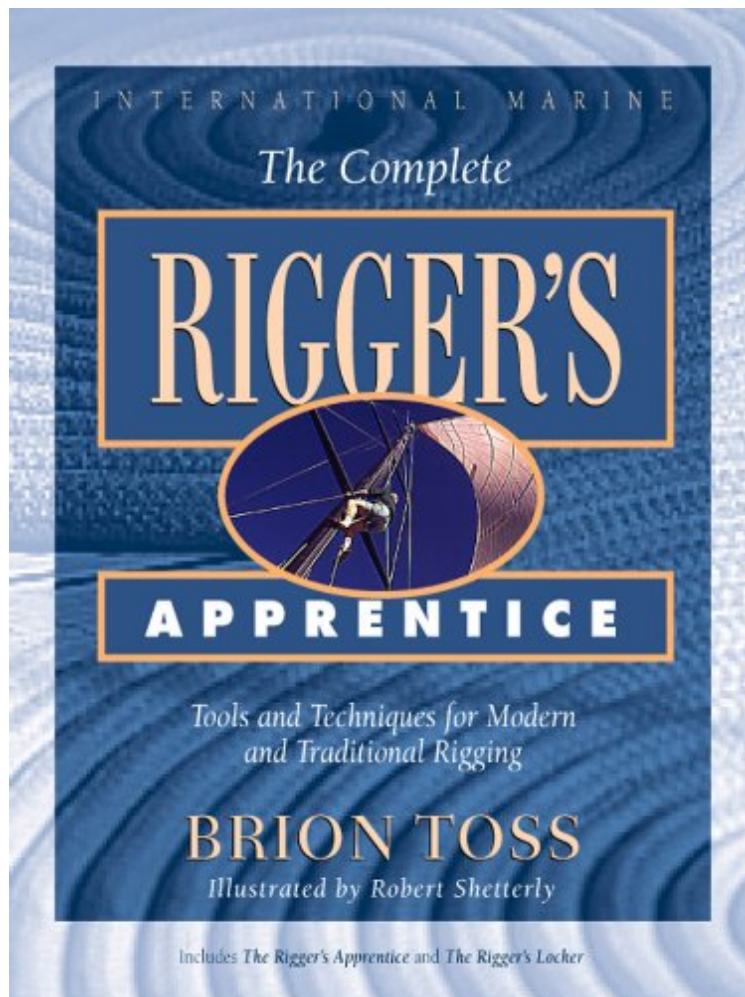


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Tons of Useful InformationVon ConradThis is one of my favorite books--because it teaches and it makes you laugh. Brian Toss's book can teach a beginner sailor more in 15 minutes just scanning the pictures than they could learn in years just knocking around on boats. If you are like me and think traditional rigging and splicing is cool stuff, then you will

love this book. The book includes some important basic things like sweating a halyard and less well known things like how to use a marlinspike and why your lifelines should be left a little loose, and more. I was pleased to see a drawing of what I called a bowline with a tucked tail--a more secure version of the bowline that I haven't seen in any other text. Much of the material is just not applicable to newer yachts, but there are many illustrations of innovative techniques that a modern self-reliant yachtman could use to replace, or repair, things that break. Reading this book will help you find solutions to problems you will face at sea. I don't think I saw anything relating to rod rigging or any discussion of modern fibers and rope. If you are trying to rig a modern sailing yacht, and think this book is your solution, you will be disappointed. I guarantee you won't regret buying the book.

2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Not as good as it ought to be

Von Ein Kunde Brion Toss is a demi-god among modern riggers -- not only a master rigger but someone who, judging by his TV appearances and classes, can also teach and explain. I bought this book expecting it to be a lucid compendium of everything one might want to know about rigging. It falls short.

1. Many of the illustrations and explanations are difficult to understand. There's a difference between artistic illustration (which is used in the book) and good technical illustration (which it should have). There's also a looseness with written explanation, eg, "bring it up even with the mark" where it's not clear which "it" is meant.

