

Preface

The Book



The *Norwegian Cruising Guide* is available in three versions so you can truly have it *your way*:

- a one-volume eBook in full colour
- a two-volume printed book in black and white
- a two-volume printed book in full colour

Please note that Volume 2 of the printed book is intended to be used with Volume 1 and not as a free-standing cruising guide.

The Guide consists of:

- This 'Preface' (Volume 1; eBook).
- The 'Using This Book' chapter, which will help you to get the most out of the eBook (eBook version only).
- A 'General Cruising Information' chapter for Norway, containing cruise planning information and guidance on issues from buoyage to boat preparation (Volume 1; eBook).
- A 'General Cruising Information' chapter for Svalbard, containing cruise planning information and guidance specific to a cruise to Bjørnøya, Svalbard and Jan Mayen (Volume 2; eBook).
- The 'Harbours and Anchorages' chapters (all versions), which comprehensively cover the coast from the Swedish west coast to Kristiansund (Volume 1; eBook) and from Kristiansund to the Russian border and on to Bjørnøya, Svalbard and Jan Mayen (Volume 2; eBook).
- The 'Appendix', which provides detailed resource information (Volume 1; eBook).
- A comprehensive 'Table of Contents' and 'Index' (all versions; both volumes).

This edition was published in March 2010 and includes new harbours/ anchorages and numerous updates collected up to the end of the 2009 season. This brings the total number of harbours and anchorages to over 860, making this by far the most up-to-date and comprehensive English language guide to Norway.

The Authors



We, John Harries and Phyllis Nickel, are freelance writers, photographers, marine consultants and live-aboard voyagers. After sailing in Norway and Svalbard for two years and spending two winters living aboard our McCurdy and Rhodes cutter *Morgan's Cloud* in Tromsø, we decided that we wanted an excuse to keep in touch with Norway and the wonderful people we met there, and an excuse—as if we needed one—to return. What better way to do that than take over the *Norwegian Cruising Guide*, which we did in 2002.

To find out more about us, our boat and what we do, please visit us at www.morganscloud.com.

Norwegian Correspondents



Hans Jakob Valderhaug and Eli Husum live in Oslo and are the Guide's Norwegian correspondents and our good friends. Hans has cruised the Norwegian coast from Sweden to Svalbard for over 30 years and, since 2002, together with Eli, has been sharing his local knowledge and insights—not only about cruising Norway but also about Norwegian culture and history—with us for the Guide. They visit, report on, and photograph scores of ports and anchorages every season, cruising in their Hallberg-Rassy 31, *Anna*. Their contributions are accurate, vibrant, often funny, and always interesting.

What the Guide Is and Is Not

Over the years we have found that our favourite cruising guides are ones that give us cultural and historical information, provide ideas for shoreside activities, and that are organized so we can easily access the information we require. With that in mind, we have worked hard to make the *Norwegian Cruising Guide* a guide book rather than a book of sailing directions—a well-organized resource that will help you plan your cruise, decide which harbours and anchorages to visit, and enable you to plan activities that will add to your enjoyment of this wonderful country.

Norwegian Partner—Havneguiden

See www.havneguiden.no to view their harbour information online.

For information on how to purchase *Havneguiden*, see Resources in the 'Appendix' and www.norwegiancruisingguide.com/havneguiden/html

We realize that sailing directions, especially aerial photographs and sketch maps, can make it easier and safer to enter unfamiliar places, and so we are excited to announce that we have developed a partnership with *Havneguiden*, a Norwegian-language guide that is designed to be used while navigating into a harbour or anchorage. Each entry in *Havneguiden* includes a sketch map and an aerial photograph, as well as general and nautical information. Though the text is in Norwegian, the maps and photographs make this a very useful publication even for those who don't read the language.

To make it easier to use the two publications together, we have made a note in our 'Harbours and Anchorages' entries when there is a corresponding *Havneguiden* entry, so you can refer to its sketch map and aerial photograph.

New Editions

To make sure you receive e-mails about the Guide, you may wish to configure your junk mail filter to always accept e-mails from the [norwegiancruisingguide.com](http://www.norwegiancruisingguide.com) domain.

Every one to two years there will be a new edition, a much more frequent publishing schedule than most cruising guides, made possible by our use of modern eBook and print-on-demand technology along with Internet distribution. If you don't wish to buy the new edition you can stick with an older edition, although support for old eBook editions will be discontinued once a new edition is published.

