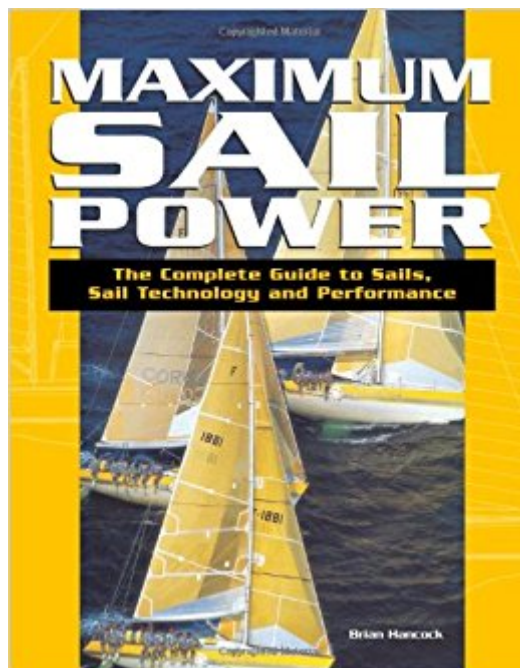




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Maximum Sail Power: The Complete Guide To Sails, Sail Technology, And Performance



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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 fibres, 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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writer for 'Sailing', 'Blue Water Sailor', and 'Yachting World' magazines. He lives in Marblehead, Massachusetts.

This is a well constructed book and it spans a vast area of sailing - maybe too vast because necessarily some treatment is general. If you are looking for something that is class specific this book is still very helpful but may not yield all the answers needed. I would support a subscription version where by updates and new chapters are added from time to time. Overall though I am very pleased with the book. Easy to read and full of very useful advice and understanding. Good value.

This is by far one of the best books ever written for people who want to learn more about sails. Brian is a master of explaining things in a readily understandable manner. As the owner of Island Planet Sails - [...], I have recommended this book to our customers.

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Very helpful

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