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John R. Bockstoce : Arctic Passages: A Unique Small-Boat Journey Through the Great Northern Waterway before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Arctic Passages: A Unique Small-Boat Journey Through the Great Northern Waterway:

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. A unique way to travel the arcticBy Paul L. ComstockDr. Bockstoce provides an account of his historic arctic journey in such a personal and inviting way that you are immediately on the trip without the discomforts. Not long into the book, I found myself his traveling companion. I constantly referred to the maps provided to see where I was as he described the scenes in such a vivid and personal manner. Aside from the travel adventure, Dr. Bockstoce provides a lesson in accomplishment that is extraordinary and consistent with the spirit of all explorers; stay focused and proceed with all strength, ingenuity, purpose, and integrity of the mission. A must read if you have a desire to slip away into another world and come back refreshed having made a new friend.

Arctic Passages: A Unique Small-Boat Voyage in the Great Northern Waterway 256 pp. First edition. "In 1988, John Bockstoce, Arctic historian and archaeologist, became the first person to traverse the Northwest Passage west to east in a small boat. Arctic Passages is the extraordinary story of his voyage thirty-five hundred miles through this hemisphere's least explored and most dangerous waterway, from Bering Strait to Baffin Bay. Navigating largely without the benefit of a working compass, John Bockstoce made his way through thousands of uncharted islands along a shifting, featureless coastline, using the critical skills he had learned from years of working with Eskimo whalers."

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From Publishers Weekly On Sept. 3, 1988, the yacht Belvedere and her crew rested offshore the massive granite headlands of Holsteinsborg Harbor in western Greenland at Davis Strait; having reached the eastern entrance to the Northwest Passage, they were the first to complete the voyage, west to east. Arctic archaeologist and historian Brockstoce had fulfilled a dream that began in Nome, Alaska, in 1972. There, with six companions he set out in a 32-foot-long umiak (a walrus-hide boat used by Eskimos) fitted with an outboard motor. During successive summers the group pushed eastward; in some years they were thwarted by ice. By 1980 they had reached Limestone Island near Lancaster Sound; the next stages would be through open, deep water. The umiak was suitable for sailing along the coast, but a sturdier craft was needed for navigating Baffin Bay and Davis Strait. Backstoce (*Wales, Ice and Men*) found a 60-foot-long steel-bottomed motor sailer, the Belvedere, for the final legs of the Passage. His account of this voyage combines superb adventure with an illuminating portrait of the Arctic. Photos. Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc.

From Library Journal In the summer of 1969 the only way John Bockstoce was able to reach Little Diomedede, an island in the Bering Strait, was by umiak , a 35-foot, wood-framed Eskimo boat covered in walrus hide. This marked the beginning of his fascination with these vessels and his 20-year effort to traverse the Northwest Passage of the Bering Sea. Each summer from 1972 to 1989, Bockstoce and his crew (which ranged from Eskimo families to Oxford dons) returned to the Arctic to extend the voyage during the short traveling season using a umiak , and later a steel-hulled yacht. His passionate interest in Arctic geography and people illuminates the often hair-raising adventures through pack ice and gales, the delights of caribou stew and dried salmon, and the lore and comments of Eskimo friends who helped make the umiak and taught him whale-hunting. The achievement of his goal in the company of respected and loved companions is uplifting reading. Bockstoce also exhibits a good sense of humor, no doubt a necessary piece of Arctic equipment.-Susan Wexler, " Library Journal "Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc.