the Wiley Croatia Cruising Companion 6 months before our Dalmatian coast sailing adventure. It helped me plot our routes and island stops. It is not strong on restaurant reviews but it details each harbor and what can be found there. The photos alone are worth the price of admission. It gives navigation guidance for each harbor entry which I used to carefully plot our gps waypoints. I also purchased the Garmin digital charts for my Garmin hand held GPS Plotter. The Garmin charts also load into my laptop so I could PRE Plot all the possible routes and safe harbor entries. While most navigation in Croatia is line of sight, if it rains or fogs in you might want to have safe waypoints guiding you around the shallows of some harbor entries. There are very few navaids warning about rocks or ledges. This is not New England. NO money is spent on buoys or day markers. Buy the book, there is not much competition for cruising guides for Croatia published in English. The Sunsail boat did not have another version on board as they do in the Caribbean. They give you a pile of charts and wish you luck. Experienced Sailor and Navigation Instructor.

I bought this book to help plan our bareboat cruise in the Dalmatian Islands off Split, this summer.

Some of the information is getting a little outdated, but I still found it very useful, particularly regarding which stops were worth seeing, what to avoid, anchorages, and navigation hazards. I was grateful for tips like avoiding the Western entrance to the harbor at Zaklopatice as being too shallow, which wasn't indicated on our GPS chartplotter.

Definitely the best cruising guide that I looked at for the region. Does a good job of explaining trends in prevailing winds and how that relates to selecting anchorages. Not foolproof, even in the relatively easy summer months, but this is also in part because this is a more difficult maritime terrain than much of the leeward Caribbean (or other easy-to-anchor places). Lots of good details on marinas. I would recommend a separate guide book for land-based attractions.

This book has a good amount of general background information about sailing Croatia's coast and islands, including culture, language, weather, and topography. However, its real value is in the very detailed information available on so many locations like anchorages, islands, marinas, and beaches. The drawings and descriptions have enough detail to give a person confidence to sail around these unfamiliar places. A couple of changes that I think would help: 1) the book is hardbound, and a sturdy ring or spiral bound edition would make it easier to use while at the helm; and 2) as the narrative proceeds down the coast, an occasional, broader map view to give the specific locations more context would help when selecting a course from several options.

A must have on-board publication whilst cruising Croatia, we were able to use its information to have a very safe and pleasant experience. The book also gives much advice on how to prepare for your Croatian cruising experience and should be well read before arriving.

Just returned from a week of sailing in central Dalmation area. I found this book very helpful for planning our stops and visits. I would recommend to anyone sailing the area.

We planned our week-long sailing trip in Croatia using this book and found it to be mostly accurate. A few anchorages were different than the descriptions, (closed restaurants, one charged us to anchor which wasn't mentioned, one was very rocky) some holding ground was not as good as they wrote, but overall it was helpful and easy to follow.

This cruising guide is not as comprehensive as US guides and Caribbean guides that we are used

to. Navigation info is not as detailed and the chartlets are sketchy at best. Overall as good a guide as you are likely to find for Croatia and certainly adequate for the careful sailor.

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