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[This Old Boat, Second Edition : Completely Revised and Expanded](#) - Don Casey 2009-03-25

Turn a run-down fiberglass boat into a first-class yacht Since it first appeared in 1991, Don Casey's This Old Boat has helped tens of thousands of sailors refurbish older fiberglass boats and has become a revered classic among boat rehabbers. This second edition is revised from first page to last with new information on electrical systems, diesel engines, refrigeration, resins, plumbing and more. Plus, more than 600 newly created illustrations enhance the book's beauty as well as its utility.

[Don Casey's Complete Illustrated Sailboat Maintenance Manual : Including Inspecting the Aging Sailboat, Sailboat Hull and Deck Repair, Sailboat Refinishing, Sailbo](#) - Don Casey 2005-09-15

The definitive guide from the world's best-known sailboat maintenance expert Don Casey's Complete Illustrated Sailboat Maintenance Manual combines six core volumes into a single, utterly dependable resource that answers every frequent question, explains every major system, and helps you keep your boat and its components shipshape. More than 2,500 clear and detailed illustrations guide you step by step through every procedure.

Casey's technical virtuosity, his user-friendly explanations, and Peter Compton's diesel engine expertise make even the more complicated repairs and improvements easy to understand. This must-have guide saves you time, money, and grief as you learn the fastest, easiest, most effective ways to: Evaluate the condition of your boat or one you're about to purchase Repair structural damage to your fiberglass sailboat Improve or repair your sailboat's electrical system Troubleshoot, maintain, and repair your boat's diesel engine Put a professional-looking finish on your boat's hull, deck, spars, wood, and trim Make and repair sails, sail covers, dodgers, awnings, sailbags, and bimini tops

*Boatowner's Illustrated Electrical Handbook* - Charlie Wing 2006-03-09

Keep your boat's electrical systems running and reliable "Boatowner's Illustrated Electrical Handbook is perfect for learning how your boat's electrical system and much of its equipment works, and it will be an invaluable guide when adding equipment as well. This book needs to be in every boater's library as a ready reference on how to make effective repairs and modifications that comply with ABYC standards."—Ed Sherman, Senior Instructor and Curriculum Designer, American Boat and Yacht Council "A definitive technical book that is easy to read. Buy this book and throw out the rest."—Motorboat & Yachting Whether you take to the sea under power or sail, bounce around the bay in your runabout, or

cross oceans in your cruiser, you'll find everything you need to maintain, repair, and upgrade your boat's DC and AC electrical systems with this comprehensive and fully illustrated guide. Tackle onboard electrical projects and learn how to: Meet ABYC standards for both DC and AC wiring Install solar- and wind-power systems Add electrical components Prevent corrosion of your electrical system . . . and more

*Sail Trim* - Peter Hahne 2010-08-04

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

*The Voyager's Handbook* - Beth Leonard 2006-12-07

"Belongs in the bookshelf of every cruising vessel."—Blue Water Sailing "If you are serious about that extended voyage, read *The Voyager's Handbook*."—Sailing "Every now and then a new voice emerges in the world of sailing literature that stands out, a voice that is both clear and of lasting quality. The appearance of such a new voice is something of an event, and that's what we'd call the publication of *The Voyager's Handbook*."—Blue Water Sailing This inspirational and comprehensive manual leads you step by step through every aspect of choosing, planning, and following the voyager's life. Using three example boats representing three cruising lifestyles—Simplicity, Moderation, and Highlife—Beth Leonard helps make your bluewater dreams come true,

whether you're sailing on a shoestring or a CEO's pension. Starting with the things you can't do without—an enthusiastic crew, a seaworthy boat, and, of course, money—Leonard offers sage advice on how to select crewmembers who are truly committed to the voyage, how to choose the right boat for you, and how to find just the right approach to financing your voyage and making the most of every dollar spent. Managing life from a floating home and keeping that home livable, seaworthy, and safe requires you to become, among other things, the ship's purser, engineer, doctor, cook, and cruise director. You'll discover how to prepare for these new roles and put necessary equipment and arrangements in place before you untie your docklines. This exquisitely detailed guide also helps you master the skills you'll need to handle a boat at sea with a small crew, including Weather forecasting Passage planning Watchkeeping Heavy-weather sailing Emergency management Midocean repairs Complete with dozens of easy-to-use graphs and tables for quick reference, along with the hard-won wisdom of experienced cruisers, *The Voyager's Handbook* is the ultimate resource for anyone who is planning, preparing for, or just dreaming about a great adventure on the high seas.

