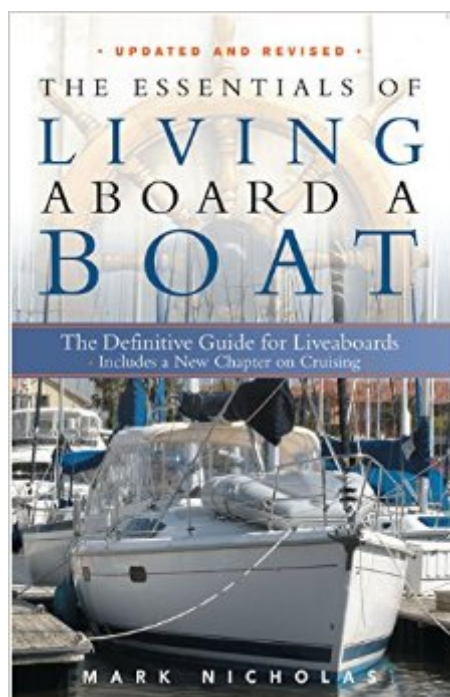


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# The Essentials Of Living Aboard A Boat, Revised & Updated



## Synopsis

The Essentials of Living Aboard educates both dreamers and explorers with information about this wonderful and rewarding lifestyle. Mark Nicholas has combined his experience of life aboard with the advice of other liveaboards, marina owners, technicians, boat manufacturers and advocates in order to detail the challenges and offer real advice for success. This lifestyle, typically thought to be out of reach or "for other people," is now available to all who dream. Read this book if you've ever been gripped by the romantic idea of living on water. Mark Nicholas presents a rich mine of information for potential liveaboards, information he gleaned the hard way as a self-confessed "expert at what can go wrong."

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## Customer Reviews

I had initially read Mark's first edition of Living Aboard prior to reading this edition. I enjoyed and found the first edition so informative and helpful that I acquired and read this edition. Mark has truly tried to write, "the Definitive Guide for Liveaboards." The areas covered amount to the A to Z coverage with much depth to each of the areas. Mark includes how to choose a boat, estimating the cost of purchasing, selecting a marina, maintaining, preparing to live on a boat, Amenities (communications, entertainment, refrigeration) safety, sanitation and many more. He also discusses the liveaboard issues and accommodations for families, children and pets. Mark has chapters on many issues that are often not considered by the first time liveaboard and I found some issues and ideas about livingaboard related to cruising that I had not considered myself even though I often cruise

both inshore and offshore. I have recommended Living Aboard to many friends and individuals on websites for liveaboards and cruisers. Many have emailed me to let me know they found the book beneficial in their decision making process.

Without any question, this book helped me save thousands of dollars and really keep perspective when I chose and bought my boat. If I had to sum it up, this book is mostly about perspective on a lot of things, such as the lifestyle of living on a boat, and also on choosing a boat, buying a boat and upgrading a boat. I walked away from 2 boats because of this. And the cost table is like one big myth buster revealing all of the tons of hidden costs of boating. It not only should be read by every liveaboard but I recommend this book for every boater too.

A good book. The subtitle "the definitive guide for liveaboards" is a too aggressive. Nicholas' experience is primarily living in a marina in Boston year round; the book is based on that experience. This book puts forth Nicolas' idiosyncratic views; they are sound and interesting enough, but this book is not an "essential" manual nor a "definitive" guide. Dock side living in winter climes; dealing with or balancing the electronic entertainments; and cost estimating are the subjects in which this book shines. There are also many tidbits relating to existing in the landlubbers' world while residing dockside.

This book far exceeded all of our expectations. If you want a book on living aboard while underway or even just cruising, get another book (like the Pardey book). But the author says that himself in the first chapter. Living aboard is just about living aboard, perhaps even right at the dock. If you already know all this, then find another book. On the other hand, my husband Will and I think that this is the most helpful boating book we've ever read.

The book does it's best to prepare anyone wanting to live aboard for all possibilities. Living aboard is not for everyone so the author explains everything involved in order for a person to make up their mind whether this lifestyle is right for them. At the same time the good and the romance of the lifestyle is still emphasized. A real eye-opener of a book.

I thought this book would be more informative for cruising but it's mostly informative for living in a dock and buying boats to live in a dock. If living in a dock is what you want then this is the book for you but if actually sailing your boat is what you want then this is not the book for you.

Great and very helpful book. I like what he writes...makes a lot of sense. He says, "Boats grow on trees." Yes, there is always a better deal out there; so never worry about not finding your special boat. I learned much from reading this book. I would recommend it to other boaters who may be thinking about living on their much loved boats.

The author gives very detailed information concerning almost anything there is to know about living aboard/owning/maintaining a boat...docked in a slip at a marina for a long time. I bought this book thinking it would be more geared toward people who actually use their boat as a boat and not as a permanent residence docked in one place permanently.

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