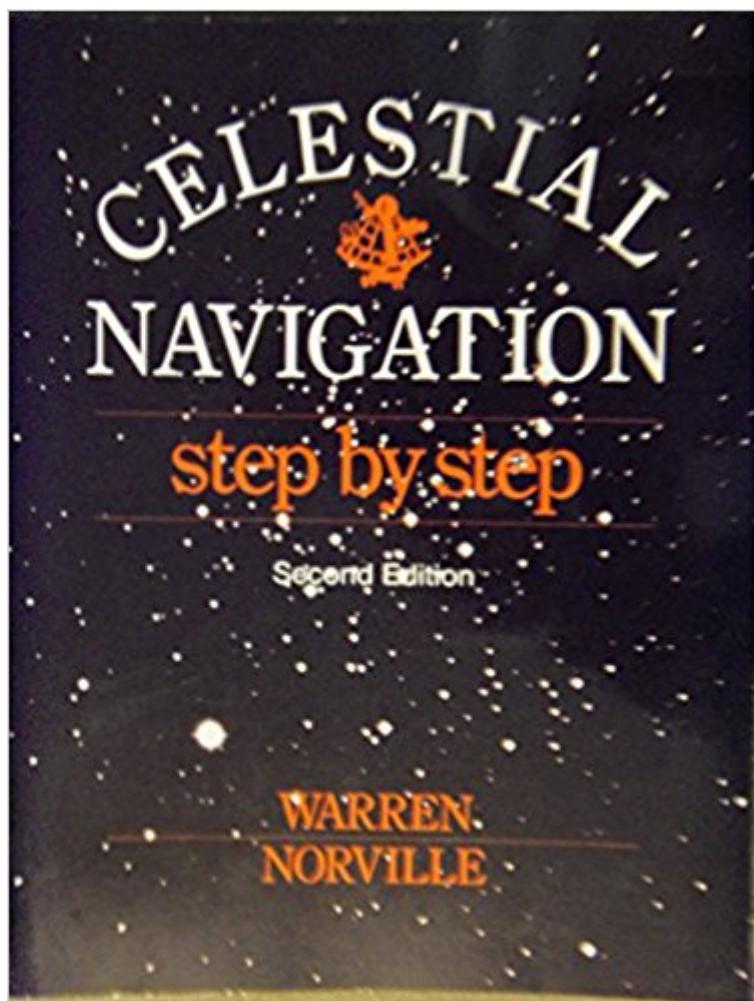


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# Celestial Navigation Step By Step



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Just some comments. Celestial Navigation is NOT a simple no-brainer, despite the fact that it is done in a step-by-step manner with arithmetic. Learn plane navigation before attempting this. The better you are at spatial visualization the easier it is. I used this book as a text for a community college class I taught in the 1990's. As a former merchant marine officer I can verify that everything Warren Norville writes is correct and complete. However, Celestial Navigation is best learned in a classroom or at sea as an apprentice. A final comment: In the twenty-first century the tool to use in navigating a yacht across the Pacific is a GPS receiver and not a sextant, chronometer, stopwatch, nautical almanac, and set of sight-reduction tables.

This is the great book. It gives you practical knowledge step by step, explaining every potential difficulty you may experience in your first dealing with the subject. I had no clue about the whole issue before I read the book. Then I was able to solve almost all practical problems in Gray's "100 Problems in Celestial Navigation." Just read it once, then whatever you don't understand-read a few more times. This is the normal process. I do recommend this book. And of course, it is just the

beginning. It will enable you to sail and find your way. Go to Bowditch and Dutton for detailed explanation of every navigational question. They never fail.

This book is good for taking the question mark out of celestial navigation, it really does take you step by step.

Horrible book. Perfectly confusing. The title is very misleading giving the impression that the author will walk you through all the necessary steps to obtain a sight reduction, LOP and necessary other methods for CN. There are references to page numbers in the Appendix but you won't find the page there. You'll have to guess which page he's talking about. The Sun sight reduction form is poorly formatted and not sequential leaving you to, again, guess which steps apply. Many illustrations (UPS with LOPs on them) will make you blind as the print is so tiny. There's too much bragging about his sailing and navigation skills (i.e. the trip to the Canary islands and the 3 day storm). If you aren't good at math DO NOT buy this book. Beware of any author that uses the hackneyed, "remembering back to your high school days and trigonometry class...blah, blah, blah". The author often refers the reader to a previous section of the book with language such as, the Law of Cosines was already covered before so we wont recount it here. Oh great! Just when I need help you send me to some vague part of the book. Heck, I don't want to know anything about the Law of Cosines, Ageton's method or Sumner (who went insane at the end of his life....probably the result of working with math too much) I just want to know how to easily do a sight reduction! Remember that MOST of us do not live near the ocean so we can only do sights using an Artificial Horizon. Norville never mentions AHs or how to make one. Like so many other "instruction" books that involve CN the authors assume you have a college degree in math. If you want to get completely frustrated and give up Celestial Navigation, or, if you want to sail your boat right up onto the rocks- this book is for you! The best to get is William F. Buckley's dvd or book. The entire DVD used to be on Youtube but now it's gone. You can get his sight reduction form off of Yahoo somewhere. That's where I found it. Buckley makes it perfectly understandable in how to do a sun sight reduction. I suppose so because he wasn't a math whiz-bang like the Norville guy is.

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