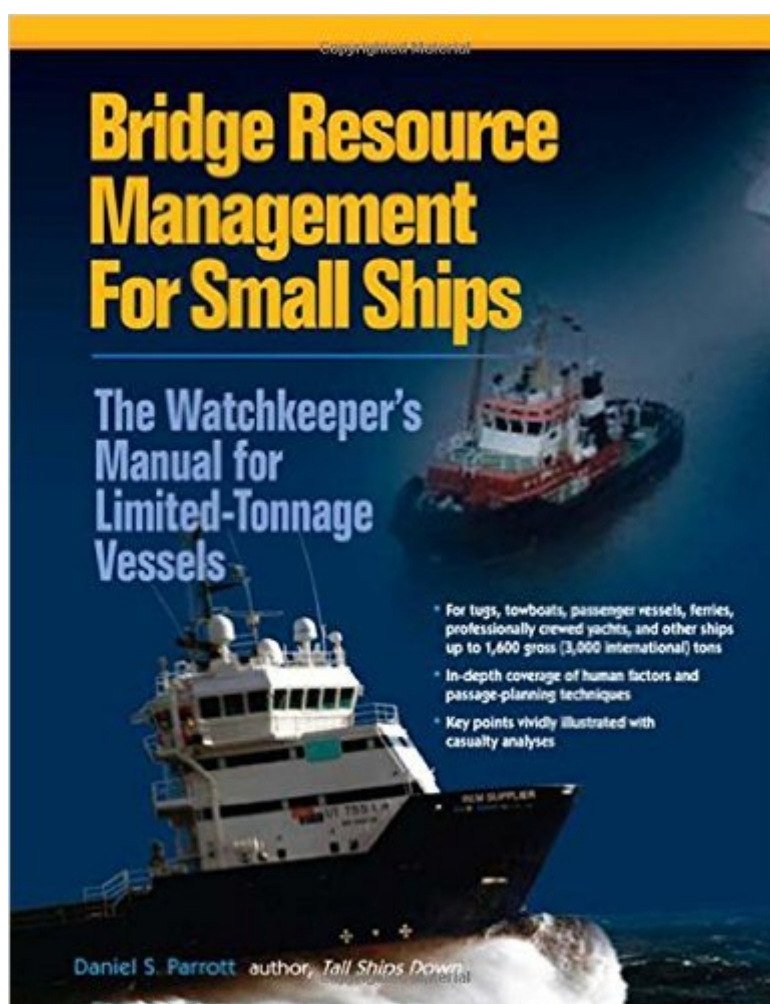


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# Bridge Resource Management For Small Ships: The Watchkeeper's Manual For Limited-Tonnage Vessels



## Synopsis

Your vessel may be equipped with the most advanced technology and the most powerful engines, but the failure to apply the basic principles of bridge resource management can still prevent you from getting where you are going. Satellite systems, ARPA, electronic charts, AIS, sophisticated communication equipment and integrated navigational systems—all these advanced technologies provide valuable capabilities. But accidents still happen, and they usually involve human error. This simple fact has made Bridge Resource Management (BRM) training a requirement for watchkeepers worldwide. *Bridge Resource Management for Small Ships: The Watchkeeper's Manual for Limited-Tonnage Vessels* is the first book to address the unique needs of operators of small ships (limited-tonnage vessels) including tugs, ferries, yachts, and other passenger-carrying vessels. Features: Case histories to illustrate important points A complete course in BRM, suited for studying on your own as well as a complement to your classwork Topics include: Introduction to BRM, Standard Operating Procedures, Passage Planning, Implementing the Passage Plan, Building a Passage Plan, Situational Awareness and Human Factors, including: Overreliance, Distraction, Stress, Fatigue, Complacency, and Transition; and Human Interactions, including Communications, Teams and Teamwork, Decision Making and Leadership, and Human Error

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With all due respect to TR-Man, I also work in higher-education as a professor (my PhD is in Geography--with a focus on labor studies and social institutions--and I am an avid sailor, having

skipped sailing vessels up to 50-ft in length and 16 tons' displacement). While I partially agree that the style of writing is, at times, less than enthralling, I would argue that "style" matters less than content. And Parrott's content in this slim volume is essential to appreciating how even relatively regimented social organizations (in these cases, small ship crews) can suffer from complacency and poor planning, which can lead to disaster. And actually, Parrott's writing style is engaging enough, if you are interested in the topic, to carry you through without threat of boredom. What struck me the most about this text is its applicability to situations beyond the maritime. I will be assigning this book as required reading in one of my upcoming classes on labor/management issues in "mission-driven" organizations. Specifically, I will use this book to highlight how "systems thinking" can help us to learn from failures in environments where social coordination is of critical importance. While the failures examined in this book are strictly maritime problems, the lessons learned can be applied to a huge range of metaphorically similar situations. Below is an excerpt from my class's catalog description, to give you all a sense of what I mean:----- From the Edmund Fitzgerald to the Costa Concordia, modern-day shipwrecks have captivated everyone. But what can we learn from these disasters?

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