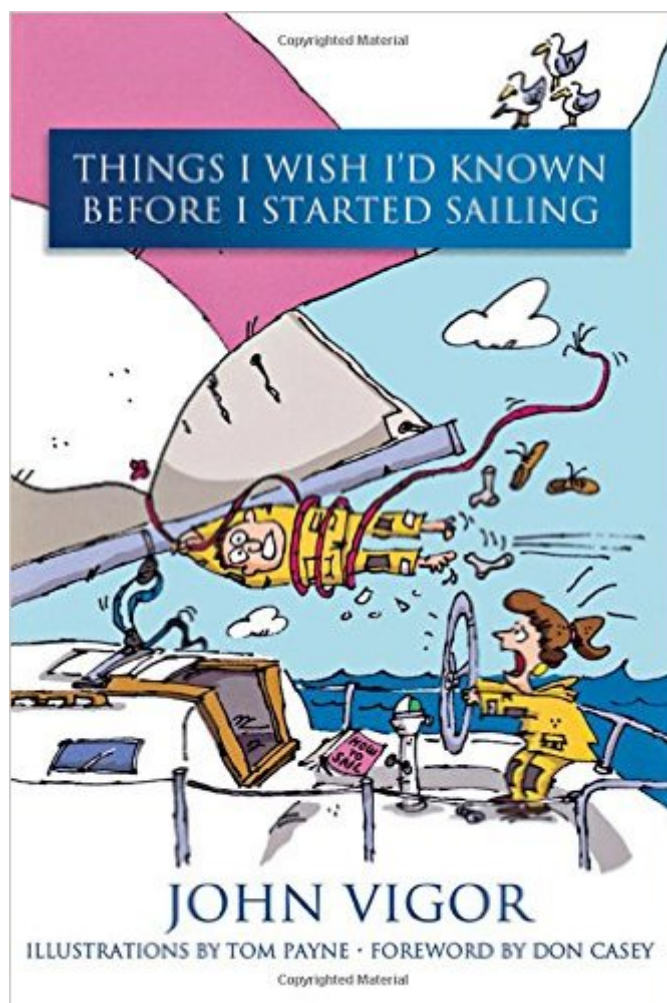# Things I Wish I'd Known Before I Started Sailing

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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Customer Reviews

This is a great, easy-to-read book of sailors' "lessons learned," written by a man with much more experience at sea than most of us will ever have. It is not a book intended to teach you how to sail, but one with the intent of telling you how to avoid problems, both on and off the water. It is organized alphabetically, by subject, and the end of the book includes many useful tables, formulas, etc., that you might not easily find anywhere else. It covers various preventive techniques, ways to correct problems if they do occur, and things that merchants and repairmen might never tell you unless you know to ask. I also like that this book includes a fair amount of humor, and that the subjects covered are not all purely technical. Vigor goes so far as to address the phenomenon of "hearing voices" at sea, various superstitions, and even how to rename a boat in a way that doesn't cause it to become unlucky. This is a great little book and is well worth the price

This is an alphabetical listing of boat issues, common misconceptions, followed by the authors

opinion on the issue.He is clearly knowledgeable, but each area is so short you don't get the full benefit. I found myself reading them and thinking, I wish he would have said more about this.

If you think a serious approach is inherent in a book like John Vigor's Things I Wish I'd Known Before I Started Sailing, think again: there's no orthodoxy to sailing, and plenty of truths to tell - and Vigor reveals them in 200 entries which blend humor with solid practical advice. From knowing what kind of documentation is needed to sail into foreign waters to renaming or repainting a boat, Things I Wish I'd Known Before I Started Sailing avoids many pitfalls.

John Vigor's "Things I Wish I'd Known Before I Started Sailing" is a relatively short book full of tidbit of sailing knowledge. It is arranged alphabetically by subject with short entries. Some are humorous, some are serious, and some are much more useful than others.So why only two stars? After seeing John Vigor's "The Practical Mariner's Book of Knowledge" listed as a source and purchasing that book, I found out that many of the entries in this book were copied verbatim from Vigor's earlier book.

This is a strange book. Vigor has collected about 200 "observations" on sailing, each one a short item of a page or less in length. Each one is amusing, but it is not primarily a humorous book, although you might get that idea from the cover illustration.The information is sound and contains many useful tips about many aspects of sailing, but the book is also not really intended as a "serious" guidebook.It reads like a collection of short magazine articles that were written over a period of time, probably whilst actually cruising, and probably inspired by whatever he had been doing that day. This is not bad, but it is quirky. The title is a bit odd too, as you might reasonably think it is information intended for beginning sailors or landlubbers thinking about sailing, and that's not at all right. It is the sort of information that would be most of interest or humorous to those who already have some sailing experience.I gave it 4 stars as there is nothing really wrong with the book, but it was not quite what I was expecting. Having read it I wouldn't read it a second time and I'll probably give it away or sell it second hand.

I stumbled into sailing about 6 years ago after my very first trip to the Caribbean Islands. As an almost Olympic Contender for the Sport of "Couch Potato", I was surprised to find that sailing was a sport that I could actually do. I have taken courses via ASA and USPS and joined a local Mariner's Association and am now the owner of a 25' Catalina. I have also amassed a pretty substantial

library of books about sailing and sailboat maintenance. Sailing has been a challenge for me, and I must admit that there have been many times when I have felt like the official "Village Idiot" of the waters of Galveston Bay, Texas. I was just about on the verge of selling the boat and returning to my beloved Couch when I purchased and read this book. This book served as an affirmation of the sailing knowledge and skills I have been gathering. It has also served me with succinct, alphabetically organized tips about sailing topics that I have very little and no knowledge of. I recommend using this book as a gauge to measure your sailing knowledge and also as boost to bolster you up out of your sailing ignorance.

This book is such a complete hoot; also it's full of helpful insights into all the things I wanted to know but was too stupid to ask! It's such a fun to read book that I even read the sections about the stuff I (thought) I already knew - and I'll do it again too. Mr Vigor's writing style is just so friendly and understandable, that it's a pleasure to read and learn from.In short, you won't regret having purchased this book - it's affordable and fun.

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.

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