

The Best Of Sail Trim

The essential information you need--onboard and at your fingertips On the water, when questions arise, there's no time to search through an exhaustive manual. The Captain's Quick Guides provide all the answers--fast. Based on the world's largest boating library, this laminated Quick Guide presents 14 color panels of authoritative, concise information on sail trim and rig tuning, designed for onboard quick reference.

Format 5 1/2 x 8 1/2 Illustrations 82 b&w photos plus 2-color diagrams - A practical guide to sail trim for all types of boats - Contains technical details suitable for both beginner and advanced racer - Covers masthead, swept-spreader and fractional rigs - Trim advice for all wind conditions and points of sail - Includes easy reference trimming tables

This book is here to help with the demanding and crucial role of mainsheet trimming. Uncover the secrets of sailing fast while remaining in control.

The art, science, history, and mystery of sails and sailmaking. Written in concise, layperson's language and full of photographs and personal anecdotes, this book goes step-by-step through the process of creating and using sails. Provided is a definitive look at the latest developments in sails, sailcloth, engineering, hardware, and sail trim. Also offered are case studies that illustrate which fibers, fabrics, and sails are suitable for a variety of different sailing applications, from simple dinghies and day sailors to offshore racing and cruising yachts. Sailors of all levels of interest and ability will find information they can apply to their own boats and sail choices.

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Guide for both cruisers and racers that takes a look at the latest materials and rigging methods and simplifies the purchase and upkeep of a proper sail inventory.

A guide for racing covers the principles of sail trim, crew movement techniques, maneuvers, and control systems, and gives advice on adjusting to special conditions.

Jib trimming is often referred to as a black art. As you recoil in horror at the prospect of trying to achieve the unachievable, rest assured that with the information contained within this book, you will soon be trimming with confidence and ability. The guide is full of annotated photographs and diagrams that show you exactly what you're trying to achieve. We have also explained the main 'secrets' that help others stand out from the crowd. Once this guide is in your head, you will be trimming like a pro. You're part of a team! The jib trimmer is part of a team. Whether you're sailing on a two man dinghy or part of a team of thirty on an ocean racing yacht, there are many other responsibilities on the boat. While you are preoccupied with the jib, the helmsman is concentrating on steering the boat, the main sail trimmer is focused on the

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main sail, and the tactician is deciding where to go and warning the team of changing conditions. Others on the boat will be hoisting and dropping sails, handling spinnaker poles, moving their weight around and doing whatever they can to help. A key to doing well as a jib trimmer is to understand how you relate to the other core members of the team. This book highlights when and how you can expect others to act. In a new and ground-breaking format this guide: *

- * Demystifies the art of jib trimming
- * Avoids use of confusing nautical terminology
- * Illustrates concepts with diagrams and photographs
- * Includes everything you need to know

Photographs and diagrams are used to explain and illustrate every basic jib trim concept including:

- * Lift and drag
- * Sail shape: depth, groove, foot shape, twist
- * Telltale reading
- * Sailing using gears
- * Tacking
- * Footing
- * Wind changes including shifts
- * Sea state
- * Offwind trim
- * Setting up the jib and genoa track, spreader markings and jib halyard

The digital edition of the RYA Sail Trim Handbook for Cruisers is crammed with useful tips and pointers on one of the fundamentals of good seamanship: sail trim. The book focuses more on the needs of the cruising sailor as opposed to the out-and-out racer. After all, a well-trimmed cruising yacht will be better balanced, easier to handle, and will sail more comfortably. Sail trim can be bewildering to the novice but the RYA Sail Trim Handbook talks you through the subject in an informative yet entertaining manner. This eBook is further enhanced by a range of clear, well thought-out illustrations. Chapters include: How Sails Work Jibs & Genoas Spinnakers Reefing Sailing Upwind Heavy Weather Sailing Trade Wind Sailing Ultimately this book will have you itching to get back afloat and tinkering with the trim of your sails.

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The only sailing manual you will ever need, covering everything from sailing basics to making repairs and mastering navigation. The undisputed market leader in sailing guides, this fully revised and updated sailing manual, with a foreword by quadruple Olympic gold medallist Sir Ben Ainslie, answers questions about any sailing situation, with thorough coverage of all aspects of sailing and boat ownership. In DK's The Complete Sailing Manual, former British national champion Steve Sleight offers a wealth of expert advice and guidance in the form of a complete course on seamanship, which is brought to life with breathtaking action photography and clear instructions. Fully revised, this new edition features all of the latest developments in sailing--including foiling, long-distance cruising, and high-speed apparent-wind sailing--and navigation, with technology such as modern performance systems and electronic navigation. It also highlights the latest rules, regulations, and best practices necessary for every avid sailor, from the novice to the seasoned seaperson. Includes essential information, handy diagrams, and step-by-step illustrations, The Complete Sailing Manual is the ultimate sailing ebook to keep by your side when you're out on the waves.

