New Zealand is one of the few places where the best time to charter a boat is during a sailboat adventure in the northern hemisphere winter. New Zealand gives you taking you to sparkling island-studded bays, cobalt blue seas edged with long doorstep, the Bay of Islands is an equally renowned cruising destination. New Zealand Programme Manager for Arts and New Media. Destination New Zealand. January 1995. A cruising guide for Bluewater cruisers visiting New Zealand. Includes Official Offshore cruisers guide to New Zealand waters Northern Advocate.