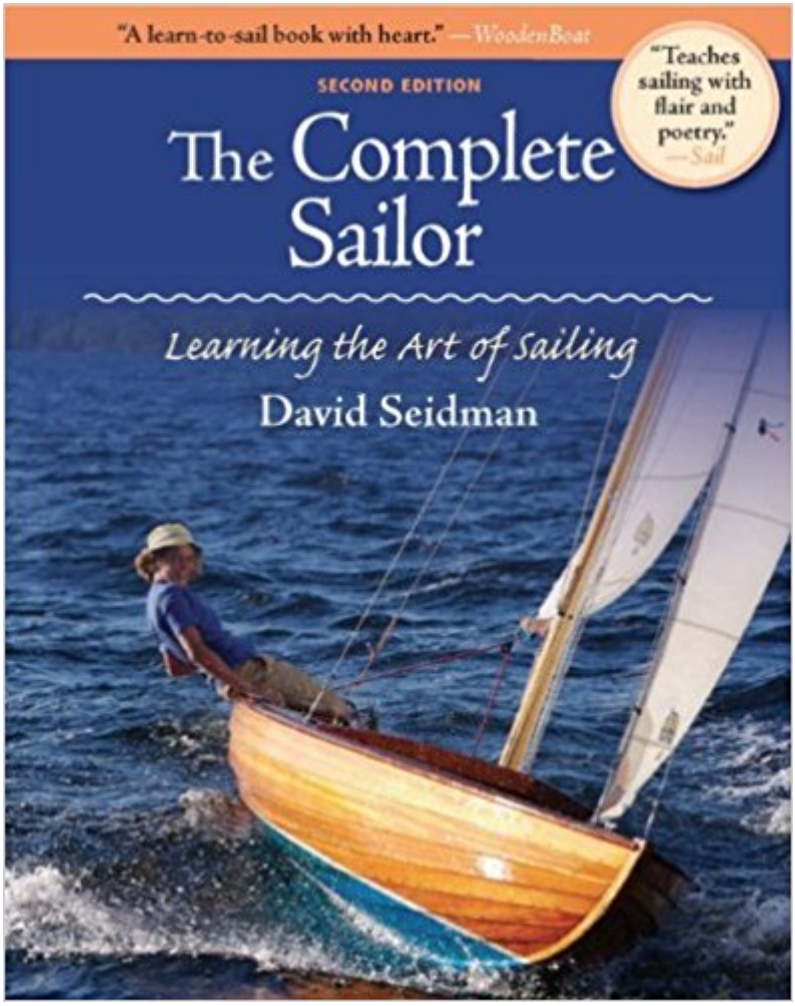
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The Complete Sailor, Second Edition



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David Seidman is the former executive editor of Boating, the world’s largest powerboat magazine, and the author of the forthcoming The Anti-Potato Cannon and 101 Other Things for a Young Mariner to Build, Try, and Do on the Water. He has designed and built his own boats and sailed the world in others. The first person to reach Bermuda from the U.S. in an outboard-powered boat, Seidman has also crossed the Bering Strait on a personal watercraft, holds the world record for distance traveled in a boat on a gallon of gas (103 miles), has followed the route of Lewis and Clark, crossed the country twice by boat, and has traveled by boat up the and down the Yangtze and Mississippi rivers.

I received the first edition of this book over ten years ago as a gift and after giving it away to another aspiring sailor I decided I wanted the second edition because I liked it so much. The main difference between the first and second edition is added chapters on GPS and racing. Of all the learning to sail books I have read over the years this is the one I always find myself coming back to. While it may lack extensive details it touches base on many different subjects and is written in a clear, easy to understand way that makes learning simple without being opinionated on what the author believes is the "correct" way for something to be done. As I only sail a small boat on a local lake some of the book doesn’t necessarily apply to me (such as tide tables) however as I find myself wanting to learn more and more about every aspect of sailing I go back to reread chapters and always learning more each time. Overall for a beginner that’s just starting to sail or maybe only just becoming interested in sailing this book is a must have.

