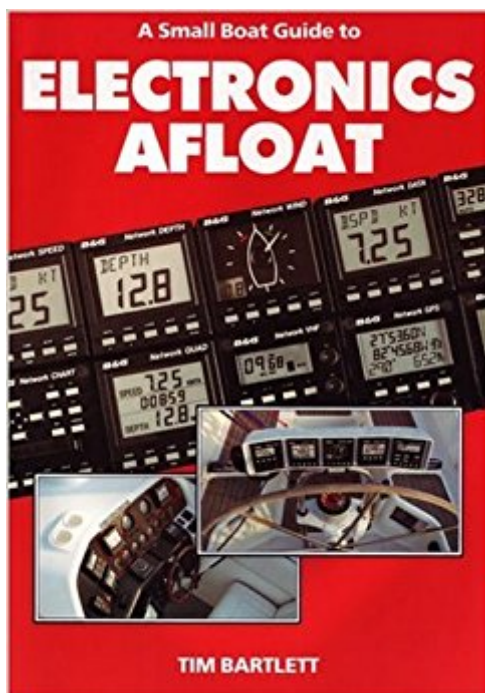


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# A Small Boat Guide To Electronics Afloat



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As an ex-officer in the Royal Navy, a practising yachtsman and a navigation instructor, Tim Bartlett has had ample opportunity to get to grips with all manner of electronic devices aboard all types of vessels. Now technical editor of the magazine Motor Boat & Yachting, he spends much of his time testing and using the very latest equipment and techniques developed for small craft under power and sail.

Tim Bartlett's A SMALL BOAT GUIDE TO ELECTRONICS AFLOAT covers all kinds of boat navigation systems, from GPS and chart plotters to depth sounders, autopilots, and performance computers. Author Bartlett is a navigation instructor and an ex-officer in the Royal Navy: his background as an ex-naval officer and as a teacher lends to a broad range of experience with all kinds of navigation systems.

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