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Wind, waves, weather, and water demand the practiced art of seamanship

"Planning and reacting to the unanticipated are the flip sides of seamanship. This blending of pre-voyage preparedness with effective on-the-water response is learned rather than inherent--together they define the art of seamanship." -- Author RALPH NARANJO

Each time a sailboat casts off its docklines the sailor enters a marine realm that demands knowledge, preparedness, vigilance, and coolheadedness--these qualities are the foundation of good seamanship. Both an art as well as a science, seamanship is also the mastery of numerous practical details, from the best choice of line for a jib sheet to an accurate assessment of the passage of a deep low-pressure system.

Around-the-world sailor Ralph Naranjo--technical expert, ocean racer, former Vanderstar Chair at the U.S. Naval Academy--delivers a priceless reference for anything that comes up while on the water, sharing all the knowledge today's sailors need to "hand, reef, and steer"--an enduring reference to the collective skills of the bluewater sailor. Naranjo's vast knowledge is supported by real-life examples of sailing mishaps, sample itineraries, vibrant photos, as well as first-hand accounts and sidebars from top sailors and marine experts, including Shelia McCurdy, Chuck Hawley, Lee Chesneau, and Paul Miller, N.A. Seamanship is a dynamic art, demanding full attention from the sailor amidst a constant flow of information and knowledge.

The Art of Seamanship will improve your problem-solving skills, whether daysailing around the harbor or voyaging around the world.

You'll learn:

- The attributes of a good skipper and crew?including physical and mental agility, effective communication, and knowledge-based decision making
- Fine-tuning your voyaging with the seaworthiness of your boat and the capability of your crew in mind
- Using weather information and routing resources to lower risks and raise rewards
- Developing advanced boat-handling skills?including heaving-to, towing a drogue, reefing, setting storm sails, and kedging
- Lines, line handling, and rigging--making sure the right strings are attached, including an in-depth look at modern rope construction
- Anchoring--the art of staying put--with a realistic look at tackle from lunch hooks to storm anchors
- Sails, modern sail material, sail trim, sail handling, and hardware, from hanked-on headsails to the latest top-down furlers
- Navigating in the satellite age, including paper and digital chartplotting, how to best use the new equipment, plus understanding the role of celestial navigation as a fail-safe
- Sailboat design and dynamics, including the role of vessel structure and stability and a look at what your current boat has to offer and what to look for in a new boat
- Sharing crowded waters and understanding the reasons behind the "rules of the road"
- How to be ready for any emergency, including fire, crew overboard, a flooding bilge, or the need to

abandon ship

- Establishing reliable communication, including VHF, AIS, SSB, satellite phones, and beacon signaling (EPIRBS, PLBS)

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