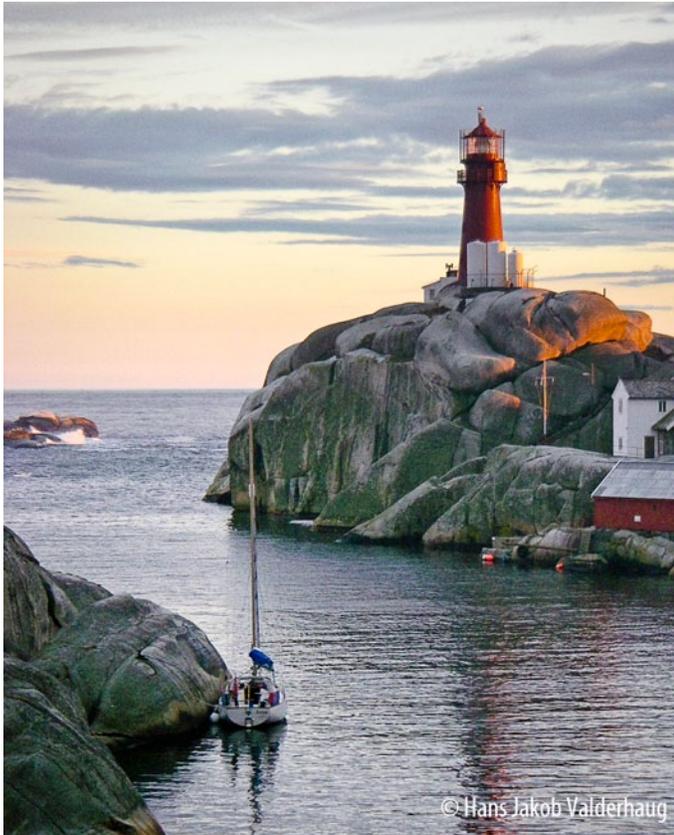


# Preface



This 7th Edition of the *Norwegian Cruising Guide* was published in 2013 as three volumes in full colour. Available as eBooks or paper books, this edition includes new harbours/anchorages and numerous updates collected up to the end of the 2012 season. This brings the total number of harbours and anchorages to 950, making this by far the most up-to-date and comprehensive cruising guide to Norway.

Over the years we have found that our favourite cruising guides are those that give us cultural and historical information, provide ideas for shoreside activities, and that are organized so we can easily decide where to go and what to do, not just how to get there.

With that in mind, we have made the *Norwegian Cruising Guide* a complete guidebook rather than just a book of sailing directions. It is a well-organized resource that will help you plan your cruise—including activities that will add to your enjoyment of this wonderful country—as well as execute it.

## Authors

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Phyllis and John in Hinlopen Strait.

We, John Harries and Phyllis Nickel, are writers, photographers, publishers 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.



## Norwegian Correspondents

Hans and Eli in their very cute tender, with *S/V Anna* anchored in the background, at Kjerringvika, north of Tromsø.

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 40 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. 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.



## Volumes

### New In The 7th Edition:

General Cruising Information chapter for Sweden  
General Cruising Information chapter for Jan Mayen

### Volume 1, General Cruising Information

#### *This Preface*

**Norway:** cruise planning information and guidance on issues ranging from buoyage and boat preparation to Norwegian culture and wildlife.

**Sweden:** cruise planning information and guidance in addition to the Norway chapter and specific to a cruise of the west coast of Sweden.

**Svalbard:** cruise planning information and guidance in addition to the Norway chapter and specific to a cruise to Svalbard, including Bjørnøya.

**Jan Mayen:** cruise planning information and guidance in addition to the Svalbard chapter and specific to a cruise of Jan Mayen.

**Appendix:** detailed resource information.

### Volume 2, Harbours & Anchorages

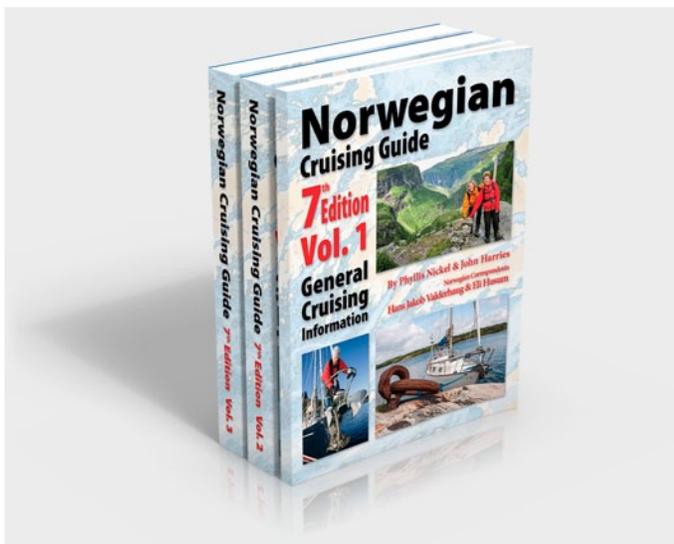
From Mölle on the West Coast of Sweden to Kristiansund on the West Coast of Norway.

### Volume 3, Harbours & Anchorages

Kristiansund on the West Coast of Norway to the Russian border, and on to Svalbard and Jan Mayen.

### All Volumes

Comprehensive Table of Contents and Index.



