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## Digital makeover for traditional sailors - Wiley launch Ebooks

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Sir Robin Knox-Johnston and Tom Cunliffe are two of Britain's best known sailors. They learned the old fashioned way and both prize the skills they honed in the days before GPS and Iridium phones. Now these two sailors of the old school are embracing the digital age with Wiley Nautical's release of collections of their best writing as ebooks.



Ebooks can be read on a wide range of devices from iPads and Kindles to smartphones and laptops. They download in an instant and weigh nothing – perfect for an onboard library. Readers can change the size of the print, add notes and search for words or phrases.

Knox-Johnston On Sailing was published in hardback last summer and topped the nautical best sellers in the run-up to Christmas. It's a fascinating collection of the best of Sir Robin's writing for Yachting World magazine. There's everything from incredible accounts of his solo racing adventures to tales of exploring the frozen north with Chris Bonington.

Sailing, Yachts and Yarns takes the cream of Tom Cunliffe's columns from Yachting Monthly. Tom is one of sailing's great raconteurs and he loves nothing more than sharing a tale that'll make cruising sailors stop, smile and consider the magic of the sea. Tom is a hugely experienced sailing instructor and he manages to weave practical wisdom into many of his tales.

Cunliffe and Knox-Johnston are joined by another hugely experienced sailor who has shared his knowledge in a recent Wiley Nautical title, now available as an ebook. The Insider's Guide to Choosing and Buying a Yacht steers sailors through the many hazards that lie between them and their perfect boat. Written by Duncan Kent, it covers yacht design, boat testing and appraisal as well as how to protect your money through the buying process. There's the latest information on tax and registration as well as boat sharing and buying abroad. Duncan is the former editor of Sailing Today and has tested hundreds of yachts in his work.

'It's great to see such experienced sailors embracing the latest technology,' said Wiley Nautical's publisher, Miles Kendall. 'This is a relatively new technology but one that has a lot to offer all sorts of sailors.'

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Sailing Yachts and Yarns by Tom Cunliffe and The Insider's Guide to Choosing and Buying a Yacht and Knox-Johnston on Sailing by Robin Knox-Johnston are available to buy in ebook format from Amazon.co.uk and Apple's iBookstore

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