

# Sky And Sextant

**Sky and Sextant** - John P. Budlong 1978

**Guide to Observing Deep-Sky Objects** - Jeff Farinacci 2008

Guide to Observing Deep-Sky Objects is an invaluable reference for all amateur astronomers. The book contains, for each constellation, (1) a star chart showing the Bayer labels, (2) a table for many of the stars in the constellation, along with their positions and magnitudes, and (3) a table of the major deep-sky objects in the constellation, with relevant observational data. Facing pages provide unique year-long graphs that show when the constellation is visible in the sky, which allows the user to quickly determine whether a given constellation can be seen, and when the best time to see it will be.

MotorBoating - 1975-11

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*The Apollo Guidance Computer* - Frank O'Brien 2010-06-25

The technological marvel that facilitated the Apollo missions to the Moon was the on-board computer. In the 1960s most computers filled an entire room, but the spacecraft's computer was required to be compact and low power. Although people today find it difficult to accept that it was possible to control a spacecraft using such a 'primitive' computer, it nevertheless had capabilities that are advanced even by today's standards. This is the first book to fully describe the Apollo guidance computer's architecture, instruction format and programs used by the astronauts. As a comprehensive account, it will span the disciplines of computer science, electrical and aerospace engineering. However, it will also be accessible to the 'space enthusiast'. In short, the intention is for

this to be the definitive account of the Apollo guidance computer. Frank O'Brien's interest in the Apollo program began as a serious amateur historian. About 12 years ago, he began performing research and writing essays for the Apollo Lunar Surface Journal, and the Apollo Flight Journal. Much of this work centered on his primary interests, the Apollo Guidance Computer (AGC) and the Lunar Module. These Journals are generally considered the canonical online reference on the flights to the Moon. He was then asked to assist the curatorial staff in the creation of the Cradle of Aviation Museum, on Long Island, New York, where he helped prepare the Lunar Module simulator, a LM procedure trainer and an Apollo space suit for display. He regularly lectures on the Apollo computer and related topics to diverse groups, from NASA's computer engineering conferences, the IEEE/ACM, computer festivals and university student groups.

*Use of the Air Almanac For Marine Navigation: With a Comparison to the Nautical Almanac and Extended Discussion of the Sky Diagrams* - David Burch 2019-11-22

This book is intended for readers who are either already familiar with celestial navigation or are planning to take up the subject, and want to learn about optional resources. This booklet does not teach celestial navigation, nor is it a copy of the Air Almanac. There are marine navigators who prefer the Air Almanac over the Nautical Almanac. This booklet compares the two almanacs so others can make their choice as well. The Sky Diagrams of the Air Almanac are an important resource for all navigators, but they can easily be overlooked by those who rely on the Nautical Almanac alone. With that in mind, we give these diagrams here a well deserved review and comparison with competing manual methods of predicting the best bodies to use for a round of sextant sights with an

eye toward optimizing the accuracy of the resulting position fix. The right choice of bodies is crucial to the final accuracy. For an introduction to or review of celestial navigation, see *Celestial Navigation: A Complete Home Study Course*.

Sextant - David Barrie 2014-05-13

In the tradition of Dava Sobel's *Longitude* comes sailing expert David Barrie's compelling and dramatic tale of invention and discovery—an eloquent elegy to one of the most important navigational instruments ever created, and the daring mariners who used it to explore, conquer, and map the world. Since its invention in 1759, a mariner's most prized possession has been the sextant. A navigation tool that measures the angle between a celestial object and the horizon, the sextant allowed sailors to pinpoint their exact location at sea. David Barrie chronicles the sextant's development and shows how it not only saved the lives of navigators in wild and dangerous seas, but played a pivotal role in their ability to map the globe. He synthesizes centuries of seafaring history and the daring sailors who have become legend, including James Cook, Matthew Flinders, Robert Fitz-Roy, Frank Worsley of the *Endurance*, and Joshua Slocum, the redoubtable old "lunarian" and first single-handed-round-the-world yachtsman. He also recounts his own maiden voyage, and insights gleaned from his experiences as a practiced seaman and navigator. Full of heroism, danger, and excitement, told with an infectious sense of wonder, *Sextant* offers a new look at a masterful achievement that changed the course of history.

