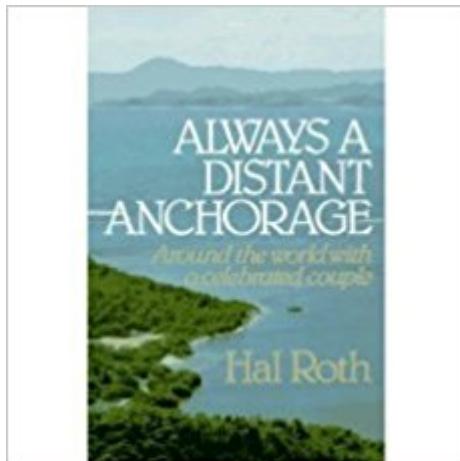


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I've now read this book 3-4 times. It's a pretty good book and Roth is a great writer, although, a couple of things set me on edge: Roth's insistent preaching about the metric system and determination that he would only use it. Sorry, I guess I'm an ugly and ignorant American, because I found it jarring and it literally ripped me out of the story into annoyance at this. When I was in school, Jimmy Carter tried to change the US to metric and we didn't like it OR accept the notion. Forcing change isn't the answer. Anyway, I was just reading this again and it hit me, smack in the face. Anyway, otherwise, Hal Roth is a good writer and really brings you into his story.

Excellent sailing travelogue, although I think the ports they visited are more crowded now.

He has been a sailor all of his life until he sold his Westsail. He enjoys reading sea stories. He was familiar with Hal Roth who wrote for Sail magazine.

The book details his circumnavigation east to west. It has lots of maps and pictures to accompany the well written text. Highly recommended

Hal and his wife truly enjoy a constant ocean craving, that of the give and take of mother-sea. Writing to describe their voyages entails the hard and respectful lessons of the oceans and its many shores. They are the next generation of Hiscocks daring the gods of the world's oceans to provide safe-passage through masterfully coraling the largest element of our inner world. It is hard to review just one of Hal's books, since each one is uniquely built upon the next one with enhanced learning and understanding of the ever changing cruising life-style. Since the voyaging sailor spends 80-90 percent of their time anchored or stationary in one or many ports or spots, the title describes the feeling of both the sailing and the well earned restful and interesting places where outgoing people of this stature can grow in understanding of the Earth's 3rd world populations. The trick is to successfully be able to share these experiences through writing about them in a thoughtful and certainly captive manner.

Using his colorful descriptions and numerous maps, Hal Roth does an exceptional job of painting the picture of cruising. He includes those details and facts that make you feel like you are part of the read. Each chapter is long enough to make it a nightly read before turning in. However, the book is one you will always be ready to pick up. I even carried it in my briefcase, reading it during lunch. I would recommend this book to anyone who is interested in or already has some cruising experience. Enjoy!

Informative and fun book, with a great blend of sailing information plus stories of the people and places that Hal and Margaret experienced on their long circumnavigation. This is a book about freedom and exploration. Hal assumes that readers already have a basic knowledge of sailing lingo.

Just finished the book. It's a very good account of a small sailboat and its trip around the world. A good mix of sailing technique, people they meet and all the joys and problems of a husband and wife taking 4 years to go 30,786 miles.

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