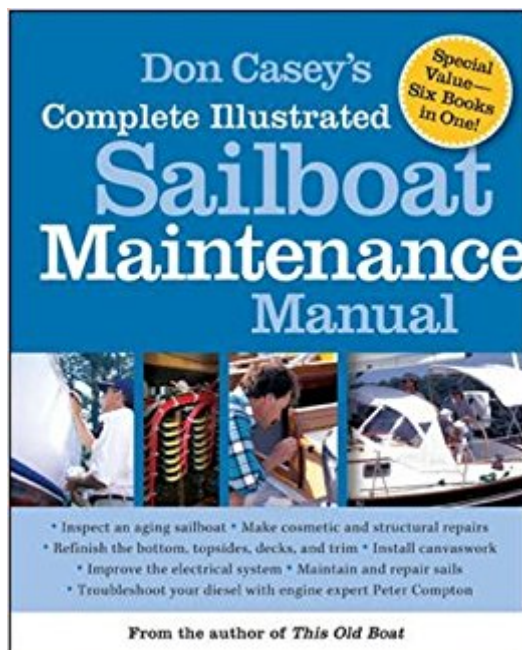


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# Don Casey's Complete Illustrated Sailboat Maintenance Manual: Including Inspecting The Aging Sailboat, Sailboat Hull And Deck Repair, Sailboat Refinishing, Sailbo (International Marine-RMP)



## Synopsis

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- Evaluate the condition of your boat or one you're about to purchase
- Repair structural damage to your fiberglass sailboat
- Improve or repair your sailboat's electrical system
- Troubleshoot, maintain, and repair your boat's diesel engine
- Put a professional-looking finish on your boat's hull, deck, spars, wood, and trim
- Make and repair sails, sail covers, dodgers, awnings, sailbags, and bimini tops

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Fantastic. It had everything I needed to get my fixer-upper boat out on the water. After three years of steady improvements (both in my sailing and the boat itself), I have yet to find a repair project that this 5-in-1 book doesn't have the answer to. Initially, I was disappointed that the illustrations were simple two-color line drawings. But I've come to appreciate the simplicity as more helpful than other, more complicated art. The writing is concise, simple, and the nautical terms are explained. For example, on the deck/hull joint, he explains the different methods used, which are best, where the probably weak points might be, and the tools and step-by-step process to repair them. For fixing up a fiberglass sailboat, you won't do better than this book

I bought it for the electrical section and I'm working through that, learning with each page I turn. The illustrations are great and exhaustive how-to-do it, not just electrical theory and ohms law, but

practical on what to buy and what tools you need. This is the best electrical coverage I've seen and I have several of boat electrical references that everyone mentions, Wing and Calder. I think Don Casey does a better job.

A must-have book for sailboat owners. Essentially for the price of two of Don Casey's individual books, you get all six in one collection. The book itself is a sturdy hard copy, and reads like a school textbook on sailboat maintenance. Each section is easy to navigate, and the instructions are in very plain and easy to read English. I own a 1995 26 foot sailboat, and mainly purchased this as a guide for wiring the electrical system, but have now read most of the chapters. Knowing the fundamentals of maintenance helps you know your boat even better, which in turn makes you a better sailor.

This book is *\*THE\** Sailboat Maintenance Bible. It's a must have. I have "This Old Boat" by Don Casey as well, and much of the information overlaps. I find this book to be a bit easier to read and refer to since it's completely sailboat focused. I don't attempt any job on my boat without first referring to this book, and it has never steered me wrong. Whether it's the guys at the mechanic shop, out in the yard, or the other folks in my owner's group, the advice given is almost always identical to what you'll find here. And if it isn't, question the source. It's a great book, I can't say enough good things about it.

This book gives the would-be shipwright, rigger, and boat mechanic the feeling that he can fix anything - for better or worse. Casey certainly explains and shows through copious illustrations, how fiberglass repairs - even "major" ones - can be done by the DIYer with some degree of aptitude. I think this will allow the careful and contentious person to do a craftsmanlike job and keep an older boat afloat. This is my go-to book when it comes to assessing or repairing anything on a sailboat!

This is a very good book on how to maintain, repair and assess the various systems on a sailboat. If you need to know about those things, this book is a great primer. It will not leave you able to fix everything that could go wrong but will give you a very good idea IF SOMETHING IS WRONG and what that wrongness might be. I keep one on the boat and one at home. This was my second copy.

Oh I love this book, so many different project ideas it gives me and ways I can check on stuff, currently having a problem with the tach and this at least shows me how one works which I never quite paid attention to so hopefully I'll be able to fix it. I really do want to just read this whole book

anyway as it is always good to know as much as you can so you can fix something when it goes out. This book though stays on the boat at all times just for that purpose of an emergency issue. Although there is some stuff such as tach I wish they'd go into more detail about.

Excellent and has a great amount of variety and much needed information. Leaves me more confident when going over my next boat with an inspector since I'll know what he looking for any why as well.

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