

HERE'S WHAT PEOPLE HAVE BEEN SAYING ABOUT *OFFSHORE CRUISING ENCYCLOPEDIA*

"Indispensable to the point where I keep one in my office and another on my boat." Bob Perry, yacht designer (USA)

"The single most useful text available anywhere for sailors who are outfitting a boat for voyaging — full of good ideas, educated opinions, ingenious solutions, useful charts and tables, and world cruising savvy." *Blue Water Sailing* (USA)

"Comprehensive cruising advice...an absolute compendium of concise, definitive information for cruising sailors. The second edition, refined and updated from the first, contains so much information it defies a quick description. For thoroughness...the *Offshore Cruising Encyclopedia* is unparalleled. For those who cruise there is not another book on the market as comprehensive as this one." *Practical Sailor* (USA)

"Steve and Linda Dashew are the Leo Tolstoy of sailing books. Their recently published *Offshore Cruising Encyclopedia*, Second Edition, is not only very long — 1232 pages, with more than 2500 drawings and illustrations — but it's also very good. Lifelong sailors with nearly 200,000 ocean miles on a variety of boats — and often with children — they have the on-the-water experience to write with authority. Having also been involved in the design and/or building process of more than 50 large cruising boats around the world, they've also got a good handle on the technical aspects.

The Dashews' tome works in three distinct ways. First, it's a fine reference work from which to get a good background on every conceivable aspect of cruising boats from the bottom of the keel to the top of the mast. Everything from the compressive yields of rudder bearings to bunk dimensions to price comparisons of different hull materials. Secondly, there is sensible advice on a world of topics of interest to cruisers — such as the pros and cons of different styles and types of boats, rigs, anchors, and such; on the possibilities of making money while cruising; on how to get along with locals, and so forth. Thirdly, many of the encyclopedia's topics are backed with anecdotal stories from the Dashews' seemingly unlimited number of cruising friends and acquaintances. As such, *The Offshore Cruising Encyclopedia* makes for enjoyable bedtime reading for non-technical sailors, too...If you're new to sailing or are interested in increasing both your theoretical and practical knowledge of all aspects of cruising, we can't imagine why you wouldn't purchase the *Offshore Cruising Encyclopedia*.

We at Latitude rarely endorse anything but going sailing, but we think the *Offshore Encyclopedia* is extraordinary. And we're not even getting paid to say so." *Latitude 38* (USA)

"Make the investment...it's a wealth of information and...well worth the bucks. If you are cruising, plan to go cruising, or dream of cruising, buy this book." *Santana* (USA)

"Comprehensive and utterly fascinating, this rather expensive doorstop of a book, now in its second edition, would be a superb reference book for anyone planning a long cruise. The authors have cruised all over the world and Steve Dashew's designs, notably the speedy *Deerfoot* and *Sun-deer*, are famous for being full of innovation that stretches (unusually) to the genuine practicalities of living on and maintaining a yacht. If you've ever wanted to consult the views of an expert, a yacht designer with real hands-on experience at the sharp end, this book is a sort of detailed consultation. A whopping 1,200 pages are filled with information on everything from choosing the right propeller, davits, or charging system to sea berths and upholstery. And every conceivable subject in between." *Yachting World* (United Kingdom)

"If you are equipping, buying, or building a boat the Dashew's reference work will prove invaluable. Every serious sailor ought to have this book." Chuck Paine, yacht designer

"Cruising bible...indispensable." *Boat International*

"This...second edition...is a good source...for people interested in pursuing the voyaging lifestyle. At 1,200 pages...the second version is even more in-depth than the first edition. Put simply, it includes discussions on just about everything from light displacement hull design to keeping your kids happy on long passages." *Ocean Navigator* (USA)

"This is surely the finest, most complete, authoritative and, above all, most human among the guides to the serious side of ocean voyaging and local cruising. The Dashews share knowledge they have collected over years of sailing and designing their own yachts, and every bit of it will enhance our safety and enjoyment aboard. My hat is off to the authors for a great accomplishment." *Yachting* (USA)

“...A remarkable book. The Dashews are an American couple with a wealth of experience, not just in cruising under sail, but in running a successful yacht design and construction company (Sundeer Yachts)... this is a comprehensive view of modern cruising, and modern yachts, gear, and equipment, written by an engineer who has had first hand experience with much of the gear, either in his own boats, or in yachts he's been responsible for building for well heeled customers. It's a modern equivalent to the late Eric Hiscock's *Cruising Under Sail*, combining practical knowledge and advice on international cruising with comprehensive information on equipment options.

