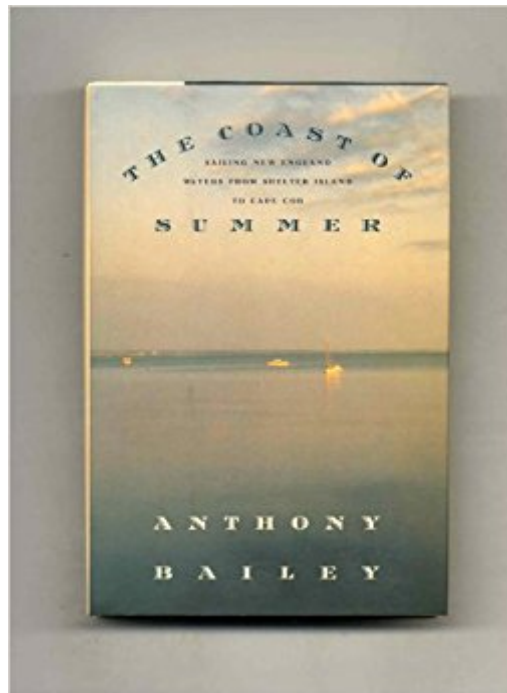


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# The Coast Of Summer: Sailing New England Waters From Shelter Island To Cape Cod



## Synopsis

The New England coast, a small cruising sloop, warm winds - and Anthony Bailey's storytelling powers. Lochinvar sails the waters between eastern Long Island and the tip of Cape Cod, poking into deep harbours and shallow ponds, and exploring the present life of the coast. --This text refers to an alternate Hardcover edition.

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This delightful account of a summer of sailing along the Southern New England coast is a must-read for any cruising sailor or sailor wannabe. It is the story of the normal events of coastal cruising, from anchoring to meeting old friends ashore, from monitoring the weather to cooking on board, told in a prose which flows as easily as the tides. The personal memories and reflections, and the historical notes on the many harbors along the route, are as thoroughly engrossing as the 80-foot waves, pirates, and seamonsters of most adventure books. Perhaps it is the reality of planning such a cruise for yourself that makes the book even more captivating than the more unlikely tales of life-threatening ordeals in violent seas. This book informs, entertains, and gratifies almost as well as the sea, itself.

Anthony Bailey has somehow bottled up the smell and feel of July and August on the waters between Cape Cod and the tip of Long Island, an archipelago not only of little islands, but welcoming harbors, sandy beaches and private coves - not to mention fascinating histories. The Coast of Summer is like the first sip of a cool drink after a day's sail, the anchor set and the boat

made secure for the night. Every cruising sailor stores these moments away forever. Read it in the winter when snow on city streets has turned black as the early night, or, even better, read it in the cabin of your own boat on a rainy day with your feet up on the settee, your back against a cushion and everything dry and comfortable below, your vessel yielding gently back and forth to the weather. Read it, for that matter, anywhere you want to - but read it.

I am now reading this book for the 4th time. You easily place yourself right in the cockpit with them. Going day to day, harbor to harbor. A must read !!!!!

The Coast of Summer: Sailing New England Waters from Shelter Island to Cape Cod, a 1994 account of two months spent gunkholing in New England (from Connecticut to Cape Cod), is very well written. The author, Anthony Bailey, was an England-based reporter/writer for The New Yorker for many years. Consequently he knows and visits interesting people who live in New England and who enliven this book. Nothing very dramatic happens (excepting one hurricane) during the course of the book and the reader will enjoy coasting along the coast with the author and his wife. The book is an ideal read during the long, non-sailing, winter months.

I will charter a sailboat next year in New England so this book was great. Very well written, although despite the author's great sailing experience, he is weak on the rules of the road. When he confronted a towed vessel, he thought it should yield to him (sail over power). I almost fell over when I read this.

If you know and appreciate the coastal water between Montauk and Provincetown, you will love this book. While not necessary for enjoyment, a reader with knowledge of sail-cruising will be "over the moon."

I enjoyed reading the book. Sailors and sailing is something I have a lot of respect for. Mr. Bailey ought to lighten up a bit. He dislikes every thing we American guys grew up loving. Jet skis, motorcycles, rock music and partying are all things we enjoy but Mr. Bailey disdains. Plus his penchant for doing every thing on the cheap is not how we roll.

The Coast of Summer  
Excited to learn that in this book about sailing the coast of New England that the author also stops at the island my mom and dad lived in the RI area. Liked hearing of the

landmarks one sees from the water as we know them from the landside. Island hopping at its best. What adventures! Love the tour of all the islands and what makes each special for fresh seafood, people met along the way, seashelling or just day tripping. I received this book from National Library Service for my BARD (Braille Audio Reading Device).

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