

BOATER'S POCKET REFERENCE
Your Comprehensive Resource for Boats and Boating
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New Guide Ensures Boaters Know How to Operate Safely

LITTLETON, COLORADO—Bookstores and good marine supply stores have rows of books on boating. They cover building a boat, buying a boat, and operating a boat, among other topics. But there hasn't been a pocket-sized guide encompassing all these topics—and much more—until now.

Boater's Pocket Reference: Your Comprehensive Resource for Boats and Boating by avid boater and former mining engineer Thomas McEwen offers compact yet comprehensive how-to-do-it information. It's chock full of reference facts, figures, formulas, graphs, tables, and photographs about most aspects of boating in a book small enough to fit in a pocket. This pint-size guide, which measures a mere 3 inches by 5 inches by 1 inch thick, is a virtual bible of boating. "Compiled from years of research, the book contains the kind of information I would have liked to have had all in one place when I started to learn about boating," says McEwen, who is also a member of the Boulder Valley Sail and Power Squadron in Colorado.

The book, which is not meant to be read from cover to cover but rather referenced for specific facts, contains information ranging from very basic to advanced. Those new to boating will appreciate having everything they need for safe, responsible, and competent boating in one place. More experienced boaters will find the book offers new information, as well as being a refresher course on the basics.

Fourteen chapters encompass topics pertinent for both the United States and Canada, such as boat types, design, and construction; boating rules and regulations; navigation rules; piloting and navigation; ropes, lines, and knots; weather; mechanical and electrical; communications; and trailering. General reference tables include time zones, sound decibel ratings, currency conversion table, and measurement conversion tables. Equations have been added for the more technically inclined, but McEwen assures potential readers they can be safely ignored since tables are included that evaluate these formulas and equations.

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