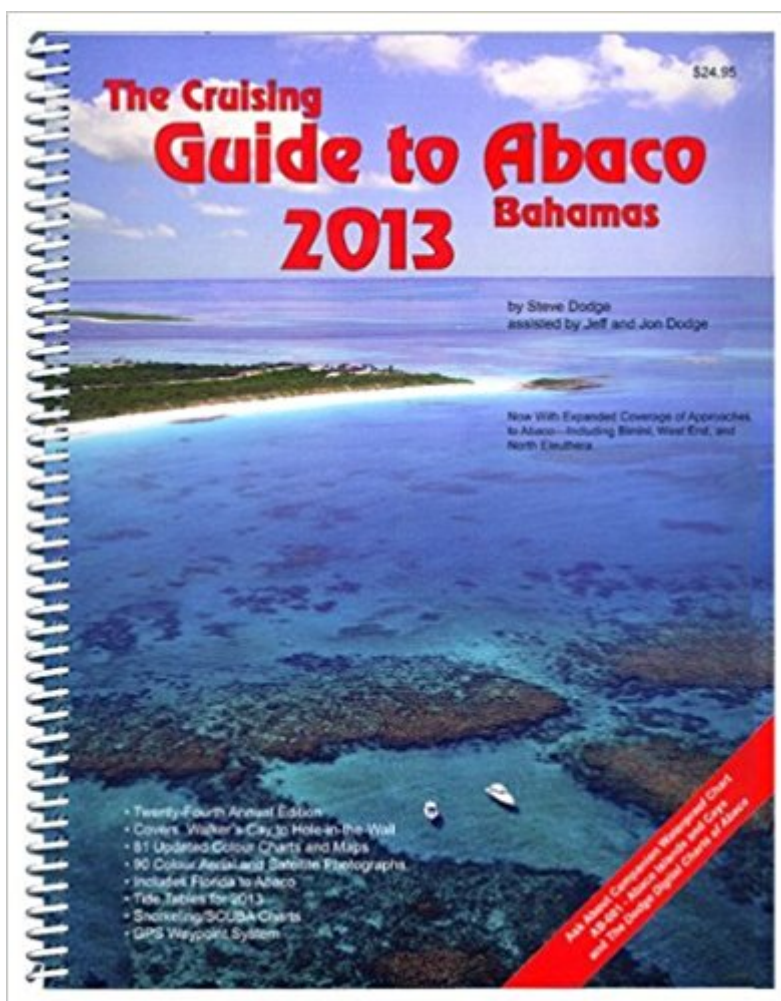


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# The Cruising Guide To Abaco, Bahamas: 2013



## Synopsis

This twenty-fourth edition of the only annually updated cruising guide to Abaco includes updates for 17 of the 81 navigational charts and marina maps in the book. Many medium and large scale charts now indicate beachfront. Also, this edition includes three brand new charts for 2013. The accurate easy-to-read color charts are based on original hydrographic research and local knowledge. The book also includes recent color aerial photographs of all principal harbours and a proven system of GPS waypoints. Its organization makes it easy to use it is the clear choice of most cruisers and the best selling guide to Abaco. Includes tide tables for 2013, detailed snorkeling/diving charts, up-dated business directories for Abaco, articles on fishing, an offshore bathymetric fishing chart, a lunar calendar for 2013, a guide to the dolphins and whales of Abaco, a brief history of Abaco, and helpful local advertising.

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This cruising guide has just too many commercials and promotional material to be a good book; especially when you pay for it. If they want to have as much advertisement in this book, they may as well give it out for free and let the businesses advertising on it pay for boaters to have for free. There are less ads in your local phone book - and that is free!

Dodge is slightly better than Pavlidis at showing charts and pictures that explain how to get into an anchorage.... but Pavlidis has a little better verbal explanations of what to expect and what is in each anchorage to see.... so I appreciate both authors.

I have used this series for quite a few years and would not leave for the Bahamas without one. Gives all the headings and distance to most everywhere you would want to go in your boat. Can't imagine being without it.

Extremely helpful for navigation because the rental boat had no gps or navigation other than a compass.

A "must have" regardless is taking your own boat to Abaco or renting one there. Even if not boating, the historical aspects and advertisements are a gear resource to maximize your time in Abaco. This is my third book, having owned the 2007 and 2011 versions.

Great book if you're heading to the Bahamas. In addition to details about distances, and directions, it tells about all the secret little places that most people miss.

We used this a lot while cruising in and around Green Turtle Cay. Great to review the islands before going to familiarize yourself with the area. It would be nice if they had more about snorkeling spots because there are a lot of them. With a little more information about them, one could easily cruise around and visit them. Having a boat with a GPS adds an extra layer of security and is nice.

As far as I am concerned, "The Cruising Guide to Abaco Bahamas" is a must have cruising to the Abaco Islands of the Bahamas. Mr. Dodge's GPS waypoints are tried and proven year after year. You always want the latest edition for tides and business additions and changes. Don't leave for the Abaco's without one and with a GPS this is all you will need. Of course always has the best price and you don't have to leave home to get one.

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