An anthology of authoritative articles from SAIL magazine--one of the world's major sailing magazines.

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Quickly and easily master the sailing fundamentals you'll need to get out on the water.

Sailing Smart is for every sailor who wants to increase his or her knowledge, understanding, and sailing expertise: the local day-sailor who wants a firmer grasp of the fundamentals, as well as the serious competitor who wants to be up on the latest, most innovative sailing techniques and racing strategies. Buddy Melges, one of the world's best-known sailors, has at last set down his highly original thoughts on how to sail well. He covers the full range of sailing experience, from the general to the specific, the basic to the highly sophisticated. Melges's message is delivered in a bright, uncluttered manner by way of applications from his own sailing experience and through step-by-step instructions on everything from basic boat handling to expert on-the-course tactics and maneuvers. The book is profusely illustrated by the noted sailing artist Ted Brennan, and each drawing is accompanied by a cogent, in-depth explanatory caption.

Whether you are reading this book and taking the corresponding ASA 106 course or watching a North U webinar— you take your sailing very seriously. Maybe you are studying to be able to venture out to find your own unspoiled cove in which to anchor or to lay back in an exotic port of call. You could be brushing up on an extended multi-day cruise with your family and friends or you might be thinking of making sailing your profession as an ASA Instructor. One thing is for sure, this book will give you a serious boost down the road to becoming a topnotch sailor and confident seaman; a rare and respected person in the world of yachting. You'll find all this in the 150-page book from the American Association, the world's leading sailing authority, in association with North U, the leader in performance sail education. You gotta read it!

Lin and Larry Pardey have now been cruising on board their own boats, racing, delivering, and repairing other people's boats for more than 44 years. After west-to-east and east-to-west circumnavigations, and voyages to more than 75 countries, they have a breadth of knowledge that few other boating authors possess. Most of the voyaging has been done on an earn-as-you-go budget that could be well within the reach of the majority of those whose dream is to set sail. Their motto? "Go small, go simple, but go now!" The Pardeys' strengths are neatly symbolized by the boats they have built. Each one is romantically traditional, with swooping sheerlines, and is completely dependent on the wind. And yet each boat carries the best, strongest, and most seamanlike gear. Like their vessels, the Pardeys' writings are founded on a marriage of the spirit of romantic adventure and the practical, up-to-date seamanship that keeps them and their boats safe. This revised and expanded third edition of a cruising classic includes 10 completely new chapters with such advice as: sixteen ways to encourage your lover (partner) to share your dream; strategies for turning sudden engine failure into a minor incident; choosing safety equipment; repairing rigging at sea. All of the original chapters have been updated to ensure that the information will be helpful for everyone who dreams of cruising—whether now or soon. The

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Capable Cruiser is a logical extension of the Pardeys' *The Self-Sufficient Sailor*, with more emphasis on seamanship underway, including careful analysis of extreme anchoring situations and solutions for mitigating them. Underlying each and every chapter is the warmth and encouragement that spurred Herb McCormick, former editor of *Cruising World* magazine, to label Lin and Larry Pardey "the enablers."

Transform basic sailing skills into true mastery No other sport is as complex or as gear- and technique-intensive as sailing. The details and nuances are vast, but beneath the surface are 22 elements, or core areas of knowledge. By understanding these principles you can attain true mastery: tie any knot, shape any sail, take the helm of any boat, no matter how large or unfamiliar.

Every racing sailor is involved in strategic decision making. The author will take you through the elements that determine racing factors: wind direction, velocity, temperature, stability, current strength, and direction. This is a masterful guide to winning.

