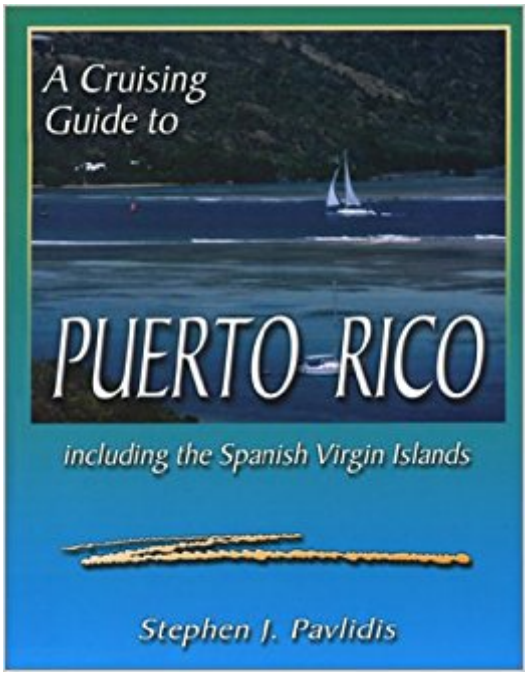
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Synopsis

A Cruising Guide to Puerto Rico is the most comprehensive guide ever written covering Puerto Rico and the Spanish Virgin Islands. Its 50 full color charts containing extremely accurate data are based on independent surveys personally conducted by the author, using a computer hydrographic system. In addition, A Cruising Guide to Puerto Rico contains detailed piloting instructions, GPS waypoints, photos, approaches and routes, anchorages, services, dive sites, history, index, bibliography, and more. A Cruising Guide to Puerto Rico will greatly enhance your cruising experiences in this region by giving you valuable information based on actual experience, and local knowledge.

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Customer Reviews

Stephen J. Pavlidis has been cruising and living in The Bahamas aboard his 40-foot sloop IV Play since the winter of 1989. The charts in Steve’s guides are created using his own surveys created by personally visiting and sounding every area described using a computerized hydrographic system. Steve’s coverage of the Bahamas was completed with the introduction of his newest book, " The Abaco Guide."

Poorly written, lacking in important information, overpriced, but otherwise OK. Maybe I have been spoiled by other cruising guides, but this one leaves a whole lot to be desired.

his books are the most complete and up to date if you are cruising the Caribbean

When this book first came out we bought one of the first editions in Salinas as we headed for Boqueron. It certainly looked like it had more information than anything out there at the time. It boasts about having all those GPS co-ordinates. Imagine our horror as we entered the next port over and found ourselves in the middle of a reef that we had to carefully back track out of. Thinking how dangerous this would be we contacted the publisher BY SATELLITE PHONE only to be told " Oh, is this the one that puts you on land?" It seems they knew about that one. We said "No, this is the one that puts you in the middle of the reef." The publisher said "oh." When we returned to the states I emailed Mr. Pavilidis after checking his website thinking he provided support for his books like the Doyle Guides. The only thing there was how to buy his books. Next I emailed him to let him know the guide had issues- we were very specific as to page numbers ,paragraphs and GPS numbers. He fired me back an email informing me that his guides were for reference only. Be very careful when using any of his guides. We have been sailing the Caribbean for 5 years and I gave this book away at a book swap. Good news. Mr. Pavlidis finally has a website to update and correct his guides. It is [...] Check the updates and news flash sections to completely update your guide.

Thought it important to note that there are some serious errors in this cruising guide. The basics are fine - but some navigational specifics are quite different from reality. For example, the entrance to a particular harbor near La Parguera was reported to have "9-11' at the entrance" - after carefully sounding the entrance found it to only carry 6-7'at the most. There are other examples of this as well that I have discovered in Vieques and on the south coast of PR. From my experience, cruising guides are typically conservative in their chartlets and reporting of depths - as they should be - but this one does not seem to be.I would not rely on this for anything but basic information.

I have used cruising guides for many years. Some are better than others, but one cannot safely navigate in shore without one. Pavlidis' guide is nicely written, and he has made corrections to GPS waypoints that were erroneous in earlier editions. His "chartlets" are nicely drawn, and his directions are easily understood. My main objection is that unlike most guides that are spiral bound (easier to keep open to a page under way) this guide is a soft-cover book. Remember, there are no other guides to the PR & DR out there except Van Sant's "Gentlemen's Guide to Passages South", which has very good info, but not as much detail about PR.

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