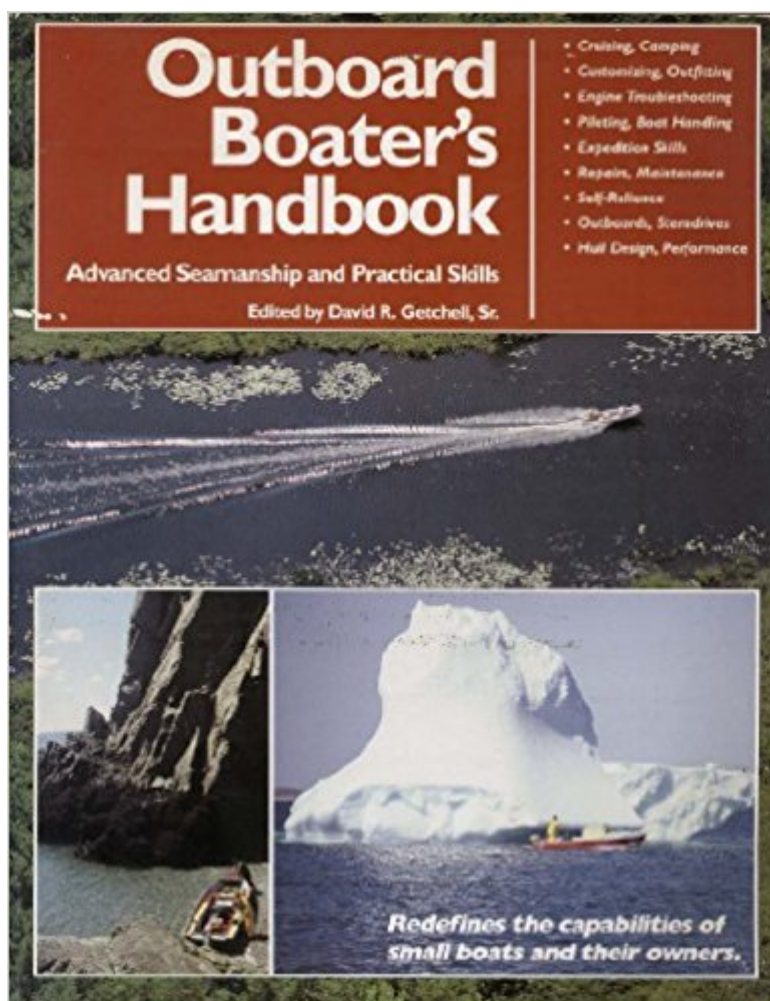


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The Outboard Boater's Handbook: Advanced Seamanship And Practical Skills



Synopsis

This comprehensive manual shows you how to go places and do things you never thought possible in a small outboard motorboat. A well-designed ruggedly built 17-footer, for instance, can fish offshore, circumnavigate Lake Superior, and crisscross the continent on inland waterways or on a trailer pulled by the family car. Small outboards are among the most versatile boats ever developed and are far more able than you might expect. Covered here are all the popular types--and some exciting alternatives as well as methods that may change your entire boating outlook. Aided by contributions from other experts, veteran outboard skipper David R. Getchell, Sr., offers a wealth of useful facts and special savvy that reveal for the first time in a single book the true potential of these democratic boats 20 feet and under. Here are the means to understand what can be done, and the way to do it safely, including: how to judge a boat's potential and capabilities based on design and construction; how to rebuild an older boat; how to handle a little boat in big seas, surf, or shallow water; how to navigate; how to read the weather; how to head upriver or offshore; how to trailer your boat; how to manage and equip it for camp cruising on a nearby lake or for subarctic exploration; and how to care for the boat and motor. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Customer Reviews

Drawing material from such diverse sources as equipment catalogs and boating journals, this handbook covers virtually everything about boating, from selecting a craft to navigating, nor does it

neglect such related matters as boat trailers, equipment upgrades, maintenance, and security. The illustrations illuminate the text's points and enhance the instructional thrust; the maintenance sections are easy to follow; and the safety sections, valuable to any boat owner, are succinct. Moreover, by employing the book's do-it-yourself methods, the small-boat owner stands to make significant savings both in maintenance costs and in the costs of alterations and enhancements of equipment. A worthy addition for libraries serving small-boat enthusiasts. Mike Tribby

"You'll learn how to turn little skiffs into versatile, world-class travellers. . .If you believe in the 'go simple, go cheap, go now' approach to boating, this is your bible." (Boating) --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

If you have a power boat (16'-19') but don't know how to really "sail" the thing--then this book is a "must have read." It is a compilation of articles written in the 80's/90's on all aspects of power boating. Everything written then is true today. It's a book that you should not only read, but might seriously keep it with you on your boat at least until you have some confidence in your boat handling practices. Knowing how to launch,, operate, and retrieve a boat is just the start of the process of comfortably and safely running a power boat. After all--you're the skipper--and therefore responsible for everything that happens on the water.

In a day and age of "bigger is better", Getchell makes the case (and I must say quite well) for smaller is sweeter. Oftentimes I will pass on a book because of its copyright date, assuming the info in it is now dated and there must be "newer" and better tomes out there. Yet this one is timeless and shall remain so. When I bought my first boat roughly 8 years ago, I came across this book in a bookshop and figured that I could use a little edification on boating. I couldn't put it down. What I found was a simple large-trade paperback that gave you enough info on almost any facet of boating as relates to small (18' or less) outboard boats. Think of it as the Swiss-Army knife of running/fixing/touring/revamping/etc a small boat. Why aluminum v. fiberglass? What hull designs work best where? How should I set up my boat to do boat camping? What are the ins/outs of trailering and boat launches? How can I tell if that used model is beat to heck? How do I navigate? What do I do when the weather turns on me? Etc. I recently purchased an outboard boat again. I also bought this book, again. There aren't many books I would buy twice. Buy it, you'll like it!

I think this is the Chapman's for the outboard boater. Excellent material, well presented.

Recommended.

An excellent small boat/outboard general guide. A bit dated on models listed, but the general information is timeless.

This book could change our retirement, boat across America. The book tells you how to go from river to lake or ocean to get across the country and what you need for a boat.

The book was good.

as advertised

This book was published over 20 years ago and is outdated in many ways. Yes, there is some useful information but there is plenty more available on the internet now. Other than all the old stuff, it's okay.

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