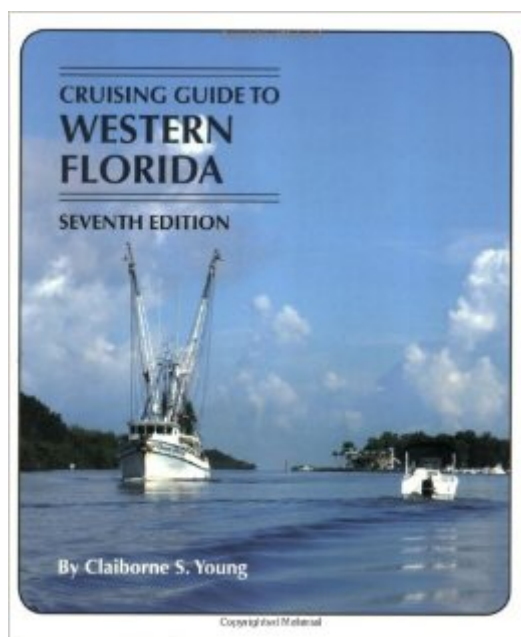


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# Cruising Guides: Cruising Guide To Western Florida: Seventh Edition (Cruising Guide Series)



## Synopsis

Western Florida offers a tranquil alternative to the fastpaced lifestyle of the eastern coast, and Young leaves nothing unexplored in the waters from Flamingo to the Big Bend. This edition includes specific way points for anchorages and marinas as well as ratings and fees for transient dockage. Intriguing historical profiles and coastal folklore give visitors the flavor of the region, while sections on unsafe areas and shoals help cruisers avoid dangerous waters.

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## Customer Reviews

The Cruising Guide to Western Florida is chock full of information for the area. I learned things about the area inspite of having spent eight years of my childhood there. You can bet that I will be using this guide when I visit Charlotte Harbor and Pine Island Sound in March 2012. It is an essential tool laid out mile by mile for really appreciating the area.

Excellent and exhaustive book. Graphics are black and white, and a bit hard to read, but with the appropriate charts makes a super guide.

Edward Bulwer-Lytton ("It was a dark and stormy night...), move over! If you can stomach Claiborne Young's cutesy, "irrepressible little-old me" writing style, this guide offers a wealth of detailed and useful information, as do his many other guides. The cringe factor is less prevalent in the navigational sections of the book, which I find the most concise and useful.

The large size is a little cumbersome to use on a 25' Grady White. possibly if it was also available in a flip chart plasticized sheet it might be more manageable. The sale size is great if you have a "bridge charting table". Otherwise the data, presentation, currency, and authenticity are excellent.  
PaulGross

The cruising guide contains a lot of helpful information. If you want to cruise the west coast of florida it is actually the only useful guide. However the quality of the paper, the photos and the maps are poor. It seems that the maps are copied from a chart plotter with colored maps and are printed in the book with a grayscale. The maps are really difficult to read and cluttered. For me the maps are a "no-go". There is good example how to layout such books: Norwegian cruising guide ([...]

Good information but a bit out o date, yet useful. What more can I say, it's a good book. but needs updating!

I bought this book to help prepare for purchasing a FL boat and doing a lot of sailing in SW FL. I think it will be helpful for that, but once I start sailing I don't expect it to be that helpful. The perspective of the book is more land based than typical cruising guides. Maybe it just covers too big an area to be as useful as I expected. You'll need more charts and it tells you what charts you'll need. I just think finding a restaurant or store is as easy as looking up after securing the last dock line and maybe asking the first person you see. The virtual menu guides of this book are a waste of good page space that could have more sailing information.

Include this guide with the Southern Waterway Guide and Skipper Bob's and you will be armed with a wealth of information to cruise the western coast of Florida.

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