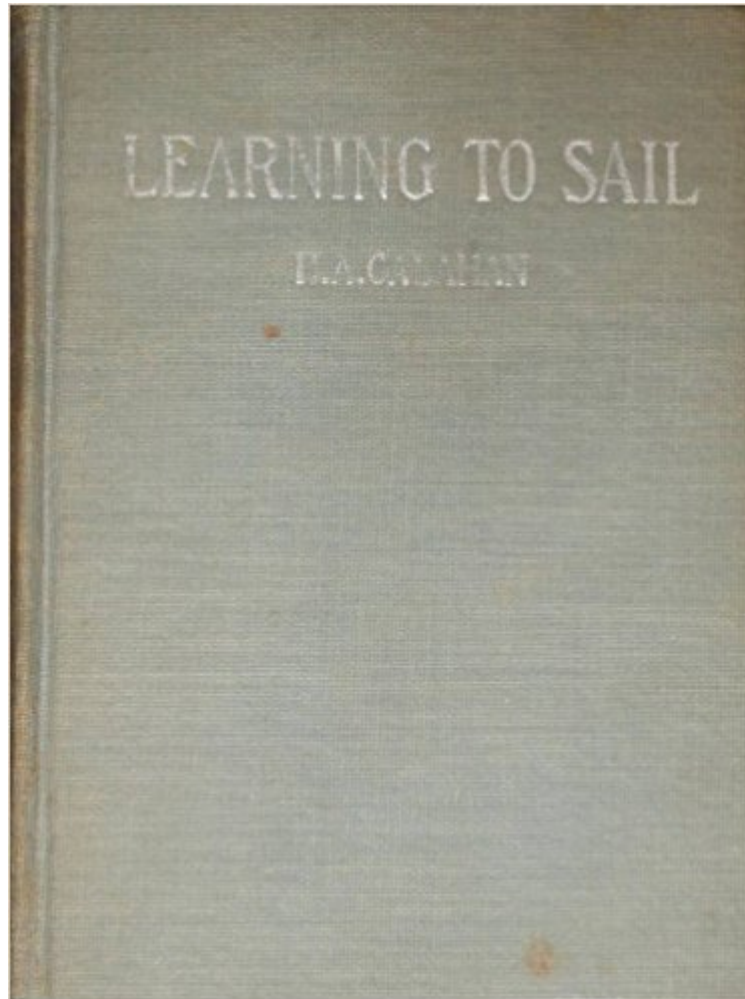




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I have been wanting to learn to sail a gaff-rigged sailboat for many years. The boat deals with both gaff and jib-headed sailboat rigs. Although I have sailed small boats for several decades, this book covered subjects I could not find in more modern learn-to-sail books. At first I was somewhat disappointed, but once I started to read in detail, I realized that that "Learning to Sail" had many things I had been looking for and even more subjects I did not expect. There is excellent information about reefing and how to organize your boat to avoid crossing reef lines and damaging your sails. The photographs are not very detailed. You will probably not learn marlinspike seamanship from his photographs, but H. A. Calahan covers many subjects well and in useful detail.

Callahan's "Learning to sail" , published first in 1932, is still the best beginner's handbook for the new sailor. This wonderful guide "cuts to the chase", giving the reader the most important information and leaving out the extraneous material that so many more expensive sailing handbooks promote. I learned to sail with this book over fifty five years ago and highly recommend it still. alaskababa

Excellent product, good seller, will recommend highly.

My son really enjoyed reading it....hopes he can try it out one day.

I learned to sail in a 19 foot "Lightning" class sailboat holding this book in my left hand and the tiller in my right hand, while alone in the boat. His homey, unsophisticated descriptions, conveyed the

feeling that H. A. Calahan was in the cockpit with me every step of the way. This gave me the confidence to learn the "ropes". In successive chapters he tells you how to buy a boat, how to handle the boat, "17 ways to get into trouble" followed in the next chapter by "17 ways to get out of trouble" with simple easily understood descriptions. There are also many other chapters on subjects essential for safe, trouble-free boating. I subsequently took the basic knowledge acquired from Mr. Calahan and proceeded to successfully sail in many exotic parts of the world and meet and interact with interesting people in the sailing community. Reading this book changed and enriched the lives of my whole family.

This book is a true treasure. I've read multiple books written for the beginning sailor, but this book is rare in that it is a no-nonsense teaching device. I don't believe it should be used alone for the total "newby" (see "The Complete Sailor" or the "Craft of Sail" for good primers), but it takes a beginning sailor and gives them the solid information that will propel them into the next phase. The author must have been a remarkable man and his writing demonstrates his abilities as well as his strong character.

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