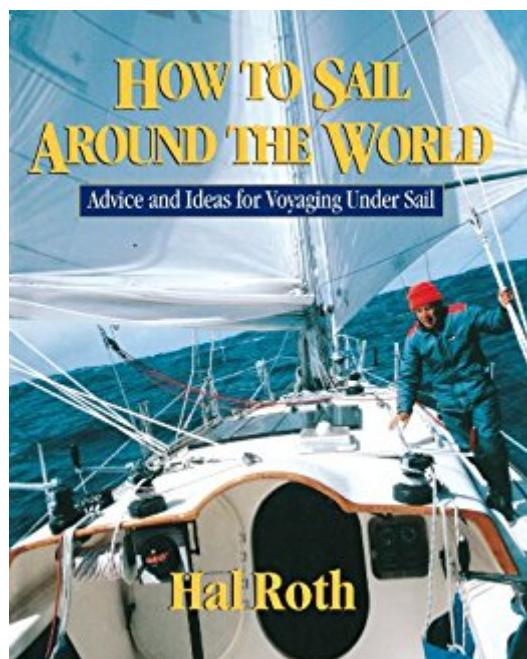


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Synopsis

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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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 sailor 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 desk 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 book 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 few 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 have been updated and rearranged. If you have read his previous books, then this is the same. Conservative and levelheaded with regards changing systems, just for doing so. I am sorry that we never met. I would like to have shaken his hand. Told him of all the gadgets that I did not buy. And lastly, how much fun sailing is. Recommended 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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