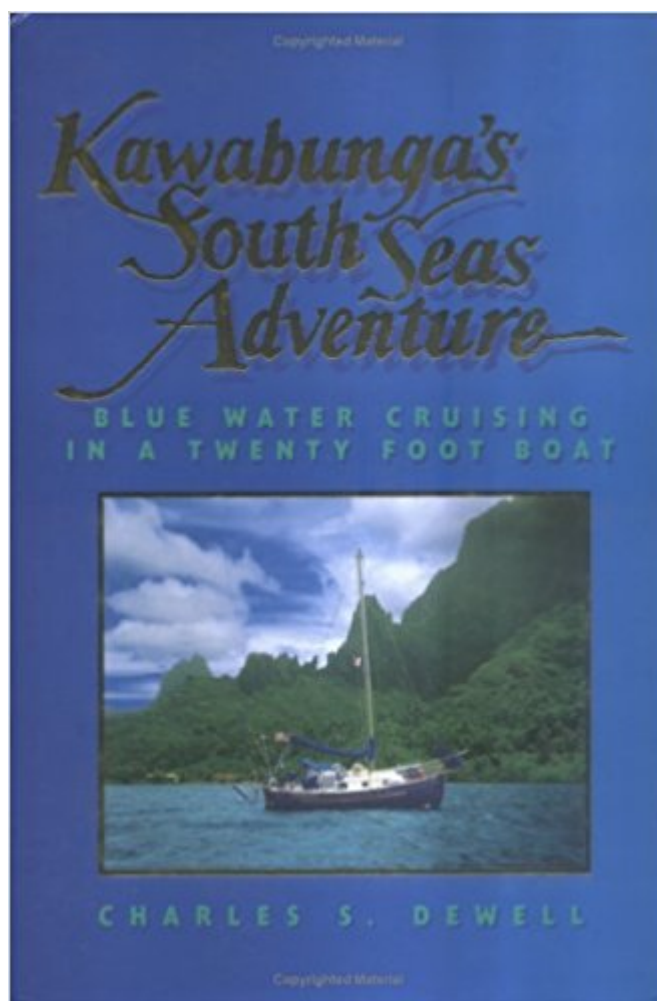


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Kawabunga's South Seas Adventure: Blue Water Cruising In A Twenty Foot Boat (Microexplorer)



Synopsis

Kawabunga's South Seas Adventure, Blue Water Cruising In a 20 Foot Boat, is a romantic, true-life saga about an intrepid couple who follow their dream of sailing over the horizon to the South Seas. Join the Dewells in their tiny sloop Kawabunga, as they embark upon an extraordinary voyage. Share in the excitement of Charlie's first offshore passage. He sails alone for 42 days from San Diego to the enchanted island of Nuku Hiva. Margaret and Charlie rendezvous in Tahiti and cruise through the Societies before sailing up the Line Islands to Christmas Island. They spend three weeks on mysterious Palmyra Atoll, an uninhabited collection of islands and motus where they reclaim their childhood -- spending their days beachcombing and exploring Palmyra's three azure lagoons. The couple drive little Kawabunga hard during the challenging 1,000 mile passage to the Hawaiian Islands -- testing their seamanship, their relationship and their courage. There is plenty of high-seas adventure on the passage home. Charlie single-hands the boat up and over the North Pacific High to Marina del Rey, fighting the battle of his life with a North Pacific storm. Along the way the Dewells make new friends, overcome hardships and discover they are up to the challenges of storms at sea, equipment failures and riots in paradise. Kawabunga's South Seas Adventure will inspire you to follow your dream. 286 pages, 16 page color insert, glossary, extensive index, charts, line drawings, equipment list.

