

## Reviews on Amazon

Updated 14-01-2016 – the good and the not so good...

5.0 out of 5 stars

### **Anchoring is truly in art in itself**

By Amazon Customer on 27 November 2015

Fantastic book, totally readable and dedicated to an activity (which in my case of Med cruising) which is done regularly however not always in the proper manner, which for an overnight stay could be problematic to say the least. I recommend it - it is easy to see that the authors have a wealth of knowledge on the subject and with the aid of various pictures and drawings makes it easy to understand, and overall an enjoyable read.

5.0 out of 5 stars

### **Great guide**

By Simon on 11 September 2014

Well written and interesting, packed full of good advice. I'll keep it n board for everyday reference. Many thanks to the authors

5.0 out of 5 stars

### **An Essential Learning & Safety Manual**

By sean hunt on 26 January 2014

So easy to read and comprehend, full of common sense advice and tips. Given that personal, crew and boat safety is a major issue in choosing an anchorage and the subsequent anchor setting, this book is a fantastic safety manual on the subject

5.0 out of 5 stars

### **Excellent buy**

By simon currin on 13 February 2013

This has to be the most up to date and comprehensive book devoted to all aspects of anchoring and docking. I thought I was already up to date but I found much new information presented in a readable fashion. Great effort and well worth the money.

5.0 out of 5 stars

### **Keep this Anchoring Guide by Your Side for Peace-of-Mind!**

By John J. on February 26, 2012

If you are anything like me, few things are as vital as your boat anchor and ground tackle when it comes to boat insurance. After all, your paper policy won't hold your boat in a pristine anchorage overnight, keep your boat in place when a storm blows through, or give you peace-of-mind when you go ashore. You need strong, robust ground tackle and anchor gear. And you need to know how to deploy it the correct way to keep your boat and crew safe in sound in all weathers.

Captains Alex and Daria Blackwell have written "Happy Hooking--The Art of Anchoring", which could become the single most important guide to anchoring for the modern sailor of the 21st century. The Blackwells have tested multiple anchors, anchoring systems, and equipment over tens of thousands

of cruising miles and compiled it all into "Happy Hooking"--their easy-to-read guide, chock full of crystal clear illustrations.

You will find updated, clear, concise advice on anchor selection, rope and chain size, using single and multiple anchors, how to anchor in good and poor holding ground, how to use anchors for docking, un-docking, rafting, plus emergency tactics such as what to do when dragging, using storm anchors, sea-anchors, and drogues.

Easy to read and filled with super clear illustrations and drawings. Add "Happy Hooking--The Art of Anchoring" to your onboard list of "must have guides" for safe anchoring--wherever in the world you choose to cruise!

5.0 out of 5 stars

**Excellent reference, practical and theoretical balance**

By Mark Doyle on August 3, 2012

We highly recommend this book. It's a very practical educational text as well as a well-researched theoretical guide and compendium of vendors, equipment, and alternatives. Good job Alex and Daria!

4.0 out of 5 stars

**good practical information**

By Frank Dougherty on August 9, 2015

This really helped with understanding the basics of anchoring. We are first time boaters that love to anchor out and enjoy. Highly recommended.

5.0 out of 5 stars

**Common sense.**

By Mr. Arthur J. Robey on October 4, 2013

Good common sense tips on anchoring. However it is not reassuring to find out the Everyone drags their anchor at times.

5.0 out of 5 stars

**Five Stars**

By Amazon Customer on October 8, 2015

Very good covers most situations that most everyday sailors sail and motor boats may encounter.

5.0 out of 5 stars

**Good Anchoring Tips**

By Jan on January 8, 2015

Experienced seaman learned a few things.

5.0 out of 5 stars

**much useful information. Instills**

By Amazon Customer on September 1, 2014

well written, much useful information. Instills confidence

3.0 out of 5 stars

**Not A Bad Effort**

By Amazon Customer on January 5, 2015

Overall, fairly useful. However, a few addenda about more technical details like anchor chain and rode strength would be useful. Also, while the discussion on swing room was not bad but, for us, figuring swing is one of the biggest issues of anchoring. More information about using tools like RADAR to figure distances or applications for computers and other electronic devices would be useful.

4.0 out of 5 stars

**Four Stars**

By Stefan F. Decuypere on July 24, 2015

Nice, solid. And comprehensive.

Stefan

3.0 out of 5 stars

**Three Stars**

By Charles Truax on August 31, 2014

Mostly an exhaustive review of anchors.