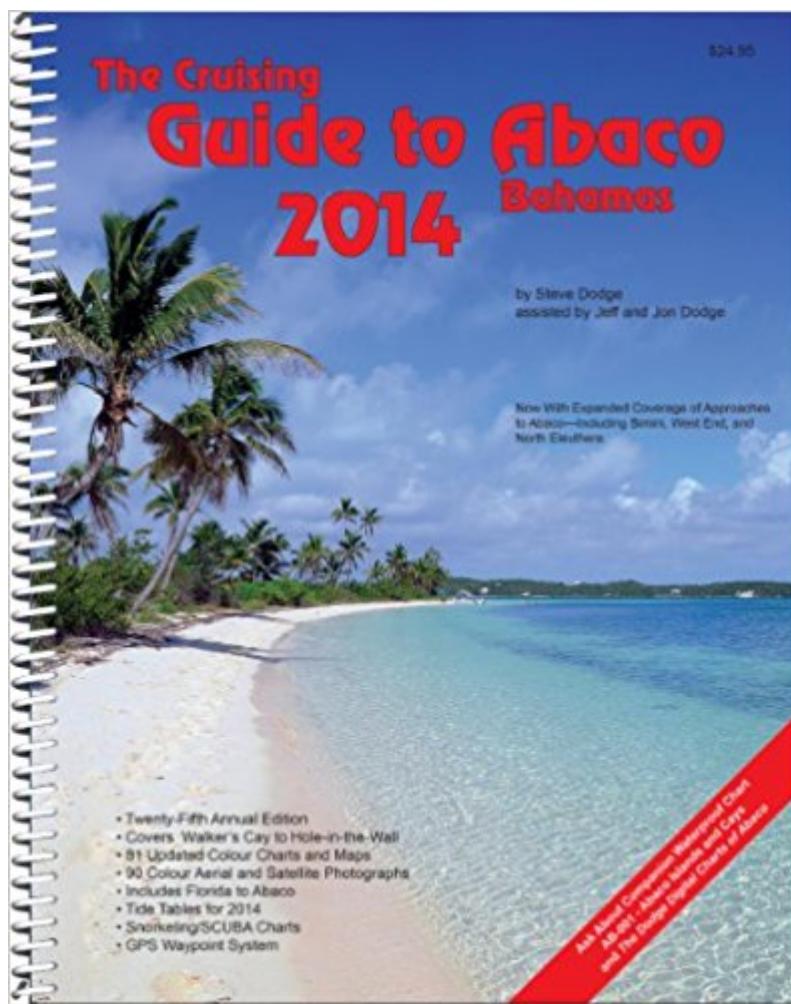


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# The Cruising Guide To Abaco, Bahamas: 2014



## **Synopsis**

This twenty-fifth edition of the only annually updated cruising guide to Abaco includes significant updates for 15 of the 81 navigational charts and marina maps in the book. The accurate easy-to-read color charts are based on original hydrographic research and 40 years of local knowledge, and they are the only charts which show locations of submerged power lines and do not anchor zones; in the central part of Abaco. 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 2014, detailed snorkeling/diving charts, up-dated business directories for Abaco, articles on fishing, an offshore bathymetric fishing chart, a lunar calendar for 2014, a guide to the dolphins and whales of Abaco, a brief history of Abaco, and helpful local advertising.

## **Book Information**

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2013: This is a must have publication of you are taking a boat to the Abaco's. It is also most useful as a detailed travel guide. --2013: It is very good for getting the layout of the islands even if you are land based and renting a powerboat. --2012: The Best Abaco Guide; I have tried other guides but come back to this one every year. The local knowledge and descriptions of each location, route, etc. are excellent. I cruise with this guide open in the wheelhouses. It is great! --

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published several books, including; *Abaco: The History of an Out Island and its Cays*.

We have bought many of these over the past several years. It is a wonderful guide, filled with good charting information, as well as local information. It is updated yearly and well worth the price. We purchased our first one in the 1990s when we first sailed from FL to the Abaco and for a first timer, there is no better guide.

I found out about this book 2 days before we were leaving for Hope Town/Elbow Cay, wish I had it a month earlier. Even if you don't step foot on a boat the entire time you're down there, this book is worth every penny, with detailed write-ups about the various small towns/settlements, restaurants, resorts, activities, etc. We rented a boat for the week and this was our bible. Wonderfully detailed info on harbors, where to snorkel, fish, find deserted beaches, etc. -- they even have captioned photos of approaches to all the harbors/inlets. They put out a new version every year with updated maps and local info, which is good, because our current version is so dog-eared, written-in and covered with sea spray I'd probably want a new one anyway. =) btw, they use good paper that stands up to a week on a boat and in beach bags. Invaluable local info for a trip to Abaco -- two big thumbs up!!(ps, if you have access to a VHF radio, tune in to Ch 68 every morning (ex. Sunday I believe) at 8:15 for CruisersNet -- a look at the day's weather, conditions and activities around Abaco.)

It had been 20 years since my family and I visited the Abacos and I wanted to pack as much into our boating experience as I could. We rented a boat the last time and had a few bad experiences due to the lack of proper charts..my bad!! As soon as we planned this trip I started searching the internet for maps and charts and it seemed nearly every website I visited referenced The Cruising Guide to Abaco. Now I know why. We had a fabulous time boating in the Abacos this year mainly due to the clear and concise boating info that can be found in this book. Accurate charts and maps combined with recommended passages all organized in a north to south flow made for quick access to the area info that you were looking for. The guide also contains lots of helpful visitor information about the Abacos..great bang for the buck!!

If you are sailing to the Abaco islands in the Bahamas, this is a guide you must have. The depths are accurate, the anchorage suggestions are spot on, and we really enjoyed reading the history the author includes. This guide was suggested to me by a friend, and I am passing the suggestion

along. A must have companion to your paper charts and chart plotter.

Excellent guide. If you are cruising the Bahamas, always get the most recent one.

Vivid picture of all areas of Abacos and pertinent info regarding travel by air or boat. Lodging and Marina information complete. Additionally extremely helpful information regarding all forms of fishing and diving info.

All the old salts in Abaco already know this guide is a must have for boating in the Abacos. Dodge provides nearly all you need to safely navigate in the Bahamas. The Explorer charts are another essential guide with anchorages and marina information.

I have found this guide extremely helpful at now preplotting all my Abacoa island hopping to be done next week. It clarified safe channels and markers for developing my routes. Worth the purchase price and I haven't even left for my trip yet.

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