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Customer Reviews

"Kawabunga's South Seas Adventure proves again that you do not need a six digit-priced yacht to

enjoy blue water cruising. In their sturdy 20-foot yacht, the Dewells did the California-Tahiti-Hawaii circuit with as much grace as any gold-plater. Places they visited and sailing challenges they met seem unchanged over the years suggesting that, unlike Alexander the Great's comment on there being no more lands to conquer, there are still waters to conquer by small boat. Wannabe cruisers can step into the shoes of a plucky sailing couple via this book and learn how to cut the ties that bind them to urban bedlam while the armchair sailor will enjoy a nautical yarn with humor and grit and plenty of characters. You will experience a roller coaster ride of emotions as Charlie and Margaret tackle and overcome family and financial matters and the officialdom of new lands. If you are not out sailing now, this is your inspiration to go cruising before it is too late." -- Earl Hinz, author of Landfalls of Paradise

"The story of their adventure is told with warmth and humor. . . He calls it as he sees it." -- Santana Magazine

A must read for the small boat cruiser who dreams of the long-haul into paradise. Good read." -- Latitudes & Attitudes

Cruisers considering venturing into blue water aboard a small craft will find Dewell's book invaluable. -- Dorothy Rice Bennett, The Log

Newspapers

I could hardly put their book down because it was such an exciting read. -- David C. Henley, Publisher, Lahontan Valley News

Charles Dewell was born and raised in Saginaw, Michigan. A year after graduating with a B.S. in business administration from Ferris State College, he moved to Southern California, where he worked in the insurance industry for eighteen years. He is the Dockmaster at Holiday Harbor Marina and lives aboard Kawabunga with his wife Margaret in Marina del Rey, California. He has sailed his entire life. This is his first book.

I bought this book mainly because I purchased the Kawabunga in the fall of 2013 and wanted to know more about her. Charles book is a good read about a person who followed his dream to sail to the south seas, in a very small boat. I take my hat off to him and for sharing his experiences with us who are content in keeping our sailing closer to home. For me it is the Canadian Southern Gulf Islands on the west coast of Canada. I enjoyed the description of the places he and his wife visited and the people both native and other boaters. I hope to enjoy sailing the little blue Flicka, Kawabunga, for many years, exploring the coastal waters of my home.

This is my first review of a book on , and I've purchased and read 100's, but I never felt compelled to leave a review before. I just finished this book. After becoming interested in sailing across the ocean in a small boat I found this book and decided to buy it. I found it from a link on the Flicka 20

website - which is the website for the model sailboat this author and his wife sailed around the South Pacific. It's seems like a marvelous little boat and this is a marvelous book. The author is so witty and has a great sense of humor. He comes across as an everyman and all-around nice guy and he you root for he and his wife as you read. His descriptions of sailing across the Pacific alone from California all the way to the South Seas really put you in his shoes. There's excitement, fear, and boredom - and it's all described wonderfully and made me want to cast off and do the same myself. Thanks for writing this book - great job!

A great epic voyage in a 20 foot boat. Fun because it is cruising in simplicity and still going for the grand adventure.

Affords a vicarious "crew member's" insight into the struggles and successes of a deadly serious undertaking, one not for sissies.....Just entertaining enough to prompt maybe turning a few more pages from time-to-time, still wading through last half of book, doesn't hook me like the Webb Chiles books do, or the Pardeys, or Fatty Goodlander's monthly column in Cruising World magazine for that matter.....

Way way too many religious references. Continual "we prayed for wind. Five days later, god answered our prayers". Or maybe it just got windy, like it always does.... Idiots. It got to the point where it was really annoying.

Well done. Lived on my boat in M.D.R . Never met the man but he writes a wonderful story. For those that think his remarks about the life in Tahiti during the Nuke problem are a problem, should have been there. If anyone knows if He has video let me know. Regards my friends. Dave

I came across this book while looking to buy a Flicka sailboat...the type that Charles Dewell sailed from Ca to the South Pacific and Hawaii. I wanted a small, seaworthy, solo sailing vessel. Well, you can't get much smaller than a 20 footer!!! The book moved along a bit slowly for me, but I truly enjoyed the adventure. I don't think that I will be following in his footsteps across the Pacific any time soon...but I think I may just buy that Flicka because I have the confidence that it can get me through anything and get me anywhere I have the courage to go! Thanks, Charles, for an inspirational journey!!!

very interesting..i want to sail away today

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