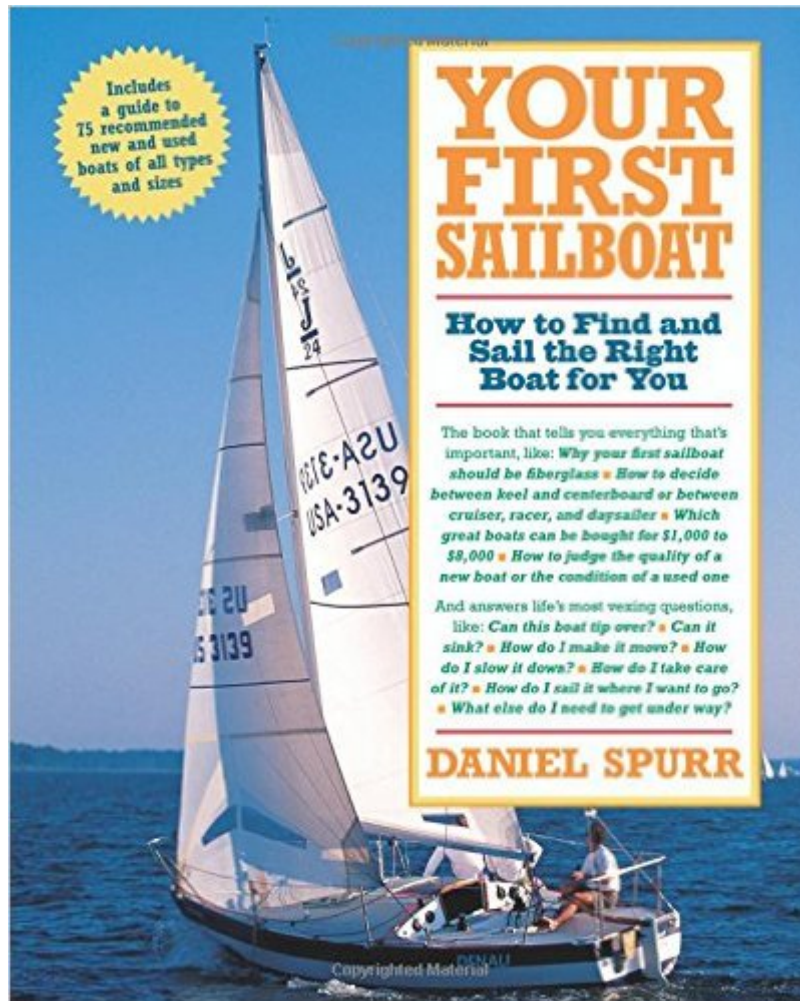


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# Your First Sailboat : How To Find And Sail The Right Boat For You



## Synopsis

The Comprehensive Sailing Start-Up Resource Can a keelboat tip over? Can I take a centerboard boat onto open water? How can I determine what boat I want? Once I do, what's a fair price to pay for it? Should I buy it new or used? How can I tell the difference between a used boat and one that's used up? Now that I have it, how can I start sailing quickly and safely? Your First Sailboat is the first book to answer all your questions about selecting, buying, maintaining, and using your first boat. This user-friendly guide covers issues that other books ignore, including how to choose between a trailer sailer, daysailer, raceboat, cruiser, or multihull; what hull material is best for your first boat; whether to buy new or used; where to shop; how to judge quality and condition; where to keep your new boat; and what to do about gear, loans, insurance, and annual maintenance. Special features of this all-in-one handbook include: A descriptive buying guide to 75 recommended sailboats of all types and sizes, from daysailers to racers, cruisers, and multihulls A decision tree to guide you to your ideal starter boat Complete instructions on how to care for and sail your boat as well as how to acquire it Straightforward and fun, Your First Sailboat gives you just what you need to stop asking questions and start sailing. Everything else is optional. Save time. Save money. This book omits everything you don't need to know.

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## Customer Reviews

This is a good buy for the beginning sailor looking to buy his or her first boat. The writing, diagrams (reminds me a lot of R. Crumb drawings), and pictures are simple and to the point. Glance thru the chapters list and you'll get a good idea of what to expect. Definitely recommended if you are in the market to buy your first sailboat and have no sailing experience.

I just got this book two days ago, and am so far very pleased with it. It organizes every single question I've ever had into concise, well-diagrammed, and sometimes humorous chapters. For example, the two-page chapter "What if the Boat Does Sink" certainly isn't an exhaustive study of the topic, but does give you extremely good pointers and common sense advice that will help you respond better to such a worst-case scenario. I think another good treatment of a subject is in the "What if the Boat Heels" chapter. It's a question that I imagine a lot of beginning sailors have, often accompanied by nervousness about how much heeling is normal and safe. The answer to this question has proved surprisingly elusive to me, so it was nice to see a little bit written on the topic, and to have my concerns addressed directly. What this all means is that this book does a phenomenal job of covering the bases. I would feel 100% more qualified to go buy and sail a boat after reading it. Of course, it's no substitute for comprehensive guides of special uses, such as offshore cruising, real foul-weather sailing, instrument navigation, etc., but it's a fantastic primer book for the price. Enjoy.

My husband and I have signed up for ASA Sailing classes, so we have been reading many "how-to" books on sailing. Lots of these books jump right into sailing lingo, and so the subject matter is very confusing for the novice sailor. We finally found *Your First Sailboat* when we looked for books on the subject of buying a sailboat. This is the book we should have read first!! Daniel Spurr writes humorously about the selection of boats, and along the way, we learn about sailing techniques as well. He approaches the sailing sport with clarity and common sense, and he writes in plain jargon, not the technical language that would overwhelm a beginner. We love this book!

The book lacks a glossary. There, I've got the one negative out of the way. Otherwise, I highly recommend this book for anyone who knows diddly about sailboats, but needs a place to get started. The title could have been "*Your first sailboat BOOK*," and it would be most apt. This is where to begin. It provides a thorough overview of most aspects of buying a sailboat. Upon finishing, you will have already formed a good idea of what to look for. Take it from there.

As a newbie to sailing, I found this book to be a wonderful overview of sailboats and sailing in general. The book is organized into short chapters covering just about everything I wanted to know before deciding to purchase a sailboat. The diagrams are just right- helping to illustrate key points quite handily. I would definitely recommend to others looking for an overview of sailboats.

Provides a wide range of considerations for figuring out what type of boat would be best for you depending on what type of sailing you would like to do. The large number of boats reviewed in the appendix seems like filler rather than a serious contribution to the topic of the book.

You could do a lot worse than using this book to introduce a friend to sailing. It allows comparisons and education on a wide range of terms and skills a newer sailor will require at entry level. My son loved it and uses it when confused by terminology or designs. Great comprehensive start up book.

I rated this a 5-star because every chapter had useful information for me, a rookie. The only thing I disliked about this book is that I couldn't put it down. I had to keep reading it. I recommend this book to anyone who is new to sailing whether or not you're interested in buying a boat or just curious about the dynamics of sailboats. From hulls to sails from cruising to sinking, it's a great book.

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