**Boatowners Mechanical and Electrical Manual 4/E - Nigel Calder**  
2015-07-03

The maintenance bible for boatowners is fully updated and better than

ever! If it's on a boat and it has screws, wires, or moving parts, it's covered in *Boatowner's Mechanical and Electrical Manual*. When you leave the dock with this indispensable resource aboard, you have at your fingertips the best and most comprehensive advice on: Battery technologies, including recent developments in lead-acid and lithium-ion batteries and fuel cells 12- and 24-volt DC systems Electric and hybrid propulsion How to radically improve the energy efficiency of most boats Corrosion, bonding, and lightning protection Generators, inverters, battery chargers , wind and water generators, and solar power Electric motors and electric lights Marine electronics, including networking systems, antennas, and RFI Diesel engines Transmissions, shaft brakes, and propellers Refrigeration and air-conditioning Tanks, plumbing, and through-hulls Pumps and watermakers Steering, autopilots, and wind vanes Stoves and heaters Winches, windlasses, and bow thrusters Spars, rigging, and roller reefing

**Nigel Calder's Cruising Handbook: A Compendium for Coastal and Offshore Sailors - Nigel Calder** 2001-05-28

The most comprehensive and helpful guide ever written for selecting and equipping a cruising sailboat Whether you're a coastal or offshore cruiser, you'll find your most pressing concerns treated with the know-how that makes for skillful, confident cruising in *Nigel Calder's Cruising Handbook*.

The author -- one of the most respected marine how-to authors on either side of the Atlantic, and author of the universally admired Boatowner's Mechanical and Electrical Manual, -- walks you through all key technical and practical aspects of modern cruising systems and equipment, providing you with a summary of the skills necessary for safe, enjoyable sailing. The first half of the book includes an easy-to-use tabular method for evaluating a boat's suitability for cruising; ideas for workable deck and interior lay-outs and organization; how to choose and configure suitable boat systems for cruising; and how to install gear for trouble free operation. The book's second half teaches you boat handling skills; core navigational expertise; anchoring techniques; weather understanding; heavy weather expertise; and specific skills for long-term and long-distance cruising.

Restless Earth - Nigel Calder 1975

*Sailboat Electrical Systems: Improvement, Wiring, and Repair* - Don Casey  
1999-04-21

Don't Be Baffled by Your Electrical System--Handle Repairs and Improvements with Ease With clear illustrations and simple explanations, Don Casey shows you exactly how to install wiring . . . make good, safe connections . . . match your battery bank and alternator to your needs . . .

troubleshoot problems quickly . . . avoid shore power problems . . . and more--all without a lot of technical jargon. "Don Casey's book provides clear guidance on how to create and maintain a robust electrical system. Don's lucid explanations and numerous illustrations make what is normally mysterious and invisible--electricity--into something the reader is able to understand with confidence. An excellent addition to the sailor's seagoing library." --Chuck Hawley

**Diesel Engine System Design** - Qianfan Xin 2011-05-26

Diesel Engine System Design links everything diesel engineers need to know about engine performance and system design in order for them to master all the essential topics quickly and to solve practical design problems. Based on the author's unique experience in the field, it enables engineers to come up with an appropriate specification at an early stage in the product development cycle. Links everything diesel engineers need to know about engine performance and system design featuring essential topics and techniques to solve practical design problems Focuses on engine performance and system integration including important approaches for modelling and analysis Explores fundamental concepts and generic techniques in diesel engine system design incorporating durability, reliability and optimization theories

*The 12-Volt Bible for Boats* - Miner K. Brotherton 2002-11-11

The 12-Volt Bible for Boats is a clear, nonthreatening introduction to the 12-volt electrical systems used on small boats to power everything from reading lights to bilge pumps. This second edition is thoroughly updated with respect to modern batteries, breaker and panel design, alternative energy sources, and troubleshooting equipment, but it retains the fundamental simplicity that is the source of its enduring popularity (more than 100,000 copies sold).