We will send out e-mail notices when a new edition becomes available. Paper book buyers that bought through a book or marine store can receive notices of new editions by subscribing to the *Norwegian Cruising Guide* mailing list at: <http://four.pairlist.net/mailman/listinfo/ncg>. Those who bought paper or eBooks from www.norwegiancruisingguide.com are automatically added to that list.

Please be assured that we have a strict privacy policy and will never share your e-mail address with anyone else.

Text Format

Design: We carefully designed the Guide to be readable both on paper, where line length should not exceed about ten words, and on screen, where multiple column layouts are a nightmare to read. The fonts were chosen for legibility and the size with middle-aged eyes in mind. The white space to the left gives room for photographs, information boxes, and your notes.

Italicized Type: Indicates the names of vessels and publications and words (other than names) in any language other than English.

Bold Type: In the text of the 'Harbours and Anchorages' chapters, bold type refers to places that have their own entry in the Guide and an entry in the 'Index'.

Measurement Standards: The term miles in this Guide, whether referring to land or sea distances, designates nautical miles, indicated by nm. Otherwise, all distances, depths and weights are given in metric (a metre is indicated by m; a kilometre by km; etc.) and temperatures are given in Celsius. Norwegian money (kroner) is indicated by kr.

Courses and Bearings: Are given in degrees true unless otherwise noted.

Navigation Coordinates: The coordinates for harbours and anchorages are given to help you find them on your charts. They are approximate, unless otherwise stated, and should not be used for navigation.

Names: The format for naming harbours and anchorages is as follows:

- The name of a harbour or anchorage is taken from Statens Kartverk cartography, *Havneguiden*, and local information when we have access to it.
- If there are conflicting names for the same anchorage, they are denoted in the title with an 'or', for e.g. Grunnesund or Vestre Eidsvik.
- If an otherwise unnamed anchorage is located between two islands, for e.g. between Prestøya and Sjursøya, it is denoted as Prestøya/Sjursøya, with a slash between the islands.
- If the anchorage or harbour is on an island or in a fjord, the name of the island or fjord is often given in brackets after the name of the harbour or anchorage; for e.g. Utkäften (S Klåverön) means that Utkäften is found on the south side of the island of Klåverön.
- If an anchorage or harbour is unnamed or has the same name as the island it is on, it may have the side of the island it is on in brackets after the name; for e.g. Haramsøya (E) means that the anchorage or harbour is on the east side of the island of Haramsøya.

Graphics Format

Chapter Maps: Each "Harbours and Anchorages" chapter starts with a map of the area covered. The names of islands and other land features are in dark brown type and the names of channels and fjords are in dark blue type (colour books only). Every port and anchorage that has its own entry in that chapter is shown in black type. In cases where the density of ports

would make the area confusing, larger scale subsidiary maps are provided, shown by a dotted black line box on the chapter map.

With the kind permission of Statens Kartverk we have shown the Coastal Danger Areas in red (colour books only), together with the conditions that make them most dangerous.

We have not included a scale on the maps but distances can be inferred from the latitude scale. Remember that with the eBook, if you have trouble reading the small type used for the port names, you can simply increase the magnification. (Note that this won't work with photographs since they are raster graphics, not vector like the maps.)

We have made no attempt to show low bridges or shallow water that could restrict a boat from using passages shown on the chapter maps; therefore, detailed route planning should only be done with the relevant charts to hand.

Sketch Maps: We have provided sketch maps in two situations: when a harbour is complicated and an illustration can clarify the text, and in a few cases where no chart exists. *Havneguiden* (a Norwegian language cruising guide) has a sketch map for each harbour or anchorage that they cover and we have made a note in our entry when there is a corresponding entry in *Havneguiden*.

Photographs: In selecting photographs for inclusion in the Guide we have gone for a mix of scenic and illustrative in keeping with our philosophy that this is a guide more than a pilot. We want the photographs to give you a feel for what the surroundings will be like, not just show you where to anchor. *Havneguiden* (a Norwegian language cruising guide) has an aerial photograph for each harbour or anchorage that they cover and we have made a note in our entry when there is a corresponding entry in *Havneguiden*.

Waypoint File

Download the free waypoint file from <http://www.norwegiancruisingguide.com/waypoints.htm>

Imagine that you are out sailing along the Norwegian coast and it's late in the afternoon. What ports and anchorages are close? What anchoring/mooring facilities do they have? What is there to do?

A quick glance at your chart plotter or navigation software shows a waypoint at every port or anchorage covered by the *Norwegian Cruising Guide*. Zoom in on the name, look it up in the 'Index' of the Guide, and your questions are answered.

