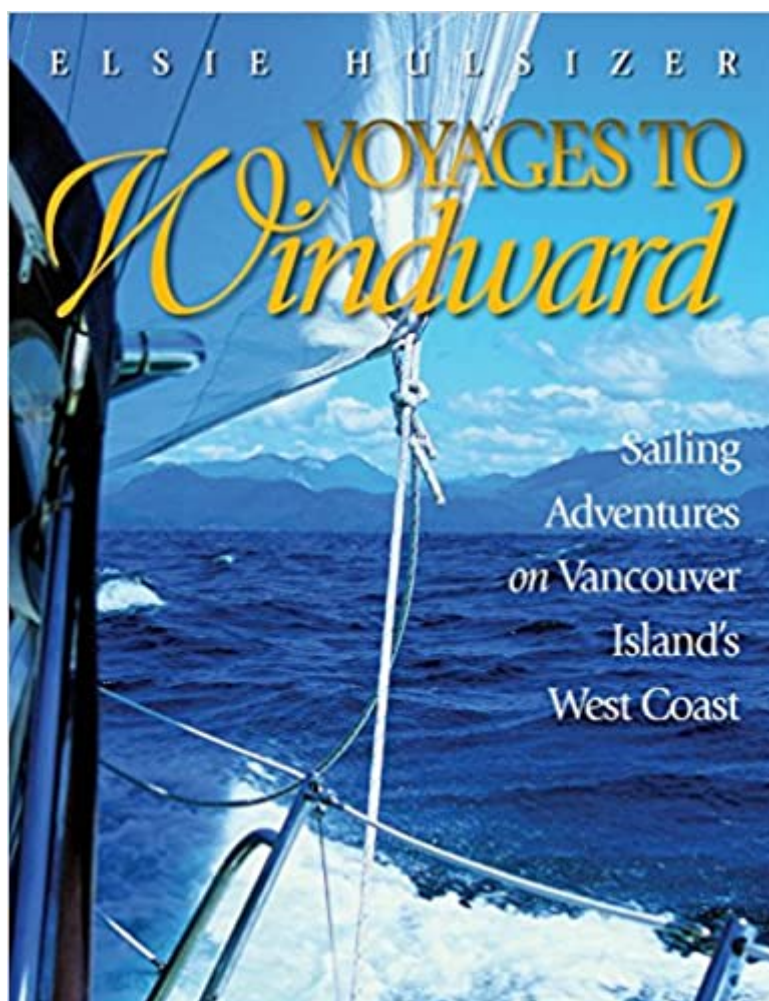


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# Voyages To Windward: Sailing Adventures On Vancouver Island's West Coast



## Synopsis

When Elsie Hulsizer was little, she lived on the shores of Puget Sound in Washington where she spent the summers sailing in a small open sailboat with her parents. Her parents would always start out by sailing to windward, or against the wind, so they would have an easy ride home with the wind pushing them from behind. When Elsie grew up and got married, she and her husband Steve spent their summers sailing out of Puget Sound and up the Strait of Juan de Fuca, always to windward. This challenging course took them up the west coast of Vancouver Island where they were rewarded with a cruising area of spectacular scenery and quiet anchorages that were almost all their own. They spent the next twenty-odd years delightedly exploring the four sounds, several inlets and countless islands, bays, coves and stretches of unprotected coast between Barkley Sound and Brooks Peninsula. On their trips they survived many hair-raising encounters with wild weather and foaming reefs, met interesting people and discovered the intriguing history of a coast undergoing phenomenal changes. Beautifully illustrated with her own excellent photographs, *Voyages to Windward* is Elsie's account of their quarter-century of discovery, an absorbing, exquisitely crafted story that will delight all sailors whether or not they plan to follow Elsie's windward course.

