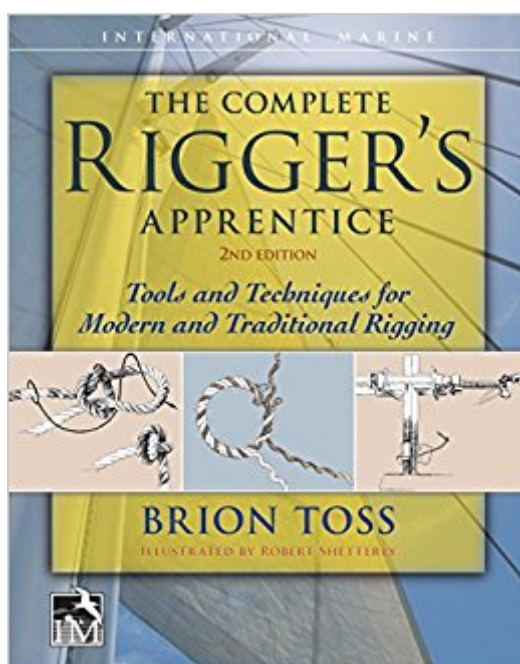


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# The Complete Rigger's Apprentice: Tools And Techniques For Modern And Traditional Rigging, Second Edition (International Marine-RMP)



## Synopsis

Revised and updated • the only book you need on sailboat rigging and marlin/spike arts From its initial publication, *The Complete Rigger's Apprentice* has been the definitive go-to resource for weekend sailors and maritime professionals who want to master the fine art of rigging. In this revised second edition, master rigger Brion Toss expands upon the traditional basics of ropeworking to give you the most comprehensive, up-to-date information on the latest tools, techniques, and tricks of the trade. Features include:

- A complete rigging primer of essential gear, principles, and procedures
- Classic ropeworking techniques you can adapt for today's modern rigs
- Money-saving tips on the newest equipment, materials, upgrades and designs
- Illustrated instructions for tying knots, splicing rope, and making repairs
- Professional guidelines for inspecting and maintaining rigs for longer voyages
- Emergency procedures, troubleshooters and fixes to ensure smooth sailing
- New technologies for multihull rigs, soft-shackles, Sta-Lok terminals, and more
- Need-to-know resources including a portfolio of rigs and glossary of terms
- PLUS rope tricks and puzzles that will delight your passengers

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• A masterpiece on the subject of rigging. • Sailing • Full of excellent instruction and information for any cruising person who wants to be able to repair and upgrade his boat's rig. • Cruising World • By far the best knot-and-ropework book I have ever used. • Nautical Research Journal

Brion Toss is a master rigger and consultant with over forty years of experience rigging vessels from daysailers to yachts to the world's largest square-riggers. Robert Shetterly is an award-winning artist and illustrator.

An excellent reference for sailors, especially traditionally-minded cruisers interested in building or maintaining their own gear. Entertainingly written by a well-known rigger who really digs his subject. A classic.

This book is so thorough, it could be described as information overload. If you own this book, you probably will not need any other, especially for marine rigging.

Own a sailboat? Like Marlinspike seamanship? Buy this book.

Fantastic read!

excellent!

This book is a wealth of information, but I finished it somewhat disappointed. Some sections of the book are quite irrelevant to modern sailboats - Brion has done a lot of rigging work on schooners, gaff rigs, barques, etc - but the vast majority of sailors these days do not have rope standing rigging. Mention of recent Spectra standing rigging techniques have been added to this update, but not in any detail. The basics of rod rigging are covered, but very little detail beyond the characteristics of rod vs wire (ex, no diagrams of the various tang iterations from the two major manufacturers). Nearly half the book - several hundred pages - focuses on rope techniques: knots, splices, running rigging, "service", and a chapter on magic tricks. Knots are important, but they are a simple matter compared to standing rigging, and many other books already do a decent job on them. The best use of this book is for understanding the theory and principles of rigging design. He did a great job teaching how the loads on a mast distribute, how the spreaders work as compression members, etc.

Brion, is THE SOURCE for anything to do with sailboat rigging and this book is as close as you can get to having Brion onboard. It is a must have for the limited amount of books one may carry at sea. There is also new material so it's time to upgrade if you have the previous edition.

Brion Toss is the riggers rigger. His books and videos are the best if you are interested in learning how to do almost any marine rope or rigging work. If you are OK with simply putting plastic tape on the end of a line for whipping, or simply tying a knot when a proper splice is the better (and better looking) way to create a loop, don't buy this book. It is for those who like to "do things right".

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