To keep things organized while writing the *Norwegian Cruising Guide*, we built a waypoint file of all the harbours and anchorages covered by the Guide. We have found it invaluable and so are including it free with each purchase of the Guide.

Note that:

- The waypoints are at the approximate position of the harbours and are for planning use only. They are not for navigational use.
- We are currently supplying the file in a format that can be loaded into C-MAP PC Planner and a generic file.
- See <http://pcplanner.c-map.it/> for more on PC Planner.
- If you decide not to use PC Planner, you will need to consult your charting software or plotter manual, or your dealer, to determine how

to load the file in to your equipment. We are not in a position to provide support on this.

This waypoint file is just a start on our plans to make the Guide easier to use by providing the harbour and anchorage information in ways that are geo-referenced to charts.

Contributions

Our e-mail address is:
info@norwegianscruising-guide.com

One of the great benefits of self-publishing and going the eBook and print-on-demand route is that making changes is a comparatively easy process. So if you find an error, we want to know; if you have a suggestion to make the Guide better, please e-mail and tell us. If, after reading the Guide, you still have unanswered questions about cruising in Norway, we want to know that too. We will try to answer your question and then add that answer to the next edition.

We intend that the Guide will become very different from a static book published every five to ten years. We want it to be much more dynamic and up-to-date. And, although we hope to return to Norway soon, to make this work we need your contributions and updates.

Contributors that provide substantial and useful information will receive the next eBook edition free.

For a list of Contributors, see below under Sources of Information.

Text: Any and all information is appreciated, but it would help us if you provide additions and corrections in the following format:

- Name of the harbour/anchorage; the chart number (if you are using paper charts); lat/long; year visited.
- Approaches: Any tips you have to make it easier or safer to enter the harbour/anchorage.
- Anchorages, Moorings: A description of the depth, type of holding, swinging room, etc.; the type of dock, depth alongside, charge/day, etc.
- For The Boat: Electricity, water, fuel, boatyard services, etc.
- For The Crew: Facilities (toilets, showers, laundry), shopping, transportation, etc.
- Things To Do: Restaurants, galleries, museums, hikes, beaches, anything else that you enjoyed doing and that might encourage another cruiser to want to stop (or not), etc.

Photographs: We are always looking for more great photographs for the Guide. If you would like to contribute photographs please e-mail us for our photography guide lines. We even pay a small amount for each photograph we publish.

Sources of Information

Contributors: If the harbour and anchorage information given uses the first person, it was written either by Hans Jakob and Eli or by us. Otherwise, the information was provided by our many wonderful contributors:

- Michael and Martina Haferkamp on their *Hutting 54, Polaris*.
- John and Pat Driscoll on their *Moody 42, Moonlight of Down*.
- Jarle and Berit Land on their *Hallberg-Rassy 36, Drott II*.
- Bob and Judy Bailey on their customized *Westail 32, Pooh Bear*.
- David Tunick on his *Sparkman & Stephens 17m yawl, Night Watch*.

- Rob Veenhof and Peter Gallinelli on Peter's 13m Intégral, *Imram*.
- Priscilla Travis on her boat, *Nomad*, a 14m custom Ted Brewer designed steel and aluminium pilothouse cutter.
- Felix Liebau on the 11m steel *Wiking VI*.
- Gary and Beth Schwarzman on their custom 13m cold-molded cutter, *Anasazi*.
- Colin Johnson on the Nicholson 38 ketch, *Lady Anwyn*.
- David and Barbara Jones on their Rival 38, *Calico Martlet*.
- Alan Wilson on his Nauticat 33, *Kiitaja*.
- David and Natalie Tippett on their Sweden Yachts 42, *Yemanja*.
- Marty and Paul Rogers on their J-42, *Canty*.
- Helen Lewis and Richard Blackmore on their Freedom 39, *Hornpipe*.
- Michael and Yvonne Coates on their Hans Christian 43T cutter, *Jolly Swagman*.
- Dave and Julia Thompson on their 9.5m Golden Hind, *Thane of Lochaber*.
- Dan Hogarth on his Rustler 36, *Eschaton*.
- Vicky Platt on her 14m Andre Hoek cutter, *Josephine*.
- Tom and Ketty Jelsing on their Hallberg-Rassy 34, *Anja*.
- Antony Graham on his Morgan Giles 30, *Petronella*.
- Thierry and Barbara Courvoisier on their Centurian 40S, *Ceres*.
- Willem and Ingrid Willemse on their custom aluminium 52' Outborn, *Twinga*.
- Dick and Sally Turnbull on their Najad 361, *Lora Mhor*.
- Peter Flocks and family on their Tradewind 35, *Knotts Maid*.
- Bjørn and Marguerite Jost Kjelsberg on their Comfortina 42, *Morgenstjernen*.
- Kristina Thomsson and Gustaf Hulthe on their Laurin 44, *Caminante*.
- Su Fawkes on the 3-masted schooner, *Trinovante*.

