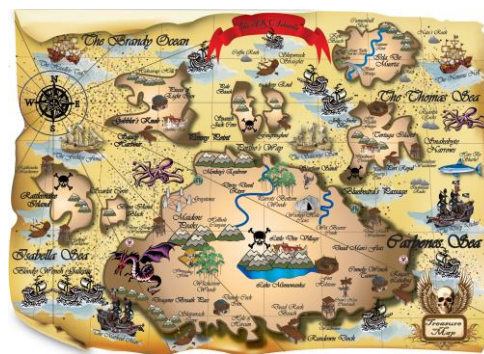


# CHARTING YOUR COURSE?!

Below are some resources that might be of interest to any member considering travelling beyond the well worn track down the river and out to Rotto.

Many of you will have charts and chart plotters on your boats, but below are some electronic resources you can download to your computer at home to plan (or dream) of voyages further afield.



Follow this link to download all the Department of Transport charts for the WA coast (there are more than 50 of them) as pdfs for free at <http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/imagery/nautical-charts.asp>.

Here is the link to the 5th Edition of the Western Australian Cruising Guide which has been assembled by sailors from Fremantle Sailing Club ( <http://wacg.medimorphosis.com.au>). Now in its fifth edition, the Western Australian Cruising Guide is regarded as the coastal, cruising bible for WA, covering the coast from Darwin to Eucla, including the Christmas and Cocos Islands. This book contains over 600 pages, more than 200 mini-charts and many interesting colour photos. The main source of information for this guide is feedback from the hundreds of sailors who have shared their knowledge.

The first part of the guide covers weather, tides, passage planning, communications, emergency services, marine animals and government departments. The second part contains specific pilotage information on many anchorages, showing suitable spots to anchor, dangers, the amount of protection, tidal information, places of interest, history of the area, and local contact details. Simply download to your computer, tablet or phone for reference whenever you need.

All users are encouraged to contribute further knowledge, whether by correcting errors or providing new information; simply email the editor at [editorwacg@gmail.com](mailto:editorwacg@gmail.com)

Finally, a couple of resources for the more serious traveller. First, this links is to the complete folio of (more than 570) AHO electronic charts of Australia from Memory Map for \$100 <http://memory-map.com.au/digital-maps/digital-marine-charts/quickcharts-aho-admiralty-raster-marine-charts-australia.html>. These may only be updated every couple of years. Second, Fremantle Sailing Club member, Mike Reynolds, has established a library of publicly available KAP files, including many for NT and WA. Go to <http://yachtzenagain.blogspot.com.au/2015/04/googleearth-kap-library-for-opencpn-and.html>

Safe boating,  
Bill MacLeod,  
Vice Commodore.