Steve does advance his own philosophy of what makes a good cruising boat, but this doesn't detract from what really is an encyclopedic work on modern yachting gear and systems, and even includes a sample building contract. The writing includes numerous references to the Dashew's own cruising experiences with their children, and is very readable, copiously illustrated...and has a great index. I was impressed with the Dashews' penchant for well researched, modern and technically sound solutions to a range of common cruising problems when I met them cruising in the late 70's. They've just returned to the US from a French Polynesian cruise, so they are both experienced, and still current. At 1232 pages, and 7cm thick, *Offshore Cruising Encyclopedia* is something of a tome, but well worth consulting if you cruise, are fitting out to cruise, or intend to have a boat built for cruising.” *Modern Boating* (Australia)

“Everything you'll ever need to know about offshore cruising from people who have been there. A true encyclopedia built on firsthand knowledge.” *Motor Boating and Sailing* (USA)

“A bible for ocean cruising people.” *Varen: Maandblad Voor de Watersport* (Belgium)

“*Encyclopedia* is the right word for this huge reference book, which for years will be a standard guide for sailors preparing to go cruising. The Dashews are vastly experienced — they know what it takes to live comfortably and safely aboard a yacht, both at sea and in the marina. Steve is a skilled engineer, rigger, and boatbuilder who has borrowed from the best of traditional and modern yacht design to produce some excellent seagoing boats. Linda has studied all the possibilities of cabin arrangements and designed handsome, functional interiors. Together they have sailed many thousands of miles, lived aboard for years at a time, created many wonderful yachts, and written this important book.” John Rousmaniere, author of *The Annapolis Book of Seamanship*; *Fastnet*, *Force 10*; *The Golden Pastime*; *A New History of Yachting*; and other books.

“We have discovered the most trendsetting and complete guide for long distance sailors in the USA. The husband-and-wife sailing team Linda and Steve Dashew, together good for more than 175,000 nautical cruising miles, are responsible for putting together this most thorough and lively work. This new 2nd edition contains literally anything and everything you would ever want to know about cruising. In these 1232 Pages there are some 2200 issues presented with 2500 photos and detailed illustrations to boot. Two kilos of pure knowledge from the experts will expand your know-how on countless subjects such as yacht design, finishing and interiors both above and below deck, construction, sails and towing, motortechnics, forward stowing, electronics, modern communications, safety, life on board, sailing locations, and still much much more. This book is exceptionally complete, true to life, and absolutely a recommendation for yourself or as a gift for your partner.” *Zeilen* (Netherlands)

“This is a time of great change in sailing design and technology, yet the most important elements of the sport remain the same — seaworthy design, sound construction, and good seamanship. *Offshore Cruising Encyclopedia* effectively relates the necessities to the possibilities, and in doing so will prove itself a valuable reference for serious cruising.” *Sailing World* (USA)

“The Dashews' book is an excellent analysis of things that work and don't work.” *Practical Sailor* (USA)

“This is a book of superlatives...it will likely replace four books in your library...obviously of great value for any owner who wants to upgrade any system...recommendations are extremely complete.” *Sailing Canada*

“Modern equivalent of Eric Hiscock's work; enough practical advice to last a long, long time.” *Wooden Boat* (USA)

“I'm currently reading your *Offshore Cruising Encyclopedia*. What a wonderful book. Everything I could possibly want to know about turning our cruising dream into a reality.” K.R., by e-mail

“Ever since acquiring your first “Big Blue” book back in the early '80s I have been always impressed with your style and LOGIC when it comes to boats and systems design. I thank you for being such a powerful influence in laying out my past two cruising boats!! You folks are GREAT!” P.D., the Netherlands

"I have recently purchased your *Offshore Cruising Encyclopedia* and *Dashew Offshore Video*. I am enjoying both and finding the information useful in making some decisions in the construction and final outfitting my 38-foot Ingrid...Thanks again for the fine and informative publication and video." S.W., Union, WA, USA

"Looking forward to more good, practical info. Thanks." R.J., Holland, MI, USA

"I have just received the book and I'm truly amazed! When you say *ENCYCLOPEDIA*, you aren't kidding!" C.S., Vista, CA, USA

"Currently busy with Volume II...Finding it very informative...(It) has been providing many hours of enjoyable reading..." S.H., England

"It was the perfect Christmas gift!" J.R., Littleton, CO, USA

"I can hardly stop reading the book. I am very impressed with the down-to-earth, commonsense approach to cruising and boat design." M.Z., Oman

"...both my wife and I have read the book twice now and know everything there is to know about cruising! We are ready to buy our boat." L.L., by e-mail

"I am finding your new edition exceptionally helpful, as I did with your first edition of *Offshore Cruising*...With the help of your books and some local expertise, I believe I will achieve the goal (of fitting out my boat for extended cruising). Thanks for your great work! The Dashew family is truly an inspiration!" J.K., Cambridge, MD, USA