Powerboater's Guide to Electrical Systems, Second Edition - Edwin Sherman 2007-07-22

Understand, troubleshoot, repair, and upgrade your boat's electrical systems Frustrated by the high cost of basic electrical work but nervous about tackling such projects yourself? Get sound advice and guidance from author Ed Sherman, who wrote and teaches the American Boat & Yacht Council's certification program for electrical technicians. In Powerboater's Guide to Electrical Systems, he combines basic theory with step-by-step directions for troubleshooting problems, making repairs, and installing new equipment. Learn to Draw up a wiring diagram for your boat Locate and identify wiring and circuit components Select and use a multimeter Choose and maintain battery and marine ignition systems Troubleshoot starting, charging, and instrument problems Install DC and AC marine accessories, equipment, and electronics "Ed Sherman's

nationally recognized expertise in electrical systems in boats makes him a natural choice to train and certify marine electricians. . . . He believes, as I do, that doing it right the first time will surely enhance your boating experience."--C. T. "Skip" Moyer III, Past President, American Boat & Yacht Council

Troubleshooting Marine Diesel Engines, 4th Ed. - Peter Compton 1997-09-22

This densely illustrated, hands-on guide to diesel engine maintenance, troubleshooting, and repair renders its subject more user-friendly than ever before. Finally, boatowners who grew up with gas engines can set aside their fears about tinkering with diesels, which are safer and increasingly more prevalent. As in other volumes in the International Marine Sailboat Library, every step of every procedure is illustrated, so that users can work from the illustrations alone. The troubleshooting charts in the second chapter--probably the most comprehensive ever published--are followed by system-specific chapters, allowing readers to quickly diagnose problems, then turn to the chapter with solutions. Diesel engine systems covered include: mechanical; oil; fresh- and raw-water cooling; low- and high-pressure fuel; exhaust; starting; charging; transmission and stern gear.

Electric Universe - David Bodanis 2006-02-28

The bestselling author of *E=mc<sup>2</sup>* weaves tales of romance, divine

inspiration, and fraud through an account of the invisible force that permeates our universe—electricity—and introduces us to the virtuoso scientists who plumbed its secrets. For centuries, electricity was seen as little more than a curious property of certain substances that sparked when rubbed. Then, in the 1790s, Alessandro Volta began the scientific investigation that ignited an explosion of knowledge and invention. The force that once seemed inconsequential was revealed to be responsible for everything from the structure of the atom to the functioning of our brains. In harnessing its power, we have created a world of wonders—complete with roller coasters and radar, computer networks and psychopharmaceuticals. In *Electric Universe*, the great discoverers come to life in all their brilliance and idiosyncrasy, including the visionary Michael Faraday, who struggled against the prejudices of the British class system, and Samuel Morse, a painter who, before inventing the telegraph, ran for mayor of New York City on a platform of persecuting Catholics. Here too is Alan Turing, whose dream of a marvelous thinking machine—what we know as the computer—was met with indifference, and who ended his life in despair after British authorities forced him to undergo experimental treatments to “cure” his homosexuality. From the frigid waters of the Atlantic to the streets of Hamburg during a World War II firestorm to the interior of the human body, *Electric Universe* is a mesmerizing journey of

discovery.

#### **Replacing Your Boat's Electrical System - Mike Westin 2013-07-01**

The second in a series of highly practical, hands on, step-by-step photographic manuals, *Replacing Your Boat's Electrical System* fills a gap in the market for the DIY boat builder and repairer. It is a subject covered only in piecemeal fashion by the yachting press, which, like general boat repair manuals, can't go into the level of detail Mike Westin does. This is a visual, hand-holding guide, dwelling on the details as it explains each procedure rather than focussing on the theory (which is relegated to an appendix, for those who wish to go further).

#### **The Gougeon Brothers on Boat Construction - Meade Gougeon 1985**

Excellent illustrations and pictures. Covers all phases of construction: estimating materials, tools, wood as structural material, safety, lamination techniques, scarfing, coating & finishing, lofting, molds, keels/stems/sheer clamps, laminated hulls, strip planking/composit, interiors, decks, hardware bonding.

