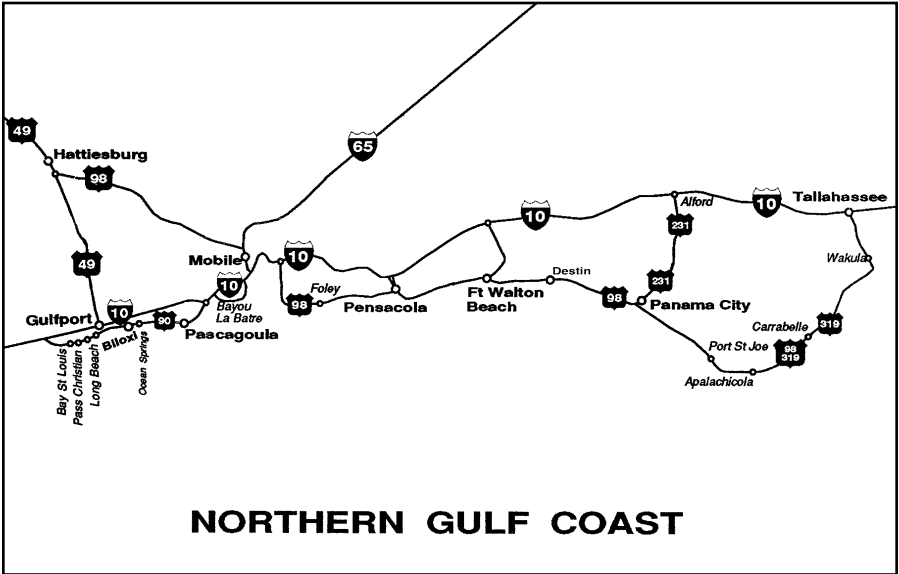


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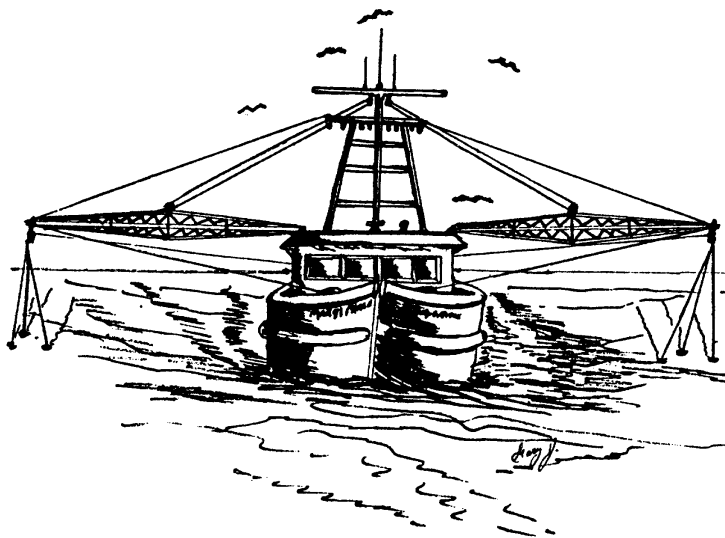
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Coasting covers the land that I was thinking about when I wrote Forrest Gump. This great little guidebook is a must for all visitors to the Northern Gulf Coast, as it really does take you through the heart of "Gumpland."

Winston Groom
Author of *Forrest Gump*

Introduction

Once again *Coasting* has a new edition covering the ever-changing Gulf Coast. Each time we revisit the sights from Mississippi to Florida we are aghast at the explosion taking place. We hardly finish an edition before another one is needed and although we may mourn a favorite place closing, we are in awe of all the exciting new developments.

With this edition we feel that *Coasting* has taken on a new mien and we have dug deep to include more colors in the Gulf Coast's kaleidoscope. We have added more "child friendly" places this time, investigated more historical sites, and have found some nice hideaway spots to stay. As always, we have restaurants galore; we were glad to find many of our old favorites are thriving and still believe the small family business offers the best quality.



The Panhandle of Florida is for dining. From Pensacola to Apalachicola, it is a moveable feast. The Forgotten Coast has had its wakeup call and now is the time to drive U.S. Route 98 while you can still glimpse fields of wetlands and palmetto forests.

Alabama is our stomping ground . . . we know it and we love it. Mobile is where Mardi Gras is king and history takes a front seat. Across Mobile Bay, Fairhope makes you believe you are in Provence and Gulf Shores has white beaches unequal to any other place in the world.

If Mardi Gras is king in Mobile, gambling is king on the Mississippi Coast and is putting on quite a show; but the real show is the charming old Mississippi towns of Ocean Springs, Pass Christian, and Bay St. Louis and the beautiful architecture seen along the way.

We do not profess to be experts but years of experience come with *Coasting* and we believe it is your best bet for traveling along the Gulf Coast. Only one thing plagues us . . . hours. Businesses often change hours, so call before you visit. Get in your car and explore this dazzling region. Simon and Garfunkel sang, "We've all come to look for America." Well, America is here on the Gulf Coast.

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