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Editorial Review

From the Inside Flap

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- *Plot GPS positions on paper and digital charts
- *Determine the precise range and bearing of your destination
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The Weekend Navigator provides a strong foundation in the time-honored skills of piloting, and with this book you can practice those skills on the water, using GPS to keep you pointed in the right direction.

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