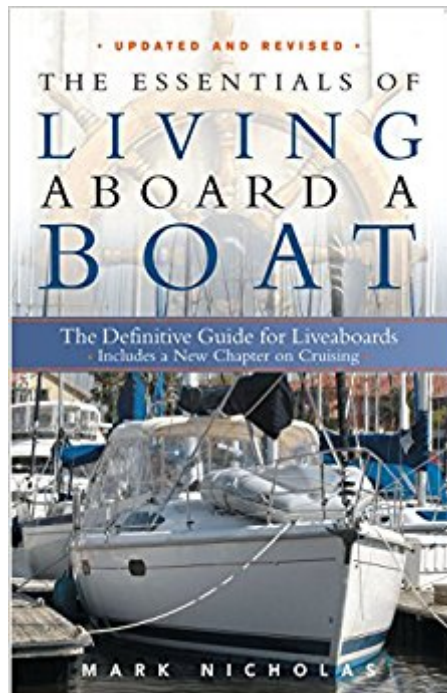




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# The Essentials Of Living Aboard A Boat, Revised & Updated



## Synopsis

The Essentials of Living Aboard educates both dreamers and explorers with information about this wonderful and rewarding lifestyle. Mark Nicholas has combined his experience of life aboard with the advice of other liveaboards, marina owners, technicians, boat manufacturers and advocates in order to detail the challenges and offer real advice for success. This lifestyle, typically thought to be out of reach or "for other people," is now available to all who dream. Read this book if you've ever been gripped by the romantic idea of living on water. Mark Nicholas presents a rich mine of information for potential liveaboards, information he gleaned the hard way as a self-confessed "expert at what can go wrong."

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people," is now available to all who dream. Essentials explains, among other things, how to: Figure out your needs Choose the right boat Buy your boat Choose the right marina Forecast your costs Prepare for the lifestyle Accommodate partners, children and pets Outfit your boat Plan for all climates Address safety and sanitation issues And more! --GoodReads.com

With the advice of some of the best live aboard and boating experts that I have ever had the pleasure to meet, I have sought to put together a resource highlighting many of the most significant issues and challenges that any liveaboard would one day have to endure - all being the kind of things that I wish that someone would have taken the time to teach me before I was literally ankle deep in water. Living aboard is a wonderfully rewarding lifestyle, and while not easy, is anything but impossible. In looking back on the research that I did before undertaking this lifestyle, I felt as though much of what I read did not provide an objective portrayal of the liveaboard lifestyle. I wanted to put together an honest and passionate depiction of the lifestyle and its issues and challenges, along with solutions and ideas and caveats so that potential liveaboards are provided with a valuable tool to start out with. I hope that is what I have provided. Sincerely wishing you the best of luck, --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This is a must read for anyone contemplating living aboard a boat. Living aboard includes those wishing to do the Great Loop(you will be living aboard for 9 months afterall). However, this is not a cruising guide to doing the loop. It is a comprehensive book that I suspect everyone will take something from dealing with the boat buying process starting with common sense thoughts about what you want vs what you need, the importance of using a broker, financing, costs of operation and the whole buying process. If you are considering doing the loop or just living aboard (read, the same thing) this is where you should begin.Many have criticized the author for talking about Boston too much. In all fairness, it is well written citing real experiences and Boston is where his boat is! I would no expect him to write about Marathon if he has never lived aboard there. His cold weather principles are sound and should be helpfull am getting closer and closer to my loop target age and I am reading and re-reading many books that will be helpful in my decisions. I highly recommend adding this to your must read list.The author seems intelligent, yet not arrogant and the book is well laid out as well as written.

This book provided an interesting level of insight from an author who lives aboard his boat but also appears to have and otherwise "normal" life in that he has a job and is not a sailing gypsy, not that

there is anything wrong with living that dream, but it is not available to many of us. Thus this book fully met my expectations of many of the realities of living aboard a sailboat. While some text is repeated apparently I suppose since many of the chapters were written at different times and then composed into a book. Still I found the topic interesting enough to get through the entire book in just a few days of spare time reading. I would strongly suggest anyone preparing themselves for this lifestyle change read this book. It is not how to prepare your boat for blue water sailing as there are books for that, but how to prepare yourself and your boat for the adjustment to living aboard a very small space. I did find it eye-opening to realize all of the possessions one has accumulated in their lives might have to be disposed of permanently or transferred into a more space efficient medium. Clearly something to reckon with before you sell your house! Overall a good and worthwhile read! I am happy to have purchased the book and had the opportunity to share the perspective the author provided.

This book is destined for people who wants to live aboard....not sailing....just to make sure that you get the point . There is a lot of comparison in term of prices and things you must know when you are thinking of living aboard. What is included what is not, what you should get and so on.It's very interesting...The boat of the authors mark Nicholas the Morning Fog is actually at the Monty's bay marina in NY on Champlain lake.... The name of the boat is still there.....in june 2017

Great and very helpful book. I like what he writes...makes a lot of sense. He says, "Boats grow on trees." Yes, there is always a better deal out there; so never worry about not finding your special boat. I learned much from reading this book. I would recommend it to other boaters who may be thinking about living on their much loved boats.

This is a unique work on an unusual topic and it is full of information that will benefit me greatly. The author brings topics through in a manner that resonates in his own voice and personality. He is so full of common sense and integrity. He focuses on a myriad of topics and espouses a need for responsibility and equity. Very well delivered and so interesting that it was a pleasure reading.

as I've just begun to finally take the plunge and move aboard, a childhood dream, this book serves as a great introduction. Mark did a great job providing information in easily chewable chunks. there is quite a bit too consider here too. I found the style engaging, enough so that I wound up staying up all night and read the book from cover to cover. I know that I'll be back to refer to the text again as I

digest it all. be aware, that the latter sections seem to suffer from "editor/author fatigue" as information is repeated, and some passages don't quite parse right. I suspect this is a...feature of the kindle edition only, and not the print one, as I skimmed this in the store and didn't notice this. I've seen this with kindle books before. overall however, I didn't find this to detract from the information provided. I'd recommend this as a good intro to friends or family who were interested and just getting started with researching living aboard.

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