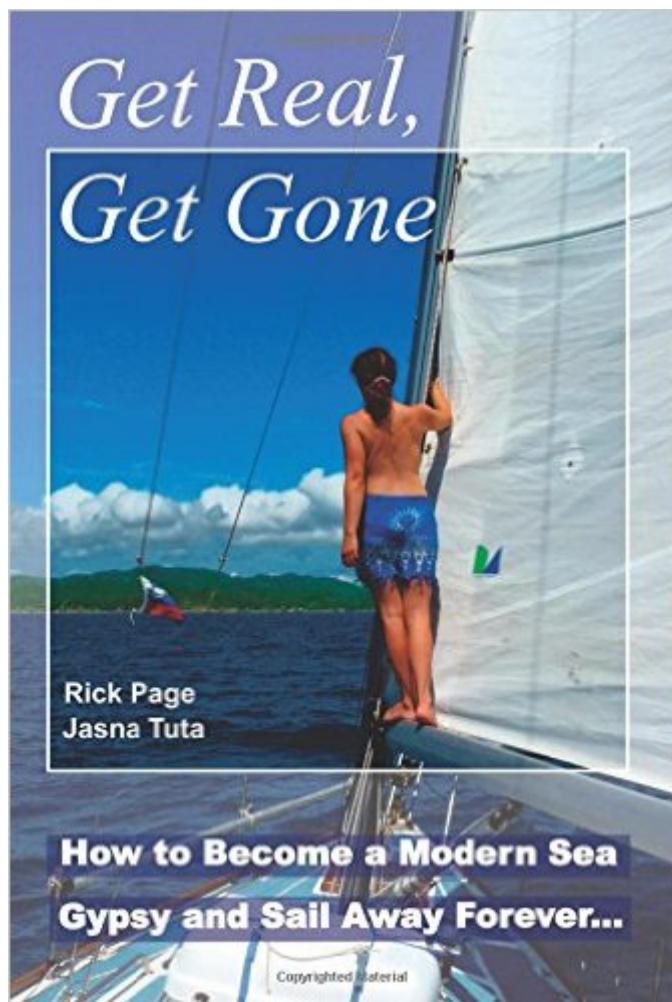


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# Get Real, Get Gone: How To Become A Modern Sea Gypsy And Sail Away Forever



## Synopsis

'Don't even think of buying a boat until you have read this book'. Â -Â Tom Cunliffe (legendary sailor Â and author of The Complete Yachtmaster). Â The idea that you have to be rich to travel the world on your own yacht is so universal, it goes largely unquestioned. This book hopes to change all that. If you are not rich, but dream of seeing our beautiful world from the deck of your own yacht, this book is packed with 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 forever...

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Just finished this book. Thoroughly enjoyed it. It was like Rick and Jasna were sitting in the cockpit talking to us. I've read every book in the appendix as well as every book they referenced and many more, but I wish this book had been around back before we started our water gypsy life. Not that we would have done anything differently (except maybe avoid the teak decks) but because they write it from the same perspective that we had when we started: not born on boats, not talented boat builders, not seasoned sailing veterans, not rich, just regular people with a will to live a little differently than the masses. And they don't preach that theirs is the only way to do things. Theirs is simply one way to do things and one that they feel is very conducive to the sea gypsy lifestyle. But if you choose to follow a different route, it's fine with them. In "Get Real..." Rick and Jasna hit all the topics without getting hung up in minutiae. It's a great book for solid advice as well as good old fashioned motivation. Bound to get more than a few cubicle-jockeys itching for the open seas and asking themselves, "Why not me too?".

An excellent reference manual/instruction guide for a low budget eco-conscious cruiser. I had to learn many lessons from this book the hard way. It's really interesting that we independently discovered many of the same solutions and practices. This book is written by people who honestly practice what they 'preach'. This is the real deal. If you are contemplating living and traveling on a boat the information here is invaluable. It is written with a great sense of humor, and also respect for alternative methods that accomplish the same goal. We've anchored next to Calypso and appreciate their sailing discoveries, like using a wind-scoop for a spinnaker on a kayak. Useful winds and following seas to Rick and Jasna. Hope to catch up with you soon.

Great book, good advice for the budget-minded cruiser. This book is similar to the Fatty Goodlander book "Buy, Outfit, and Sail" but rather than more of the same it was a good complement to the Goodlander book. Lots of good advice on picking the best cruising boat and funding life aboard. The authors go into more detail on funding their lifestyle than other books of the same genre. I really enjoyed reading the book and kept my attention until the very end.

Though a little over the top in the beginning, bashing corporate everything, the book settled in to very good and strong information. Very witty and somewhat politically incorrect, which I enjoyed very much. Hope to meet them out there someday!

If you have read every book except this one about buying a boat and heading over the horizon, you haven't read the best one yet. Extremely practical, and doesn't practice the kind of willful ignorance that is so often displayed in other books of the genre regarding the seeming requirement to have a spouse who is an expert sailor and mechanic. The wonderful bonus is that it frequently really funny. You might not agree with 100% of the conclusions and recommendations, but it is clear that the authors are providing guidance based on experience and observation, not commandments. Get thee hence and buy a copy!

My opinion is that the opinions of the authors about the right and wrong way to live are a bit overbearing. That said, they make many very good points about selecting, fitting out, and managing life aboard as long term voyagers. In the version two edition, and I hope there is one, the authors might develop their sailing themes in more detail with illustrations and photographs. The idea of living close to nature aboard a durable sailing yacht is very attractive. I have done so on three extended occasions and broadly agree with the authors. I will recommend this book to others.

Great easy, funny read about ditching all the expensive extraneous stuff in order to get you to your live-aboard dream. Lots of good useful info for the relatively new sailor. I bookmarked and highlighted many of Rick and Jasna's suggestions and references, then spent more time exploring these. I think you may have to be of a certain minimalist mindset to appreciate some parts. If this describes you, then you will enjoy reading GRGG. Keep it simple, keep it smart, keep it safe is the message of this book. Loved it and learned so much!

Very good book on lifestyle aboard boats. Written in a humorous and easy style. Some passages make you laugh out loud :>) Good info on what kind of boat one should look for and generally all aroundâ ´ goodinfo on what it is really like to live aboard...

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