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"Voyages to Windward is elegant enough to be a 'coffee table book,' but unlike many tomes in that genre, it almost certainly won't spend any significant amount of time lying around unopened - until it has been read again, and again, and again." - Nor'westing "Voyages to Windward, beautifully illustrated with Elsie's photographs, details the seven major cruising grounds, Indian villages, bays,

coves, islands, scenery, wildlife, artists and much more from Barkley Sound north to Checleset Bay at the southeast side of Brooks Peninsula." - Jo Bailey and Carl Nyberg, 48 Degrees North "If Voyages to Windward doesn't inspire you to hoist your sails and weigh your anchor for a coastal exploration of very own, then salt water doesn't run in your veins."--Joseph Kula, CanWest News Service

An Environmental professional with a degree in oceanography, Elsie Hulsizer lives in Seattle with her husband Steve. She has a certificate in fine art photography from the Photographic Center Northwest and has exhibited her art in various galleries including Seattle's Odyssey Maritime Discovery Center. Since 1980 the Hulsizers have cruised northwest waters extensively including over 20 trips to the West Coast of Vancouver Island, two trips to Haida Gwaii and four trips to Southeast Alaska. Between sailing adventures on Osprey, she serves on the Washington State Board of Pilotage Commissioners which licenses the pilots who guide ships on Puget Sound, and on the Board of Trustees for Seattle's Center for Wooden Boats.

A unique, almost coffee table, book, filled with photos and stories of travel to the West side of Vancouver Island. Very challenging sailing, and the rewards that await the sailor along the way. (Most people travel through the East between Vancouver Island and the mainland.) There are short historic stories, discussions of the towns visited and what was present at the time, and where they docked or anchored. It's a cruising guide, but nicer. If you are looking for a well written adventure, this isn't it, it's fairly dry. I would think a Seattle based sailor would get a lot of great ideas for local long distance cruising. Once you have passed through the Strait and bashed your way up the West coast, the ride back and the exploration of the areas you have reached is where all the fun in.

Elsie Hulsizer does an amazing job at describing this part of the world. She combines great writing and precision. I feel confident to explore the West coast of Vancouver island.

What a wonderful book, the photographs are stunning, the stories of all the places along the west coast of Vancouver Island are compelling. Elsie Hulsizer's book is a pleasure to read. From her descriptions of this rugged coast to her portraits of the people encountered along the way, you will enjoy every story and anecdote. I encourage anyone who enjoys adventure, natural beauty, historical perspective or sailing to order this book. Whether for your own pleasure or as a special gift, this is a delightful book.

Not a cruising guide, but does tell of her favorite places on West Coast of Vancouver Island. Makes me want to go! Saw her speak at the 2010 Seattle Boat Show, she is an inspiration!

As a child author Elsie Hulsizer spent her summers sailing in a small sailboat with her parents, and as an adult she and her husband spent their summers sailing out of Puget Sound and up the strait of Juan de Fuca - also to windward, where they explored the west coast of Vancouver Island over a twenty-year period. *VOYAGES TO WINDWARD: SAILING ADVENTURES ON VANCOUVER ISLAND'S WEST COAST* charts these journeys and discoveries, using the author's photos to present their journeys in a set of vivid adventures which will appeal to both armchair readers and would-be Vancouver Island sailors. A gorgeous display of color photos throughout makes *VOYAGES TO WINDWARD* an exciting visual display, spiced with high adventure and not a few practical tips. Diane C. Donovan California Bookwatch

From stunning photos to compelling stories to practical information on the windward side of Vancouver Island, this book provides enjoyment for sailors and non-sailors alike. Descriptions of rugged scenery and personal encounters make the West Coast come alive. I hear Hulsizer's book on sailing in Southeast Alaska will be published this fall, and I'll be watching for it.

I had great hope for that book but would have been better off with 30mn of wikipedia. The author is more preoccupied with filling pages with trivia (such as the sound of surf written by a low-grade bored high-school student asked to fill her word quota) and mediocre historical background (available anywhere on the web) than properly advising about sailing in the area. The photos are mediocre; any amateur with a smartphone could do better; and I was not asking about art in photography. The pity is that the author actually went to the spots, anchorages, and inlets, so that she had the material that would interest sailors: advice on most scenic inlets, treacherous passes, recommended beaches... I am even not asking for serious sailing data: their boat is simply not equipped for serious-but-fun sailing in those waters. The 2-star grade was just for the rarity of books on the area.

The book is evocative of the beauty and charm of the remote places of the West Coast of Vancouver Island. Interesting local history is complimented by vivid photography and captured the experience of sailing the West Coast. A very enjoyable book.

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