#### ***The Marine Electrical and Electronics Bible* - John C. Payne 1998**

More and more sailors and powerboaters are buying and relying on electronic and electric devices aboard their boats, but few are aware of proper installation procedures or how to safely troubleshoot these devices if they go on the blink.

**The International Marine Book of Sailing** - William Robinson 2008-09-28

Here's the book that can get you sailing in an afternoon and keep you sailing better through a lifetime on the water. This is the first sailing book that follows a sailor's ideal learning curve. Rather than tell you all about sail trim or anchoring in a single chapter, Robby Robinson tells you what you need to know when you want to know it. From the absolute basics to the most advanced techniques, the International Marine Book of Sailing is highly accessible--and informative--at every level. More than 500 pages and 1,000 color photos and illustrations. Covers everything from high-performance and Olympic-class sailing dinghies to coastal and offshore cruising sailboats. No matter your age or the kind of sailing you'd most like to do, this book will work for you. The easy-flowing instructional text is augmented by sidebar features giving alternative approaches, definitions of terms, and boat-to-boat variations--a uniquely effective how-to combination. Includes contributions from Nigel Calder (*Boatowner's Mechanical and Electrical Manual*), Beth Leonard (*The Voyager's Handbook*), Robert Perry (*Yacht Design According to Perry*), Bob Sweet (*The Weekend Navigator*), Charlie Wing (*How Boat Things Work*), and other top sailing writers. Renders sailing and seamanship more transparent and accessible than ever before. The ideal book for self-teaching.

*Understanding Boat AC Power Systems* - John C. Payne 2008

In his latest guide to the technical issues facing boat owners, John C. Payne deals with the topic of boat AC power systems. With photos and technical drawings, the book covers such topics as AC system electrical safety, shore power systems, transformers, AC electrical panels, AC system wiring, AC diesel generators, and inverters.

*The Boatowner's Guide to Corrosion* - Everett Collier 2006-07-12

"The best explanation that I have seen of corrosion on boats."—Nigel Calder, author of *Boatowner's Mechanical and Electrical Manual* "A powerful weapon in the war against metal deterioration."—*Cruising World* Corrosion is a constant, often expensive, and sometimes dangerous problem for boaters. Moisture, salt, electrical currents, and chemicals create a potent combination that can attack the metallic (and sometimes nonmetallic) parts of your boat. Everett Collier, an expert in marine technology, details all the types of corrosion—including simple galvanic, electrochemical, and electrolytic—and explains how to identify, combat, and prevent them. The most comprehensive book on this subject, *The Boatowner's Guide to Corrosion* shows you how to: Prevent corrosion with proper grounding, cathodic protection, protective coatings, and careful selection and matching of metal parts. Protect your boat's hull, deck gear, masts, and rigging, as well as its propulsion, electrical, plumbing, and

steering systems Recognize and cure developing corrosion before it can damage your boat

*Sailmaker's Apprentice* - Emiliano Marino 2001-03-30

Learn how to design, make, repair, improve, and maintain sails If you want to produce sturdy sails for daysailing and cruising, built of low-tech materials you can repair with a few simple tools, *The Sailmaker's Apprentice* can show you how. Emphasizing the handwork that distinguishes the highest-quality, most durable sails, sail pro Emiliano Marino tells you how to select a rig, introduces you to sail shape and theory, and then shows you -- step by step, with the help of over 700 detailed illustrations -- how to sew patches, hand sew rings, fix tears or frayed edges, and stitch seams, not to mention how to make your own sails, canvas sailcovers, and sailbags from scratch. A visual feast for the sailor as well as an indispensable guide for the mariner comprehensive apprenticeship, this hands-on reference is an illustrated tour of the world's rig and sail types, contemporary and historical.

