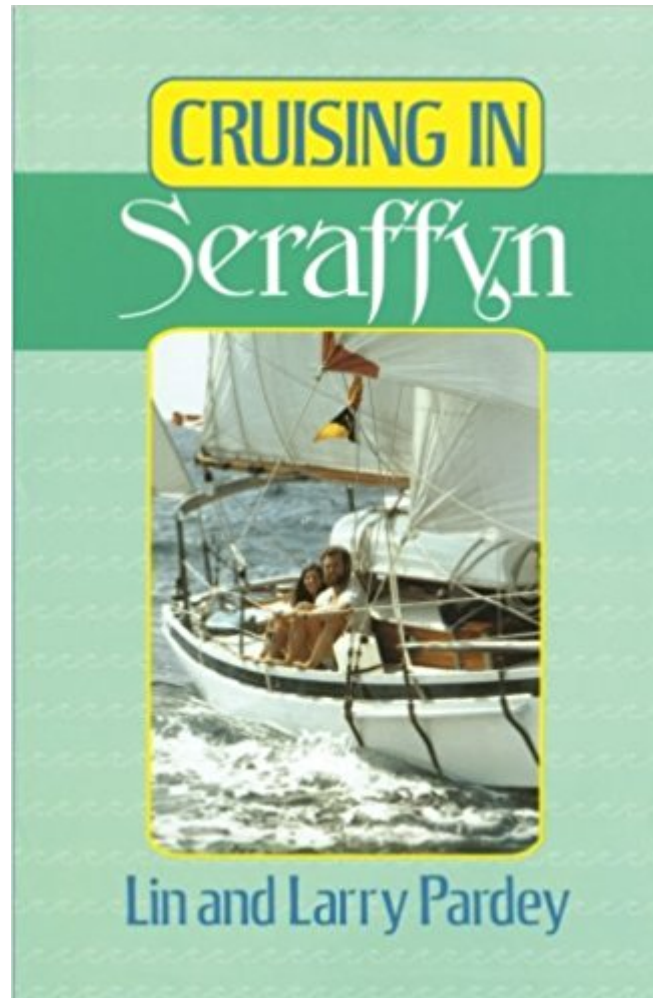




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Cruising In Seraffyn



Synopsis

The cruising tale is full of the sights and sounds, the fragrances and native customs of foreign lands, especially Central American and the Caribbean. It is a story of a leisurely sail through the Gulf of Cortez and on through Panama Canal to the Azores and England. Cruising in Seraffyn is also a carefully thought out guide to living aboard a small boat, with fun and economy as the guide principles. Four appendices provide data that is vital for anyone contemplating long distance cruising.

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With over 52,000 copies sold this book is the classic sailing story of our times. Inspirational, enjoyable and full of adventure, it will make a perfect gift for anyone who loves the sea, sailing or exploring foreign lands. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

The Pardeys are well known in the cruising world. They are mostly known for their efficient and economical methods (they didn't even have an engine on Serrafyn). This book gives a great background on how they got started. The original edition of this book was written in the 70s. This new edition adds a section on current (1992) costs to proceed as they did. The book is clear and well written. Throughout the entire book you will be asking yourself, "what am I waiting for? I could be cruising NOW!" While I would agree that it is certainly possible to do as they did, it takes more than the desire to save money. It takes the kind of character many of us don't have (including me). The character of *completely* relying on just the basics. For instance, I could not imagine...for me...having a sailboat without a motor. There is certainly something pure and noble about not having one, but I still feel it is a convenience (and safety feature) I would not want to do without. Above all else is my favorite quote from the Pardeys. When asked how much longer they were going to continue sailing they replied, "As long as it's fun." That's the sort of inspiration we need about all things in life.

As I read "Cruising In Seraffyn," I came to appreciate that I was reading an important contribution to the history of recreational sailing. In the late '60's, the Pardeys built the 24 foot sailboat that took them across the world's oceans. Over four decades later, their "go small, go simple, go NOW" motto remains a foundational piece of advice for those considering blue water cruising. While long term cruising on a 24' boat wouldn't work for most (Lin stands 4' 10") the overriding theme that smaller boats can be safe, comfortable and cost effective is valid. Although much has changed in the years since the Pardeys wrote this book, it remains full of time-tested insights, tips and advice borne of hard-won experience. As to the writing, it is impossible not to be swept along by the Pardeys' exuberance which percolates through every page. The photos in this anniversary edition are indeed worth 1,000 words. "Sailing in Seraffyn" will be a welcome addition to the libraries of blue water sailors as well as readers who are considering this lifestyle. Highest possible recommendation.

What an adventure! I had missed the Pardey's other books until now. I wish I had better sailing skills and more nerve 40 years ago. "Cruising in Seraffyn" was fun reading but a bit too brief in some spots. OK, it wasn't intended to be a detailed account of their trip. There is a lot of Lin and Larry Pardey in this book. What Seraffyn is and how she was equipped makes a strong statement about cruising -- less stuff and more skill, and "Go now." Fun reading.

One of the best cruising books extant.

Great read, Lyn proves this can be done on a tight budget and without any auxiliary power (although there were some hairy moments) was lucky enough to meet the author recently at a symposium in Sydney and she was lovely to talk to, I recommend this book not only if you are contemplating such a journey but a great read about the free spirited life of this couple.

This book is a very good read. I have been reading their works since 2000 if not before. This book has been split into four works. Cruising the Med, Cruising Europe, Cruising Seraffyn and Seraffyn in the Orient. So need one more volume to get the info I want, their run down the Red Sea. I have many of their hard back books, VHS tapes, DVDs and now ebooks.

Lin Pardey writes very well. You have the feeling that you are along with them. It is the next best thing to being aboard. For those of us whose boating days are pretty much behind us it is great fun to read about theirs. What great organization and seamanship. I will be along for their next cruise in their series. Bob Witherill

Have the paper book first edition and loved it. This is even better. It's my opinion that the Pardeys really are the best cruising authors. Informative, easy to read, and most certainly enjoyable.

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