2. The book is fraught with typos. For example, Fig 4-15C shows a braided core buried for "4 rope diameters" when it should be 14 (the text has it right). Someone who has done eye splices in braid (like myself) and is using the book as a refresher would probably follow the figures rather than the text -- and get hurt. In another place, 8mm line is referred to as "1/16 inch" when it should be 5/16.

3. The eye splice for standard braid can be done as described only by using Brion's proprietary Splicing Wand. Not only is this a \$50 item, but it can't be used with 1/4" or smaller braid (which I do have some of on my boat). I would have expected someone of Brion's stature to tell how to do a splice using a Uni-fid (or regular Samson fids) and then "here's how it's easier with my wand if you want to buy one."

4. Tables for things like sheet and halyard loadings are published without comment (and, in fact, contradictory data is given between Fig 2-1 and the Lewmar data in the Appendix -- almost a 2:1 difference in mainsheet loading for a 35' boat!). I would certainly think someone of the author's experience would have his own opinions about these vital numbers.

Shortly after I bought the book I decided to completely replace all the running rigging on my 36' boat. While I had New England Rope's instructions, I turned to this book for a second opinion on how to splice ordinary braid, StaySet-X, and T-900 (this experience obviously colors my feelings about the book). After experiencing the difficulties I reported above, I discovered my local library had Barbara Merry's (out of print) Splicing Handbook. While the latter doesn't have some of Brion's exotics like the Mobius Brummel splice, what it does cover is how this book should have done it.

Will I keep this book? Yes. Will I refer to it? Yes. Do I think it provides one-stop shopping for everything I ever wanted to know about rigging? No. The next time I want to do some rigging work will I go to other books for alternate views rather than implicitly trusting this book? Absolutely.

1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Engaging and informative

Von Ein Kunde A great book. This work, aimed at the beginner, teaches a way of THINKING about ropes and rigging. Thus, it has many varied chapters on, e.g., forces, knots, rigging principles, and one very characteristic chapter which starts with "Like all arts, rigging is an attempt to finesse coherence out of ornery chaos, and the strangest things can save the day." There are lots of examples and illustrations, more than enough for your usual weekend sailor. The primary virtue of the work is that it demystifies all this rope and wire-work, and gives the practical sailor the thinking and doing skills to tackle the job. Of course, not everything is in the book, and a few typos creep in. You should probably not base the rerigging of your China Clipper exclusively on one of his chapters, just as you should probably not read "10 Easy Steps to Self-Defense" and then initiate a punch-up in your local dojo. This would be contrary to the prudence and think-thru-iveness that Toss preaches. There is even a chapter full of silly rope tricks to impress the younger generation. Rigger's Apprentice provides a mountain of useful information, then provides pointers to those who wish to go further into this fascinating practical art. I defy you to read this book, and not prop it up somewhere with a piece of string in hand, trying out some knot that Brion Toss is championing. It will convince your significant others that you really are going off the deep end with this sailing thing.

Kurzbeschreibung Combining and updating the renowned Rigger's Apprentice and Rigger's Locker, meets the changing face of modern materials and technology while remaining true to rigging's best traditional principles and practices. It's much more than a knot book, though the knots a sailor needs are all here. It's a book for sailors who want the satisfaction and hard-cash savings of stepping their own masts, inspecting and maintaining their own rigs, and turning their own tailspllices and wire eyespllices. It is for boatowners who want to replace an entire gang of rigging themselves--measuring, choosing appropriate wire, turning soft eyes, leathering, and serving. It is for bluewater voyagers who want to feel secure in the knowledge that, should a shroud carry away far at sea, they will be able to repair it. The Complete Rigger's Apprentice is also a free-roaming collection of useful ideas and tips on everything from supplementing winches with block and tackle, to rigging snubbers at anchor, to using pantyhose for an emergency fanbelt. In short, it's the definitive book on the art of rigging, written by its most entertaining

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