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Cruising The Canals & Rivers Of The Netherlands On ORION



Synopsis

Tom & Carol Sommers completed a season-long trip aboard the Dutch cruiser Orion through all twelve provinces of the Netherlands to research this cruising guide, a supplement to the book "Cruising the Canals & Rivers of the Netherlands". The route followed Tom's personal obsession, searching for Star Forts along the waterways (and finding 28 of the 36 Star Forts in Holland.) Included are maps, photos, touring suggestions and how-to-do-it details. It is an essential handbook for those making a journey through the entire country or a short cruise in one province.

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Tom Sommers began his canal-cruising avocation with a trip in 1966 aboard a classic wooden motorboat from Cayuga Lake, in the Finger Lakes of Central New York, through the New York State Barge Canal (Erie Canal) and the Oswego Canal to Lake Ontario and the St Lawrence River. Later canal trips included one across the length of the Erie Canal and down the Hudson River to the Statue of Liberty. After early retirement from an engineering career, Tom moved to coastal North Carolina where he boated on the IntraCoastal Waterway and worked as a boat broker and as an advertising sales representative for a boating magazine, visiting marine businesses from Virginia to Florida. In early 2000 Tom and his wife Carol acted on a longtime desire to live in Europe and cruise the canals and rivers. Their first year was in Paris, on the Canal St Martin, then on the river Seine near Conflans, and later on the northern coast of Brittany. During these years they have traveled extensively along the waterways and created cruising guides for the inland waterways of France, Belgium, Germany and The Netherlands.

The book is better than good. It gives great inside as to what will be a great trip for us this summer. I travel all over Europe using the waterways and the old canals. It is very difficult to find good information about the different areas to visit from the water/canal side. Having been to Germany/France/England/Med., this was a very pleasant addition to my information collection for the trip. I would love to see more maps of the areas and realize they become dated and you must have the current blue water charts to conduct the trip. AlohaTom

Well written , organized.

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