

## **Foreword**

*Following in the Wake of the Buccaneers, Your First Bahamas Voyage*, is something that has been needed for years. In this age of information, Captain Steve and Betsy have it laid out for you from top to bottom in this handy book.

Sailing to the Bahamas for many years, I have watched some fiascos that could have been avoided with just a little more knowledge. I would see a crew on a boat not feeling too well, and I would ask them, "How are you folks doing?"

They would reply, "Well, we filled up with water where we didn't know it was not potable!"

Or, they'd tell me, "We didn't bring enough money and food."

Or, "Nobody told us about all the duty on the goods."

Or, they missed the best spots coming through the Bahamas before they cleared.

My wife and I spent 21 months cruising through the Bahamas in the 70s. There are 700 islands, and we didn't see them all, and we had all the books you could possibly get. So, I think Steve and Betsy have filled a niche with this book to get you out of the sight of land and on to some adventure crossing the stream.

I used to tell my charter customers, "I'll never have you more than a mile away from land, but it's straight down." They would be scared and seasick at

first, but by the time we had hauled in a few nice fish, and seen some porpoises jumping and playing on the bow, and sighted the tower at Bimini, you'd have thought they'd been pirates all their lives.

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