*How Boat Things Work* - Charlie Wing 2007-06-05

"Anyone who contemplates any onboard do-it-yourself work should have this book at his or her elbow."--Cruising World "This book reduces a boat to its most rudimentary parts in simple drawings and clear explanations. Fascinating to read, it's a perfect teaching tool."--Ocean Navigator

Whether you're a new mariner or a lifetime veteran, *How Boat Things Work* is a resource you can't afford to be without. With intricate two-color cutaway drawings of eighty different systems and devices, as well as detailed explanations of how they're assembled, how they work, and how they can go wrong, this book covers every primary component of your boat's inner workings. This guided tour "under the hood" of your sailboat or powerboat includes: Engines, transmissions, bearings, stuffing boxes, propellers Steering systems, autopilots, windvanes, compasses Rigging, splicing, line handling, block and tackle, sail controls Anchors and windlasses DC and AC electrical systems Pumps, toilets, seacocks, freshwater systems

*The Boatyard Book* - Simon Jollands 2021-09-30

*The Boatyard Book* is a practical, comprehensive reference manual that provides sensible, accessible advice for boatowners on planning and carrying out annual maintenance, repairs, upgrades and refits of sailing yachts and motorboats, up to 20 metres in length. Beginning with all the information owners will need to care for their boat, including how to budget and plan tasks to be done through the year, *The Boatyard Book* goes on to help them choose the best boatyard for their needs, then provides essential how-to reference material and ideas for a comprehensive range of projects large and small to be carried out ashore. There's advice and



tips from highly respected boatyard owners, specialists and surveyors, as well as from the author's own 25 years' experience of boat ownership, all fully illustrated with step-by-step photos and illustrations. Topics covered include: - laying up - hull and deck care - mast and rigging - sail care - engines - electrics - maintenance of plumbing and gas systems - more complex projects, including re-wiring a boat, overhauling an engine, how to treat osmosis and how to go about a complete refit. This is a book to be kept at the yard, or on the boat, and used time and time again by those who are either happy to keep things ticking along with the minimum of effort or by those who want to get stuck into bigger projects.

**Einstein's Universe** - Nigel Calder 1982

This brilliantly written book unlocks the astounding implications of Einstein's revolutionary theories on the nature of science, time and motion. It far surpasses any previous explanation of Relativity for laymen.

*The Annapolis Book of Seamanship* - John Rousmaniere 2014-01-07

Based on the sailing program of the U.S. Naval Academy, offers detailed instructions for all levels of experience on developing and maintaining effective sailing skills, in an edition that includes updates on equipment and safety.

*How To Read a Nautical Chart: A Captain's Quick Guide* - Nigel Calder  
2008-07-15

Your quick-reference, on-board guide to the symbology and shorthand notations used on nautical charts Nautical charts contain an incredible amount of information for those who know how to decipher them. But without a key to the symbology, a chart can be bewildering. Nigel Calder, one of today's most respected boating authors, helps you make sense of this complex system of signs, symbols, and graphic elements with this compact, waterproof, and nearly indestructible guide.

**Advanced Marine Electrics and Electronics Troubleshooting** - Edwin Sherman 2007-03-08

SAVE TIME AND MONEY WITH THIS STATE-OF-THE-ART GUIDE TO THE LATEST, MOST ADVANCED DIAGNOSTIC EQUIPMENT AND TECHNIQUES "Ed Sherman is one of America's great teachers and communicators of marine technology."--Tim Murphy, Executive Editor, Cruising World Whether you are a marine electronics professional or a boatowner, *Advanced Marine Electrics and Electronics Troubleshooting* helps you understand the new, more powerful methods of troubleshooting marine electrical and electronic systems. A modern boat's sophisticated installations and networked electronics can stretch the traditional diagnostic methods based on trouble lights and multimeters past their useful limits. This book will show you how to: Use microprocessor-based diagnostic tools and techniques from the automotive and communications

sectors, adapted for boats for the first time Diagnose the most difficult AC and DC problems Protect communications and navigation electronics from interference and lightning Seek out and eliminate stray-current sources and galvanic corrosion

**Boatbuilding Techniques Illustrated** - Richard Birmingham 2005-09-01

Sound woodworking skills are essential when building a boat from scratch or just completing a hull, whether it is made of steel, aluminium, GRP or any form of wooden construction. This highly illustrated book provides help any aspiring boatbuilder decide what materials and tools to use and how to use them. Richard Birmingham's classic text covers the wide range of techniques and skills needed when constructing a boat, from interpreting the plans to hints on working different timbers. He answers many of those puzzling questions which need to be solved in a refreshingly clear and direct manner. This book will prove an invaluable reference to the home builder or newly trained apprentice in a fitting out yard.

