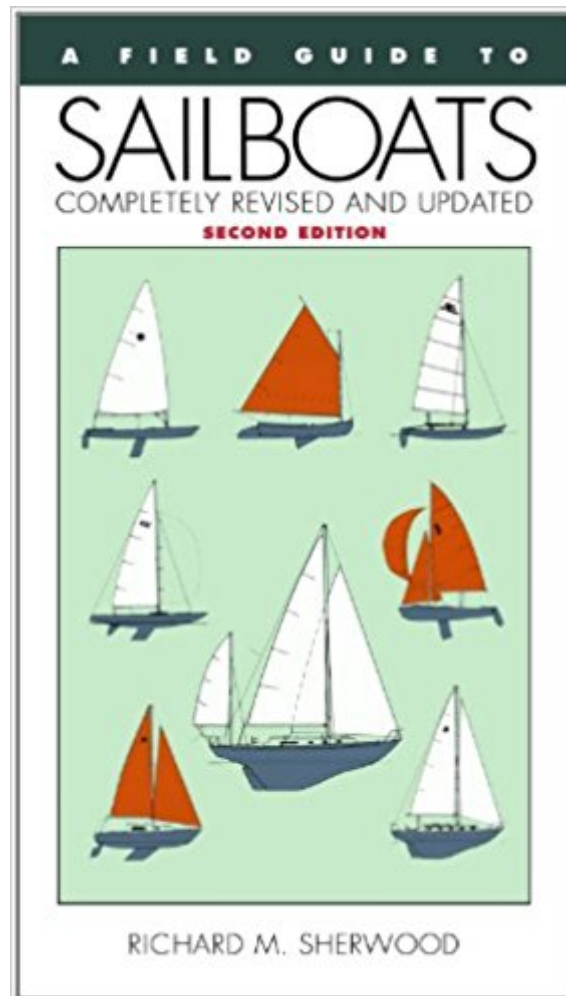




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A Field Guide To Sailboats Of North America



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This book features the history of boat production and detailed statistical data such as draft, sail area, and hull construction. Illustrations and detailed descriptions are provided for each of 255 boats. A new chapter guides potential boat buyers through the decision-making process and offers helpful advice on types of boats, storage, finances, and alternatives to ownership.

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Customer Reviews

Richard M. Sherwood, a lifelong sailor, lives in Amherst, New Hampshire.

The author lives in New Hampshire, which shows in the coverage of boat models: obscure (to the point of apparent one-off) small New England boats are fanatically represented, but larger production models are hit/miss. Many build-from-plans models are present, but the Catalina 27, with more than 6600 hulls built, is absent, but something called a Marsh Hen with a whopping 40 built is present. The front matter and glossary are decent, with a number of diagrams showing bow shapes, etc. The boat descriptions are split into One Design / Small and Cruiser / Auxiliaries sections, a division that's awkward and sometimes arbitrary. The terms used to describe boat features aren't always consistent among models, which somewhat confounds comparisons. For the 44 cents plus shipping I paid I guess I got good value.

My interest in and curiosity about a number of smaller sailboats was more than adequately satisfied

by this wonderful little volume. The delivery was fast, the price reasonable. I am more than happy with the transaction

A must sailor read.

the details on the boats are technical yet lack some standard comparison from one to another. Plus there are no critical ranking of boats on performance or quality. lacks drastically an expert's critical experience and voiced judgement on the boats.

.If you pass it on the water or on the road, this little book will tell you what it is. A welcome to any boating library.

Mine arrived very water damaged and was listed as good condition but for the price I can live with it.

i have probably read this book 10 times on those sleepless nights. If you like small sailboats then this is a good read. This book will influence your thinking on small blue water boats. Buy it as it is timeless.

three boats I had owned in the past Aquarius 21, Balboa 26 & Catalina 27 were not listed. in general a good book

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