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25 Things Every Sailor Needs (and Why) (Sailing Gear Book 1)



Synopsis

One thing I've learned is that the ocean favors the well-prepared sailor. This book details what every sailor should have with them, whether you're going on a day sail or a circumnavigation. The book also goes into why you need certain gear and what makes some gear better than others.

About the Author In 2001, 31-year-old Lance Gettler sold everything he owned, bought a sailboat he'd never seen over the internet and went sailing around the world. He didn't know how to sail and had only been sailing once before, nine years prior. Lance is now a professional delivery captain, delivering yachts worldwide. From 2005 to 2006, he sailed around the world aboard his 41' ketch with his brother, who didn't know how to sail either. You can read about that in "Ask Me Anything About Sailing Around The World". In 2011 alone, he logged more than 12,000 nm at sea aboard three different sailboats. To the present day, he lives aboard a sailboat in the Caribbean, working on and repairing sailboats. Be sure to check out "Nothing Goes To Weather Like a Delivery Crew" the story of a non stop delivery from Auckland to Seattle. Learn how to fish from a sailboat with "Fishing to Live".

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Customer Reviews

I think it took me about 15 minutes to read this, and for 99 cents, it is worth the price. It is a little more than a packing list, but not a lot more. I will probably go out and buy some of the items I don't already own, but I could have probably found this on a website somewhere. That said, the 99 cents saved me from having to track down that website. If I'd paid 5 bucks, I would not be happy!

Sorry Lance. Nothing personal, but when you write a "book" or reference about 25 things a Sailor needs... instead of just publishing a friggin list... make sure you include such information as to WHY it's important. Not just, "This is VERY important..." but give examples of how you've used the items listed. Why is it so important? A frame of reference is completely lacking with just about every one of the items mentioned. Maybe a good outline for the author to follow-up on and flesh out a decent reference... but that's it.

"25 Things Every Sailor Needs" is quite a short book, but having such a checklist could save you a LOT of trouble if you are planning on doing some serious sailing. These are valuable lessons which have been learned by an adventurer who has sailed right around the world. Make sure you're fully equipped therefore by checking out this guide!!!

The 25 things are right on target, but the "book" is only a few pages long. More tales of using these 25 essential items would have created a better read and made it a true book not just a shopping list.

This is not a book, it's not even an article. This is a packing list that should have been a part of a chapter of a real book.

Apparently, there's a sailor out there making a little bit of money by sharing his experience and preferences with people - and generally, I think this is a good thing. It's a super quick read that shouldn't hold any surprises for anyone who has ever been near a boat. I suppose it's worth the price, but it could have probably been much more useful if it had more detail and explanation. As it stands, to me the value was to let me say, "yeah, I have one of those" to all the items on the list.

We're in the process of buying our first boat larger than a canoe, a 29-foot sloop. For us this list was exceedingly useful. As we don't know what to expect we don't yet know how to prepare. If you're a newbie to off-shore boating this is a very useful little book. Thanks!

Very disappointing. I could have written this with less than a year of sailing experience. Contains nothing more than a competent person would pack for any outdoor activity. I could rewrite the whole book here in 100 words.yeh you get what you pay for, maybe even a little less.

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