**Boatowner's Mechanical and Electrical Manual** - Nigel Calder 1996

In his latest book, Calder walks the reader through the repair, maintenance, and setting up of the boat's primary systems, including the electrical system, electronics equipment, generator sets, solar panels, wind and water generators, the engine, transmission, pumps, steering, waste disposal systems, and more. Destined to become a highly trusted

companion aboard all types of boats for years to come.

**Essential Boat Electrics** - Pat Manley 2014-03-04

The subject of boat electrics can be daunting. 'Essential Boat Electrics' will remove the mystique, bring understanding, and show you how to carry out the many electrical jobs on board properly and safely for yourself.

***Marine Diesel Basics 1*** - Dennison Berwick 2017-05-11

Seeing is Understanding. The first VISUAL guide to marine diesel systems on recreational boats. Step-by-step instructions in clear, simple drawings explain how to maintain, winterize and recommission all parts of the system - fuel deck fill - engine - batteries - transmission - stern gland - propeller. Book one of a new series. Canadian author is a sailor and marine mechanic cruising aboard his 36-foot steel-hulled Chevrier sloop. Illustrations: 300+ drawings Pages: 222 pages Published: 2017 Format: softcover Category: Inboards, Gas & Diesel

**Castaway Boats** - Victor Slocum 2001

The son and companion of the famous Captain Joshus Slocum presents the harrowing stories of castaway boats and the adventures of the survivors.

**Boatowner's Mechanical and Electrical Manual** - Nigel Calder 2017-04-17

This manual takes both novice and experienced boatowner through minor to major repairs of electrical systems, engines, electronics, steering

systems, generators, pumps, cookers, spars and rigging. When it was first published in 1990, the Boatowner's Mechanical & Electrical Manual broke new ground. It was hailed as the first truly DIY manual for boatowners and has sold in its thousands ever since. There have been significant changes in boat systems since then, particularly electrical systems, and this fourth edition has been fully updated to reflect these developments and expand its predecessor's worldwide popularity. 'Probably the best technical reference and troubleshooting book in the world' Yachting Monthly 'It deserves to come standard with every boat' Yachting World

Boatowner's Illustrated Handbook of Wiring - Charlie Wing 1993

Provides instructions for wiring marine electronics and dozens of weekend projects, such as installing cabin and navigation lights, burglar alarms, battery charge indicators, bilge alarms, and more. This is a user-friendly manual for on-board electrical projects, from fixing loose connections to rewiring your boat.

**The Boat Electrics Bible** - Andy Johnson 2015-09-10

Following in the successful footsteps of the groundbreaking Boat Maintenance Bible and Boat Repair Bible this new title in this popular series of all-encompassing technical reference bibles presented in an accessible, modern and attractive way is sure to be the boater's godsend. Electrics are a notoriously tricky aspect of boat ownership and

maintenance - both critical to the operation of the yacht or motorboat and prone to breaking down in the damp atmosphere and bouncy conditions. This is the book that will take owners through all the likely problems and solutions including making new installations of equipment, reviving an old boat and correcting electrical faults on their current craft. Equally useful for yacht or motorboat owners and illustrated with helpful photos, detailed close-up shots, step by step exploded diagrams and instructions, this is a book every owner should keep aboard.

**Marine Diesel Engines** - Nigel Calder 2003

Nigel Calder, a diesel mechanic for more than 25 years, is also a boatbuilder, cabinetmaker, and machinist. He and his wife built their own cruising sailboat, Nada, a project they completed in 1984. Calder is author of numerous articles for Yachting Monthly and many other magazines worldwide, as well as the bestselling Boatowner's Practical and Technical Cruising Manual and Boatowner's Mechanical and Electrical Manual, both published by Adlard Coles Nautical. Here, in this goldmine of a book, is everything the reader needs to keep their diesel engine running cleanly and efficiently. It explains how diesel engines work, defines new terms, and lifts the veil of mystery that surrounds such engines. Clear and logical, this extensively illustrated guide will enable the reader to be their own diesel mechanic. As Nigel Calder says: 'there is no reason for a boatowner

not to have a troublefree relationship with a diesel engine. All one needs is to set the engine up correctly in the first place, to pay attention to routine maintenance, to have the knowledge to spot early warning signs of impending trouble, and to have the ability to correct small ones before they become large ones.'

