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Canoe Rig: The Essence And The Art: Sailpower For Antique And Traditional Canoes



Synopsis

You are about to enter a unique world--one of bold, intriguing illustrations and detailed, solid information. It's a world of that will spark your desire to re-examine how the wind might best move your boat. And it will open your eyes to sail and rig configurations you may have never seen. Open this book, and be prepared to travel, sometimes for hours on end. Enjoy a world that comes from the mind and hand of a sailmaker with a gift for teaching by image as well as by word. Author/Illustrator Todd Bradshaw has an obvious addiction to canoes, although you can easily apply the principles, concepts, and detailed sail plans to any hull that strikes your fancy. So if you have a daysailer, and you're thinking about a new set of sails, you've come to the right place. Or if you are contemplating a leeboard, adding an ama, or just want a resource of ideas for a variety of ways to steer a boat, then take a look at Canoe Rig. All the information you need for building sails, spars, leeboards, centerboards, and more, is right here. The artwork is backed up by measurements, so you can create in the flesh exactly what Todd has drawn on paper.

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Customer Reviews

CANOE RIG is three books in one. It is a book for people interested in books, it is a book about communicating information, and, it is a book for people who love canoes. CANOE RIG is the book which any book lover will recognize as a "keeper." This book meets all the criteria for a classic: it has the size, the heft, and the shape - you want to share a comfortable chair with this book; it has the pedigree - the publisher, WoodenBoat, and the editor, Peter Spectre, have a reputation for

perfection; and it was produced by an author whose devotion to the subject shows through on every page. When I first opened CANOE RIG I turned each page as though the next illustration was going to pop-up from the page like some of those kids books. The pictures make you feel as though you are the first to discover the simple art of a canoe with a sail. You are drawn through this book - just like the way kids used to (perhaps still do) page through magazines and slap each picture and say "mine" -- you "want" every canoe you see, and you want to know more and more about those canoes. I found myself not just wanting to own the canoe, to sail the canoe, but I also wanted the canoe on a tee shirt, too! As to the technical coverage of the book, Bradshaw has completely covered the world of canoe sailing. From the basics of wind to the complexities of spars, leeboards, sails, mast support, and rigging, and he included an appendix with measured drawings for sails and leeboards. I contacted Bradshaw to ask him a question: had he ever read any of Edward Tufte's books on the visual display of information. I was disappointed to learn that he hadn't, for CANOE RIG is an excellent example of the principles proscribed by Tufte -- his books are the bibles of the information age.

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