Havneguiden: We used the following volumes of *Havneguiden* as a reference:

- Göteborg - Svinesund (Sweden)
- Norway, Vol. 1, Svinesund - Langesund
- Norway, Vol. 2, Langesund - Lindesnes
- Norway, Vol. 3, Lindesnes - Bergen
- Norway, Vol. 4, Bergen - Kirkenes

Den Norske Los: We used the 1990 English/Norwegian Edition of *Den Norske Los*, Vol. 7, to verify information for Svalbard.

Thank You

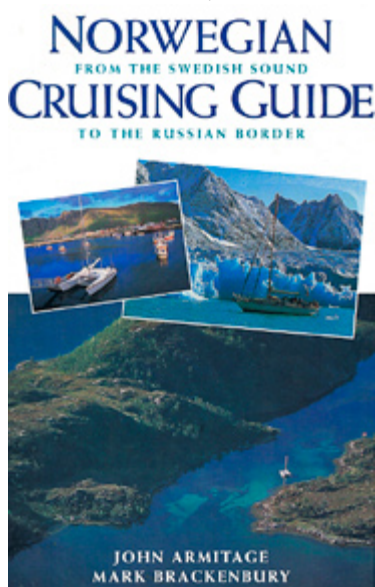
We would like to thank Mark Brackenbury and John Armitage for their hard work and dedication in compiling and updating the Guide from 1978 to 2002 and their generosity in handing the results over to us.

John and Mark listed a number of people in the 2nd Edition of the Guide who helped them and, even though we haven't listed all those people here, we would like to thank them again for their contributions to the Guide.

We would personally like to thank the following people:

- The hundreds of Norwegians who made our two years in their beautiful country the highlight of our cruising life. *Tusen takk* (a thousand thanks).
- The many cruisers who have contributed to the Guide (see above under Sources of Information).
- Warren Brown, S/V *Warbaby*, who loaned us his Norway (paper) charts and whose high latitude voyages inspired us to cruise the north.
- Curtis Rindlaub who edits *A Cruising Guide to the Maine Coast* (popularly known as Taft & Taft). When we were developing the format of the 3rd Edition of the *Norwegian Cruising Guide*, we couldn't think of a better way to organize harbour and anchorage information than the way it's done in Taft & Taft. Curtis has very generously granted us the right to use some of the same headings they use. Since he has strong connections to Norway and has sailed in the Oslofjord, we are especially pleased to be able to refer to him here. For more information on the Taft & Taft guide, see www.mainecoastguide.com.
- Steve Arnott and C-MAP UK who generously provided a full set of electronic charts for Norway and Svalbard that we used as a base for the chapter maps and that were invaluable in compiling the 3rd, 2008, 2009, and 2010 Editions.
- Our partners Jørn and Hanne Engevik who publish *Havneguiden* and generously provided us with copies of their excellent publication to use as a reference.

History of the Guide



The information contained in the *Norwegian Cruising Guide* has been collected by multiple cruisers during more than 30 years of exploring coastal Norway, making it a treasure trove of experience to help ensure your cruise of Norway is as good as it can be.

In 1978 Mark Brackenbury's *Norwegian Cruising Guide, A Pilot for the Norwegian and SW Swedish Coasts between Sognefjord and the Sound* was published; until it went out of print in 1991, it was the only English language guide for Norway.

In 1996 John Armitage combined Mark's material with new material for north Norway, Svalbard and Bjørnøya, and published the jointly authored *Norwegian Cruising Guide, From the Swedish Sound to the Russian Border*, 2nd Edition.

Between 1996 and 2006 updates were made to the *Norwegian Cruising Guide*, 2nd Edition, based on the cruising experiences of a number of people, including John Armitage, Hans Jakob and Eli, and us.

In May of 2006 we published the prerelease version of the much expanded 3rd Edition and the final version was released in February 2007 and updated in 2008 and 2009.