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In 2006 we broke new ground by publishing the Guide as an eBook. With the 7th Edition we have taken the eBook to the next level by making navigation fast and easy, with over 4000 links both internal and to external resources.

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## Paper Books

**New In The 7th Edition:**  
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The 7th Edition paper books are print-on-demand using a new and less expensive process than that available for the 2010 Edition. This does mean that the colour photograph reproduction is somewhat compromised, but we think that this is a worthwhile trade-off in exchange for the reasonable price. And, after all, if you want to see the colour photographs in all their glory, there is always the eBook.

We have also indicated all links with a descriptive tag instead of the underlying URL. This makes the book shorter, neater, and easier to use as an eBook. The disadvantage is that a paper book owner will not be able to easily find the linked web resources. Once again, however, if you really want access to those resources, there is always the eBook.

## New Editions

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## Waypoint File

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[Download the free waypoint file](#)

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, in formats for just about every modern plotter or navigation package, with

each purchase of the Guide.

## Format

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### Text

**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. We chose the fonts for legibility and the size with middle-aged eyes in mind. The white space to the left gives room for information boxes and, in the printed version, 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.

**Norwegian Alphabet:** Due to a bug in Adobe Creative Suite, the Index does not recognize the Norwegian characters of Å/å, Ø/ø, and Æ/æ. They are treated respectively as A/a, O/o, and Symbol/a, and alphabetized accordingly. We apologize for any confusion this may cause.

**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, *Den Norske Los (The Norwegian Pilot)*, 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. Utkåften (S Klåverön) means that Utkåften 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.



**New In The 7th Edition:**

Activated Harbour Info

**58°43.2' N, 09°14.4' E**

Last Visited: 2010

Chart: 6

[Google](#)

[Havneguiden](#)

[Website](#)

**New In The 7th Edition:**

A Landfalls and Favourites section in the Introduction to each mainland Norway Harbours and Anchorages chapter

**New In The 7th Edition:**

Live links in the chapter maps that take you directly to chapter subsections and subsidiary maps

**Harbour Information Boxes:** These are the gray boxes in the sidebar of each Harbours and Anchorages entry (see the sample box from Risør at left). In order to help make it as easy as possible for you to plan your cruise, we have activated this information as follows:

- **Waypoint:** links to topographical maps (Norway) and sea charts (Norway, Svalbard, Sweden, Jan Mayen).
- **Google:** links to Google Earth.
- **Havneguiden:** links to *Havneguiden's* aerial photographs/sketch maps. (*Havneguiden* is a Norwegian language cruising guide.)
- **Website:** links to the website for that town/area/harbour (enable [Google Translate](#) so you can enjoy those sites that are not in English).
- **Topo Map** (Svalbard, Jan Mayen): links to topographical maps.

## Graphics

**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. Every port and anchorage that has its own entry in that chapter is shown in black type, its position indicated with a black dot. The position of landfall harbours are indicated by red squares and the position of our favourite harbours and anchorages are indicated by red stars.

In cases where the chapter has been divided into subsections for easier navigation, we have shown this on the chapter map using dotted black lines to denote the various sections. In cases where the density of ports would make the subsection confusing, we have provided larger scale subsidiary maps, which are indicated by shading within the dotted black lines on the chapter map.

With the kind permission of Statens Kartverk we have shown the Coastal Danger Areas in red, 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 will only work with photographs up to about 200% size 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.

**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, not just 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* has an aerial photograph for each harbour and anchor-



age that they cover and, where they have a corresponding entry to ours, we have inserted a link to their entry.

## Contributions

### Contributor guidelines

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.

**Contributors that provide substantial and useful information will receive the next eBook edition free. All contributions are appreciated but please read our contributor guidelines first.**

## Sources of Information

For more on cruising Norway, read our contributors' Norway Voyage Accounts online

**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 (if you have contributed to the Guide and I've somehow omitted your name from this list, please accept my sincere apologies and let me know so I can correct my mistake in the next edition):

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**Den Norske Los:** We used the following editions of *Den Norske Los* as a reference:

- Vol. 1, 2004
- Vol. 2a, 2007
- Vol. 2b, 2005
- Vol. 3, 2001
- Vol. 4, 2008
- Vol. 5, 2001
- Vol. 6, 2008
- Vol. 7, 2011

## Thank You

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

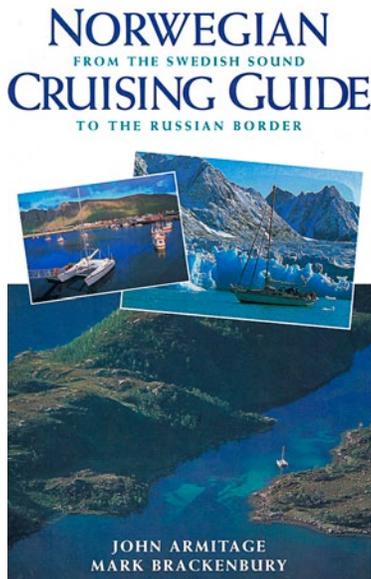
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## History of the Guide

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The information contained in the *Norwegian Cruising Guide* has been collected by multiple cruisers during more than 35 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 Jan Mayen, and published the jointly authored *Norwegian Cruising Guide, From the Swedish Sound to the Russian Border*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition.

Between 1996 and 2006 updates were made to the *Norwegian Cruising Guide*, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition and the final version was released in February 2007. We published new editions in 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2013.

