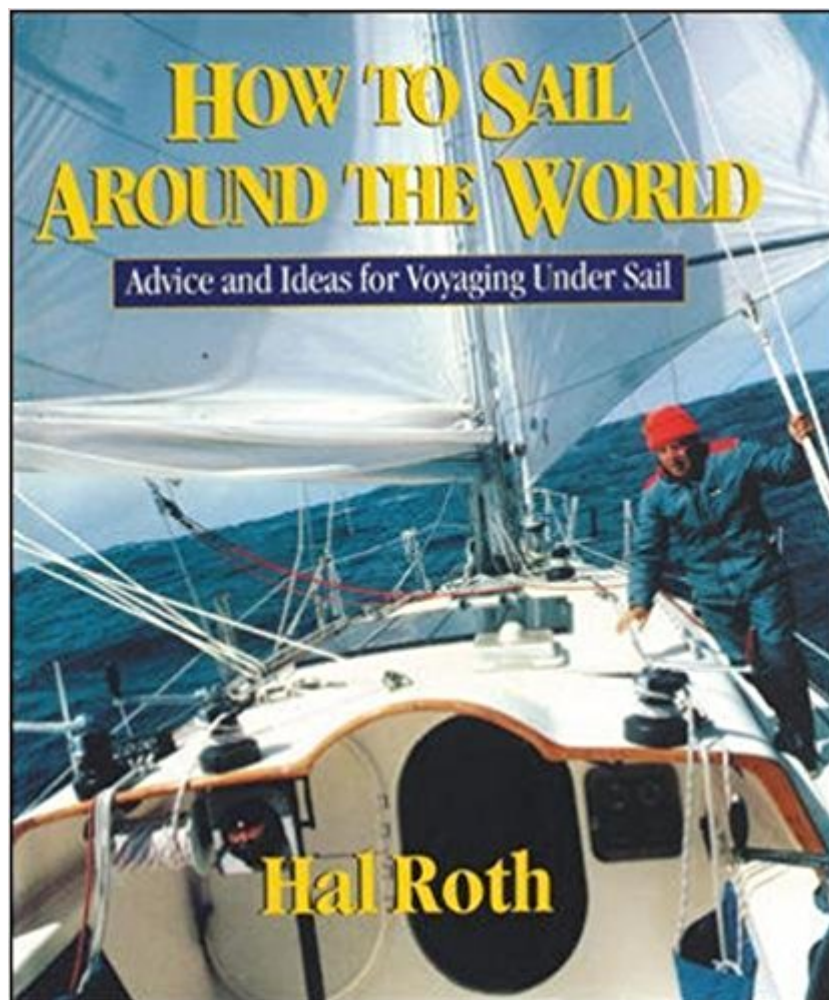




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# **How To Sail Around The World : Advice And Ideas For Voyaging Under Sail**



## Synopsis

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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Whether you'd like to sail around the entire world or just part of it, the well-tested sea wisdom in *How to Sail Around the World* will make your voyage easier and more successful. Here's clear and authoritative information on how to buy a small sailing yacht at a modest price, how to sail her on a big ocean, and what it's like to live aboard. Hal Roth has been a long-distance sailor for 37 years. He has sailed around the world three times and has logged 200,000 miles at sea either with his wife or by himself. His books *Two Against Cape Horn*, *Two on a Big Ocean*, and *Always a Distant*

Anchorage are recognized classics of voyaging literature, and his instructional book *After 50,000 Miles*, published a quarter century ago, ranks among the most influential sailing books ever written. Yet Roth's first sympathies are still "for the beginner with stars in his eyes and not much money," and *How to Sail Around the World* emphasizes the simple, the essential, and the affordable for ordinary people who would like to see the world from a new and challenging perspective. To a rare degree, Roth combines a mastery of technical content with an ability to render it in elegant writing that's a pleasure to read. *How to Sail Around the World* is at once authoritative and accessible. Roth's strongly held opinions, convincingly argued (he chooses not to sail with a refrigerator, for example), add to the book's appeal. *How to Sail Around the World* will tell you how sailing yachts are built and rigged, how to handle the sails, and what you need to know about anchors and anchoring. There are details of cooking and eating aboard, sailing at night, planning the trip, foreign paperwork, and exact figures on what it all costs, as well as the clearest and most comprehensive directions ever published on how to deal with storms at sea. In the beginning, voyaging can be a terrifying prospect. The storms, the leaks, the anchoring, handling the sails, deciding on the route--so many unknowns. But what a payoff! You can sail to Venice, London, Sydney, San Francisco, or Hong Kong. You can pick an island in the middle of the Aegean, listen to green and yellow parrots in the wilds of the , or visit a thousand places in between. It's exciting to sail to a distant landfall at a slow and leisurely pace, and to meet people in foreign lands. Fortunately, yachts travel slowly and give you time to learn the fundamentals of long-distance sailing. With patience you will begin to put it all together; life aboard will suddenly start to click. It will happen sooner than you think, and this book will help you. The big secret of world travel is to do it in a sailing yacht. You take your deluxe hotel with you, which gives you everything you need to exist pleasantly and comfortably--a snug berth, a writing desk, a navigation center, and a compact little galley--all in a small and neat package. Once you have your own boat, you can sail for years without the terrible daily costs and hassles of hotels, restaurants, and airplanes. You entirely sidestep the annoyance of reservations, standing in line, security screening, and dragging around awkward luggage. You do things at your own pace because you're in charge. Where do you begin? Start by reading *How to Sail Around the World*. In this guide, based on 200,000 miles of hands-on world-cruising experience, Hal Roth gives you all the information you need to plan, launch, and relish every moment of a journey that is every sailor's dream. You'll learn how to:

- Find a suitable boat for your voyaging
- Assemble a versatile sail inventory
- Select tools and spare parts
- Plan your route and timing
- Choose the right anchors and how to use them
- Minimize costs
- Stay warm, dry, and well fed
- Cope with paperwork in foreign ports
- And much more!

