

BLUEWATER CRUISING

Blueprint to Bluewater:

Defining Your
Bluewater Cruising Vision



WHAT'S IT REALLY LIKE?



If you only want to travel I'm going to tell you right now to look for a simpler, less risky, and less time consuming way to visit exotic locations.

Bluewater Cruising is not even primarily about sailing. Sailing is only one element of the life.

Bluewater Cruising is not temporary.



If you expect a carefree existence in a tropical paradise you will find it. But if that is all you expect the more stressful times will come as a bitter disappointment.

If you can accept that Bluewater Cruising poses unique challenges and rewards, if you can appreciate the highs and find satisfaction in working through the lows you will end up living the dream and loving the reality.

A CHANGE IN PERSPECTIVE



Some people find this journey inward uncomfortable, but most learn to love the solitude of the sea and appreciate the time to explore within

The literal voyage of pulling up roots is accompanied by the figurative voyage of taking apart the self and both teach you what defines you and fulfils you.

It is simple to make the decision to leave, but not easy to work through the process of change.

If you are ready to face yourself and embrace a new way of living then you will find this spiritual growth to be greatly satisfying and fulfilling



Don't make the mistake of believing Bluewater Cruising will be easy. It's not.

Bluewater Cruising is not for everyone, if you take your shore-side values with you, you will find yourself burdened by unrealistic expectations and impossible goals.

But if you can let go of your old values, and open yourself to unexpected challenges and rewards then voyaging offers you a new and different way of living.

The decision to embark on a major voyage in a small boat should not be taken lightly. The dangers are real and should never be underestimated.

Almost every element of preparing for and undertaking a voyage involves decisions about risk and the hazards you'll face.

Like every sailor before you, you will have to accept responsibility for your decisions and live with the consequences.

Your reward is self sufficiency and an independence that will change your life.



To head off across the horizon and return happy, healthy with the boat in one piece and your relationship intact depends little on what boat, equipment or even skills you take with you.

It depends almost exclusively on you, the crew. Your attitudes and interactions, your ability to learn new skills and deal with your fears.

Successful crews manage to transform working land based relationships into fulfilling Bluewater Cruising partnerships.

THE JOURNEY STARTS BEFORE THE VOYAGE

You must embark on a journey together before the actual voyage, evaluating yourself and your relationship with other crewmembers, planning your dream together, and supporting each other every step of the way.

By the time you begin Bluewater Cruising each crew member should be committed to and enthusiastic about a future afloat.