#### **Boat Mechanical Systems Handbook - Dave Gerr 2009-01-09**

The First Ever Guide for Optimizing Boat Systems This guide is invaluable for anyone designing or installing mechanical systems on a new boat, retrofitting an existing boat, or evaluating a boat's operating condition. Writing for designers, builders, owners, buyers, mechanics, surveyors, and insurers of sailboats, powerboats, and commercial vessels, Dave Gerr provides design and installation guidance for each major mechanical system plus pragmatic guidelines and real-world interpretations of American Boat & Yacht Council (ABYC) and European standards. No marine professional or serious boater should be without Boat Mechanical Systems Handbook. "Dave Gerr has a knack for breaking down the more esoteric concepts of naval architecture into language that's easily understood by the layman, which is one of the reasons why his writing often appears in the pages of SAIL. Another reason is his deep practical knowledge of the intricacies and subtleties of boat construction and systems, and the way they relate to each other. The subhead of Boat

Mechanical Systems Handbook says it all--'how to design, install and recognize proper systems in boats.' Light reading this isn't, but if you're about to refit your boat or upgrade outdated systems, perhaps with some serious voyaging in mind, this book is a worthwhile investment. This is a unisex book, for both powerboaters and sailors; there's no mention of sailing rigs, but every other conceivable system is covered more or less exhaustively." --PETER NIELSEN, SAIL, November 2009 Praise for Dave Gerr's previous books: The Elements of Boat Strength: "Certain books, because of their thoroughness, tend to become industry standards; such is the case with The Elements of Boat Strength." --Ocean Navigator Propeller Handbook: "The best layman's guide we've ever read." -- Practical Sailor "Gerr made a complicated topic understandable and put it into a handbook that is easy to use." --WoodenBoat The Nature of Boats: "Offers, in a disarmingly charming fashion, a look at all aspects of what makes a boat work. If you are not nautically obsessed prior to reading this book, you most certainly will be afterward." --Sailing Boatowner's practical and technical cruising manual - Nigel Calder 2007 A comprehensive, up-to-date cruising manual covering all the technical and practical aspects. Nigel Calder explains not only how to select and equip a yacht for coastal or offshore cruising, but also how to sail and navigate it, addressing the concerns of beginners and experienced owners

alike.

**Boatowner's Mechanical and Electrical Manual - Nigel Calder 1990**

**Boatowner's Mechanical and Electrical Manual - Nigel Calder 2005-06-21**

The boatowner's foremost troubleshooting guide, now better than ever If it's on a boat and it has screws, wires, or moving parts, it's covered in Boatowner's Mechanical and Electrical Manual. When you leave the dock with this book aboard, you have at your fingertips the best and most comprehensive advice on: Battery technologies 12- and 24-volt DC systems Corrosion, bonding, and lightning protection Generators, inverters, and battery chargers Electric motors and electric lights Marine electronics, antennas, and RFI Diesel engines Transmissions, shaft brakes, and propellers Refrigeration and air-conditioning Tanks, plumbing, and through-hulls Pumps and watermakers Steering, autopilots, and wind vanes Stoves and heaters Winches, windlasses, and bow thrusters Spars, rigging, and

roller reefing "If you had to choose a single book to help you assess and maintain your boat gear, this would be it."—Practical Sailor "A truly remarkable bible. . . . This book is the best of its kind."—WoodenBoat "A major achievement. . . . It would be hard to imagine anything going wrong on a boat that couldn't be figured out with this book."—Sailing World "The world's best technical reference and troubleshooting book."—Sailing Inland and Offshore "This manual will be of lasting interest to anyone who wants to know how their boat works, what has gone wrong when it doesn't, and how it could be fixed."—Classic Boat "Without becoming too complex, the book covers almost every imaginable mechanical or electrical matter in the marine environment."—Work Boat World "Calder lives what he writes, . . . [and] what he offers . . . is practical solutions to problems associated with increasingly complex marine systems. . . . [A] bargain for anyone in the construction and repair side of the boat business."—Professional Boatbuilder