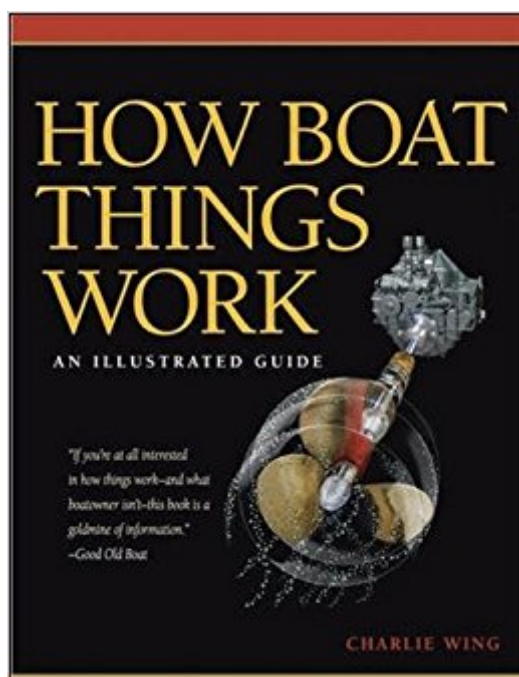


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Charlie Wing is the author/illustrator of a number of top-selling home maintenance and remodeling books, as well as six other boating titles.

I got this book as a companion to the book titled Know Your Boat by David Kroenke. This book spends less time than Know Your Boat explaining the "whys" of various boat systems but truly excels at showing you the "hows" by way of exploded diagrams. If you need to take something apart (and successfully put it back together), this book shows you all of the parts and how they interact. The only thing that would make this book better is a spiral binding so that you can lay it open while working on something.

Great illustrations. Loaded with general information but nothing specific. For that reason, I do not find the book useful. I definitely would not buy it again. This book has a purpose but only for identification, not for solving problems or servicing equipment. In no way, can anyone troubleshoot with this book.

I may have reviewed this before -- but it is worth repeating how excellent this book is for the beginning sailor. This book may not be great for powerboater with a gas engine, either inboard or out board, but it is perfect for sailors with diesel engines. The way it describes the common systems found on a cruising sailboat is at the perfect depth -- enough to know how they work and why, and then how to research or discuss them intelligently when there is a problem. We like to give this to all

of our students at our ASA Sailing School, Emerald Coast Yachts, ECSailing in Pensacola Beach Florida.

Finally, publishers are formatting correctly for the Kindle! This book is laden with acres of clear technical drawings of engines, toilets, water-makers and whatnot. In the Kindle version, the drawings all enlarge wonderfully. Further, the table of contents works. This is not really a reading-book, but is more of a reference. A discussion of membrane pumps is pretty darn dry, unless you suddenly need to know how to open the fool thing and fix it. Then, this book is just what you need. The author tells you he is discussing a certain model of pump or engine, but chances are yours is at least somewhat similar. I found the discussion of waste-water plumbing to quite useful. As I eyeball boats, I now have a clearer idea of what I am looking at. This book is more suitable for a boat-owner than a boat-shopper like me, nevertheless I found it worth my time. I cannot imagine not having a copy of this book on board.

Book it okay but it really is for sail boats. Unfortunately there was not a way to tell that when I bought it. Not what I wanted but not much choice to send back.

Very informative, well written, and highly detailed... This is a very good addition to any set of ships books...

Great illustrations. Thought it would be more like "The way things work". Still a good technical manual.

if you are a visual person like myself, this is the book for you. I found it very useful to have the different systems broken down on a basic level. This book isn't designed for advanced work but to have a solid sense of how all the systems work this is perfect.

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