

## THERE'S NO REASON WHY YOU "CAN'T"

*People who dream of cruising to distant exotic shores* have reasons as variable as the wind. Some, after lifelong toil, get the urge to sell their home, buy their **DREAMBOAT** and sail into the sunset. Others prefer to keep their home, rent it awhile to offset their costs, and cruise part time, perhaps escaping a freezing winter. Some desire to earn a living as they travel, or quit an unsatisfying job while taking stock of their lives.

**Whatever your reason, together we'll make the transition from land to sea as painless, economical, safe and enjoyable as possible.** You may be experienced, or alternatively, never have boarded a boat in your life. No matter, everyone starts somewhere, and once a seafarer, you will never stop learning... or yearning.

If you don't yet have a boat, read through the section headed, **"Which boat is best for YOU"?** A truthful guide assembled from experience gleaned from many years of ocean cruising. Of course, **human nature demands that no boat fully accommodates the needs of every person.**

It would appear that designers rarely go to sea, a fact often reflected in their creations. Grand open-plan interiors with no grab handles in sight, short ranges and heavy fuel consumption all make fine recipes for eventually keeping boats in their berths.

**Visit ANY marina, ANYWHERE in the WORLD. Look around...** see how many boats have fouled hulls and never move... and remember... someone owns them and has to be paying the fees. **What a terrible waste!** With the help given here, **most of these boats can live again to give reliability and pleasure to their owners,** and... albeit with a little modification, have the capability to do far more than you'd think!

Initially, the most important things pertaining to any vessel are **Design, Quality and Seaworthiness.** When at sea your vessel is your island, **so you owe it to yourself to have the best island available.** To put it another way... the vessel must be adequately matched to combat the worst conditions.

Interior alterations are often necessary to ensure the layout is comfortable whilst fulfilling your needs. After all, **who wants to be cramped and miserable? Don't worry, sound and seaworthy boats can mostly be altered to suit individual requirements.** You may have limited skills, but by following the easy steps described, most or all of the modifications or repairs can be achieved **YOURSELF, although you will need to buy a few quality tools.**