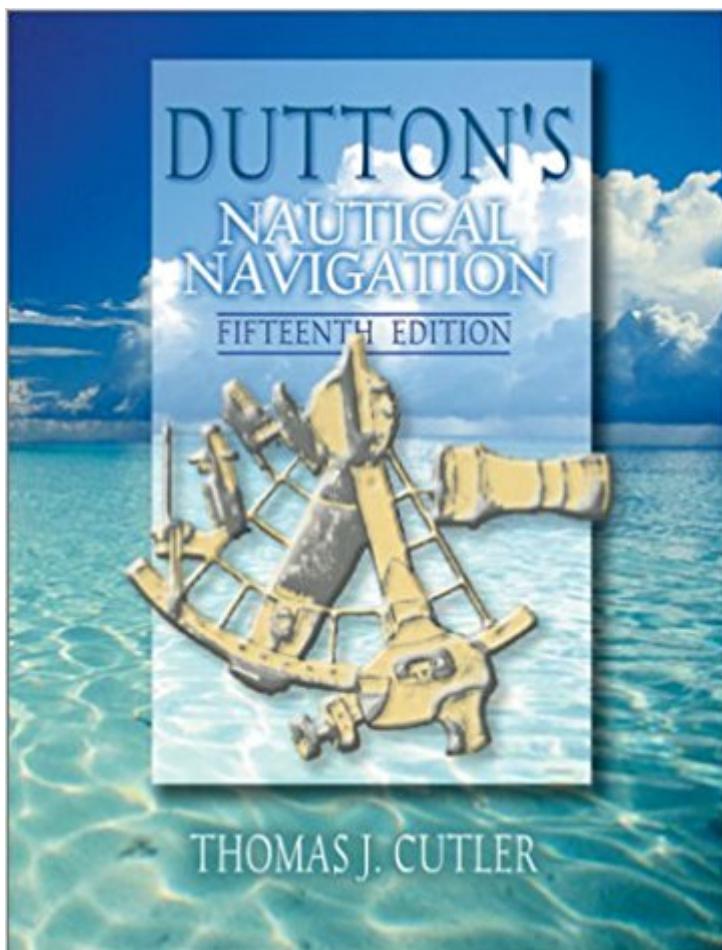


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Synopsis

As paper navigational charts are replaced by vector images on computer screens, magnetic compasses enhanced by digital flux gate technology, and chronometers joined by atomic clocks, the demand has been mounting for an extensive update to the classic reference known worldwide as Dutton's. To meet the varied needs of today's recreational, naval, and commercial navigators the Naval Institute introduces this new edition of a guide that has remained the seafarers' choice for more than three-quarters of a century. It blends the traditional navigation techniques first compiled by Benjamin Dutton in 1926 with technological marvels of the twenty-first century to authoritatively cover all phases of surface navigation. For example, while the book acknowledges that many navigators still peer into the skies through sextant telescopes, it also helps them take full advantage of man-made Global Positioning System (GPS) satellites. Valued as both an indispensable quick reference and a comprehensive text, Dutton's makes accessible such foreboding subjects as spherical trigonometry through the use of step-by-step explanations and examples that encourage practical use. To insure accuracy and relevancy, a board of experts made up of naval and Coast Guard officers, merchant mariners, accredited harbor pilots, and sea-service academy professors, has carefully reviewed this fifteenth edition. The result is an unparalleled treatment of the art and science of nautical navigation that both amateur and veteran navigators will use to safely navigate the waters of the world.

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I purchased this to learn celestial navigation, along with a second-hand copy of the thirteenth edition (edited by Elbert Maloney). While the material appears largely similar, I have found several errors in the 15th edition that are not in the earlier edition, and was unable to find online any form of errata, or

notification of corrections in later printings. For example: Fig. 2513, illustrating the use of "Double second difference and correction", the example called out, which should be printed with a trailing dot (as described in the text) does not, in fact, have the dot, which is quite confusing for someone looking. The corresponding figure (#2404e) in the 13th edition clearly has the dot. Another example: Section 2103 has an example for calculating the SHA of Venus. This example is wrong. Again contrast with the corresponding example (#2004) in the 13th edition, which is different (and correct). Rather disappointing that the new edition, rather than correcting previous errors, introduces rather blatant new ones.

Dutton's Nautical Navigation, 15th Edition ... Received in a timely fashion and was as described, just like new. Helped to review navigation terms used before GPS was finalized. Broke out my sextant and tried a few observations. Like riding a bicycle.. you may be rusty but it comes back quickly. Excellent book.

Alright I've been studying and writing notes on this book for a while. From a testing standpoint it's not so good. There is so much in it you will NOT be tested on or need to know for your captains-unlimited mate etc. It does well to explain things and understand them more especially when you take the tests most of the time you're just memorizing a question and answer but have no idea what's going on. Bad for actually taking the test. Good for having a deeper understanding of subjects on or related to testing.

I purchased this book for a maritime class I'm taking; Coastal Piloting. This is a really great book for anyone looking to start with the basics of learning maritime and seamanship. I'm pretty sure I'll keep this book for a long, long time... probably until I pass it down to someone else.

This book has been very helpful in developing my understanding of navigation.

Bought used and received a book that looked brand new. A must have for the professional mariner and excellent info for anyone interested in maritime navigation. Great study aid for MMC test prep as well.

This book is 100% on the button; soul lives up to its stellar reputation. I heartily recommend it for all navigators.

Honestly, a great book for any navigator. Great for learning the basics as well as refreshing on the principles. I would definitely say, this book better be in your library somewhere if you plan to sail. Additionally, the seller was good, no problems with the transaction and the shipping was just fine as well, timely one might say.

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