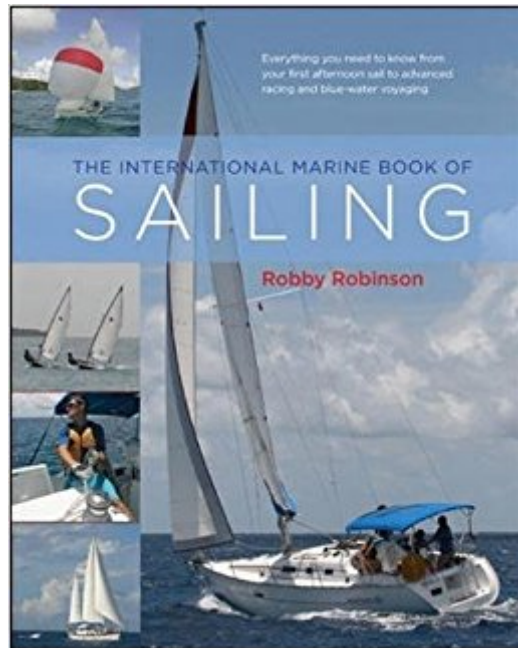




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# **The International Marine Book Of Sailing (International Marine-RMP)**



## Synopsis

Here's the book that can get you sailing in an afternoon and keep you sailing better through a lifetime on the water. This is the first sailing book that follows a sailor's ideal learning curve. Rather than tell you all about sail trim or anchoring in a single chapter, Robby Robinson tells you what you need to know when you want to know it. From the absolute basics to the most advanced techniques, the International Marine Book of Sailing is highly accessible--and informative--at every level. More than 500 pages and 1,000 color photos and illustrations. Covers everything from high-performance and Olympic-class sailing dinghies to coastal and offshore cruising sailboats. No matter your age or the kind of sailing you'd most like to do, this book will work for you. The easy-flowing instructional text is augmented by sidebar features giving alternative approaches, definitions of terms, and boat-to-boat variations--a uniquely effective how-to combination. Includes contributions from Nigel Calder (Boatowner's Mechanical and Electrical Manual), Beth Leonard (The Voyager's Handbook), Robert Perry (Yacht Design According to Perry), Bob Sweet (The Weekend Navigator), Charlie Wing (How Boat Things Work), and other top sailing writers. Renders sailing and seamanship more transparent and accessible than ever before. The ideal book for self-teaching.

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## Customer Reviews

There may be other sailing instructional books, but there are none like this! Not only is this one the largest--with more than 500 pages and 1,000 color photos and illustrations--but it is painstakingly written and designed to accompany you along the ideal learning curve for sailors. In Chapter 1

Robby Robinson gets you sailing in a single afternoon using just the mainsail and basic sail trim while you learn to judge the wind and your course. In later chapters he introduces the jib and other sails along with progressively more subtle sail-shaping adjustments, until you know enough to win races or cross an ocean. Similarly, you'll find the basics of anchoring, knot tying, piloting, and seamanship early in the book and more advanced techniques as they become relevant later on. This progressive mode of organization is intuitively easy to use, but *The International Marine Book of Sailing* is the only book designed this way. Other books organize content by topic, giving you, for example, everything about sail trim in a single chapter. The result is too much detail too soon for beginners, while experienced sailors must wade through things they already know in order to find what they don't. A sailing instructor since he was a teenager, Robinson knows what you need to know when. Editor, author, and seamanship source, he knows how to help you continue honing your skills. And this is a sailing book with a sailor's heart. Robinson reaches deep into his well of experience to share definitions, variations, and alternatives in the book's generous sidebars. The result is a richly informative how-to mix of technology and technique, lively anecdote and sailing tradition--all thoroughly cross-referenced so you can easily find more advanced or basic details on the subject at hand. The hundreds of photos shot especially for the book help take you from one-design sloops to high-performance racing dinghies and sturdy offshore cruising vessels. The book's vision of sailing is wide-ranging and democratic. Robinson has cruised Europe and the U.S. East Coast with his wife and children in his simple 25-footer and has chartered bigger boats all over the world, cruised multihulls as well as monohulls, and raced dinghies as well as keelboats. In *The International Marine Book of Sailing* he distills the lessons of a lifetime into a book organized to make them readily available and powerfully clear. But it's Robinson's ability to turn a phrase that makes this book such a delight and his lessons so memorable. He gently reminds us, for example, that "no matter how peaceful your time on the water, you are never that far from being in the water." And he punctuates his advice for choosing the right cruising boat with the disclaimer that "applying someone else's standards is like chasing someone else's dream. Find out what matters to you, and use your own standards to chart your own course." In *The International Marine Book of Sailing*, Robby Robinson has charted a new course for sailing books.

Robby Robinson is a former *SAIL* magazine editor, America's Cup challenger, sailing instructor and English teacher. He is coauthor of two books, *Night and Fog* and *Sailors' Secrets*.

This book is absolutely amazing! Short of actually getting out on the water and sailing, or taking a

traditional class, this book does a great job of teaching the basics of sailing a boat. It is laid out in step by step chapters that walk you through the basics, and get you up to advanced skills you will need to know including navigation and weather. It is a large book, with many illustrations, photos, and references. You will want to keep this book handy on your boat for when you do not have internet access, and need to remember what a certain buoy looks like.

This book is for someone who decided to learn sailing and has never seen a sailboat up close or ever asked anyone anything about sailing. It's like taking an intro to sailing book, then sailing 101 course book and all the way to the last sailing course you'll need to graduate. It's structured the way you might begin to teach your five year old about sailing, and evolve as the child grows up. There's too much info crammed onto a small format and so the type is relatively very small, making it hard to read. This book does not allow you to skip ahead to satisfy your curiosity. You're stuck with the one road the writer wants you to travel. The book does not have a glossary, so if you look for a word or phrase in the index, you're referred to the page the word appears on, and to understand what it says, more often than not you would need to have read the entire material that preceded it. So here I am reading a book written by a sailor and if I need to find a word that I didn't understand, this book is useless and I have to search wiki or another book. This said, the book's contents are professional, and it's written by a good veteran sailor. It's just much more of a classroom book where you'd have a teacher who can answer your questions than the kind of stand alone book that would teach you on it's own.

I own a LOT of sailing books and I strongly feel that this one is a must read. I personally prefer it to Annapolis; it is more modern and the layout is clearer and the illustrations far better. Every chapter is well written and the input of Nigel Calder and Perry are interesting to say the least. It really covers all aspect of sailing from the basics to advanced and I really like the cruising and voyaging part and the review of the boat mechanical and electrical system. The book does an excellent job comparing different kind of sailboats (cruisers, racers etc..)and giving examples and even estimated prices... Excellent review also of the different keels, rudders etc...The racing section is really long for us cruisers, but I am sure there are people who will enjoy it. Overall excellent book, maybe in the next edition the writer can expand more on Tacking cones; Velocity made good etc...

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of sailing, but detailed enough to really help gain better understanding of the technical details for optimum sailing. This is a must buy if you are new to sailing, have just bought your first sailboat, or perhaps even if you are moving up in sizes....and now learning more on sail size and other details involving bigger boats. Good buy, you will not be disappointed.

The book, itself, is excellent, with lots of specific information about sailing. However, the Kindle format renders the graphics poorly; frequently resulting in unreadable text on the many illustrations.

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