



## OCH's MARINERS' BOOKSHELF

*Suggestions by the Guides & Founders of OffCenterHarbor.com*

Sailing the high seas is as much a literary endeavor as a physical one. Books spark our dreams. They school us in the imperatives of the sea. Books lure us forth and then they carry us home again to our armchair by the bay to dream anew of the perfect boat beneath our feet. Here are suggestions for your own bookshelf from the **Guides** and **Founders** of **OffCenterHarbor.com**. *Enjoy.*

**Jane Ahlfeld - Lead Waterfront Instructor, WoodenBoat School** (*Read Jane's Comments*)

- ◆ First You Have to Row a Little Boat, by Richard Bode
- ◆ The Complete Sailor: Learning the Art of Sailing, by David Seidman
- ◆ Boat Navigation for the Rest of Us, by Captain Bill Brogdon
- ◆ The Elements of Seamanship, by Roger Taylor

**Walt Ansel - Senior Shipwright, Mystic Seaport** (*Read Walt's Comments*)

- ◆ Racundra's First Cruise, by Arthur Ransome
- ◆ Little Ships & Shoal Waters, by Maurice Griffiths
- ◆ Magic of the Swatchways, by Maurice Griffiths
- ◆ American Small Sailing Craft, by Howard I. Chapelle
- ◆ The Cruise of the Cachalot, by Frank Bullen
- ◆ North by East, by Rockwell Kent

**Alec Brainerd - Boatbuilder, Artisan Boatworks** (*Read Alec's Comments*)

- ◆ All 230+ issues of WoodenBoat Magazine

**Nat Benjamin - Boatbuilder/Designer, Cannon & Benjamin Marine Railway** (*Read Nat's Comments*)

- ◆ Riddle of the Sands, by Erskine Childers
- ◆ Longitude, by Dava Sobel
- ◆ Yacht Designing and Planning, by Howard I. Chapelle

**Eric Blake - OCH Co-Founder, Boatbuilder** (*Read Eric's Comments*)

- ◆ From My Old Boat Shop, by Weston Farmer
- ◆ The Nature of Boats, by Dave Gerr
- ◆ Designs To Inspire, by Anne & Maynard Bray
- ◆ Boat Plans at Mystic Seaport, by Anne & Maynard Bray (*Download from the OCH Library*)

**Maynard Bray - OCH Co-Founder, Marine Historian** (*Read Maynard's Comments*)

- ◆ Common Sense of Yacht Design, Volume 1 & 2, by L. Francis Herreshoff
- ◆ The Rudder magazine—all issues, by The Rudder Publishing Co.
- ◆ Between Wind and Water, by Gerald Warner Brace
- ◆ Cruising Guide to the New England Coast,  
by Duncan & Blanchard--and other authors in later editions

**Harry Bryan - Boatbuilder/Designer, Bryan Boatbuilding** (*Read Harry's Comments*)

- ◆ Boatbuilding, by Howard I. Chapelle
- ◆ Building Classic Small, Craft by John Gardner
- ◆ How to Build a Wooden Boat, by David C. "Bud" McIntosh
- ◆ Small Is Beautiful, by E.F. Shumacher



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**Kaci Cronkhite - *Circumnavigator, Former Dir. - Wooden Boat Festival* (Read Kaci's Comments)**

- ♦ Moving Heavy Things, by Jan Adkins
- ♦ The Boat Who Wouldn't Float, by Farley Mowat
- ♦ Boatowner's Mechanical & Electric Manual, by Nigel Calder

**Tom Cunliffe - *Author & Sailor, TomCunliffe.com* (Read Tom's Comments)**

- ♦ Deep Water and Shoal, by William Albert Robinson

**Queene Foster - *Author & Seamanship Instructor, WoodenBoat School***

*(Read Queene's Comments)*

- ♦ Under Full Sail, Sail Ho! and The Story of American Yachting, by Morris Rosenfeld
- ♦ Sail Power, The Complete Guide to Sails and Sail Handling, by Wally Ross
- ♦ The Complete Sailor: Learning the Art of Sailing, by David Seidman

**Ben Fuller - *Curator, Penobscot Marine Museum* (Read Ben's Comments)**

- ♦ The Elements of Seamanship, by Roger Taylor
- ♦ The Practical Mariner's Book of Knowledge, by John Vigor
- ♦ Cruising Rules; Relationships at Sea, by Roland Barth

