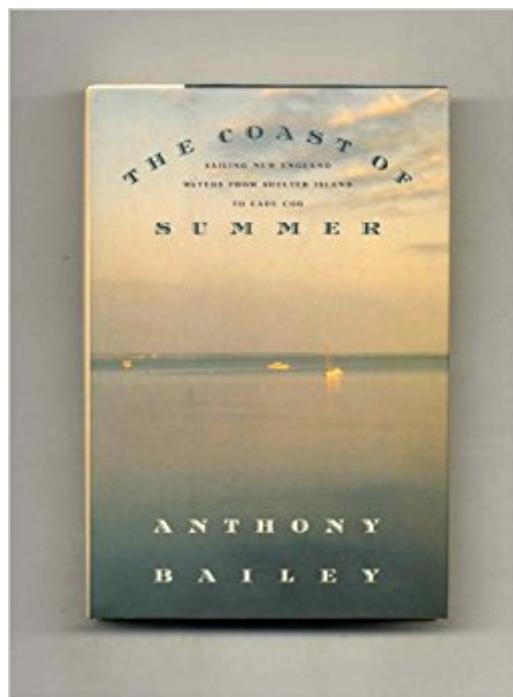


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The Coast Of Summer: Sailing New England Waters From Shelter Island To Cape Cod



Synopsis

The New England coast, a small cruising sloop, warm winds and Anthony Bailey's seductive storytelling powers. An account of a season afloat and an autobiography of half a lifetime spent sailing New England waters. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

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Though he moved back to England in 1971, Bailey and his wife Margot return to the U.S. nearly every summer to cruise the New England Coast. Here Bailey (Inside Passage: The Outer Banks) gives an engaging account of their 1991 cruise in *Lochinvar*, a 27-foot fiberglass boat. He sets out on a shakedown voyage from his home port of Stonington, Conn., to some old haunts in Long Island Sound. In August, he and Margot head northeast to Block Island, the Elizabeth Islands, Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket and Cape Cod, stopping at boatyards, towns, coves and beaches. On this leisurely cruise, they visit old friends, swim and walk the beaches. Homeward bound, they encounter Hurricane Bob, but only after *Lochinvar* is safely tied down and they are ashore. Readers familiar with the area--its shorelines and waters--will savor every word. Copyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Richly descriptive and only occasionally delivering barrages of sailing terminology that will befuddle the uninitiated, this is a wonderfully evocative look at the author's explorations around the southern coasts of New England and Long Island. Englishman Bailey (Major Andre, LJ 6/15/87) tells of spending summers sailing about the watery nooks and crannies of the historically and

geographically rich (and, in some cases, "wealthy rich") coastal regions of New England along with his wife. What is most impressive, as conveyed by the easy, pleasant writing style, is the diversity of the Baileys' seagoing experiences. They also seem to know the most interesting people, which, added to the whole, makes this an entertaining and educational travel book. Whether writing about Plum Island, New York; Point Judith, Rhode Island; Cuttyhunk, Massachusetts, or myriad other places, Bailey makes the reader yearn to be there. Highly recommended for New England public libraries and for any libraries where good travel/sailing books are shelved. David M. Turkalo, Social Law Lib., Boston Copyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc.

The Coast of Summer: Sailing New England Waters from Shelter Island to Cape Cod, a 1994 account of two months spent gunkholing in New England (from Connecticut to Cape Cod), is very well written. The author, Anthony Bailey, was an England-based reporter/writer for *The New Yorker* for many years. Consequently he knows and visits interesting people who live in New England and who enliven this book. Nothing very dramatic happens (excepting one hurricane) during the course of the book and the reader will enjoy coasting along the coast with the author and his wife. The book is an ideal read during the long, non-sailing, winter months.

wonderful book that gives one a real sense of the joy of cruising in a small sailboat. Bailey is a marvelous writer, with a real eye for detail and mood. It is a leisurely book that cannot be rushed.

I enjoyed reading the book. Sailors and sailing is something I have a lot of respect for. Mr. Bailey ought to lighten up a bit. He dislikes every thing we American guys grew up loving. Jet skis, motorcycles, rock music and partying are all things we enjoy but Mr. Bailey disdains. Plus his penchant for doing every thing on the cheap is not how we roll.

I will charter a sailboat next year in New England so this book was great. Very well written, although despite the author's great sailing experience, he is weak on the rules of the road. When he confronted a towed vessel, he thought it should yield to him (sail over power). I almost fell over when I read this.

Hopefully I can enjoy this type of living at some point in my life. Great book about New England sailing.

If you're thinking of doing some coastal cruising on a sailboat (or any boat), this book is going to make you want to do it. It's a joy to read. Mr. Bailey does a wonderful job of describing this adventure, which he enjoyed with his wife. It's like being on the boat with them. He also does a wonderful job of describing the coastal villages they visit. To mention a few; Stonington CT, Greenport NY, Cutty Hunk, Point Judith RI, Provincetown MA, Menemsha MA and Block Island. I didn't want this book end. I wished it was going to be long enough to get me to the coast of this coming summer.

I've loved this book for years. I sail these waters and I've never read a better, description -- both realistic and lyrical--of what it's like to sail, cruise and own and love a boat.

An excellent book of story, history and sailing throughout the waters surrounding Southern New England. A lot of great ideas of how to fix things when the sailing gets hairy.

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