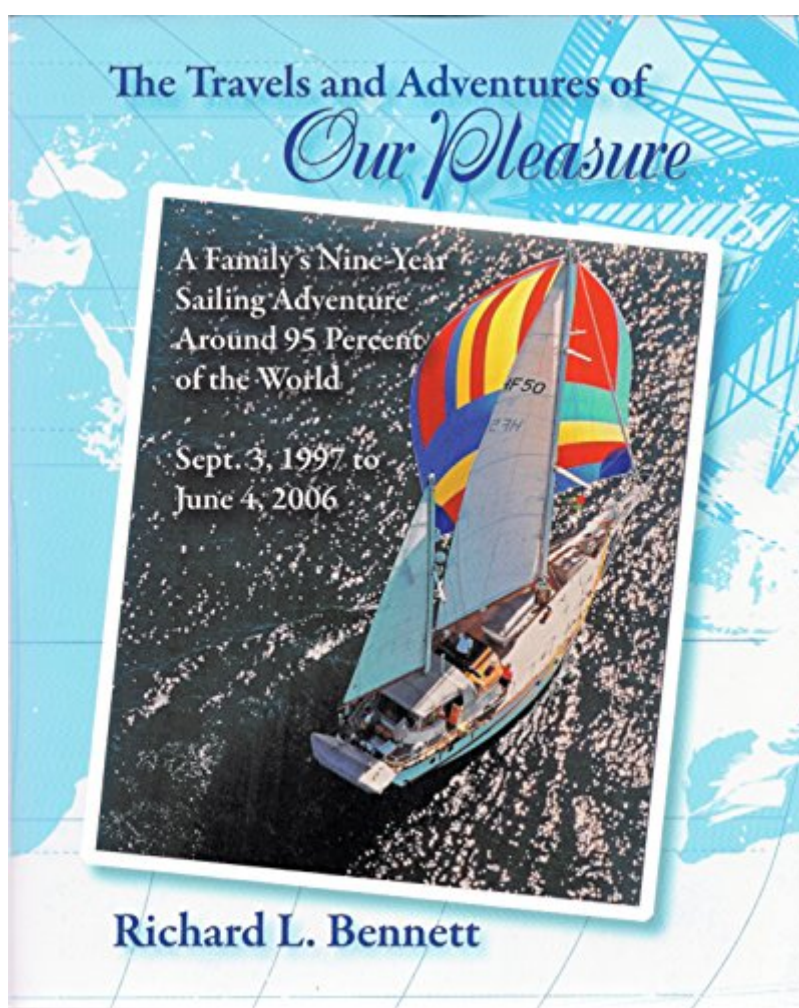


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Synopsis

This book is the true story of a family sailing adventure on our 60 ft ketch around 95% of the world over a nine-year period from Sep 1997 to Jun 2006. Our youngest daughter Leslie and husband Bob were married only two weeks before we left Seattle and their honeymoon became a one and a half years long sailing odyssey with my wife Pat and me. Our sailing took us down the US west coast into Mexico, through the Pacific Ocean, through the Indian Ocean, around Africa and through the Atlantic Ocean into Florida. We weathered one horrific storm on the way to New Zealand where other mariners lost their lives and we also survived several minor storms. Along the way we picked up varied crew members and visited some of the world's remote islands. We met many people who love life and are happy to share what they have, yet, you can say their material possessions are close to non-existent. The sailing life can be extremely rewarding, festive and even ecstatic at times, but also frustrating, difficult and sometimes heartbreaking. At sea, problems cannot be put off for another day they must be solved with just the resources on hand, so preparedness and farsightedness play a huge role in comfort and safety. Sailing is a risky business, also, immensely rewarding, but safety and preparation must be given the highest of priorities.

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I have known the Bennett family 50 years and helped with some boat preparation for this adventure. Without Dick & Pat's careful preparation the trip would not have been successful. Their mingling with the local people at each harbor, provided in this book, provides a glimpse of the everyday life around the world. It took more intestinal fortitude to do the trip than I have. Since I had seen some of the information with colored pictures, the only comment I have, is it would have been nice to have colored photo's included but the book is a great read as printed.

The adventures of Our Pleasure is a page turner. Mr. Bennett's tales of the high seas and dodgy ports will make everyone yearn for a life at sea. No doubt on the NYT best seller list soon.

I have yet to read Richard's book simply because my wife was awarded 'first read'. As she reads I constantly hear "You must listen to this" I'm then treated to another hair raising 'how they survived the seven seas'. Their land travels while not as dangerous are equally exciting. This is an adventure of a lifetime which I enjoy without getting my feet wet.

This book offers detailed insight into the preparation, costs, trials and tribulations of world sailing. Readers will find this book a chronicle of sailing travels to faraway places. For people who like adventure, to hear about perilous situations, to read about idyllic island paradises, to read firsthand accounts of sailing on calm, starlit nights, you will enjoy reading this book. Ocean sailing can be a rather risky business, but reading about it from an armchair, you can enjoy the adventure without the risk.

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