

Using The eBook

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Tips and Tricks

Benefits of an eBook:

- Twice the content for half the price of a paper cruising guide.
- Interactive capabilities including a live Index, a live Table of Contents, and live Internet links.

Version: These Tips and Tricks assume that you are using Acrobat Reader Version 8 or later on a Windows machine.

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Mouse and Keyboard Tricks: If you have a mouse with a centre scrolling wheel you can of course use it to scroll between pages, but another neat feature is that if you hold down the Ctrl key at the same time as moving the scroll wheel, it changes the zoom level. Note that if you have just opened the book, you need to click somewhere on the page before this will work.

Usually the up arrow and down arrow keys scroll through one line at a time—not that useful unless you have no life or a really tiny screen—but if you hold the Ctrl key down while pressing the up arrow or down arrow key you will scroll one full page at a time. Note that you must have the hand selected on the menu bar for this to work and that you will be scrolling a whole Guide page, which may be different than your screen size. If you want to scroll up or down a screen, use the Page Up and Page Down keys.

Zoom Level: The Guide will open at 87%, the odd size due to a change that Adobe made in Reader Version 8.00 and later. Depending on your screen size and version of Adobe Reader, you may find it advantageous to change the magnification. To do this you can either use the + and - buttons at the top center of the menu bar or use the pull down menu next to them. (Also see Mouse and Keyboard Tricks above.) A setting of 75% to 87% will yield the most legible view on most screens although 100% will work better on some laptops. Don't forget that you can always make the Guide bigger if you are having trouble reading the fine print on the maps.

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Bookmarks: If it is not already open, click the tab with the icon of a bookmark on the left hand side of your screen, which is basically the Table of Contents in a smaller format. Click on the chapter you want and you will be transported directly there. You can change the level of detail displayed by clicking on the + and - signs on the far left. Once opened, Bookmarks will stay available on the left hand side of your screen.

Table of Contents: If you are interested in finding out about a specific area or subject, click on the page number for the appropriate chapter in the Table of Contents and you will be transported to that subject or area.

If you are referring to the Index a lot, hit the End key and then Page Up to get to the page of the Index that you want. It takes longer to read this than to do it.

Index: To find a specific anchorage or harbour, go to the Index, find the entry, and click on the page number next to it. You will be transported to the listing for that place.

If there is no listing for a harbour or anchorage in the Index, this means that either no information has been gathered or not enough information has been collected to warrant a separate listing for that place and it is only mentioned in passing under another listing (see Searching below).

Searching: If you can't find what you are looking for using the Index or Table of Contents, try using the Search feature, accessed by typing what you are looking for into the text box on the right of the menu bar. It will search the whole open volume in the blink of an eye.

This is a useful feature for finding a page with a photograph or map on it.

Page Thumbnails: Click on the Pages icon on the left hand side of the screen and you will see small thumbnail images of the actual pages. By clicking on the relevant thumbnail, you can navigate directly to a specific page of the document.

Printing the eBook

We have found that 720 dpi is a good compromise between legibility and ink use/speed. At this setting, our mid-range Epson printer takes about one minute to print a page.

Remember that, if you carry a computer aboard, there may not be a good reason to print any of the Guide. Try it on-screen first; you could save the cost of paper and ink, not to speak of some trees.

If you want the entire guide on paper, it will be much cheaper to buy the paper book than print the eBook.

When printing the eBook, the size of the pages will automatically adjust to accommodate European A4 or North American letter size and fit into a three ring binder.

The quality of the printed photographs will be poor since they have been optimized for screen display and not for printing (another reason to buy the paper book), but the maps will adjust to and print at the quality of the target printer.

If you are using an ink jet printer, the maps and photographs will be more legible if you use colour and a medium quality setting. You may want to experiment with various settings on one or two pages before printing a whole chapter.

We have not tried a laser printer, but it should work well.

To print just the area you will be cruising:

- Note the page numbers of the first and last page you wish to print.
- Click on the printer icon on the menu bar.

→ Use the Print Range option in the dialog box to enter the page numbers you noted in the first step.

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