



OFFSHORE VOYAGING PREPARATION

Preparing your boat and yourself for coastal or ocean voyages in 20 steps

1. Define your cruising plans and options.
2. Ensure you really like sailing.
3. Gain skills, take a coastal navigation course.
4. Establish a budget.
5. Purchase an appropriate boat.
6. Move aboard - lifestyle adjustments.
7. Sail your boat every possible chance.
8. Insurance - research boat and health.
9. Health - complete physical.
10. Seamanship and Safety Gear.
11. Marine weather course.
12. Boat haul out.
13. Diesel engine check out and spare parts.
14. Electrical survey and upgrade.
15. Anchoring equipment and practice.
16. Rigging survey and update
17. Sails - inventory and upgrade.
18. Communication options.
19. Obtain storm sailing gear and practice using it.
20. Complete an out-of-sight of land passage, at least 200 miles long.

Recommended Books

Offshore Cruising Companion – John Neal
World Cruising Routes – Jimmy Cornell
World Cruising Destinations – Jimmy Cornell
Atlantic Crossing Guide – RCC Foundation
Pacific Crossing Guide – RCC Foundation
Fast Track to Cruising – Steve and Doris Colgate
How to Read a Nautical Chart – Nigel Calder
Twenty Affordable Sailboats – Greg Nester
Surveying Fiberglass Boats – Henry Mustin
Changing Course – Debra Ann Cantrell
Essential Galley Companion – Amanda Swan Neal
Understanding Weatherfax – Mike Harris
Marine Diesel Engines – Nigel Calder
Boatowners Mechanical & Electrical Manual – N. Calder
Sail and Rig Tune – Ivar Dedekam
Ocean Voyagers Handbook – Beth A. Leonard
Storm Survival Tactics – John and Amanda Neal

Magazines

Practical Sailor Magazine
Blue Water Sailing Magazine

Websites of Interest

noonsite.com – cruisers information
saildocs.com – grib files
svDreamkeeper.com
TenayaTravels.com

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