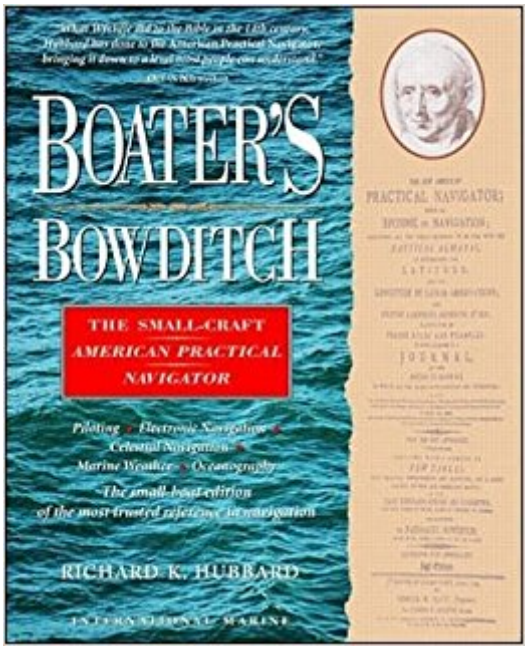
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Excellent source for marine information. Chapters cover some important information not found in other places.

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