Hal Roth has raced around the world singlehanded in the BOC Challenges of 1986 - 87 and 1990 - 91. He has crossed the Pacific five times, the Atlantic eleven times, and has rounded Cape Horn three times. In all he has logged 200,000 miles. He is the author of ten books of high adventure, including *After 50,000 Miles*, *Two Against Cape Horn*, *Two on a Big Ocean*, and *Always a Distant Anchorage*, which rank among the true classics of voyaging literature. A veteran journalist, Roth has written 400 articles for magazines.

I stayed up late to finish this book, and regret the publisher has not seen fit to offer readers a "Look Inside the Book." I am adding this book to my list of great sailing manuals, handbooks, and other guides, with the observation that this book is in no way a substitute for those more detail oriented step by step books BUT this book is also unique. It is PACKED with real-world experience and clever sense--much beyond common sense--that is literally priceless. Put clearly, I would not leave this book out of my calculations in planning to acquire and manage an offshore journey that includes an ocean crossing. Chapter 15 on "Can You Be Seen At Night" is alone worth the price of the book. I have NEVER seen this much useful detail anywhere else, including the so-called everything guides. The author excels at providing contact information and specific recommendations and I absolutely would not go to sea in the future without buying the masthead light he recommends in the book. I also realized that the 65 MacGregor, which I have my eye on, falls just within the 65.6' limits of international regulations on masthead lights sufficing (when sailing), and personally think MacGregor is making a mistake in thinking about a 70' version. This book has FOUR chapters on storm management, and I have NEVER seen it explained more sensibly, in logical progression. I am not a lifelong sailed despite a provisional D Skipper rating (less celestial), so these four chapters are for me the equivalent of a life-time tutorial that I badly need. While speaking of celestial, this book persuaded me I have to get on with that qualification. The author is compelling in describing the circumstances under which GPS could go out, both locally or by military dictat, and I finally appreciate the urgency of having celestial capability in extremis. The rest of the book is a joy. I now wish I had done this when my three boys were still in middle school range. The chapter on home schooling is fantastic, with lots of detail, and I am fully convinced that the author is correct when he says that two hours of focused study a day easily equal a "full" school day with all its distractions and change-ups. The chapters on fuel for cooking and fuel for heating are both very important, and marvelous supplements to the more sterile ground as covered by others. The author ranges widely, covers the pros and cons well across the various fuel categories, and I put down the book knowing

a great deal more. This merits a special comment: this author is gifted at talking sense. I understand his words more easily than the more formal manuals. Final chapters include one on nine ideas covering tools, water, flashlights, mast climbing steps, nonskid deck surfaces, ship's book (history and details of every sail, fitting, etc.), cockroaches, enhancement to the topping lift, and stuffing box leaks with ACE bandages in or out of the hull. The book does not mention piracy, so I am loading a graphic from an article I wrote recently, and anticipate the need for a global guide to piracy and rapid response services. I also see a need for fully concealable sniper rifles that are impervious to salt-water. Absolutely a great value.

This book covers (almost) everything. The title is somewhat misleading as it would be a valuable book for any sailor who wants to do the occasional overnight passage - not just circumnavigators. It covers topics at extreme length and detail but the writing style and the inclusion of numerous tales makes it an interesting read. If I had to make a criticism it would be that the views are a little out of date. Like most books on long distance sailing, Roth believes in keeping things simple. If he doesn't use it, it's not in the book, so there's almost nothing about onboard electronics, refrigeration, water makers, generators, LED navigation lights, SSB, Satellite phones, Internet at sea etc. This is fair enough as he's speaking from his own experience, but it stops the books becoming the authoritative bible on the topic. He goes to great length about every type of boat construction and rig (which is really interesting), but a glaring omission is any real reference to multihulls. Nevertheless it is the most comprehensive book I have read on the topic.

A nice overview that could have used an editor. Too often a chapter starts out on one topic, meanders through a view vaguely-related anecdotes, and ends up on another topic entirely.

Classic

It's a good book. The drawback is for novices to sailing because the book uses nautical terms that a novice will not know. The first half of the book is spent identifying every type of sailboat and every type of sail which is outside the scope of learning "How to Sail Around the World" and is very dry material. The last half of the book is the best part and deals with provisioning a sailboat for a journey, customs at various ports and is more how to than the first half. The book is worth it simply for the resources it contains to various websites and equipment manufacturers and will no doubt save people a lot of money and grief.

I have the author's earlier book , " After 50,000 Miles " . Much of style and some of the information is the same . But most chapters has been updated and rearranged . If you have read his previous books , then this the same . Conservative and levelheaded with regards changing systems , just for doing so . I am sorry that we never met . I would like to of shaken his hand . Told him of all the gadgits that I did not buy . And lastly , how much fun siling is . Recomendated by Lee.

This book is filled with big and small picture advice, backed up by personal experience and research, on almost every aspect of voyaging under sail. Reading a book is no substitute for doing it, but after reading this book you will have a better idea if you want to do it, and will be closer to able to do it if you do want to. Highly recommend. The chapter on rough weather is worth the price alone.

Just good solid advice coming from so many years of experience at sea. Lots of good ideas like the 2 gallon insecticide sprayer converted into a portable low cost shower. Wonderful book

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