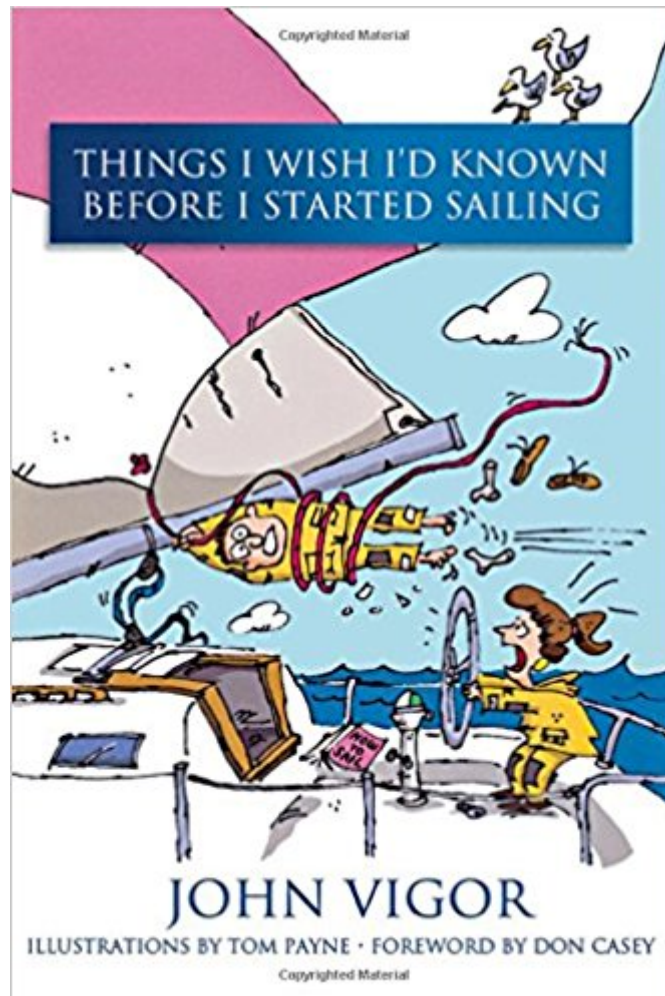The book was found

Things I Wish I'd Known Before I Started Sailing

Synopsis

Aimed at sailboat owners of all kinds, this reference book contains 200 entries packed with solid practical advice and valuable tips. Each entry is categorized alphabetically and prefaced by an arresting statement such as "People always lie about how fast their boats are." The reference format offers readers the opportunity to open the book at any page and browse endlessly. Cartoons by SAIL Magazine cartoonist Tom Payne enliven the text. A comprehensive appendix covers some 50 technical topics.

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John Vigor is a former managing editor of Sea Magazine and the copy editor for Good Old Boat Magazine. He has contributed numerous articles and photos to Cruising World, Sail, Yachting World, Good Old Boat, Practical Boat Owner, and many other maritime publications. He is also the author of eleven sailing books, including The Practical Encyclopedia of Boating, Boatowners' Handbook and Small Boat to Freedom.. He lives with his family in Bellingham, Washington.

Despite the title, even if you've already started sailing and/or bought a boat, this book offers sound wisdom and well founded knowledge and advice for you! If you ever pomdered taking your dinghy off the buoy field or your cruiser around the world, or anything in between, this book has something to offer. I gave this book 5 stars because there are not 6 to choose. Boat size, sail action, supplies to carry, tenders, navigation, anchoring, and so much more....all are covered well. The engineering and rule-of-thumb tables alone make this a worthy addition to any sailing library. Highly recommended!

What a great read! This book is packed with good information that I'd not known or benefited from relearning despite messing about in boats for over 50 years. I'm looking forward to sitting down with other books by John Vigor. He's clearly knowledgeable, concise, and talented at slipping in just the right amount of subtle humor. Ignore the naysayers and treat yourself to a good read.

The book has come from the author I learned to respect reading his "25 Small Boats" very informative book. This book, however, is about 40% useful and otherwise filled with very known stuff unless you are a complete novice and never opened "Sail" or "Practical Sailor". Very few really original ideas and suggestions. Really expected better.

John Vigor does not go into any great length discussing numerous sailing issues and topics, but rather gives concise information on many aspects of value to the novice and many seasoned sailors. Topics are presented in a humorous but insightful manner. Vigor gets immediately to the point without wasting words and points out in sailing there are often various acceptable solutions to problems with no single solution being the best; he describes what has been time tested and has worked for him over the years. This is an easy read and one can pick up the volume and start reading at any point. While the reader might be familiar with many of the recommendations presented, if he or she benefits from simply a couple pointers, then this book is well worth its purchase price.

It was after reading this and a couple other books that I decided to take the plunge for a weekend.After a weekend on a boat cramped up in the nose and the dampness in the morning in everything that I decided it wasn't for me.But the book was good!

A lot of common sense information that could have been overlooked until and event happens.

I expected a book of adventures and mistakes, but instead I got a book that matched the title exactly. I didn't care for it at first, but as I'm reading it, I've found it to be more educational than I expected. I'm going to keep this book on our boat for those who want to look up all the answers to those little questions about the lingo, what does what, and everything in between.

This is the readable reference book that you will have trouble putting down. I bought the kindle version just so that I can have it on all my devices but a paper copy will be an necessity as well.

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