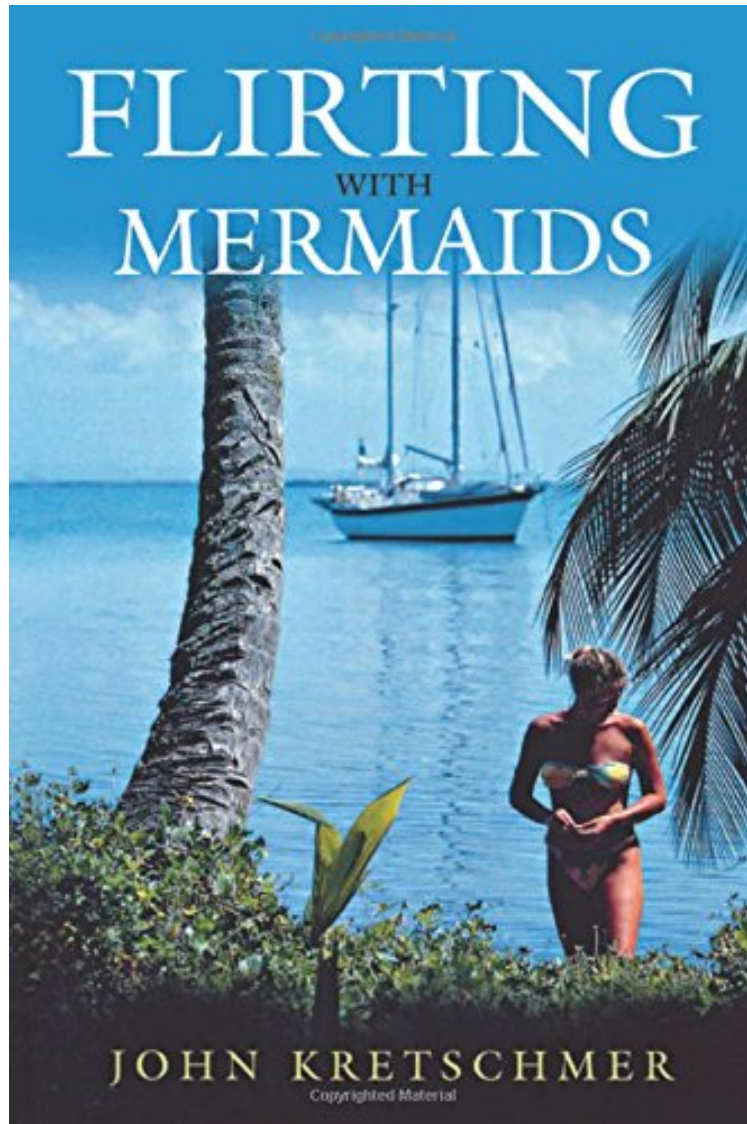


[Pdf free] Flirting with Mermaids: The Unpredictable Life of a Sailboat Delivery Skipper

Flirting with Mermaids: The Unpredictable Life of a Sailboat Delivery Skipper

John Kretschmer

*DOC | *audiobook | ebooks | Download PDF | ePub*



 Download

 Read Online

#275336 in Books 2003-03-01 2003-03-01Original language:EnglishPDF # 1 9.10 x .66 x 5.86l, .72 #File Name: 1574091646224 pagesSports OutdoorsOutdoor RecreationBoatingSailingWater Sports | File size: 30.Mb

John Kretschmer : Flirting with Mermaids: The Unpredictable Life of a Sailboat Delivery Skipper before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Flirting with Mermaids: The Unpredictable Life of a Sailboat Delivery Skipper:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Good readingBy WillyBThis book was well written about one of my

favorite subjects which is sailing. I experienced some of the same breakdown in storm conditions as described in the book. My favorite is lying on a hot engine, in a storm, while trying to fix the steering chain overhead. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Reall enjoyable read!By Your momThis is a good book for someone wanting to dip their toes into sailing stories. I have never sailed or even been close to a sailboat, so a lot of the terms or "lingo" I didn't understand, but that didn't take away from the story. All of the stories moved at a brisk pace and I never got bored with any of them. I only wish it had been a little longer. I especially liked the last chapter...1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great book by someone who has been everywhereBy tom pattyThis is probably the most entertaining of all the books written by John Kretschmer. If you looking for a very enjoyable read, this is definitely the book for you.