*The Complete On-Board Celestial Navigator, 2007-2011 Edition* - George Bennett 2006-12-25

Your All-in-One Navigation Tool Kit Celestial navigation remains an essential skill for every mariner who ventures out of sight of land. In this era of electronic navigation, it is the perfect backup system, enabling you to determine your position when the GPS malfunctions or your boat loses electrical power. Here in one volume is every bit of information you need to understand the process, take sights, and find your location anywhere in the world. Compiled for beginning and experienced celestial navigators alike, and elegantly designed on the assumption that 1-mile

precision is perfectly adequate for backup navigation, this handy volume replaces \$300 worth and thousands of pages of guides, tables, and almanacs. The *Complete On-Board Celestial Navigator* includes: A clear, concise primer/refresher that explains the entire process A five-year nautical almanac (2007–2011) for determining precise star, sun, moon, and planet locations at the time of sighting A star finder Sight reduction tables for crunching the numbers and producing a fix anywhere in the world "The only complete self-contained work available. When your electronic navigation fails, 'steering by the stars' will guide you safely to your destination."—Sydney Afloat (Australia)

*Pencil, Paper and Stars* - Alastair Buchan 2008-03-14

Today's sailors rely on GPS for position finding and passage making. But what happens if your electronic navigation systems fail?\_x000D\_ This book provides you with simple, practical, get-you-home navigation techniques that could save you in an emergency. These easy techniques require no complicated mathematics. Learn the principles of navigation and you will have confidence in your decision-making when you need it most. You will also learn how to make simple instruments using materials and equipment likely to be found on every boat, and how to use them at sea. With colourful and clear diagrams to aid learning, you will be confident in continuing your passage in a safe and seamanlike manner if the electronics let you down.

**Navigation Compendium** - United States. Naval Training Command 1972

*Sky and Sextant* - John Budlong 1981-03-01

Air Navigation - United States. Hydrographic Office 1963

*Just Sea and Sky* - Ben Pester 2013-08-04

This charming account of the voyage of two men in a small boat half way round the world from Plymouth to New Zealand in 1953 is a rare insight into a time, not long ago, when sailors had no GPS, electronics, radio or any of the mod cons that we take for granted today. Without lifejacket or

a liferaft, they 'just took what came along', hand steering all the way, navigating by sextant, hand-cranking their engine and using oil lamps for light at night and for navigation. Sailors will be staggered how primitive conditions were only a few decades ago, even though it was the norm at the time. Part travelogue and part adventure story, the two friends encountered drunken harbourmasters, the mafia, the legacy of slavery and lost civilisations in the Pacific. Beautifully written, vivid in its descriptions of the two men's exploits ashore and on board, this quirky and entertaining book will be a fascinating read for sailors and non-sailors alike. 'A compelling story - I feel like I have sailed with them.'

Yachting Monthly  
**American Practical Navigator** - Nathaniel Bowditch 2013

**The Ever-Changing Sky** - James B. Kaler 2002-03-14

The Ever-Changing Sky provides a comprehensive and non-mathematical guide to spherical astronomy. The reader is guided through terrestrial and celestial co-ordinate systems, time measurement and celestial navigation, to the prediction of the rising and setting of the stars, Sun and Moon. It focuses on the geometrical aspects of the night sky without using complex trigonometry. The book progresses to a general study of the Earth and sky, including the stars and constellations (with useful star maps provided), the motions and appearance of the Moon, tides and eclipses, the orbits of the planets and the smaller bodies of the Solar

System (asteroids, meteors, meteorites and comets). Finally, there is a brief overview of atmospheric phenomena (including rainbows and haloes). This text will be invaluable to students taking courses in naked-eye astronomy, amateur and professional astronomers, as well as more general readers wanting to know how the night sky changes.

Reports on Observations of the Total Solar Eclipse of December 22, 1870  
 - United States Naval Observatory 1871

This document contains several reports by different authors concerning the total solar eclipse of 1870.

**Celestial Navigation in a Nutshell** - Hewitt Schlereth 2000

Hewitt Schlereth is a writer and sailing enthusiast.

The Sky and the Sailor - Harold Augustin Calahan 1952

**The Shattered Sky** - 2018-09-29

Tycho Brahe, the 16th century astronomer coined the term 'stella nova.' He also invented the sextant, had a drunken reindeer, told fortunes about toothless lions, and changed how the Universe was envisioned. Was he murdered by Johannes Kepler? How did Tycho lose his nose? This graphic novel describes the life, exploits, and discoveries of Tycho.

Understanding Maps: Charting the Land, Sea, and Sky - Beulah Tannenbaum 1957

Material on the fundamentals of mapmaking, on the problems of mapping the sea and the sky as well as the land, on many special types of maps as well as on the basic maps of the world.

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