"We have started reading the book...(and) are very pleased with (it) as the contents are exactly what we have been seeking for a long time. The books and videos we already have do not cover the information nearly as well as the products you have put together." S. D., Australia

"A few weeks ago I bought your latest edition of the *Offshore Cruising Encyclopedia*. Congratulations, a real accomplishment!" K.B., by e-mail

"I have just finished reading the *Offshore Cruising Encyclopedia*, and enjoyed it enormously." D.W., Salt Lake City, UT, USA

"The Encyclopedia is sensational!" N.K., Sonoma, CA, USA

"I liked the book so much I gave mine to a friend and bought a second copy. Great work." D.K., Camarillo, CA, USA

"I have been reading your latest version of *Offshore Cruising Encyclopedia*. Great work." F.G., Canada

"Am enjoying your book immensely...I love getting lost in it." M.B., Burbank, CA, USA

"An excellent resource for dreamers, doers, and those (like myself) in-between." R.S., Canada

"I have received the *Cruising Encyclopedia*...and it is, by far, the best book about sailing I've read. Thank you!" T.T., Sweden

"I found the 2nd Edition so good I'd like to order a copy to keep on my boat and leave one at home." J.Z., Hong Kong

"I'm enjoying it immensely: 300 pages in 4 days, so far." R.R., Mamaroneck, NY

"(It) so happens that your Second Edition is timely, as we are beginning our quest for a 48-to-60-foot blue water sail boat to prepare to break away into the real blue water. I am a quarter of the way through the new edition and enjoy the learning and wit. Keep up the good work." R.W., Naperville, IL, USA

"...The book is just terrific. Clear, accessible, (and) just as good as advertised." B.F., Seattle, WA, USA

"...It certainly appears to be worth twice its price." S.M., San Francisco, CA, USA

"The book is EXCELLENT — I have not had much time to look at it in depth, but what I have read, particularly the sections on yacht design and the philosophy behind *Sundeer* and *Beowulf*, has been fascinating." T.G., England

"I found (the) books and video to be excellent and well worth the wait...Good job!" C.M., Singapore

"I've just received my copy of the updated *Encyclopedia*. It is much more than I'd hoped for...It looks like a labor of love. I can only imagine the effort expended. WELL DONE!" D.T., Wesley Chapel, FL, USA

"I received the *Offshore Cruising Encyclopedia* a few days ago...Already from the first few pages I can tell you that I am completely satisfied. I think it is a magnificent book. Congratulations and many thanks." R.C., Switzerland

"...Truly an excellent reference book." C.S., North Pole, AK, USA

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DEDICATION

According to family legend, Steve was conceived on a Friendship sloop, on Long Island Sound. Talk about passing along your sailing genes to your son! In the late 1940s, patriarch Stanley Dashew moved his young family aboard the *Constellation*, a lovely 70-foot John Alden schooner. The family cruised the St. Lawrence River from Michigan, down the east coast to the Caribbean. Only the Korean War brought the family back to the United States, this time to California. Stanley owned a succession of boats after that, and it was aboard his cruising catamaran, the *Hukamakani*, the first large cruising catamarin in the United States, that the two of us met in 1965.

Our family life has continued to intertwine on a series of boats and cruises, sometimes buddy boating, sometimes joining one or the other's boat.

Stanley recently celebrated his 80th birthday by *sailing* his current boat, *Deerfoot II* into the slip. He does it every year to prove that he still can.

We dedicate this book to Stanley A. Dashew, our father, grandfather, friend, mentor, sailing companion and inspiration. May he continue to sail into and out of his slip for many years to come.



*The tide rises, the tide falls,
The twilight darkens, the curlew
calls;
Along the sea-sands damp and
brown
The traveller hastens toward the
town,
And the tide rises, the tide falls.
Darkness settles on roofs and
walls,
But the sea, the sea in the
darkness calls;
The little waves, with their soft,
white hands,
Efface the footprints in the sands,
And the tide rises, the tide falls.
The morning breaks; the steeds in
their stalls
Stamp and neigh, as the hostler
calls;
The day returns, but nevermore
returns the traveller to the shore,
And the tide rises, the tide falls.*

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Our good friend, Freeman Pittman, technical editor of *Sail* magazine, died in late January, 1996 from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease). He was just 44, and left his wife, Susan, and their two daughters, Rebecca, eight, and Molly, five.

During the three years of his steadily worsening condition Freeman set an example for all of us to live by. He was determined not to let his condition, and its inevitable outcome, affect more than his physical being. Mentally, he was alert, strong, and almost always positive about life, right to the end. In our many philosophical discussions that took place during this period we never once heard him complain.

He used his intellect to understand his options, and in the end, chose to pass on in the most dignified manner possible.

We'll always miss his warm smile and sunny disposition.