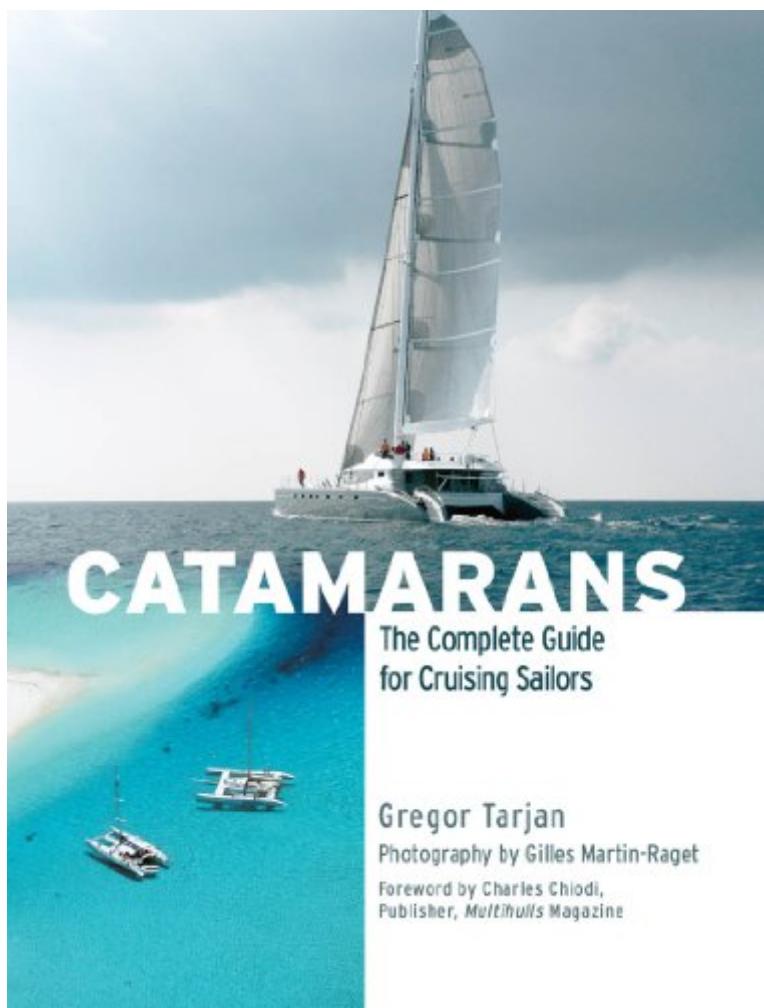


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# Catamarans: The Complete Guide For Cruising Sailors



## Synopsis

The modern cruising catamaran has arrived. The arguments are over and the verdict is in--cruising catamarans comprise a rapidly growing percentage of the cruising fleet worldwide. Their advantages of space, stability, speed, and handling under power are truly compelling, and modern cats are every bit as reliable as monohulls. This long overdue, in-depth guide will help you choose and cruise the right catamaran for your needs.

“An authoritative guide for novices and experienced sailors; the best book written on the subjects since the early 1990s.”

Trimaran Jim Brown, renowned multihull designer

In Catamarans, Gregor Tarjan shares his enthusiasm for yachts with two hulls, based on years of sailing all types. An excellent introduction.

Dick Newick, legendary catamaran and trimaran designer

“If you are contemplating spending hundreds of thousands of dollars on a cruising catamaran, the small price of this book is probably the best investment you could possibly start with.”

—from the Foreword by Charles K. Chiodi, publisher of Multihulls Magazine

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## Customer Reviews

If you actually have sailed, sail or want to sail a catamaran -- don't bother with this book. This is "Sailboat Porn". Get excited looking at beautiful pictures of beautiful boats in beautiful places with the occasional beautiful women. It can be fun. However, if you want to learn how to sail, but a different book. The rare technical diagrams are not even very cat-specific. Save your money!

The book spent the majority of the time explaining why you should purchase a catamaran over a monohull. If you are trying to decide if you want to purchase a catamaran this book does a great job of explaining the differences between the two types of boats. If you are looking at it as a book to learn how to sail, maintain or use a catamaran then this is not the right book. Definitely not worth the price unless you have no idea what a catamaran is.

This book is not about cruising on catamarans. It is however a great book about naval architecture and design of catamarans, with two shallow chapters that mostly compare seamanship and heavy weather aspects of cruising with monohulls. It should be called "The complete Guide for Experienced Monohull Cruising Sailors" Also, it feels like it's printed on an ink jet printer on very bad quality paper. Pages curl!!!! It feels like I printed a PDF at home and that's what I'm reading. Shame on you McGraw Hill

Provides a very useful overview of the capabilities of sailing catamarans and the differences to monohulls or how the authors call them "balasted keel boats". The authors insights from naval architects view are thorough and practical. The book is well organized. I wished he would have put more emphasize on sub-45 ft yachts as this is what most of us can afford. Nevertheless, the book clarifies many misconceptions of catamarans in a balanced manner. I recommend this book to both cat enthusiasts and critics as well as any person who is contemplating to sail on a sailing catamaran.

When I received this book and I picked it up and scoured through it! I have sailed Hobie Cats for over 20 years, and been on more than a few monohulls. We are thinking of cruising, and needed some help deciding on which make/ model/ attributes we should consider. This has the perfect mix of a travel brochure and a college text book. Pictures are clear and exciting. Explanations are understandable and succinct. It is technical without being boring, detailing sailing in heavy weather, describing efficiencies between hull design and points to wind, and a walk through on a plethora of popular vessels. The illustrations are amazing, and the content is, as the title claims, COMPLETE. I

highly recommend this book if you have any desire to learn more about Catamarans and/or Cruising.

Very knowledgeable discussion of the positive and negative aspects of Catamarans. The author is a naval architect who specialises in catamaran design. He has been sailing them for over 40 years and is much more knowledgeable than a normal author of a nautical book. One minor comment is that he appears overly negative about his comparison with monohulls. But the points he makes are all valid. In fairness I am a monohull sailor who wants to move to a catamaran and as such I possibly have an inferiority complex. It is a well written, very informative & beautiful book with gorgeous photographs on every page. It has a lot of great information from a different perspective than usual with enough information for even the best sailor.

If you are buying a new or close to new catamaran, this is a good book. If your finances are not at that level, you might be disappointed in the book.

Pretty pictures - very out of date - some basic information that is useful - some technical information that is not practical for the cruiser. Quick read - great pictures - a book for the coffee table at home but not one for a resource for the boat.

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