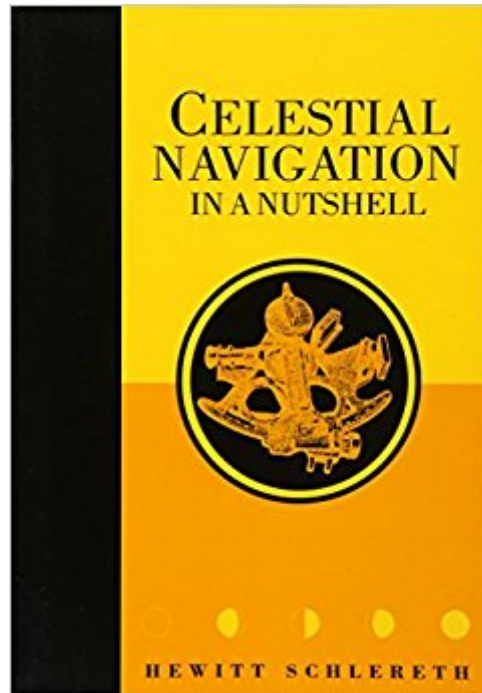




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# Celestial Navigation In A Nutshell (Seafarer Books)



## Synopsis

Despite the proliferation of electronic navigational devices, celestial navigation remains an essential tool for those who do not wish to be caught short when modern technology fails. In this easy-to-use guide, Hewitt Schlereth explains clearly and concisely how to navigate any stretch of sea using only a handheld sextant, a watch, a plotting sheet and a copy of the Nautical Almanac. The basic process is simple: take a sight with a sextant, establish a secondary reference or benchmark sight, compare the two, and plot the results of the comparison on a chart. *Celestial Navigation in a Nutshell* demonstrates how to take sights by the sun, moon, stars and planets, discussing the advantages and disadvantages of each method. The reader is taken carefully through several examples and situational illustrations, making this a most effective self-teaching guide. Common errors are reviewed and several tips on how to improve accuracy are given.

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Hewitt Schlereth is an accomplished sailor and the author of several books on navigation, including Commonsense Coastal Navigation and Latitude and Longitude by Noon Sight. He is one of the foremost American authorities on celestial navigation.

I know this book is kind of simple for advanced Celestial Navigation but that's why I love it and recommend it. It breaks it down in a way that is simply understood. If you are going for an unlimited license you will need to go further in-depth but I recommend you start here. I am a 2nd mate unlimited (hawsepiper ) and I am always recommend this book to prospective AB's that are looking to advance. You will need more but this is a great book to read if you are interested in this subject.

Celestial Navigation in a Nutshell is an excellent starter for just about anyone wanting or needing to navigate using celestial references. It is exactly what you need prior to using The Complete On-Board Celestial Navigator : Includes 2003-2007 Nautical Almanac. It is logically laid out and provides practical exercises which will facilitate developing basic skills. Highly recommend.

Excellent

This book gripped my attention right from the start. Now I need a Sextant.

Very clearly written and illustrated.

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This book gives a great overview of celestial navigation in a manner that is fairly clear to someone with a solid math background. If you were at all iffy on Trig or more advanced geometry, this book probably isn't for you, but also, if that's the case, it's better to stick with GPS (where someone else has already done the math) anyway. I'd still want an experienced navigator alongside if I sailed beyond sight of the shoreline, but this book gave me a reasonably complete and rigorous explanation of how celestial navigation works, which is what I was looking for. It's a good intro course for sailors, a solid summary for the rest of us.

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