**Havilah Hawkins - *Captain & Designer, VELA & Windward Passage* (Read Haddy's Comments)**

- ♦ 50 South to 50 South, by Warwick M. Tompkins, Robert Freeman
- ♦ The Boy, Me, and the Cat, by Henry M. Plummer
- ♦ Common Sense of Yacht Design, by L. Francis Herreshoff
- ♦ Wanderer, *The Autobiography of Sterling Hayden*
- ♦ Voyage, by Sterling Hayden
- ♦ Sea Struck, by William H. Bunting
- ♦ Steamers, Schooners, Cutters and Sloops, by William H. Bunting

**Doug Hylan - *Boatbuilder & Designer, D.N. Hylan & Associates* (Read Doug's Comments)**

- ♦ A Day's Work, by William H. Bunting
- ♦ Sail & Steam, by John Falconer
- ♦ Herreshoff of Bristol, by Maynard Bray and Carlton Pinheiro

**Ginny Jones - *Consultant, VineyardSailing.com* (Read Ginny's Comments)**

- ♦ The Last Grain Race, by Eric Newby
- ♦ Mother Sea, by Elis Karlsson
- ♦ A Comprehensive Guide To Marine Medicine, by Dr. Eric Weiss & Dr. Michael Jacobs

**Geoff Kerr - *Boatbuilder, Two Daughters Boatworks* (Read Geoff's Comments)**

- ♦ Para Handy, by Neil Munro
- ♦ Master of Desolation: The Reminiscences of Capt. Joseph J Fuller
- ♦ Swallows and Amazons, by Arthur Ransome

**Brian Larkin - *Lead Carpenter & Project Manager, Brooklin Boat Yard* (Read Brian's Comments)**

- ♦ How To Build a Wooden Boat, by David C. "Bud" McIntosh
- ♦ Red Light Returning, by Charles B. McLane
- ♦ Islands of the Mid-Maine Coast series (4 Volumes), by Charles B. McLane
- ♦ Sailing in a Spoonful of Water, by OCH Lifetime Member Joe Coomer
- ♦ Pocket Full of Names, by OCH Lifetime Member Joe Coomer



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**Lance Lee - *Tremolino Project, Apprenticeshop, Atlantic Challenge* (Read Lance's Comments)**

- ◆ Lord Jim, by Joseph Conrad
- ◆ The Ruse of the Nona, by Hilaire Belloc
- ◆ Moby Dick, by Herman Melville
- ◆ The Distant Shore, by Jan de Hartog

**Ellen Massey Leonard - *Circumnavigator, Yachting Writer, VoyageoftheHeretic.com, GonFloatAbout.com* (Read Ellen's Comments)**

- ◆ Boatowner's Mechanical and Electrical Manual, by Nigel Calder
- ◆ A Gipsy of the Horn, by Rex Clements
- ◆ Trekka Round the World, by John Guzzwell
- ◆ Moby Dick, by Herman Melville

**Bill Mayher - *OCH Co-Founder, Maritime Writer* (Read Bill's Comments)**

- ◆ A Day's Work, volumes I & II by William H. Bunting
- ◆ Men's Lives, by Peter Matthiessen
- ◆ Between Wind and Water, by Gerald Warner Brace

**Ed McClave - *Boat Restorer & Builder, MP&G* (Read Ed's Comments)**

- ◆ Structures, or Why things Don't Fall Down, by J.E. Gordon
- ◆ The New Science of Strong Materials, by J.E. Gordon
- ◆ Understanding Wood, by Prof. R. Bruce Hoadley
- ◆ New England Masts, and The King's Broad Arrow, by Sam Manning
- ◆ Economics Explained, by Robert Heilbroner and Lester Thurow
- ◆ The Living U.S. Constitution, by Saul K. Padover, revised by Jacob W. Landynski
- ◆ The Conquest of Happiness, by Bertrand Russell

**Benjamin Mendlowitz - *OCH Co-Founder, Marine Photographer* (Read Ben's Comments)**

- ◆ Wanderer, *The Autobiography of Sterling Hayden*
- ◆ Close to the Wind, by Peter Goss
- ◆ Cornelius Shields On Sailing, by Cornelius Shields
- ◆ The Story of American Yachting, Told in Pictures, *Photographs by Morris Rosenfeld, text by William H. Taylor & Stanley Rosenfeld*

