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A new classic from one of the world's most respected sailing authors

More than 35 years ago, Hal Roth quit his job as a journalist and went sailing. Since then, he's logged more than 200,000 sea miles. Along the way, Roth also has authored eight voyaging classics, including the 1978 bestseller *After 50,000 Miles*.

Taking that book as its starting point, this handsome new volume incorporates the new technologies and discoveries of the last quarter century along with another 150,000 miles of experience.

A compendium of mature, time-tested sea wisdom from one of the world's most respected sailing writers, *How to Sail Around the World* will tell the reader:

How to choose and equip a sailboat for long-distance cruising, with an emphasis on simplicity and a modest budget

How to plan and conduct a voyage anywhere in the world

How to master the arts of navigation, anchoring, and daily life aboard in exotic places

How to cope with storms at sea--the most complete and authoritative treatise on this critical topic ever published

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Ben Starling says

This is yet another classic in the required sailor's reading list.

Very clearly written, tackling topics in extreme detail. Hence very dense. It took me forever to get through it. It covers all the key topics I've seen before in other texts like this.

And that's a good thing because:

- 1) It is good to hear the same topics described in different ways. Each time it all sinks in a little deeper into the old cranium.
- 2) It gives me hope that the number of cruising topics I need to cover is finite. Sometimes, the more I learn, the more I realise how much I don't know yet. A bit overwhelming at times. Seeing the same basic topics coming up again and again in cruising how-to books gives me hope.

The key areas this book covers are:

- * how to pick a yacht
- * sails and sail management
- * anchoring
- * storm management
- * life aboard (food care, dinghies, schooling, foreign paperwork...)

My favourite things in this book:

- * anchoring
- * storm management – analysed with best practices for each level of storm force. Well explained and documented.

One thing I would have wished for? Hmm. Maybe a few more illustrative anecdotes. I had to push myself to get through a few sections that were really dense. But the excruciating detail is what I liked about it. It was challenging to power through at times though.

Overall: I'll be coming back to this one and reading it again cover to cover. I'll get more out of it next time after getting more sea miles in to give perspective. I bought this book because it's consistently highly recommended. It did not disappoint. A+.

Eric Holtry says

Excellent book, very practical and at times poignant. I consider Hal Roth one of the definitive voices on small boat sailing. This solid book answers almost all questions, also has a great, lengthy section on Storm Management.

James Morrison says

I was disappointed somewhat in the book because I saw too much of his previous work in it. But you can't deny he was one of the most experienced ocean crusing people around so you can't help respect his authority on the subject.

Patrick says

this was a very interesting read, with heaps of details on the different ports and sailing techniques. Hal Roth also included lots of personal experiences from his own voyages.

Peter says

Some good, practical advise from someone that doesn't appear to have an axe to grind or a philosophy to push. Good reference to other materials as well.

Art says

Outstanding fact and procedure book from the standpoint of an expert mariner who has sailed around the world 3 times. Written objectively with plain and simple advice. If Hal is stating opinion he says that it is opinion and why he believes it is true. With his extensive experience his opinion carries great weight.

Sebastian says

A few good philosophical points about the "good life" and lots of technical advice. I will come back for the technicalities, reading only is not enough without actually doing it, again and again. E.g. anchoring...

Jonathan says

A technical How To Book. Anyone wanna come?

R.K. MacPherson says

I wish I'd read this book a few years ago. It answered so many questions, plus did so in such a way that I felt like I had enough information to make my own judgements. Fantastic book. Must read for sailors.
