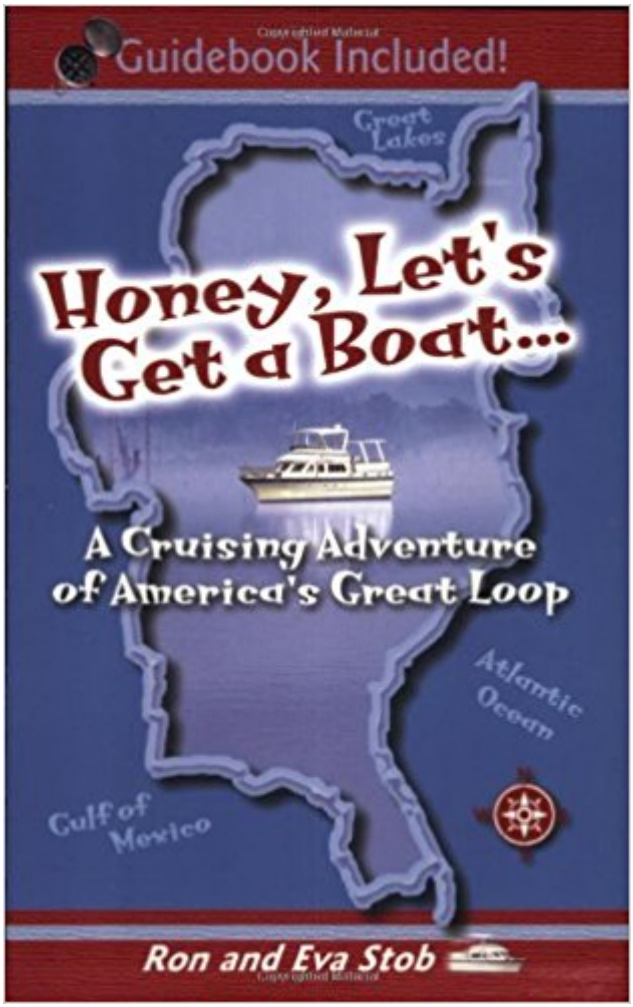
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Honey, Let's Get A Boat... A Cruising Adventure Of America's Great Loop



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Synopsis

This is the story of a couple’s travels on a forty-foot trawler cruising 6300 miles and 145 locks around the eastern part of North America known as America’s Great Loop or the Great Circle Cruise. Their nautical ineptitude is evident from the beginning, but pulling from their personal and collective strengths, the authors overcome doubt, a lack of experience, and real and imagined horrors. The odyssey is told the way life hands out its adventures -- sometimes humorously, sometimes tragically, but always memorably. The writing is light and appealing, but there is a serious strain running through the book for those who relish history and descriptions of the landscape. Astute and attentive to detail, they chronicled events and kept an account of expenses, equipment and charting. As a result, the appendix/guidebook is worth the price of the book for anyone interested in planning their cruise. Topics include necessary charts and guidebooks, information on locks, setting an itinerary, resource addresses and websites, details on equipment and the best place to be educated about boating. The book has full-color inserts with black and white photographs interspersed throughout.

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"Honey, Let’s Get a Boat..." won first place in the Travel Book category in the 1999 North American Travel Journalists Association Awards Competition. It is hard to find a group of cruising skippers today that doesn’t include someone who has just completed, is planning to make, or knows a person who has just made the Great Loop trip. (From Waterway Guide-Great Lakes 1994 Edition article featuring Walter Cronkite) And there’s hardly an issue of a magazine that doesn’t include travel adventures of someone cruising America along the water’s edge. Every year hundreds of boaters complete the Great Loop Cruise while thousands more dream of doing it in their lifetime. Many wait until retirement, while others bail out at an earlier age to embark on a lifestyle where lawnmowers don’t exist and the sun always sets over sparkling water. Honey, Let’s Get a Boat... is for the hopeless romantic as well as the serious boater eager to learn about America’s Great Loop (or Great Circle) trip. Honey.... also appeals to the suburban banker and the corporate executive eager to leave their jobs for adventure aboard boats. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I bought this book hoping for it to be a good read for my wife. My idea was to get a good non-technical view of the Great Loop experience and how wonderful it might be to do ourselves in several years. I wanted to read it first, and I’m sure glad I did. I can’t see how anyone would find this book anything other than depressing. It starts with some pretty major, and unexpected, repairs being required shortly after purchasing the boat. I was fine with that, a little reality check regarding possible unplanned and expensive maintenance for any boat. Unfortunately, it really doesn’t get better as it goes on. There is good information to be found, but every chapter is somewhat gloomy. The author doesn’t seem to have even enjoyed the trip. The closing paragraphs of the book aren’t even upbeat. A couple times through the book he breaks the gloom suddenly and declares that he wants to live in whatever location they are in, but that is right after describing the travel legs as pretty much miserable. I could go on agreeing with other reviews about the religious overtones and condescending racial attitudes, but you can read that yourselves.Amazingly, this book actually diminished my supernova like fire of a desire to do this trip. I think I’ll recover, but I’d be glad to have never picked this up in the first place. Even more amazingly, I’ve discovered that this book was actually written by the same people who created the AGLCA. So somehow they did this trip, immediately sold their boat, wrote a book that made it sound pretty mediocre or even unpleasant, and then went on to found an association that celebrates that very same trip.

My husband is very interested in cruising The Great Loop so we both read this iconic book to see what to expect. The book is interesting and recounts the Stob's year long odyssey describing ports and towns visited, problems encountered along the way, scary moments and fun times. The appendix is filled with tons of pertinent information such as planning your itinerary, recommended guidebooks, where to take boater education classes, budgets, choosing and outfitting a boat, etc. We are still researching whether we will attempt the loop, but this is the perfect first book to read on the subject of looping.

I bought and read the original in 1999 and must admit, it did give me the fever and I love that about the book. I have been on a 15 year quest to get ready to do the loop and have been reading, researching, and googling everything I can about it. I bought this as it stated it was revised in 2010. I saw very little change between the years and in fact, was disappointed that much of the material is well outdated, including cost figures and even Marina's that are now closed.The cover indicates there is a guidebook included - did I miss something? I'm still looking for itIt reads a lot like someone's travel log but there are some references they make to certain places that are noteworthy to be referenced in my future cruising guides.I think the author's attempt of humor is sometimes futile and they should have left their political and personnel opinions on the chart table. They were somewhat negative toward the end and in fact sounded like they couldn't wait for it to be over - not at all inspiring. In fact, sold their boat when the loop was completed.If you are interested in doing the loop it is a decent source to wet your appetite but as far as buying and outfitting you first boat, I highly recommend "Living Aboard A Boat" written by Mark Nicholas as a very good place to start.

I liked the book so much that I purchased the same boat!

Good book about this couple's experience on the great loop trip, especially if you're planning on doing the great loop yourself for first trip

Not a fan of the travel article style of descriptive writing. I would have preferred a more narrative story style with more details about the actual boating experience, which I believe would keep the reader more engaged. Still, it's somewhat of a good read if you're interested in the subject.

Cute book! My husband, two sons, our cat, and I circumnavigated the Caribbean several years ago. Now my husband and I are thinking about the Great Loop. Our initial experiences with a large

sailboat were very much like the experiences of this couple on their new power boat. Their trials brought back memories and made us laugh at the similarities! It looks like they have settled near my birthplace, so even more in common now. Loved the book!

I purchased this for my husband we are second year express cruisers and interested in someday completing the loop. Not an avid reader by any means, however this book has captivated him and he is thoroughly enjoying this well written story capturing the adventures of the author.

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