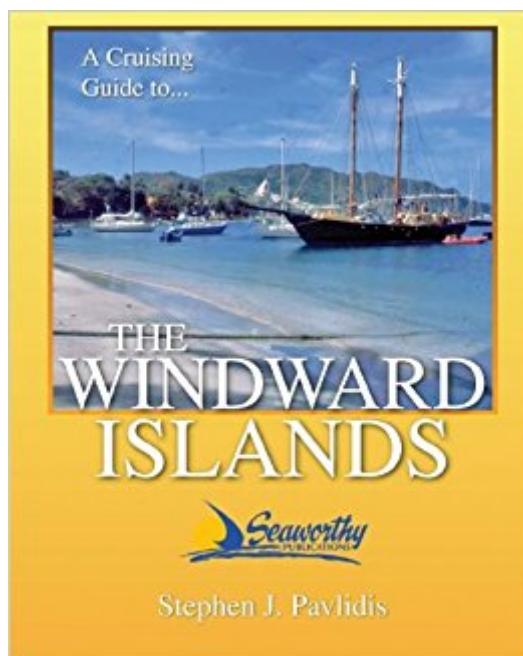


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# A Cruising Guide To The Windward Islands: Martinique, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & The Grenadines, Carriacou, Grenada, Barbados



## **Synopsis**

With 80 sketch charts this is the most comprehensive guide covering The Windward Islands. The Windward Islands Guide contains GPS waypoints, approaches and routes, anchorages, dive sites, an extensive appendix, photos and a bibliography. As with all of Steve's guides it contains sections on history, marina services, and much more useful info.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

All of the charts in Steve's books are created using data that is personally collected while visiting each area using a computerized system that interfaces DGPS and depth soundings. The resulting charts are so accurate that SoftChart International, a leading provider of digital charts and navigation data, utilizes them to provide additional detail to supplement government-produced charts.

Stephen J. Pavlidis has been cruising and living aboard his 40' sloop IV Play since the winter of 1989. Starting in the Exuma Cays in the Bahamas, Steve began his writing career with his coverage of the Bahamas which includes: "The Exuma Guide" "On and Off the Beaten Path: the Central and Southern Bahamas Guide" "The Turks and Caicos Guide" "The Abaco Guide" THE FIVE GUIDES COVERING THE CARIBBEAN ARE: "The Puerto Rico Guide" "The Trinidad and Tobago Guide" "The Windward Islands Guide" "The Leeward Islands Guide" "The Virgin Islands Guide"

Very thorough cruising information on the islands except it didn't say that it was published in 2005.

Much of the information on the anchorages, warnings, etc. could be useless as they are 9 years old.

I bought this book along with the Chris Doyle book. unfortunately THIS book is NOT IN COLOR. :( but if you cant buy the Chris Doyle book this has many b/w images to give you advice on harbor hopping the windward islands. I always like as much info as i can bring when your in the middle of nowhere. ie. the islands.

It probably won't replace Chris Doyle's book but it a worthwhile addition to your library. It is slightly larger and contains pictures and text not in the other book.

It looks like these guides are going to be a lost art as websites like Noonsite are taking over with on the minute information and user comments and ratings that cant be beaten by a single author and his book with deadline long past. But anyway: we loved the excellent writing that is full of information and entertaining details and episodes.

I just got back from chartering in St.Vincent and found that both guides (this and Chris Doyle's) benefit when used together.

Before purchasing this book, I did a bit of research on the different guides available. One had a lot of advertisements, but was popular. It was more like a Frommers travel book. This one was written by the guy who actually used equipment relied upon by chartmakers for local depth soundings. You could tell by his "local" hints that he really took the time and effort to give you the insider's view. From recomming "Mr.Fantastic" (a local boat vendor who sold us delicious lobster), to recommendations on local restaurants at each of our island stops along the way, this book was fantastic. The black and white pages made it all the more authentic as not being overly commercialized. In each port he gave highly reliable waypoints which I fed into my Garmin GPS, and everything worked like clockwork. His depth soundings in the anchorages were highly reliable as well. Our crew of 6 sailors, all passionate for adventure in the Windward Islands, raved about this book. Other books were aboard, but this one quickly became the one that we relied upon. It was concise and to the point, and we really enjoyed using it. Accolades to Mr. Pavlidis. This is a winner!!

Excellent description of sailing the windward islands including all the information a sail boat captain needs to complete his cruise. Definitely recommended for all sailors.

Lots of great info. Unfortunately in Black and White. Good complement to the "Sailors Guide to the Windward Islands".

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