Completely revised and updated to address changes in technology, this new edition is the definitive guide to the art and science of sailing. Since the publication of the widely hailed first edition in 1983, *The Annapolis Book of Seamanship* has set the standard by which other books on sailing are measured. Used throughout America as a textbook in sailing schools and Power Squadrons, *The Annapolis Book of Seamanship* thoroughly and clearly covers the fundamental and advanced skills of modern sailing. This edition of *Annapolis* is a major overhaul. Over half the book has been revised; old topics and features have been updated, and many new ones have been introduced. The design has been modernized, and many color illustrations have been added. As big and detailed as *Annapolis* is, the wealth of technical information (including dozens of step-by-step instructions) is presented here in a way that is uniquely readable; it's both useful and easy to use. This is because John Rousmaniere and artist Mark Smith bring to *Annapolis* decades of experience both as sailors and as professional communicators. *Annapolis* emphasizes the standard skills and proven methods that eliminate error and confusion, ensure security in emergencies, and allow every sailor more time for enjoyment on the water. Much has changed on the water since 1983 when this book was originally published. Black buoys are now green, the Global Positioning Satellite navigation system (GPS) is almost universally used, new types of anchors and sails have appeared, safety skills and gear are vastly improved, many more women are commanding boats, and catamarans and trimarans are common where only monohulls used to sail. But for all these modern developments, the basic skills and spirit of sailing have not changed at all. Sail trimming, keeping up steerageway, maintaining the dead reckoning plot, heaving-to -- these fundamentals are as important now as ever and receive much attention here. Among the innovations in this edition are: *

Basic skills in early chapters: Fundamental sailing and boat-handling skills and gear, which are introduced in chapters 1,

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2, and 3. * "Hands On" segments: Three dozen special sections, each devoted to a particular seamanship problem and an expert solution. * More how-to tips: Additional rules of thumb that guide a crew quickly and successfully through seamanship problems. * New coverage of multihulls: Advice on evaluating, anchoring, and handling catamarans and trimarans under sail (including in storms). * More on emergencies: New material on emergencies, safety, and heavy-weather sailing, including a section on preparing a docked boat for a hurricane. * Equipment updates: Expanded coverage of the use and care of modern gear and hardware, including radar, GPS, rescue devices, and asymmetrical spinnakers. * Terminology: Full definition and illustration of major terms when they're first introduced, with alternative language provided in parentheses. * Gender: The use of feminine personal pronouns, which reflect the fact that more women are captaining and sailing boats than ever before. From navigation and seamanship to boat and gear maintenance, from pleasure cruising to heavy-weather sailing, here is the definitive, state-of-the-art guide that provides systematic step-by-step techniques to see you through every situation on deck and in the cockpit.

Sail Performance, based on C A Marchaj's classic Sailing Theory & Practice, has established itself as the standard work on the subject and is now acclaimed as a milestone in sailing literature. From wind tunnel tests which he has conducted, Tony Marchaj describes how the factors of wind speed, sail area, sail shape, sail setting, the hull, angle of heel, wind gradient and steadiness of the wind all affect sail power, and why certain rigs are superior in power and efficiency to others. Sail Performance is a major work which is acclaimed for its analysis of the factors that contribute to an efficient sailing rig. 'Should be on the bookshelf of every serious amateur and professional sailor' Nautical Magazine Editor Ken Textor is a writer and sailing enthusiast.

Everything you need to know about trimming the foresail: from lift, drag and sail shape to wind changes and sea state, with lots more in between.

This book will help the new sailor to understand the principles and practice of sail trim, adjusting sails so they interact most efficiently with the wind. There is a direct relationship between sailing efficiency and sailing fun. Knowing when, how, and why to trim your sails is the essence of sailing. If you understand trim, you understand sailing.

This highly practical guide explains what sail trim is all about - how to achieve it and what its benefits are. Aimed at owners and crews sailing all types of boats, from dinghies to offshore cruisers, with either masthead or fractional rigs, it covers: - mainsails and headsails - trim for light airs, medium strength and strong winds - trim for beating, reaching and running - correct camber and mast rake - weather helm - causes and cures - easy reference trimming tables How to Trim Sails will help racers and cruisers of all levels of experience get the best performance from their boats and sails. 'Any owner will find help here in unravelling the mysteries of sail shape, as it is affected by mast bend, luff tension and the

rest' Practical Boat Owner

Fantastic computer graphics systematically explain how to tune-your-yacht, keelboat or dinghy. This beautifully illustrated and well-organised book shows the reader step by step, how to trim their sails and rig for maximum performance. Ivar Dedekam's revolutionary approach to sail and rig tuning tackles the practical and realistic elements of tuning your boat as well as the theory of sail aerodynamics. The book covers the many variations in boat, sail and rig design.

