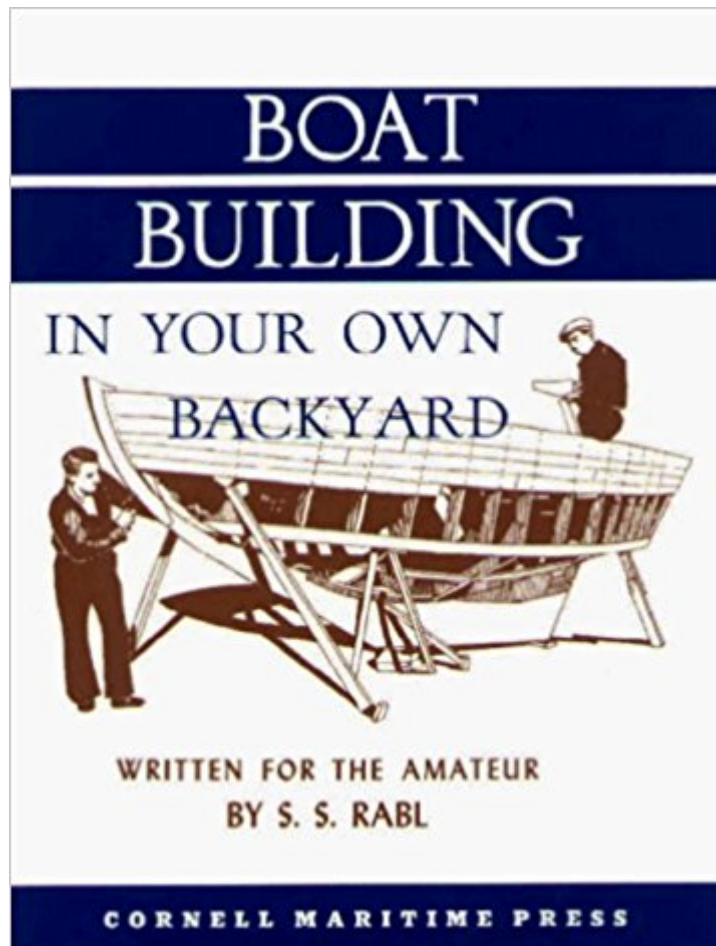




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Boatbuilding In Your Own Back Yard



Synopsis

Boatbuilding in Your Own Backyard makes building a variety of classic wooden boats accessible to anyone. Using the illustrated instructions in this book, you can truly build a boat-dingy, sailboat or cruiser-in your spare time, in your backyard or garage. Considered the best in its field for over five decades, Boatbuilding in Your Own Backyard. offers the best practices of boat making processes, designs, concepts, and materials. Written for boat makers of all levels, boatbuilding expert Sam S. Rabl shares a lifetime of knowledge about designing and constructing your own craft, all in a single volume. From wood selection, tools, fastenings, laying down and taking off, framing, making the fits, planking and decking, installing the motor, the cabin, sails, and rigging, to caulking, painting, and more, Rabl guides the amateur boatmaker through every step of the process. The author also shares detailed drawing and guidelines for the construction of eleven boats, including a 14-foot skiff, 15-foot outboard utility, 15-foot sailing cruiser, 18-foot sport fisherman, 24-foot auxiliary cruiser, and several models of an 18-foot outboard tabloid cruiser (an example of which is the world famous Picaroon). Boatbuilding in Your Own Backyard is the ideal builder's handbook and is an indispensable guide to good care, safety, and maintenance for every boat owner. Rabl's concise instructions overflow with expert advice that will simplify the job and make your boat build a success! About the Author The son of a shipyard supervisor in Chesapeake Bay, Sam S. Rabl's love and knowledge of boats started very early. His passion was fortified by technical training as a draftsman, naval architect and marine engineer. Sam Rabl was brought to national attention with his unique ability to make boat design understandable for the layman. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

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This book was first published in the 1930s I think and later revised in the 1958. This reprint doesn't add modern content, so what you get are master Rabl's (pronounced rabble) original boat plans and evocative description of wooden boatbuilding. You can use this as a resource for your own project, but probably not alone. Most of my boatbuilding friends have a whole library that cover modern and traditional methods. What this book does best is remind you of how beautiful boatbuilding is with a nice sprinkling of esoteric terminology that gives this book an authentic feel of a bygone era!

First published in the 1930's then revised in the 1950's, this book contains almost nothing about modern building materials or power tools. This is not the book for someone planning to build a performance sailboat out of expensive specialized plywood and epoxy resin. Still, this book is worth reading for the evocative discription of boatbuilding as recreation in a bygone era. It can take the stress out of your project and remind you why you are building a boat in the first place, which is to please yourself. For those in search of instruction in building modern craft, "Gourgeon Brothers on Boat Construction" is as good as any. For classic construction methods, "Boatbuilding" by Howard Chapelle and "Boatbuilding Manual" by Robert M Steward are mandatory.

I received a really poor used copy of this book. Looks like there is a new printing of it though! The instructions are clear and inspiring for boatbuilding. Check out ISBN: 978-1-62654-974-6 for the paperback.Â Boatbuilding in Your Own Backyard

This book is not as detailed as some of the other boat building books available, but it is a good place to start. Esoteric terms are not thrown at the reader. When used, boat building terminology is explained. Dr. Rabl dispells some of the mytique that might intimidate people who are thinking about building a boat.

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