

EDUCATING YOUR CHILDREN AS YOU CRUISE.

Great, you've opted for the alternative lifestyle, have your boat in tip-top condition, planned your routes and are ready to load the family and set off to those beckoning distant horizons.

But wait a jiffy... the chances are that your voyage duration will likely be longer than planned, and although you might have arranged for the short term education of your children, it is a very real possibility that you'll be teaching them for the greater part of their schooldays.

Worldwide, education systems vary enormously, as do the attitudes of the administering authorities. During recent years, with more and more people becoming dissatisfied with the quality of their children's education, a small but powerful home-schooling fraternity has evolved. Many, though not all, education authorities have heralded this as a positive breakthrough realising that if properly managed, such systems relieve the pressures on their own hard pressed facilities and finances whilst allowing the participants of home-schooling to benefit from a broader education, with greater parental involvement. This can only be GOOD for the children,... ESPECIALLY cruising children, but the amount of quality backing you will receive from your local education department will greatly depend on your country of ORIGIN.

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You don't necessarily have to be a qualified teacher, but you DO need to take the time to sit down and study the lessons you are going to supervise for today, tomorrow and beyond. Such duties are often shared equally by both parents as either one can naturally be better suited for a particular subject. In my own situation, I taught my eldest son the science of engineering whilst Linda taught both boys throughout their basic education. This now brings me to how Linda approached the task.