Everything you need to race your way up through the fleet If you sail--even a little--you've probably thought about trying your hand at racing. Now you can stop thinking and do it. Getting Started in Sailboat Racing makes this endlessly fascinating lifetime sport accessible to anyone who wants to give it a try, whether you own a sailboat, are hoping to crew, or spectating from a nearby perch. This complete course in racing fundamentals breaks the racing experience down into bite-size pieces, making the process easier to understand and reflecting the leg-by-leg nature of a typical race. With scores of helpful illustrations, this user-friendly manual takes you around the buoys, explaining new rule changes and tactics that apply to each part of the race. You'll learn how to: Execute quick, competitive starts Maximize speed and efficiency on the windward leg Maneuver for position around the windward mark Take full advantage of downwind and reaching legs Handle the spinnaker (even when asymmetrical), and beat the crowd at the jibe and leeward marks Eke out every last bit of speed as you sprint to the finish There are few things in this world more satisfying than racing a sailboat. Get in on the action and find out what you've been missing. All you need is a competitive spirit and a little help from Getting Started in Sailboat Racing. "Cort and Stearns deftly break down racing, from start to finish, into basic elements, making the sport more accessible by giving the novice a strong understanding of the fundamentals . . . this book should be required reading for anyone wanting to get out on the course. The book goes into enough detail on tactics and sail trim to make the average sailor not only comfortable on the racecourse, but competitive, as well." -- SAILING "With Cort and Stearns' enthusiasm for the topic and straightforward advice, it's hard not to read this book without picturing yourself rounding the buoys just ahead of the rest of the fleet." -- Soundings

Some people like to sail. Some people like to sail fast. This is a book about sailing faster. During the past few decades there has been a revolution in the way some boat designers and sailors have thought about, designed, built and sailed their boats. This book is about the new ideas which have led to these greater speeds and the faster sailing techniques which have been developed to achieve them. High Performance Sailing has become the standard reference work on high speed racing techniques - the bible for racing sailors, from dinghies right through to America's Cup boats. Ground-breaking in its thinking on boat speed, strategy and tactics, and timeless in its application. Now in its second edition, High Performance Sailing has been brought right up to date with new information, the discoveries from new boat testing and

new developments.

Sailing Made Easy is the first step in a voyage that will last you the rest of your life. It is a gift from a group of dedicated sailing professionals who have committed their lives to sharing their art, their skill, and their passion for this wonderful activity. This book, which Sailing Magazine called "best in class" upon its release in 2010, is the most comprehensive education and boating safety learn-to-sail guide to date. It is also the official textbook for the ASA Basic Keelboat Standard (ASA 101). Incorporated in the textbook are useful illustrations and exceptional photographs of complex sailing concepts. The text's most distinguishing feature is its user friendly "spreads" in which instructional topics are self-contained on opposing pages throughout the book. There are also chapter end quizzes and a glossary to help those new to sailing to navigate their way through the extensive nautical terminology.

"The best book ever written about the terrifying business of single-handed sailing . . . As tight and gripping as *The Perfect Storm* or *Into Thin Air*." (San Francisco Chronicle). *Godforsaken Sea* is the hair-raising account of the world's most demanding, dangerous, and deadly sailing race—following the field of the 1996–1997 Vendée Globe through a grueling four-month circumnavigation of the earth, most of it through the terror of the Southern Ocean. Among the sixteen sailors are the gallant Brit who spends days beating back against the worst seas to save a fellow sailor; the Frenchman who bothers to salvage only a bottle of champagne from his broken and sinking boat; the sailor who comes to love the albatross that trails her for months, naming it Bernard; the sailor who calmly smokes a cigarette as his boat capsizes; and the Canadian who, hours before he disappears forever, dispatches this message: If you drag things out too long here, you're sure to come to grief. Bringing to life hurricane-force winds, six-story waves, icebergs, and deafening noise—and blending maritime history, ocean science, and literary allusions—this true story lays bare the spirit of the men and women who push themselves to the outer limits of human endeavor—even if it means never returning home. "Explores how and why humans feel drawn to the extreme risks and almost inevitable disasters that single-handedly sailing the Southern Ocean entails. . . . Mr. Lundy not only makes stirring narrative drama but also draws the lineaments of an archetypal hero, a human driven by fear, addicted to adrenaline, in need of the edge." —The New York Times "Godforsaken Sea is one of the best books ever written about sailing. . . . Lundy's knowledge of sea lore and history is rich, his pace perfect, his intelligence full of energy. He differentiates each sailor with a novelist's touch." —Time

The wind powers everything a sailor does and this book will help you to understand it. As a result you will be more prepared for your race, able to anticipate changes in the wind better and know what to do when they come. The first edition of this book was published in 1986, and it has been the go-to wind book for dinghy champions ever since. This new-look fourth edition is fully updated for modern forecasting and analyses a revised set of popular racing venues

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around the world: unveiling what to expect from the weather at over 25 regatta locations, it will get you ahead of the competition and powering up the leaderboard.

