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Modern Weather for Sailors A Marine Meteorology Primer To a sailor, understanding weather is as important as boat preparation and knowing how to tack. Knowing what the weather is going to do can make the difference between a having a safe and comfortable voyage or a perilous, bad experience. Marine weather is a very complex body of information that professional meteorologists spend their lives learning. This book is an attempt to translate that information into an easily understood and easy to use form for the everyday sailor. The purpose of this book is to sort through all the thousands of websites and programs, and share the few really important things a sailor needs to look at while planning a race or voyage. Then how to bring that information onto the boat at sea. Topics covered: Weather forecasting history Weather basics Synoptic-scale weather How to read weather maps Weather models and Grib files Satellite images Local conditions Using clouds to predict weather Marine communications Where to get marine weather Getting weather aboard boats Weather Routing About the Author John Jourdane is one of the most experienced offshore sailors in the world today. He has sailed over 300,000 miles. He has crossed between the West Coast U.S. and Hawaii 54 times, has crossed the Atlantic Ocean 12 times, and sailed around the world 3 times, including 2 Whitbread Round the World Races. He is also the author of Icebergs, Port and Starboard and Sailing with Scoundrels and Kings. John also teaches Weather for Sailors classes across the U.S. and Canada.

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