

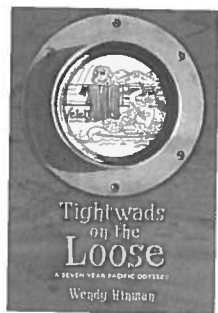


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Tightwads on the Loose: A Seven Year Pacific Odyssey by Wendy Hinman



Tightwads on the Loose is an honestly-written and entertaining true life tale. Young couple Garth and Wendy, self-proclaimed tightwads, dream of living the cruising life. They buy a 31' boat that fits their budget better than it fits Garth's large frame and set sail for an open-ended voyage, never imagining they'd be gone seven years, or cover 34,000 miles.

Differing from most cruising couple tales, Wendy was never a dragged-aboard partner, but rather an equal dreamer and doer in their adventure. This resourceful couple shows us that you don't have to wait until that elusive day when the cruising kitty is fat and the boat has the latest in creature comforts. Armed with a great sense of humor, Wendy and Garth make their cruising dreams a reality by keeping life simple.

Although an experienced sailor, Wendy, nevertheless, found herself in situations that made her question her sanity. She also, like most women cruisers, questioned her abilities. However, there's no doubt that Wendy is equally at home—and equally skilled—with either a tiller or a pen in her hand.

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