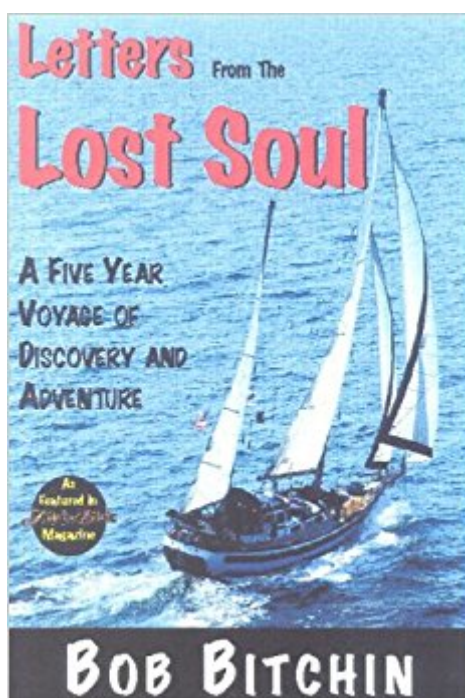


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Follow the exploits of 'a very large, tattooed captain' and his crew as they discover the highs and lows of life at sea in this irreverent and entertaining travelogue with a twist.

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"Like a controversial movie that some applaud and others scorn, Letters from the Lost Soul will not have ambivalent readers." -- Good Old Boat, Jan/Feb 2001

Bob Bitchin bought the staysail ketch Lost Soul in 1990 and he and his wife Jody have been sailing the whole world ever since from a trip to the South Pacific to a 12,000-mile pilgrimage to Sounion, Greece and the temple of Poseidon, the god of the sea. This is a travelogue with a difference written by an author whose joie de vivre is apparent on every page.

Bob's books are always great.

This was a great read and really hard to put down, if you ever dreamed of sailing away or cruising. Really enjoyable, great destinations! --Andrew

I can't believe I bothered to finish this book. But having already shelled out [the money], I felt

compelled to see it through to the bitter end. The author's writing style and vocabulary are abysmal. He describes every anchorage with nearly the same verbiage - "...one of the prettiest stops we'd made yet. The lagoon is a brilliant blue/green with soft white sand beaches...". The author's analogies and similes sound like second grade poetry. Regardless of why you read books on sailing and cruising, do yourself a favor - skip this one. Instead, go to the library and check out one of Buckley's sailing journals or the like. You'll be glad you did...

Should have stayed on the harley, not my kind of thought patterns connected to sailing stories, brash descriptions, had I not been to several of his locations I would have had a tough time visualizing to any degree of accuracy his surroundings. It seems the author is more inclined to get drunk and get laid than anything else with the exception of his obsession with his own size and the fact he is covered with tattoos. I was able to stick it out and complete the book hoping it would get better but not unlike his generator, it never got better.....I give it two stars, one for his will to go, and the other for having to much to say about so little.

A very enjoyable read. Don't expect to learn how to sail heavy weather or trim your sails. This is simply a realistic look at cruising from someone who has been there. He is funny and irreverent. If you wear a blue blazer and speak without moving your lips, this book is not for you. Bitchin's book is an amusing look at a sport that far too many take far too seriously.

Any interested in sailing and travel stories will find this engrossing, recounting the author's five years of adventures sailing some 45,000 miles to beautiful world spots. Few actually sail the world: the author and his wife observe crew, peoples and places with a vivid eye for detail.

If you are a cruiser whether armchair or out on the water this is an excellent book. Bob's writing style is sometimes irreverent and sometimes philosophical but always enjoyable. So, if you've ever dreamed of dropping everything and sailing off into the sunset.... this is the book for you.

The author has a great sense of humour and love of living that comes through in his writing. The book is a bit like his "Latitudes and Attitudes" magazine, with lots of funny and interesting bits coming up all the time. A good read for anyone interested in boats and in cruising.

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