The Complete Sailor is a very good reference book for advanced beginners and intermediate sailors. The title of the book is a bit exaggerated, as the book, being concise as it is (approx 200 pages), cannot possibly aim to turn one into a complete sailor.The most outstanding feature about the book is the illustrations. For intermediate sailors who are not yet completely familiar with sailing vocabulary (such as myself), the illustrations make it very easy for one to understand what is being exposed. The book is divided into small topics, each ranging from 2 to 4 pages, which allows the reader to get a good glimpse of many topics, learning the basics and some of the wisdom of

longtime sailors without having to get the bad experience.The Complete Sialor is a good reference book for intermediate and advanced beginners -- advanced sailors will not be satisfied by the shallow descriptions and early beginners will not be able to appreciate most of the insights.

If you are at all interested in learning to sail, this is your book.Easy to read? CheckGood for beginners? CheckLots of pictures? CheckDescribes how to deal with issues/emergencies? CheckEntertaining? CheckThis book starts out with the basics of understanding the wind -- the very thing that powers your sailboat -- and how to work with, across, and into the wind. It provides a great reference and has lots of pictures to illustrate the concepts it describes. The book is divided into these sections: Wind Sense, Working Winds, Getting Underway, the Boat, Rigging, Sails, Under Power, Rules of the Road, Anchoring, Marlinspike Seamanship, Emergencies, Sea and Sky, Navigation and Trailering. This is the only book I have found that really explains how to sail in a clear, easy to remember way. When I purchased this book, I had no experience sailing. Now that I am an avid sailor, I still use this book as a reference.

This book is much more of an initiation to sailing than I expected from the title. I decided not to return it because when I had a boat and when I get my next one I very often will have someone with me who is new to sailing. It will be a good read for them.

I have purchased and distributed a dozen of these books. My family and I rented a 35’ Island Packet out of Burnt Store Florida two years ago. I provided these books to four family members going with. I suggested to all that they read it over prior to boards. I think they did a lot of scanning prior but every little bit helps. My daughter recently began sailing 420’s next to Navy Pier in Chicago. She asked me for her book that I gave her two years ago. It is an easy read with all of the relevant info any sailor could need. In the beginning there is a good discussion about wind. This is by far the best place to start with prospective sailors. Once this concept is absorbed, everything else falls into place. I started on a sea snark at 12 years of age, purchased a new 17’ O’Day Day Sailor II in 85, still have it. Owned a Macgregor 26’ with my brother for 10 years and now have the pleasure of sailing and racing his Alerion Express 28 on Lake Geneva in Wisconsin. "The Complete Sailor" needs to be on every sailor’s shelf. Whether you are new or an ole salt to sailing, TCS will provide great incites to the world of sailing.

I purchase this book some 7 years ago... . I was planning to charter in Greece, and I have not sailed

for some time. In adition, as I live in Argentina, and my native language is spanish, I wanted to have a book that could help me to introduce myself in the english terminology for sailors.... (as english is the universal language in international waters) . This is a book you cannot stop reading...everything is explained in a clear (and funny!!!!) way. Drawings supporting texts are small masterpieces, which provide crystal clear explanation of what you are reading..... Of course, this is just for intermediate sailors...,, but if you are not planning to circunnavigate the earth alone... or your are not planning to run the Rolex Cup... then this is a very very complete book. I enjoy reviewing and re-reading the book from time to time, specially before starting a new charter. If you are starting, or even if you are already an intermediate sailor, I strongly recommend this book

Clear , concise, and fun. It is like having your Dad or Grand Dad teach you to sail. It makes you want to be out on the water.

I have been power boating for many years and decided to give sailing a go (gas isn't getting any cheaper). Bought this book to learn about sailing, shaping sails and adjusting the rigging. Although it overall gave me a good understanding of what I wanted to learn it also spent a lot of time (more than half the book) with other skills associated with boating like weather, safety, nav, anchoring, tides, current and much more. I would like to get a book with more details on sail adjustments for various conditions. Maybe a "How To Race" book would do it. Anyways, great book for a beginner boater and fair for an experienced boater but beginner sailor.

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