



## 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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