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Managing the Waterway Chart Guides
An Illustrated Cruising Guide to the Great Loop Inland Waterway: Chicago to Mobile

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The new illustrated chart guide format includes several “guides within the guide,” including a 30,000-word preparation and planning guide; a complete mile-by-mile cruising guide; and an annotated chart guide for the entire 580-mile transit.

Popular features of the original MTW guides are still part of this new format, including detailed mile-by-mile navigation coverage, the page-specific Rolling Header™ of safety information, and 182 interpretive vignettes on local history, wildlife, and attractions. The guide includes 187 annotated chart screenshots, 548 color photos, 172 marinas and anchorages, 115 boat ramps, 180 GPS waypoints, and over 300 websites and telephone numbers.

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