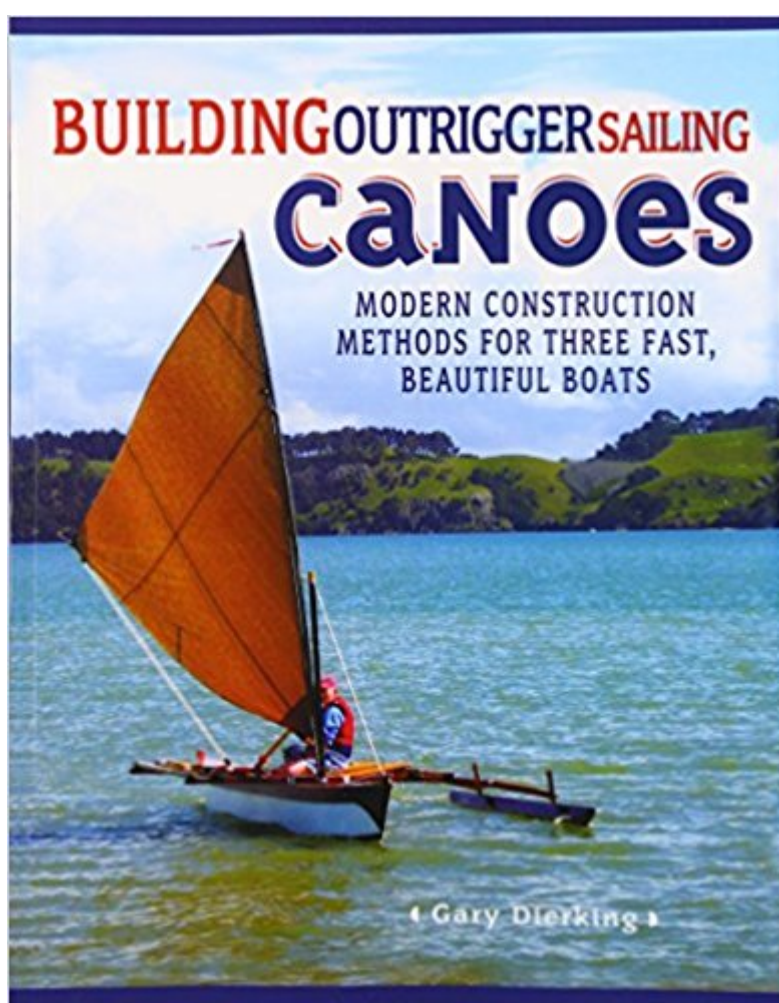


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# Building Outrigger Sailing Canoes: Modern Construction Methods For Three Fast, Beautiful Boats (International Marine-RMP)



## Synopsis

Build the fastest, most exotic sailboats around! Popular in Hawaii and throughout the South Pacific and Indian Oceans, outrigger canoes combine the romance of the South Seas with a ruthless efficiency of design and breathtaking sailing performance. This is the first book to present complete plans and building instructions for three outrigger sailing canoes. Based on traditional Hawaiian and Micronesian types, the designs are lightweight, easy to build, and screamingly fast. Author Gary Dierking shows you how to build these boats using stitch-and-glue and strip-planking construction, explains what tools and materials are required, how to rig and equip the boats, and more.

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Gary Dierking has been designing and building boats for more than 40 years. He runs his own boat shop and designs, builds, repairs, and modifies a wide variety of working and recreational vessels.

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I liked the idea and was presented in a very entertaining manner. I'm a fan of proas of all kinds, what I'm missing is some more background information regarding the design of the hull. How length and width impacts sail performance, or space between ama and a hull. What's with the load and the relationship and transfer of load. Asymmetric hull also is a very interesting approach and there is missing info on the relationship between length, width and curvature. There are 3 designs and plans included, all of them targeting wide sailor base. All of the beautiful too. Goes through basic boatbuilding techniques and I specially liked the rigging section. After all it's a dierking rig that's most interesting. I would like that this book would have a sequel, expanding the waapa concept into a cruiser. Overall a very inspiring book and a rare one on the topic of sailing outriggers.

After procrastinating for a long time I decided to build a sailing outrigger of my own design. After going through the process of discovering lots of little nuances of their design, I came across Gary Dierking's website. I just had to buy the book and I'm glad I did. It is up to date and I can tell there are lots of ideas that Gary is passing along from other designers he is in touch with. I am now building two models of canoes prior to the full size one. I don't think I could have done it without the information in this book.

I recall the Malibu Outriggers from the early sixties on Alamitos Bay and Long Beach Harbor in Southern California before the advent of the Hobies and other beach cats. These designs in this book have been recaptured from the original museum pieces and working designs still in use in some parts of the world that go back in time thousands of years. They have been re-engineered and presented in a form that anyone with minimal skills and DIY abilities could emulate. There is still a lot to be learned from these traditional designs from Polynesian and other islanders. I hope to see a whole new generation of boats and multihull designers result from this fantastic book!

This book does two things for me, and perhaps for you too. First, it fills a function by standing alongside other "build your own boat" books, and especially canoe books; Bradshaw, Payson, and Dierking, all writers of build-your-boat books accessible to amateurs, each filling a niche, and each forming the core of the essential library for a variety of different types of people attracted to the water (and who can say it better than Melville's Ishmael on page one of "Moby Dick"?). The book in particular is a strong contribution to the do-it-yourself movement, a vital movement in a world of a lot of vague "movements." Here is one you can put your hands on, or rather wrap your hands around -- a tool, a sheet, a piece of wood that will be starting its second life. Doable, affordable adventure is

possible for the common person -- this is necessary, so start now -- and can well start on the top of your garage work bench. The second thing this book does is solve a lot of problems. I'm no old salt, I just built a couple of outrigger canoes on my own with no guidance. And, I find that most of my major errors could have been avoided with this straight-forward, complete, and occasionally witty book. --wt

As described

I built a small outboard Skiff and now wish I had constructed an outrigger canoe after reading the book. It is a clearly written treatise on the subject. Next boat, I guess!

One of the classics for building smaller boats. Of course, Gary does the very thing all 'the experts' tell you you cannot do, like a flat bottom boat. And he explains why, they do not sink in heavy surf foam. So, flatter bottoms are often used in the Pacific. I have not built one of his boats, yet. But, I will once I have my shop built. Wayne

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