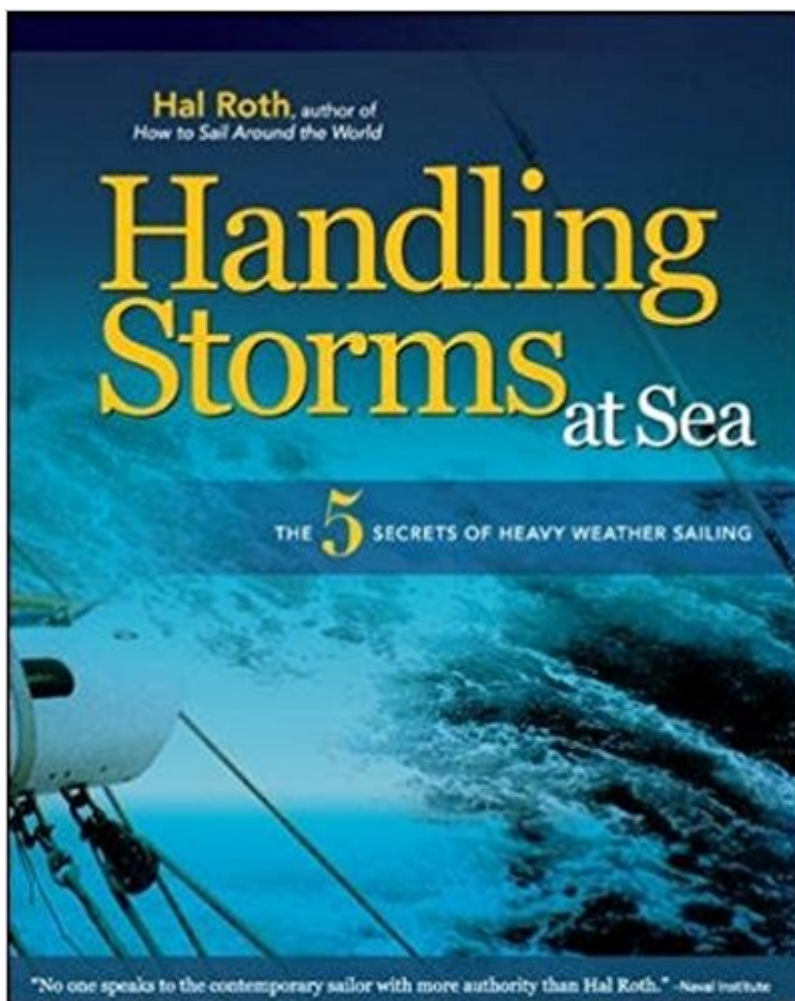


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# HANDLING STORMS AT SEA: The 5 Secrets Of Heavy Weather Sailing



## Synopsis

The definitive guide to a critical, hotly debated topic How should a sailor cope with storms at sea? Some advocate heaving-to, others running off. Some say trail a sea anchor over the bow, others a drogue astern. The stakes in the discussion couldn't be higher, or the consensus lower. Finally, preeminent sailor/author Hal Roth offers a practical strategy that can evolve and respond as storms grow stronger.

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Hal Roth has sailed twice around the world single-handed. He has crossed the Pacific five times, the Atlantic 11 times, and has rounded Cape Horn three times, logging more than 200,000 miles under sail. He is the author of 10 books of high adventure and some 400 articles for sailing magazines.

I am truly a novice to sailing, just beginning to learn with a Sunfish. Have acquired a number of books covering a number of topics (learning to sail; evaluating boats; repairing boats; reading charts). As Roth notes, being on the open ocean in heavy weather can frighten even an experienced sailor. As a novice, I found his treatment of what to do to manage a boat in that circumstance: enjoyably readable; concise and pragmatic; replete with facts and such science as exists as to the performance of boats using different heavy weather management techniques. Even though my actual sailing experience is virtually nil, I felt that the information provided in Roth's book

gave me a good conceptual foundation about how to handle heavy weather, which hopefully I can build upon with actual experience (but also hoping never to find myself in an extreme weather situation, by, as Roth also notes, careful route and passage timing planning). Highly recommend this book for anyone thinking about venturing offshore.

Even so it is about monohulls, I found it useful for both mono- and multi-hull sailing boats. For recreational sailors with limited storm handling experiences, it could be a life saver. Takes mystery out of potentially (and truly) dangerous situations with detailed descriptions and sufficient theories behind it.

A great book about storm tactics.

Roth is a very good writer. His approach is clear and descriptions clear. This is a very good book to have read and take on any passage one might make. Read it, It's good!

brilliant.

I bought this book in preparation for a major life shift into offshore cruising. One of our greatest concerns, of course, is facing major storms. This book offers a comprehensive approach to the matter and is written in a simple, no-nonsense way with lots of practical information to remember when you're out there on your own. I'd sure recommend it!

loved it

There are a number of books for yacht skippers about heavy weather and storms at sea. I've read them all and have learned from each, but until Hal Roth's latest book, *Handling Storms At Sea*, no single source has presented the subject in such a comprehensive and concise manner. What distinguishes Roth's book from others on this subject is his meticulous research coupled with his vast, worldwide sailing experience. These qualities have also made his other technical sailing books superb reading and reference. As always, Roth writes with precision, clarity and appropriate humor, offering realistic advice based upon his experiences and those of others. Whether you have offshore experience already or are a relative beginner, this book will increase your theoretical skills,

help you decide on the storm safety equipment you want for your boat, and boost your confidence level in dealing with strong winds and large waves. After the excellent, concluding chapter on fear and uncertainty, there is a brief glossary and the still-relevant and detailed Barometer and Weather Guide (1858) by Rear Admiral Robert FitzRoy. Handling Storms At Sea and Roth's previous book, How to Sail Around the World, should be required reading for those venturing offshore or dreaming about the possibilities.

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