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Solo Coastal Sailing: Upgrade Your Sailing Skills To Enable Single-handed Coastal Or Short Off-shore Passages

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A how-to book for the sailor who seeks solitude or who can't find suitable crew

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Upgrade your sailing skills to enable single-handed coastal or short off-shore passage making.



Synopsis

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- Which boat is best?
- Type of rig
- Deck layout
- Below-deck layout
- Safety equipment
- Organisation
- Human limitations
- Passage planning
- Boat/sail handling
- The essentials (legal stuff)

See also my website solocoastalsailing.co.uk for more information

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If you ever sail alone, this book can literally save your life. I love this book. It's filled with common sense ideas and hints to make your sailing safe and comfortable. Colin Stroud has sailed since he was a wee lad and it's evident from the first page that he knows what he's talking about. What I like the most about the book is its easy readability. Never are there any tedious lists of do's and don'ts. It's as if Mr. Stroud is sitting next to you sharing a cup of tea and giving you the best of his knowledge of sailing. If you sail-solo or even with a group of friends, this book is an inexpensive piece of equipment that will ensure you have the knowledge to stay safe and secure on inlet, river, bay, lake or even blue water. For a fraction of the price of an inexpensive dock cleat you'll have a boatload of information to keep you safe and secure on your boat. Truly, this is a terrific book.

This is a simple, straightforward book that contains some excellent advice. I would have liked it to have gone into greater depth, but it covers critical topics of organizing, setup, maintenance, and maneuvering techniques. Overall, *Solo Coastal Sailing* is a good resource and worth the few hours it takes to read it.

Well written and organised. Many good advices.

Realistic information for the average sailor!

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