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book that won't save you the \$2.99 admission price. For anyone who has purchased marine charts recently, you know how expensive they are, especially the waterproof, laminated type. Author Clarence Jones walks the reader, step by step, through the process of downloading and printing their own, up-to-the minute government charts free of cost. And he tells you where to go to laminate your charts for approximately \$1. Step-by-step are the key words. NOAA has offered these charts for free for years, but the download process without help is tricky. That's the theme of this book, how to make significant improvements to your boat under the watchful eye of a sailor who has done it before and has a talent for keeping it simple. Although it's a book for sailors, any boat owner would find useful do-it-yourself projects here. Here are a few of the projects, all of them inexpensive and all of them clearly illustrated. Installing a burglar alarm, converting to LCD lights, safe drinking water, idiot proof dock piling grabber. For the sailboat owner: frugal whisker pole. mast raising system, tiller tender. When the author tells you how to install each side of a Velcro strip and the correct size to use to secure a rope you know this is really step-by-step with nothing left to chance. Jim S0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Worthwhile projects that are doable and at a reasonable price. By PoloNot only are these projects applicable across a variety of boat sizes and cost points, they are well worth one's time. I once had a boat with a "Mast Raising System". I did not have the user's manual for it and never figured out how to use it. After dealing the instructions of Clarence Jones on how to build such a system from scratch, the functioning of the mast raising system is so obvious that I'm ashamed that I didn't see it back then. I now know that not only do I understand how to operate the system, I am confident that I can build one from scratch! And trust me, if I can do it, you can do it! The above addresses just one of the projects covered by Mr. Jones. Every one of the others seem to me to be beneficial and/or useful to the sailor. The instructions are crystal clear between the written portions and the photographs. I've read the book from cover to cover twice. It remains on my bedside table because I like to pick it up and read again, at random, about one of the projects. I've said before that frequently the planning and anticipation is the best part of a project. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Sailboat Projects By Ryan E. Laudien Downloaded the book before I went sailing.....big mistake! All I wanted to do was get back to the dock and get started on some projects.....especially the "Snagging the Dock" contraption. This little device will alleviate the tremors my wife gets when we approach our berth in windy conditions. The chapter on LED conversion convinced me to proceed with this project as well. The book is worth every penny and then some. I highly recommend this book to any sailor who wants step by step instructions on some very utilitarian projects.

Clarence Jones is a writer, inventor, tinkerer, photographer, sailor. He was born in the middle of the Great Depression. When something broke, you fixed it. There was no money for a repair man. He learned as a youngster how to design and make things that worked just as well as those in the store that cost a lot. His inventive creativity was a great asset in his careers as an award-winning newspaper and television reporter. One of the biggest challenges was often figuring out how to hide a camera or a recording device that would capture the evidence to prove his target's guilt. So when he became a sailor in mid-life, it was just natural for him to design gadgets that made his boat work better. The impetus for some of his projects would be a magazine article about a new device for sailboats. Within a day or so, Clarence would have a working prototype that would do the same thing. For a tiny fraction of what the new gadget cost. This book is a collection of those projects, many of them first published in sailing magazines. The guidelines for his sailboat projects and the writing about them have always been: Simplicity Ease of assembly Minimal cost Lots of pictures Where to get the materials That's what this book is all about.