**Peter Neill - *Director, World Ocean Observatory* (Read Peter's Comments)**

- ◆ We, the Drowned, by Carsten Jensen
- ◆ 2182 kHz, by David Masi
- ◆ Fishbo, by Mark Richard

**Iain Oughtred - *Designer* (Read Iain's Comments)**

- ◆ Small Boats, by Phil Bolger
- ◆ Different Boats, by Phil Bolger
- ◆ 30-Odd Boats, by Phil Bolger
- ◆ The Folding Schooner, by Phil Bolger
- ◆ Boats with an Open Mind, by Phil Bolger
- ◆ Sheila in the Wind, by Adrian Hayter
- ◆ Sail and Power, by Uffa Fox
- ◆ Racing, Cruising and Design, by Uffa Fox
- ◆ Uffa Fox's Second Book, by Uffa Fox
- ◆ Sailing, Seamanship and Yacht Construction, by Uffa Fox



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**Lin & Larry Pardey - Engineless Circumnavigators, Authors, [landlpardey.com](http://landlpardey.com)**

*(Read Lin & Larry's Comments)*

- ◆ Instant Weather Forecasting, by Alan Watts
- ◆ The Cruise of the Cachalot, by Frank Bullen
- ◆ Ocean Passages for the World, by The British Admiralty or Capt. Jenkins

**Brion Rieff - Boatbuilder & Designer, [Brion Rieff Boatbuilders](http://BrionRieffBoatbuilders.com) *(Read Brion's Comments)***

- ◆ Elements of Yacht Design, by Norman Skene *(Intro by Maynard Bray)*
- ◆ Lofting, by Allen Vaites
- ◆ Boatbuilding Manual, by Robert M. Steward

**Steve Stone - OCH Co-Founder, Filmmaker *(Read Steve's Comments)***

- ◆ Aida: N.G. Herreshoff's Finest Shallow-Draft Yawl, by Maynard Bray
- ◆ The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, by Mark Twain
- ◆ The Elements of Seamanship, by Roger Taylor *(The Bibliography is pure gold)*
- ◆ Osho Zen Tarot: The Transcendental Game Of Zen, by Osho

**Karen Sullivan - Blue Water Cruiser & Yachting Writer,**

**[KarenAndJimsExcellentAdventure.com](http://KarenAndJimsExcellentAdventure.com) *(Read Karen's Comments)***

- ◆ Field Guides, including Bird guides, by Audubon, Sibley and Golden,
  - ◆ Field Guide to the Marine Mammals of the Pacific Ocean,
  - ◆ Between Pacific Tides, by Ed Rickett
  - ◆ Various fish guides.
- ◆ Seven-Tenths: The Sea & Its Thresholds, by James Hamilton-Paterson
- ◆ The Rigger's Apprentice, by Brion Toss
- ◆ The Circumnavigators, by Don Holm

**Bill Thomas - Boatbuilder & Designer, [Bill Thomas Woodworking](http://BillThomasWoodworking.com) *(Read Bill's Comments)***

- ◆ Good Boats Series, by Roger Taylor,
  - ◆ Good Boats
  - ◆ More Good Boats
  - ◆ Still More Good Boats
  - ◆ The Fourth Book of Good Boats
- ◆ Baidarka, by George Dyson
- ◆ The Compleat Cruiser, by L. Francis Herreshoff

**Brion Toss - Rigger, [Brion Toss Yacht Riggers](http://BrionTossYachtRiggers.com) *(Read Brion's Comments)***

- ◆ The Elements of Style, by Strunk & White
- ◆ Why Buildings Fall Down, by Levy and Salvadori
- ◆ Seaworthiness, the Forgotten Factor, by C.A. Marchaj

**Dick Wagner - Founding Director, [The Center for Wooden Boats](http://TheCenterforWoodenBoats.com) *(Read Dick's Comments)***

- ◆ Piloting, Seamanship and Small Boat Handling, by Charles F. Chapman
- ◆ The Ashley Book of Knots, by Clifford W. Ashley
- ◆ The Dory Book, by John Gardner and Samuel F. Manning

**Gubby Williams - Designer & Boatbuilder, [Heir Boat Works](http://HeirBoatWorks.com) *(Read Gubby's Comments)***

- ◆ Yacht Cruising, by Claud Worth
- ◆ The Portable Conrad, by Viking Portable Library
- ◆ Deep Water and Shoal, by William Albert Robinson

