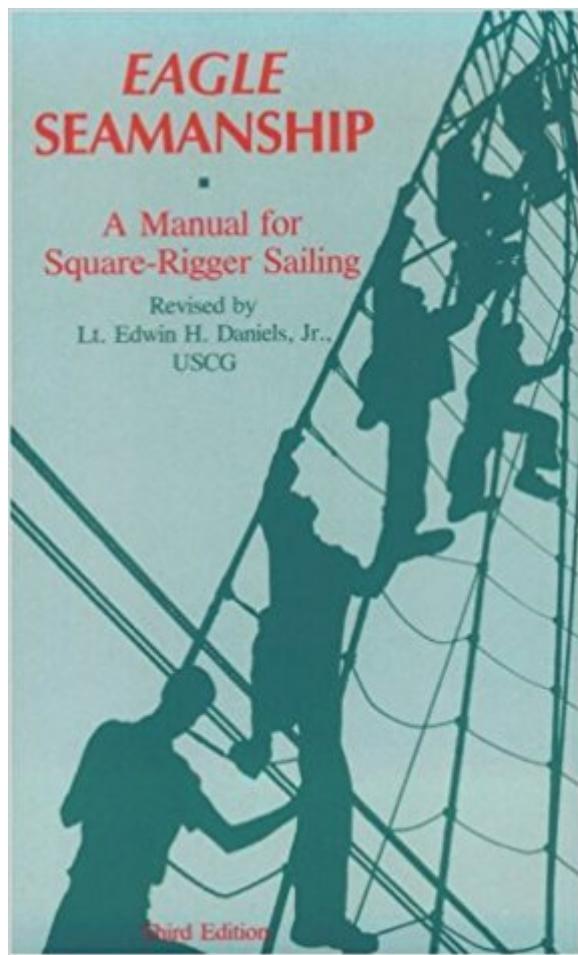


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# Eagle Seamanship: A Manual For Square-Rigger Sailing



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## **Customer Reviews**

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Understanding square rig seamanship is difficult. Most period era manuals on the subject are made complex by antique English and an emphasis on officer preparation. Other books on the ships themselves were written for model makers. While Eagle Seamanship does not cover everything involved with a large square rigged craft built to sail world wide without auxiliary power, it is the first book I'd recommend you read on the subject. It will do an amazing job of preparing you to go further forward in this area of seamanship. For that reason, I recommend it as your first square rigged seamanship manual.

All sailing components are nicely defined. That's what I needed.

I own a 53' ketch & am square rigging it. Great info.

.Summary:If you are at all interested in sailing on square rigger's, or in ship modeling--this is a must have book that will fit in your pocket for reference on deck. Buy two copies.If you simply want to

expand your knowledge of seamanship-this book will give you some good ideas and is worth the price. I was particularly impressed with the emphasis on commands, the descriptions of the chain of command-all principals that should be applied to any vessel with a crew.

**Back Cover:** Written for cadets serving on the U.S. Coast Guard's famous training barque, *Eagle*, and use by Tall Ship sailors around the world, this handy, pocket-sized manual tells seamen all they need to know to sail a square rigger. This new edition, the first to appear in ten years, is easier than ever to follow, and its simple step-by-step explanations of commands and procedures help the reader through every important sailing maneuver. The wealth of knowledge and experience this guide draws upon is without parallel.

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**Glossary**

**Reviewer's Comments:** I picked up this book before there were any reviews and had no clue it was a US Coast Guard Manual for sailing this specific boat. So I was a little disappointed at first. I was only slightly interested in the interior arrangements of the cabins. BUT...After digging into it, I found lots of cool stuff that could apply to handling any sailing vessel. Like a good way to scandalize (depower) a staysail when you don't have a furler. The single piece of information I was most interested in was the layout of the running rigging at the pin rails. For a sailor to know the ropes-this information must be committed to memory. I enjoyed the book, and reread it periodically to help keep the terminology fresh. Now, I'm trying to figure out how to wrangle a passage on the *Eagle*-or at least a tour.

Unlike most square rig sailing books *Eagle Seamanship* gives simple explanations of not just how things are done but also why they are done. This is essential if you are truly to come to understand square rig sailing and attain a good level of competence. The only problem with *Eagle Seamanship* is that often Military/Coast Guard terms are used which can be confusing for civilian sailors but this is limited mostly to names and titles of the people on deck and not the seamanship terms. Even though *Eagle Seamanship* deals specifically with sailing one ship, the *Eagle*, the information is relevant to sailing any barque.

I read *Eagle Seamanship* to prepare myself for a voyage across the Atlantic on her. This book is a wonderful introduction to get you started while onboard this beautiful Square-Rigger. It takes you through the lines and pinrail, that you need to know to work the sails. It doesn't give you sufficient navigation information, so you'd learn that as you go. After reading the book and putting what I learned into action, I am forever hooked on sailing ships and the sea! If you're interested in sailing

ships or one of America's naval treasures, I encourage you to read this book.

Eagle Seamanship is an invaluable wealth of square rigging knowledge. It's small size makes it an excellent reference even when underway. Having sailed on Eagle, this book proved to be a necessary tool in becoming a more proficient square rigger.

This book was designed for cadets on the U.S. Coast Guard training ship Eagle. As such, it provides a good overview of sail operations. It provides diagrams for lines and sheets that proved very informative. Recommend this book for someone with a serious interest in square riggers, if only to see how the procedures are somewhat different than that used in the 19th century.

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