Limp and wrinkly or smooth and billowing? If your sails are set right your boat will be faster, safer and look better Mark Chisnell, one of the best sailors in the world, here demystifies the black art of sail trim. He shows how to set the sails and use them properly in all wind strengths.

The official learn-to-sail manual of the American Sailing Association and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, with over 150 line drawings and photographs. Written by America's foremost instructional authority, the new edition of Sailing Fundamentals combines the training programs of the American Sailing Association and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. The official learn-to-sail manual of the American Sailing Association, it is also used in the programs of many yacht clubs, colleges, and sailing groups. Unlike most introductory sailing books, which reflect the biases and idiosyncrasies of their authors, Sailing Fundamentals has been extensively pretested by ASA professional instructors to ensure that it offers the fastest, easiest, most systematic way to learn basic sailing and basic coastal cruising. This book covers every aspect of beginning sailing—from hoisting sail to docking and anchoring—and specifically prepares the learner to qualify for sailing certification according to international standards. Widely acclaimed author Gary Jobson has won several major races, including the 1977 America's Cup victory as tactician aboard *Courageous*. He was head sailing coach at the US Naval Academy, and has conducted sailing clinics across the country.

Explains the art of good sail trim with the aid of superb colour diagrams and photographs.

The vast majority of sailing yacht scenarios comprise a couple sailing the boat together, and needing to carry out all manoeuvres and activities themselves with no help from a back-up crew. Their boat handling, navigation, sail handling, anchoring and mooring skills all have to be carried out both efficiently and effectively, preferably with the minimum of physical effort (to conserve energy). But most sailing technique books assume a crew of 3 or 4, all willing to lend a hand. This book is therefore a first, addressing the most common sailing scenarios that anyone cruising will have to deal with, and providing clever, original, highly effective (and most importantly successfully tried and tested by the author) techniques and solutions for dealing with the huge variety of essential operations on a boat – from sail setting and reefing, to picking up mooring buoys in a variety of wind and tide situations, anchoring, berthing and leaving a pontoon shorthanded, picking up a man overboard, sailing in fog and heavy weather – and even going up the mast. This book will be a godsend to anyone sailing single or shorthanded – including couples with young children who need to be supervised by one parent whilst the other runs the boat. Organised into techniques for different cruising scenarios, the book features step by step sequential photos showing exactly how to approach each situation and carry out the task in hand.

Interested in learning to sail but feel like you're navigating in murky waters? Sailing for Dummies, Second Edition introduces the basics of sailing, looks at the different types of sailboats and their basic parts, and teaches you everything you need to know before you leave the dock. In Sailing for Dummies, Second Edition, two U.S. sailing champions show you how to: Find and choose a sailing school Use life jackets

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correctly Tie ten nautical knots Handle sailing emergencies (such as capsizing and rescuing a man overboard) Launch your boat from a trailer, ramp, or beach Get your boat from point A to point B (and back again) Predict and respond to water and wind conditions Read charts, plot your course, use a compass, and find your position at sea Sailing for Dummies shows you that getting out on the water is easier than you think. The authors keep the sailor-speak to a minimum where possible, but give you a grasp of the terminology you need to safely and effectively communicate with your crew. A textbook, user's manual, and reference all in one, this book takes the intimidation out of sailing and gives you the skills and confidence you need to get your feet wet and become the sailing pro you've always wanted to be. Anchors away!

"It takes thousands of hours of sailing to get the kind of knowledge contained in this book." -- from the Foreword by Bruce Schwab The ONLY bible for how to sail your boat fast, safe, and alone Solo sailing is within any sailor's grasp with a little forethought--and this essential guide. Got a 35-foot sailboat? No problem. Is the wind blowing 20 knots? No problem. Are you racing offshore overnight? Even better. Singlehander Andrew Evans learned the hard way how to sail and race alone--with lots of mishaps, including broaches and a near tumbling over a waterfall--and in Singlehanded Sailing he shares the techniques, tips, and tactics he has developed to make his solo sailing adventures safe and enriching. Learn everything you need to know to meet any solo challenge, including: Managing the power consumption aboard a boat to feed the electric autopilot Setting and gybing a spinnaker Finding time to sleep Dealing with heavy weather

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