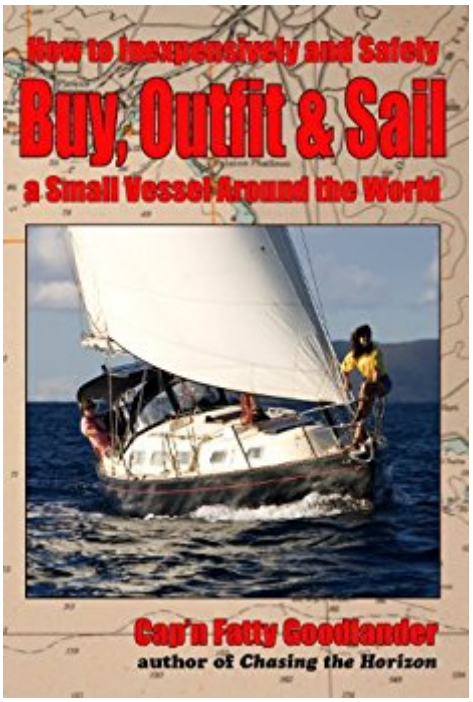
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Synopsis

How to Inexpensively and Safely BUY, OUTFIT, and SAIL a Small Vessel Around the World.The primary aim is to assist the frugal, safety-conscious sailor in the purchase and repair of a modest sailboat capable of circumnavigating. The core premise: there is little correlation between dollars spent and pleasure received when it comes to cruising offshore. Cheaper boats can be far more seaworthy than their expensive counterparts if the skipperÃ¢â ¬â„¢s money is spent wisely. It is also a practical step-by-step guide to circumnavigating inexpensivelyÃ¢â ¬â •written by a freedom-loving sailor who has sailed twice around the world on a $3,000 salvaged boat.What equipment do you really to sail offshore? How can you acquire much of this gear for free or inexpensively? What items are cheap where? How can you earn "freedom chips" as you cruise? Which routes are best?What common cruising gear do you NOT need? Why?It even points out the advantages of being on a tight budget: more friends, sharing, destinations, time, culture, freedom, fun, camaraderie, parties, and a clearer cruising focus. In addition, it opens up a completely new, fresh Ã¢â ¬Å“sea gypsyÃ¢â ¬Â• world to the landlubberÃ¢â ¬â •a wonderful, wacky, watery world of international brotherhood upon the high seas.Of special interest is the unusual, non-PC section on earning-as-you-go. The book is divided into three main sections: How-to buy a boat for peanuts, How-to safely outfit that vessel cheaply, and How-to happily sail around the world on a handful of pennies. The focus is on simple, effective, practical, inexpensive solutions that allow the sailor-on-a-shoestring to have twice the fun on half the money. The dream of leisurely sailing around the world is neither an impossible nor unrealistic one. Dozens of sailors escape to paradise every day. Why not you?

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Customer Reviews

I bought this book because I have enjoyed Fatty's other books, I have lived aboard and cruised on various boats for most of my life and wasn't expecting to get more then some laughs out of it but, not so. It is a fun read of course but it is full of great tips and ideas on maintenance. Things that would work on a gold plater too, our boat isn't that but we like to keep her looking good and thanks to Fatty we have a few short cuts. We got a few ideas on off shore preparation that we probably should have been doing all along too!!I'm not sharing those tips in my review. I am sure that the crew of Wild Card needs to sell books to add to the cruising kitty so shell out the cash, you won't be sorry!

I just read this book, practically in one sitting, and I enjoyed it immensely. Fatty Goodlander gives the average guy hope that he can live the cruising dream without winning the lotto. The book is straight forward, entertaining and, at times, brutally honest. I have read a number of books on cruising and what you need to cast off, but this book provides a recipe for putting it all together. If like me, sailing over the horizon is your dream, I recommend you give this book a read.

Fatty's writing style takes a little getting used to. But once you are past stereotypical conventions its enjoyable and most importantly very informative reading - often between the lines. I found valuable information on every second page - I like the high-light function of kindle. Also, I prescribe to Fatty's positive karma philosophy. We land lubbers could use a healthy dose of that. So, why not 5-stars? I am not a sea gipsy. I'm still land locked and in the rats-race. I made a first step towards a future life at sea i.e. I am one of those who bought into an owner program with a charter company, hoping to learn enough over the next 4+ years to safely take to the sea. With that in mind I do not fully agree to some of the suggested lifestyle choices (Btw Fatty never asked me to). So I fall into a category in between the sea gipsy's and the rich.

What to say about this book. I laughed, I commiserated, and mostly I just admired. I plan on reading this a few more times as I now go buy, outfit and sail my own boat. I was in high school (too many decades ago to discuss here) when this guy in my church started building a ferrocement boat in Yuma AZ. I was a farm boy. He was going to sail around the world. He invited myself and a few other kids to go along. Well... the build took so long that I graduated high school and joined the Navy. He eventually did finish the build and hauled the boat down into Mexico (it was overweight for US roads I think) and across to the gulf of Baja, whereupon he sailed it around to San Diego. Of course I was long gone by then, fixing and later programming computers.But that gentleman inspired me to dream of sailing, which I did for all these years. Here I am, all these decades later committing (to myself) to finally go buy a boat, live aboard, learn to sail, and slowly work my way out to sea (in that order).Fatty's book is like that. It is precisely the inspiration I need. It is filled with wisdom, yea it is. But more importantly, it is filled with the "60s hippie", people are truly good (mostly) and the world (sea) is a wonderful place to be... "I did it and so can you"...mentality.Thanks for a wonderful read, and tons of great ideas for how to actually turn a dream into reality. Of course it all starts with commit, then work hard. And never give up. "Strength and safety".If we are both still alive, I plan to sidle up next to Fatty in some harbor somewhere and tell him in person what an inspiration he was to me.

Great book if you want to do what the title says. Lots of detail, which is precisely what I was looking for, and the information is provided by someone that's been sailing around the world for ~40 years. Rather entertainingly written. My only criticism is I think it could be better organized, but .

I've read quite a lot of books concerning what it takes to buy, and outfit a sailboat to safely sail across oceans. Other authors focus on a particular brand or style of sailboat but Fatty takes a very common sense approach to boating that is refreshing. He focuses on the basics - essential safety equipment, being debt free, and tips/tricks to everything from clearing customs to food storage.His book has helped us focus our priorities, specifically where we should spend our hard-earned money in preparing for the journey. Reading Fatty's book has tapering much of the anxiety about taking our 36-foot sailboat to distant lands.Thank you Fatty!

This book is extremely helpful and entertaining for those just starting the sailing dream and those that already have blue water experience. It's a rare thing for a "how to" book to be so compelling the

reader stays up late unable to put it down. Fatty offers a ton of sagacious practical wisdom plus insightful bits of philosophy that are simple and profound. I once took off for parts unknown in a sailboat and ended up on a reef in Fiji. This book makes me want to give it another shot, AND had I read it ten years ago I'd have made fewer dumb mistakes on the voyage. I highlighted about half the book... If you really want to know the good, the bad, and the sublime of cruising under sail, this book is spot on.

I purchased this book to further inform/educate myself on how best to get sailing, or rather traveling via sail.While it is written, intentionally, in a funny and easy way, it is a practical book. The kind of practical book that comes from decades of sailing, traveling, living, and being forced to make sensible and realistic decisions.First and foremost it is a wonderfully useful book ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â œ for those who are 80%plus serious on getting onto a boat and travel (with 100% = being on the boat and leaving shore). For me it was a worthwhile buy.Peter, Cape Town

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