Over the course of twenty years of delivering sailboats to far-flung quaysides, John Kretschmer has had innumerable adventures, both humorous and terrifying. in *Flirting with Mermaids*, he recounts the most memorable of them. He crosses the Western Caribbean with a crew of eccentric Swedes researching ancient Mayan mariners, lands in Aden at the outbreak of civil war, and endures a North Atlantic crossing during which he discovers the existence of Force 13 winds. Approaching Japan at the end of a particularly trying delivery, he finds himself sailing in "a high impact debris zone," but his resolve is unshaken. "If a piece of rocketship jetsam fell out of the sky and sank [me] after encounters with Hurricane Floyd, General Noriega, a tsunami, an erupting volcano, and Typhoon Roy, then it was meant to be."

John Kretschmer has an easygoing style that will ingratiate the reader from the very start of this book. It is a look at what a life at sea can mean to a person, and it is extremely well-written and easy to follow. Plenty of good insight into what can be expected when you are out there for days at a time. Consisting of anecdotes from his sailing career, this book is highly recommended for those who plan to go cruising. (Latitudes Attitudes)Wildly festooned with adventure, romance and outrageous characters. (Miami Herald)Filled with a myriad of sea stories...all delivered with a wry and self-deprecating sense of humor. (Sailing)I would highly recommend this book to anyone [with] a sense of adventure and romance. (Good Old Boat)From the Back Cover"As a professional delivery captain, John Kretschmer has done more offshore passagemaking in his first 40 years than most serious sailors do in a lifetime. Part romantic, part poet, part philosopher and 100% optimist, Kretschmer shows his uncanny ability to deliver the wrong yacht in the wrong direction across the wrong ocean at the wrong time of year time and time again, yet end every delivery with the boat safely in port, a smile on his face, good friends at his side, and a few dollars in his pocket. A great story of adventure well-told with warm humor and affection." - Milt Baker, Bluewater Books Charts "John Kretschmer is a superb seaman, a master story teller, and a delivery skipper of vast experience. His tales of tropical passages and Atlantic gales, of near sinkings and quirky owners will appeal to anyone who dreams of far horizons and tropical beaches. He has written a book of rollicking humor and abundant common sense that any sailor will find hard to put down." - Brian Fagan, author, archaeologist, and sailor "Not only has John Kretschmer lived a life wildly festooned with adventure, romance and outrageous characters - his reality outstrapping our most Walter Mitty-esque sea fantasies - now he has gone and turned it all into a collection of yarns that incite yet more envy among those of us stuck behind landbound computers. "Not only can the sailor sail - through hurricanes and civil wars - but the sailor can write. It's a hell of a read. It's just not fair." - Fred Grimm, Miami Herald columnist "Flirting with Mermaids follows John as he delivers a variety of boats around the world, from aging hulks with a fondness for the bottom to luxury yachts owned by would-be circumnavigators. While he's doing this, with a conscripted crew of friends, relatives, his wife, and total strangers found holding empty glasses at beach bars, he's also learning about navigating the uncharted territory of his heart. "The glamorous life of a professional sailor? Here's the straight story, with humor, salty adventures, and a steep learning curve." - Gregory O. Jones, editor, Sailing magazineAbout the AuthorJohn Kretschmer has been a sailboat delivery skipper for over 25 years and has made over 100 deliveries. He is the author of *Cape Horn to Starboard* and *Used Boat Notebook* and has had articles published in numerous boating and travel magazines. He is a contributing editor to 'Sailing' and currently lives in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, with his wife Lesa and their two daughters.