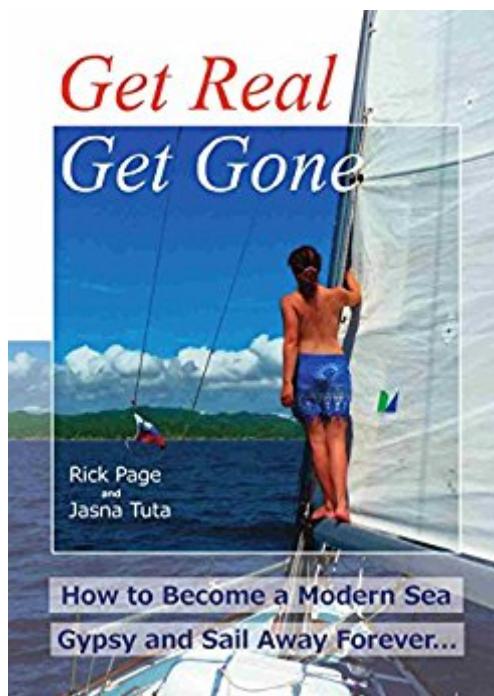


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# Get Real, Get Gone: How To Become A Modern Sea Gypsy And Sail Away Forever



## Synopsis

"Don't even think of buying a boat until you have read this book" Tom Cunliffe (legendary sailor and author of *The Complete Yachtmaster*). The idea that you have to be rich to travel the world on your own yacht is so universal that it goes largely unquestioned. The ubiquitous images of rich men on super-yachts sipping Martinis only help cement this image. This book hopes to change all that. Rick and Jasna's recent appearance on *Ben Fogle's New Lives in the Wild* chronicled their budget lifestyle and adventures aboard *Calypso*, and introduced the idea of budget sailing to a whole new audience — an audience who may have never considered the possibility that such a dream could be made a reality, on such a small amount of money. This book is for them and for any experienced sailors who want to cast off the yoke of consumerist yachting and get back to what really matters at sea. If you are not rich, but dream of seeing our beautiful world from the deck of your own boat, this book is packed full of practical and spiritual advice to help you cut through the endless marketing and identify what it is you truly need to become a modern sea gypsy and sail away on the greatest adventure of your life.

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## Customer Reviews

I loved how clearly (and entertainingly) this book was written, very smart and spiritual book that makes a lot of bloody sense. I'm a 25yo competitive dinghy sailor in Australia and give it a 5 star rating not only because I couldn't put this book down but also because a lot of what is explained in the book is Tabu in the sailor's world and would never be addressed in major sailing magazines or websites. It all makes so much sense and I think the attitude and mindset in which Rick and Jasna set sail is the one to have. 'Smiles on deck, not miles under the keel' what a great mantra to have. Greatly appreciated read. Alex Zimmermann

This book is FOR pragmatic, cost and environmentally conscious sailors who want to explore the world for extended voyages at a reasonable pace and make friends with others like them and the cultures they meet along the way. It is NOT FOR sailors who want to point higher, enjoy frozen margaritas in the middle of the Pacific, or think sailing across an ocean without a liferaft is irresponsible. There are many classic books for sailors of the former ilk, however many were written decades ago. Some of those make you feel that without the ability to use a sextant or enter a harbor under sail alone you are not seaworthy. Rick and Jasna's book, written in 2015, is able to shed an updated perspective on topics such as useful electronics (GPS, AIS), the internet, tenders, motors, insurance, self-steering, short-handing, and preserving food. Equally valuable, you'll get a modern, informed opinion on which onboard conveniences you can still live without. You'll get a few nifty ideas such as how to create a sturdy "washing machine", use a deck water system, or how to repair rigging economically at sea. While acknowledging the ubiquitousness and practicality of fiberglass, there is also an interesting commentary on steel hulls. Most importantly, the book presents a well-reasoned approach to getting out of your armchair and into the world of sea gypsies for less than the cost of a BMW.

I picked up this book and read it in one sitting. EVERYTHING they tell you not to do we have done which is why I so wish I had read this book before we bought our boat. However, we are very happy with our big boat with the spade rudder, thin keel and washing machine ;-) What it has done for us is to help us plan moving forward when we actually let the lines go and head off into the blue wonder. It is a no holds barred book that will make you absolutely cringe when you realise that you actually have all the useless things that a salesman sold you. Apart from the great information in the book, the referrals to other books, which I have subsequently bought and read are spot on. At the end of the day, the take home message for me was to take my wife out on our boat and enjoy sailing, enjoy life and don't sweat the small stuff...and get rid of the washing machine :-) Thanks Rick and Jasna, you

are so inspirational!

Interesting take on considerations made for affordable and comfortable sailboat cruising. The authors' perspectives are definitely worth reading and it this book gets right to the heart of the matter without a lots of the extraneous noise that you'll experience on most videos or online sailing fora.

A must read for anyone considering escaping the treadmill of life to sail and live on a boat. Invaluable advice on the mindset as well as sensible discussions on all those devices on board. Do we need them or not? This book will answer those questions. Very clear and very thorough. Reading this book will no doubt prevent many bad purchases or decisions. Required reading!

This book opens your eyes. I have never stepped foot on a sailboat. I only got the idea of sailing a year ago after reading Joshua Slocum's book. I have searched many places for information about sailing and the worries about being alone and being prepared. In this book Rick and Jasna give great information about starting out. Although mainstream denounces the term gypsy, that's what it is, surviving on your own knowledge and energy instead of others to provide for you. Rick does a great job not only telling about what to look for good and bad on boat selection and fitting out your boat, but details why he has his view. Jasna also gives great advice on how to stay sane with a small budget and not starve while being free and traveling at their pace. They only draw for me is not including more details of spare part quantities of goods needed for a trip. That being said, many details were provided such as water, fuel, and electricity consumption.

I have just switched employers after 15 years of weekly travel and chasing the \$\$\$ so this is the first book I have had the time to read for pleasure in a long time. And WOW!, Rick and Jasna's book is a entertaining and informative read. As of yet I am not a sailor however, this is more than a great book on what to look for in purchasing your first sailboat; but an in-depth look at life styles and marketing hype. I believe following the recommendations of provided of what to look for and more importantly what to avoid in purchasing a sailboat will save me money, disappointment and keep myself, family and friends safe when we do raise the sails on one. I truly hope to see more books published by these sea gypsies and hope they keep their website up to date.

Incredibly brilliant book. I have learned so much and it's written in such a digestible manner. This

book will be one of few to stay with me for the rest of my days abroad. A real gem providing no nonsense advisement!

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